

NEVADA WING MONTHLY BLAST E-NEWSLETTER

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Howdy, folks! Welcome to YOUR newest BLAST. First, the big news from Nevada Wing Headquarters. You may have heard that our industrious Wing Commander, Colonel Carol Lynn, is being promoted to the position of Vice Commander for Pacific Region. Well, her promotion leaves a vacancy at the Nevada Wing Commander position. I'm pleased to tell you that I've been presented the honor of serving as your next Wing Commander! I have asked Maj Rich Hazeltine to serve as Vice Commander and Lt Col Tom Cooper to serve as Chief of Staff; they have graciously accepted the positions. All this is slated to happen on January 18, 2019, at the Pacific Region Commanders' Call meeting. As more details about the transition become known, I'll be sure to let you all know. But this newsletter is about **YOU**, so here we go!

What's happening in Nevada Wing, including awards presented at the Nevada Wing Conference at the end of October...

From the Squadrons:

NV-027, Tahoe-Truckee Composite:

Duty Assignment: SM Frank Goodwin to Transportation Officer.

Awards: Lt Col Ken Aronson, Meritorious Service Award; Tahoe-Truckee Composite Squadron, Quality Cadet Unit Award.

NV-047, Carson City Composite:

Promotions: Braeden Steuer to C/SMSGt; Anastazia Rudolph to C/MSgt; Garrett Nussbaumer to C/SrA; and Samuel Pry to C/A1C.

Awards: 1st Lt Samualla Pry, Wing Commander's Commendation.

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NV-051, Pahrump Composite:

Promotions: Sebastian Fronk to C/2d Lt; Elijah Begin to C/SSgt; Nevaeh Black-Ritchie to C/SSgt; Orion Linder to C/Amn.

Awards: Lt Col Frank Bonesteel, Exceptional Service Award.

Squadron Events: On October 13, the squadron provided support to the local EAA Chapter during the Chapter's "Young Eagles" event. Cadets performed gate control, static display security, and provided information to the public. The EAA provided a tasty hot dog lunch for squadron members at the event. Present were C/2d Lt Fronk, C/SSgt Black-Ritchie, C/SSgt Begin, C/Amn Linder, and Cadet Rowsell. Additionally, senior members Lt Col Bonesteel, Lt Col Painter, and Capt Gunderson participated.

NV-054, Reno Composite:

New Members: Cadet Trace Conklin, Cadet Cameron Hranac, Cadet Rome Russell.

Promotions: Andrew Eschen to C/CMSgt; Chayton Johnson to C/CMSgt; Amelia Kowalczyk to C/SrA; and Leah Eschen to C/Amn.

New Qualifications: Capt Richard Kowalczyk to Mission Chaplain, Lt Col Sandra Steffensen to VFR Pilot.

New Primary Duty Assignments: Maj Kathryn Zanin to Squadron Leadership Officer.

Membership Anniversaries: Maj Deane Page, 20 years; 2d Lt Cheryl Contreras, 2 years.

New Professional Development Achievements: Maj Kathryn Zanin, Cadet Programs, Technician, and 1st Lt Gerry Elder, Communications, Master.

Awards: Wing Cadet NCO of the Year, C/CMSgt Jason Scharoun; Wing Communicator of the Year, 1st Lt Gerry Elder; Wing Incident Staff Member of the Year, 1st Lt Gerry Elder; Wing Ground Team Member of the Year, Lt Col Sandra Steffensen; Wing Emergency

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Services Officer of the Year, Lt Col Sandra Steffensen; Squadron Commander of the Year, Capt Chris Webster; Senior Member of the Year, Maj James Doyle; Wing Commander's Commendation, 1st Lt Michael Cleveland; Wing Commander's Commendation, 1st Lt Mark Silver; Wing Commander's Commendation, C/CMSgt Jason Scharoun, and the Squadron received the Quality cadet Unit Award (2nd consecutive).

Events: The squadron continued its participation in the Honor Flights program.

NV-065, Henderson Composite:

New Members: C/AB Alex Fagan.

Promotions: Dustin Surwill to 1st Lt; Costa Stamanis to C/MSgt; Payce Anderson to C/A1C; Daniel Coffey to C/A1C; Mason Enright to C/A1C, and Shayla Pedersen to C/Amn.

New Qualifications: Lt Col Pete Goertzen, MSA.

New Professional Development Achievements: 1st Lt Dustin Surwill, Benjamin O. Davis (Level II).

Awards: Wing Aerospace Officer of the Year, 2d Lt Thomas Whitcomb; Cadet Aerospace Officer of the Year, C/CMSgt Costa Stamanis; Information Technology Officer of the Year, 1st Lt Dustin Surwill; Pilot of the Year (Powered), Maj Keith Lockhart; Aircraft Maintenance Officer of the Year, Capt Garrett Meriwether; Wing Commander's Commendation, Maj James Spear; Squadron Commander of the Year, Lt Col Pete Goertzen; Squadron of the Year, Henderson Composite Squadron.

NV-067, Douglas County Composite:

New Qualifications: C/Capt Ivan Altunin, Glider Private Pilot. Instructor was Ch (Lt Col) Elizabeth Tattersall.

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Awards: Property Manager of the Year, Capt Robert Williams; Transportation Officer of the Year, Capt Gary Armstrong; Pilot of the Year (Glider), Capt Bradley Powell; Wing Commander's Commendation, Col Russell Smith.

NV-070, Las Vegas Composite:

New Members: SM Brandy Gregson; SM Michael Gregson; Cadet Robert Calhoun; Cadet Mason Corday; Cadet Lailia Gregson; Cadet Nathaniel Hess; Cadet Peyton Huntsman; Cadet Emma Lucero; Cadet Erik Price, and Cadet Kyle Zinn.

Awards: Meritorious Service Award, Capt Theresa Schaapveld; Finance Officer of the Year, 2d Lt Richard Folle; Professional Development Officer of the Year, Capt Michael Biehn; Administration Officer of the Year, 2d Lt Karla Morales; Pilot of the Year (O-Rides), Capt Wayne Mowery; Cadet Programs Officer of the Year, Maj Gary Van Cott; Cadet Officer of the Year, C/2d Lt Justin Hale.

NV-802, Jack Schofield Cadet:

New Members: Cadet Michael Chupp.

Promotions: Tiffany Putt-Bradley to 2d Lt; Timothy Gelfer to C/CMSgt; Nicholas Bradley to C/CMSgt; Thomas Wireman to C/SrA; Jeremy Zagorski to C/Amn.

Operations Qualifications: C/AB Jan Earl Delfin Matute III, IS 100; C/SSgt Lourdes Malia Castro-Goodson, IS100; C/Amn Jeremy Zagorski, Achievement I; 2d Lt Tiffany Putt-Bradley, IS 100, IS 200, and IS 700; SM Joe Rogers, IS 200, IS 700, and IS 800.

Birthdays: C/SrA Alica Walker, C/AB Laon McClellar.

Membership Anniversaries: 1st Lt Alexander Sternhill and C/SrA Alica Walker.

New Professional Development Achievements: 2d Lt Nicholas Sacco, Aerospace Education, Technician, and Cadet Programs, Technician.

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Awards: Commander's Commendation, 2d Lt Tiffany Putt-Bradley and SSgt Thomas Wireman. Yeager Award, 2d Lt Tiffany Putt-Bradley. Community Service Ribbon, C/2d Lt Nathan Harris, 240 hours; C/SrA Thomas Wireman, 120 hours; C/CMSgt Timothy Gelfer, 120 hours, and C/CMSgt Nicholas Bradley, 60 hours.

Other Events: AFWERX Tour:



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AAPEX Color Guard:



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Now, I'd like to mention a few more awards from the Wing Conference, earned by YOUR Wing Staff:

Character Development Instructor of the Year, Maj Darrin Scheidle; Public Affairs Officer of the Year, 2d Lt Mark Aguiar; Wing Staff Member of the Year, Lt Col Shyle Irigoien; and a Wing Commander's Commendation for Maj Ted Riek. ALL the folks on Wing staff work hard on your behalf but these staff members were recognized for extra good work this year.

Don't forget to send me the info to include in YOUR BLAST at my NVWG address by the 5th of the month. I get to do one more BLAST – next month – so send me some special good stuff, would you please? Remember, the BLAST consists of what you send!

As always, the entire Nevada Wing Staff thanks you **all** for what you do on behalf of our wing and our organization. Thanks for your membership, your dedication, and your hard work.

NEVADA WING – EVERY DAY!

Best Regards,

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