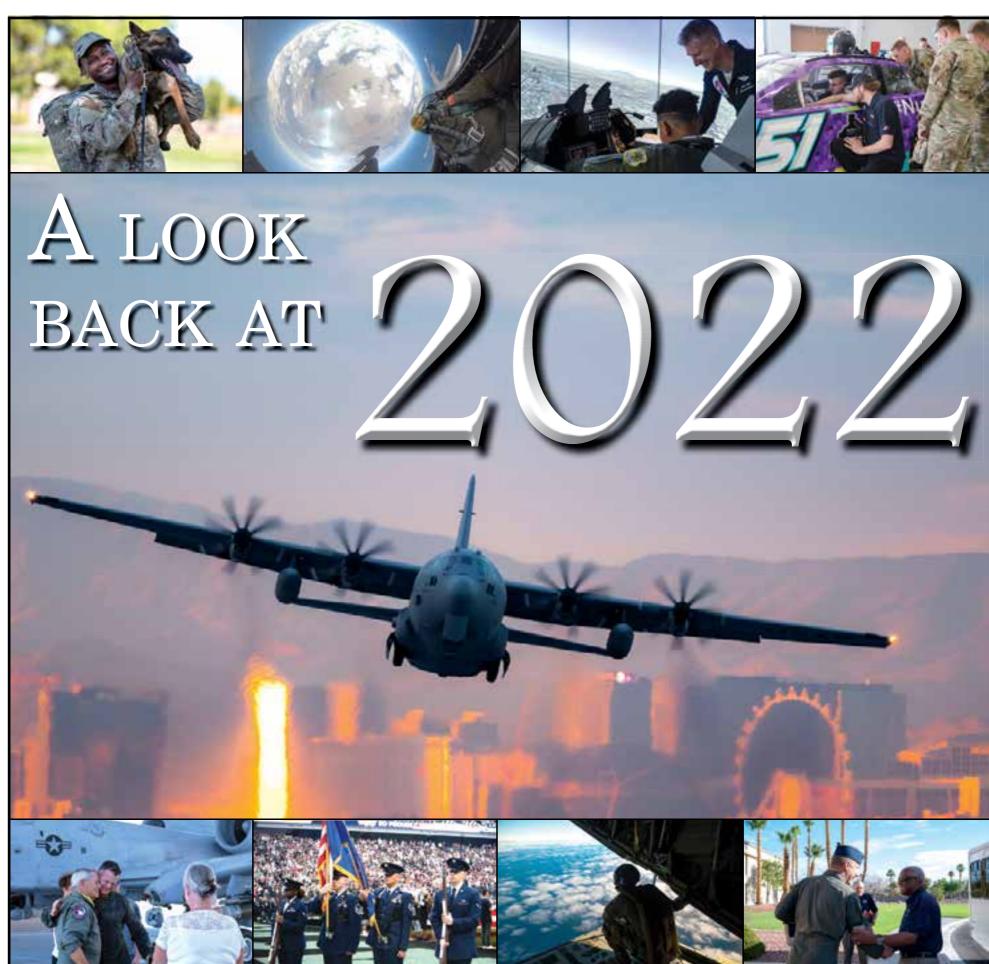


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'Mission Accomplished' — Tuskegee Airmen recognized for 1949 Top Gun Victory



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Zachary Rufus

Jan. 10: Retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. James Harvey, an original Tuskegee Airman, looks at the 332nd Fighter Group's commissioned plaque for winning the U.S. Air Force's inaugural 1949 Fighter Gunnery Meet "Top Gun," at Nellis, 2022. In 1949, Lt. Col. James Harvey III was a fighter pilot with the 332nd Fighter Group — better known as the Tuskegee Airmen. Harvey, and three other team

for 1949 Top Gun Victory members from the 332nd Fighter Group, Lockbourne AFB, Ohio, won the U.S. Air Force's inaugural Fighter Gunnery Meet "Top Gun," a worldwide gunnery competition where the best pilot teams in the U.S. Air Force came together to compete for the top spot. The Top Gun team consisted of four members:

spot. The Top Gun team consisted of four members: Capt. Alva Temple, then 1st Lt. James Harvey III, 1st Lt. Harry Stewart and 1st Lt. Halbert Alexander.The gunnery competition consisted of: aerial gunnery at 12,000 feet and 20,000 feet, skip bombing, rocket firing, panel strafing and dive bombing.Although the 332nd Fighter Group led the meet from start to finish, the official results for first place were recorded as "unknown" for nearly 46 years. On Jan. 11, Gen. Mark Kelly, Air Combat Command commander, presided over the unveiling of a plaque commissioned to reaffirm the accomplishments of the 332nd Fighter Group's win. Although the plaque is 73 years late, it will be displayed prominently at the U.S. Air Force Weapons School forever.

CSAF addresses warfighters during WEPTAC 2022



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Alexandre Montes Jan. 12: Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., presided as the keynote speaker to U.S. and international combat air forces leaders attending the annual Weapons and Tactics Conference at Nellis. WEPTAC brings together hundreds of warfighters from joint and allied combat air forces to discuss current issues and to develop solutions for the joint employment of forces. In his keynote address, Brown said, "We are at an inflection point in the history of our Air Force. After 30 years of fighting in the Middle East, we must quickly turn our attention and effort towards our strategic competitors."

Red Flag-Nellis 22-1 kicks off with allied forces



U.S. Air Force photo by William R. Lewis

Jan. 24: A Typhoon FGR4 assigned to 1 (Fighter) Squadron, RAF Lossiemouth, United Kingdom, arrives at Nellis for Red Flag-Nellis 22-1.

Nearly 100 aircraft and 3,000 personnel took part in the first Red Flag exercise of 2022. Aimed at providing realistic training and increasing combat effectiveness, the exercise ran from Jan. 24 to Feb. 11. The 388th Fighter Wing, Hill AFB, Utah, held the lead wing position. This iteration will include participants from the U.S. Air Force, Navy, Marines, Space Force, Air National Guard, U.S. Air Force Reserves, the United Kingdom's Royal Air Force and Australia's Royal Australian Air Force.

ACC commander visits Creech



Air Force photograph

Jan. 10: Gen. Mark Kelly, commander of Air Combat Command visited Creech AFB. Kelly was at the base to learn how the Hunters of the 432nd Wing/432nd Air Expeditionary Wing contribute to the fight and see our capabilities up close.

Green Flag-West rolls out Agile Combat Employment with austere, A-10 operations



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Alexandre Montes

Jan. 19: Several Aircraft Maintenance Airmen prepare an A-10 Thunderbolt during early morning operations on a dry lakebed to prepare a parking and launching area for their aircrafts during Green Flag-West 22-03 daily operations at Fort Irwin, California, Jan. 19, 2022. Throughout the exercise, Airmen executed the Agile Combat Employment concept to train, teach and learn each other's mission and to execute combat airpower anytime, anywhere.

Green Flag-West is a large force, live-fly Joint exercise that provides advanced, realistic and relevant air-to-surface integration warfighter training in a robust contested, degraded, and operationally limited environment. It is primarily executed in conjunction with U.S. Army exercises at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., but also trains against sea-based threats in order to provide multidomain air-to-surface fires training. Green Flag-West is administered by the U.S. Air Force Warfare Center through the 549th Combat Training Squadron at Nellis AFB and the 12th Combat Training Squadron at Fort Irwin.



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ACC commander visits Nellis



U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Kara Crenna Feb. 6: Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Ishmael, 99th Medical Group Emergency Services section chief, briefs Gen. Mark Kelly, commander of Air Combat Command, on how the newly expanded Mike O'Callaghan Military Medical Center Emergency Department allows Air Force medics to evaluate and treat civilian, non-DOD patients in an effort to increase access to critical care in military communities and provide training platforms to support medic readiness. Gen. Mark Kelly, commander of Air Combat Command, visited Nellis Feb. 6-10. During his visit, Kelly met with 99th Air Base Wing leaders and received an interactive brief on new installation efforts occurring on base. The 99th ABW brief, facilitated by Col. Joshua DeMotts, 99th Air Base Wing vice commander, showcased Airmen from the 99th Security Forces Squadron, the recently constructed Mike O'Callaghan Military Medical Center's emergency room and the new Nellis Crosswinds Dining Facility, projected to open this spring.

End of an era, Nellis bids farewell to F-15C Eagle



U.S. Air Force photo by William R. Lewis March 16: An F-15C assigned to the 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron takes off from. The F-15Cs will no longer be assigned to Nellis AFB. The end of an era is upon Nellis Air Force Base, as the base bid farewell to the F-15C Eagle. On March 16, one of the last few F-15Cs departed to its final active flying unit, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. Back in December 2020, it was announced that the last cadre of F-15C students and instructors flew their final defensive counter-air mission for the United States Air Force Weapons School. Since its inception in 1977, the 757th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's Eagle Aircraft Maintenance Unit has been making history by supporting world-class generation of weapons-qualified F-15C pilots. Over 100 undergraduate classes have been completed; making over 500 pilots combat capable, enhancing America's air superiority and lethality.



Nellis expands educational opportunities



Feb. 10: Nellis received permission from higher headquarters that authorizes the 99th Mission Support Group to engage with the Nevada State Public Charter School Authority to request expansion of the current Coral Academy of Science to include 9-12 grades. Current projections anticipate construction of the new high school, adjacent to the current Coral Academy School, to be completed by 2028.

88th ES welcomes new HH-60Ws



March 22: An HH-60W Jolly Green II takes off from Duke Field, Fla., heading to Nellis where it will replace the HH-60G Pave Hawk at the 88th Test and Evaluation Squadron. The 88th TES mission is to provide battlefield-ready solutions to maximize Combat Search and Rescue capabilities.

926th Wing represented during **NHL All-Star National Anthem**

Feb. 4: Senior Airman Fernando Cruz from the 926th Wing renders a salute next to Carnell Johnson during the singing of the National Anthem, Feb. 4, 2022 at T-Mobile Arena, Las Vegas, Nev. The National Hockey League hosted their annual skills competition and all-star game to highlight the most competitive players in the league.

Nellis leadership continue COVID-19 vaccination process



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Dwane R. Young Feb. 5: Command Chief Master Sgt. Alex Morgan III, 99th Air Base Wing command chief master sergeant, receives his second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at Nellis. The recommended interval between the two doses of the COVID-19 Moderna vaccine is 28 days.

Nellis opens new dog parks



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Josey Blade March 18: Gizmo and Delta, two service dogs in training, sit patiently for a photo during their walk at Nellis. Nellis AFB opened a dog park on March 18, 2022, and is opening a second dog park in April 2022.

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Hunter Olympics 2022

bolster resiliency, fitness



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Kristal Munguia

K9, EOD joint training

April 20: Airmen from Nellis and Creech joined U.S. Marines for joint K9 explosive ordinance disposal training at Nellis. The Airmen and Marines worked in a joint exercise to train in EOD scenarios to stay proficient in detecting, disarming and disposing explosive threats.

Creech Hunters host REAPER SMOKE 2022 exercise

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April 6-7: Airmen fly in an MQ-9 Reaper simulator during Reaper Smoke 2022 at Creech Air Force Base, Nev., April 6, 2022. Nearly 45 MQ-9 Reaper crews from across the U.S. entered the base's flight simulators April 6-7: And only one crew emerged on top. Testing these remotely piloted aircraft pilots and sensor operators, REAPER SMOKE 2022 pitted dozens of aircrews against each other from more than 35 separate squadrons for the chance to be known throughout the RPA community as simply: the best. Now in its third iteration, REAPER SMOKE evaluates crews on a number of criteria, to include crew resource management, weapons precision, team coordination, and Airmanship. And according to Lt. Col. Brent, each criteria was specifically identified because of their critical importance to everyday, real-world mission requirements.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Emerson Nuñez April 22: Airmen assigned to the 432nd

April 22: Airmen assigned to the 432nd Wing/432ndAir Expeditionary Wing, play football during the Hunters Olympics at Creech AFB. Other events included basketball, volleyball, tug of war, the Amazing Race, Fire Muster, and a rowing competition, among others. The Hunter Olympics raised awareness during the month of April for child abuse prevention, alcohol and substance abuse prevention, as well as sexual assault prevention.

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Police week includes ruck march, memorial



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Kristal Munguia

May 16: Airmen assigned to the 432nd Security Forces Squadron, and their families march during a ruck march during police week at Creech AFB. Police week occurs annually to honor the law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty, and to the officers who serve and protect their community. The weeks' events also included a memorial service to honor fallen defenders.

64th Aggressors participate in WSINT 22-A

Nellis leaders take part in 2022 Nellis Tribal Meeting



Air Force photograph by Senior Airman Zachary Rufus May 19: An F-16 Fighting Falcon assigned to the 64th Aggressor Squadron releases a flare over the Nevada Test and Training Range during WSINT 22-1 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., May 19, 2022. The principal testament to the value of the Aggressor program is the consistent dominance of the U.S. Air Force during recent conflicts. The U.S. Air Force Weapons School's mission is to train tactical experts and leaders to control and exploit air, space and cyber on behalf of the joint force. The mission of the 57th Wing is to train, instruct and lead the Air Force by ensuring it can win any conflict now.



Force photograph by Airman Trevor Bell

May 13: Native American leaders, Military leaders, archeologists and biologists overlook a historic native American site on the Nevada Test and Training Range, May 13, 2022. Nellis AFB initiated its Native American Program more than 25 years ago to increase the understanding between base leadership and culturally affiliated tribes. Within Nevada and the surrounding states of California, Utah and Arizona, many tribes maintain strong cultural ties to the NTTR, a 2.9 million-acre area used for Department of Defense training and research.



Nellis, Creech leadership throw out first pitches

June 3: As part of the Las Vegas Aviators' Military Appreciation Night, the Nellis AFB Honor Guard presented the colors at the Las Vegas Ballpark in Summerlin. Also on hand was

Col. Eric Schmidt, 432nd Wing/432nd Air Expeditionary Wing commander, [right photo] and Col Todd Dyer, 99th ABW commander [left photo] who threw out ceremonial first pitches. The Aviators are a Minor League Baseball team.



65th Aggressor Squadron reactivates at Nellis with F-35s



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Josey Blades

June 9: Lt. Col. Brandon Nauta, 65th Aggressor Squadron commander, assumes command of the squadron during an activation ceremony at Nellis. The aggressor squadron acts as an opposing force in sorties by replicating enemy tactics, techniques and procedures. Air Combat Command commander Gen. Mark Kelly flew his F-15E Strike Eagle against the unit's first assigned F-35 piloted by Nauta, immediately prior to the ceremony.

99th ABW welcomes new commander



June 6: Brig. Gen. Evan Pettus, U.S. Air Force Warfare Center vice commander, hands off the 99th Air Base Wing guidon to Col. Joshua Demotts, 99th ABW incoming commander, during an assumption of command ceremony at Nellis. The 99th ABW wing provides installation support for more than 10,000 personnel assigned to Nellis AFB, Creech AFB, and the Nevada Test & Training Range. Two groups are assigned to the wing: the 99th Mission Support Group U.S. Air Force photo by ior Airman Zachary Rufus and the 99th Medical Group.

57th Wing welcomes new commander



June 30: Maj. Gen. Case A. Cunningham, U.S. Air Force Warfare Center commander, passes the guidon to incoming 57th Wing commander, Brig. Gen. Richard A. Goodman, during a change of command ceremony at Nellis. The 57th Wing commander is responsible for 36 squadrons at 12 installations constituting the Air Force's most diverse flying wing. Goodman is a former USAF Thunderbird, and USAF Weapons School instructor

U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Makenna Gott pilOt.

Outstanding Mission Commander award presented



Air Force photograph by Airman 1st Class Josey Blades July 28: Capt. Paul Young, a pilot assigned to the 336th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson, N.C., accepts the Capt. John Stone award for 'Outstanding Mission Commander' from its namesake, retired Col. John "JB" Stone, during the Red Flag-Nellis 22-3 culmination ceremony at Nellis. The Capt. John Stone award is the mark of influential and quintessential planning that will lead the Air Force into surpassing its near-peer challengers.

Stone, aged 85, visited Nellis for two days before presenting the award, which has been given out after every Red Flag-Nellis since 2014. This is the first time that Stone himself has presented the award. The significance of Stone and this award predates the first Red Flag in 1975 with Operation BOLO. Operation BOLO was a masterful and strategic plan that destroyed half of the North Vietnamese MiG-21 fighter force in 1966. During that time, disgruntled talk of the same repeated plan created a new way of thinking and planning.

59th pilot reaches 4,000hour milestone in F-16



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Josey Blades July 8: Lt. Col. Kevin "Mongo" Jens, pilot assigned to the 59th Test and Evaluation Squadron completes 4,000 flight hours as an F-16 pilot at Nellis AFB. Jens started in A-10s and flew in Desert Storm, and flew his first F-16 in 1997. Jens' military flight time totals close to 5,000 hours, which includes active duty combat time in the A-10 prior to his transition to the Air Force reserves.

NTTR gets new commander



July 22: Col. Michael G. Rider assumed command of the Nevada Test and Training Range from Col. Cameron Dadgar. The ceremony was at Nellis and was presided over by Maj. Gen. Case Cunningham, commander of the U.S. Air Force Warfare Center.

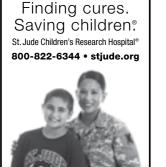
Air and Space Forces Associated Legends visit Creech

July 27: Retired Chief Master Sqt. Harold "Buddy" Hutchison shakes hands with an Airman assigned to the 432nd Wing at Creech Air Force Base, Nev., July 28, 2022. Hutchison started his career as a Security Forces Defender and eventually became the Command Senior Enlisted Leader at North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command. The Legends had visited Nellis AFB the previous day.



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58th RQS hosts Rigid Pulse 22-1



Air Force photograph by Senior Airman Zachary Rufus at Nellis.

Aug. 16: The 58th Rescue Squadron hosted Rigid Pulse 22-1, a readiness culmination exercise used to validate mission essential task lists to support personnel recovery operations in a deployed environment and to refine and exercise Agile Combat Employment capabilities at Nellis. The 58th RQS is one of five active-duty squadrons under the command of the 5634rd Rescue Group at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., but located at Operating Site Alpha,



432nd Wing welcomes members home

Aug. 6: U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 432nd Wing/432nd Air Expeditionary Wing are greeted by leadership, friends and family at Creech AFB. The Airmen were returning from a deployment to Africa.

U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Ariel O'Shea deploym



Nellis hosts Rattlesnake Rodeo 2022

Sept. 9: An F-16CM Fighting Falcon, assigned to the 85th Test and Evaluation Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., taxis to the runway during Rattlesnake Rodeo, the Force Development Evaluation exercise, at Nellis AFB. The focus for this year's exercise is the integration of a new Active Electronically Scanned Array Radar along with multiple software and hardware upgrades within operationally relevant test scenarios.

U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Makenna Gott within operationally relevant test scenario:

Nellis AFB 9-11 memorial tower climb



Air Force photograph

Sept. 11: The 99th Civil Engineering Squadron Fire Department, along with Airmen and civilians from both Nellis and Creech AFBs, honored first responders lost in the 9/11 attacks by participating in a memorial tower climb at the Fire Department Training grounds. We remember the sacrifices made that day, the dedication, strength, and relentless American Spirit.

Make-A-Wish helps Alex visit Nellis



Sept. 13: With the help of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Nellis AFB welcomed Alex Cordero to the base. During the Day, Alex toured the flight line with Airmen from the 64th Aggressor Squadron, visited the USAF Thunderbirds, and watched them

Strike AMU Airmen Earn Combat Edge Award

Sept. 19: Airmen from the 757th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron stand on the wing of an F-15E Strike Eagle at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., Sept. 19, 2022. Due to the courage showed by these four Airmen, personnel in the area were able to avoid serious injury or death as a result of the aircraft fire, earning them an Air Combat Command safety award. The Strike Aircraft Maintenance Unit is part of the 757th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron which accomplishes intermediate- level maintenance on aircraft and support equipment components, maintaining avionics, laser guided weapons systems, pneudraulics, fuel systems, engines, measurement/diagnostic equipment, electroenvironmental and ecress systems



take off from the control tower.

Air Force photograph by Airman 1st Class Jordan McCoy

Clark County, Nellis AFB remember 9/11



Air Force photograph

Sept. 11: Clark County, Nev., and Nellis Air Force Base remembered 9/11 in a ceremony at the Clark County Government Center. Col. Joshua DeMotts, 99th Air Base Wing Commander, was in attendance; Tech. Sgt. Ben Ekblad sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America;" and Capt. Ioan Dumitrascu, the Nellis AFB Chaplin, gave the invocation. The ceremony was dedicated to the 2,977 people who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001 and to the more than 6,000 others who were injured.

Creech remembers Sept. 11 attacks



Air Force photograph

Sept. 11: Airmen from Creech Air Force Base, Nev., honored first responders with 15 bell rings. Those first responders bravely ran towards danger and in doing so, saved many lives. Twenty-one years later, their heroic efforts continue to inspire us to adapt, remain resilient and be steadfast in our efforts against those who threaten our nation. 2022 Year in Review

Oldest outreach program visits Nellis, Creech, NTTR



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Makenna Gott

Oct. 26: Members of the Joint Civilian Orientation Conference get an up-close look at an F-35 Lighting II during the program's 93rd iteration tour at Nellis. With aerodynamic performance and advanced integrated avionics, the F-35A provides next-generation stealth, enhanced situational awareness and reduced vulnerability for the United States and allied nations. The Joint Civilian Orientation Conference's 93rd iteration toured Creech and Nellis and witnessed first hand how the U.S. Air Force is prepared to win the future fight. Their day started at Creech, where they learned about the MQ-9 Reaper's capability, weapons capacity and munitions systems. Participants were able to sit in the pilot and sensor operator seats while members from the 11th Attack Squadron explained flying techniques and target tracking while in flight. Afterward, participants traveled to the Nevada Test and Training Range, where they were treated to a combat, search and rescue demonstration on the NTTR. They observed U.S. Air Force Weapons School Combat Search and Rescue Airmen, A-10 Thunderbolt IIs, HH-60 Pave Hawks and MQ-9s participating in a scenario focused on blue force recovery of two survivors within a few kilometers of the JCOC viewing area. The group then witnessed simulated attacks and a show-of-force from A-10s tasked to protect the HH-60s and survivors. Next, the tour transitioned to Nellis Air Force Base with a short ride on a C-130 Hercules, where they were welcomed by the 57 Wing Vice Commander, Col. Conor W. Hiney. The day continued with an overview of Shadow Operation Center-Nellis capabilities, emphasizing system and technological initiatives on the leading edge of Air Battle Management Systems development, followed by the 6th Combat Training Squadron and Joint Terminal Attack Controller Airmen.

Joint teams conduct first F-22 in-flight tests for aircrew CBRN protection



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Makenna Gott Oct. 13-21: An F-22 Raptor assigned to the 53rd Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla., idles while researchers from the 711th Human Performance Wing spray wintergreen-scented oil into the intakes prior to testing at Nellis. The U.S. Air Force conducted the first in-flight vapor purge tests on the F-22 Raptor with the support of the 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron and the 59th Test Squadron on Nellis. These tests are a continuation of the Next Generation Aircrew Protection program, which will ensure current and future aircrew gear and operation concepts will modernize rapidly to meet emerging threats while maximizing aircrew performance and protection.

Creech leadership takes part in AF Academy football game coin toss



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Ariel O'Shea Oct. 15: Chief Master Sgt. Adrienne Warren, 432nd Wing/432nd Air Expeditionary Wing command chief, tosses a coin before the United States Air Force Academy football game at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas. The Air Force Academy faced the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in a Mountain West conference regular season game.

Aviation Nation returns to Nellis ... Thunderbirds wrap up 2022 show season

Nov. 5-6: The Aviation Nation air show at Nellis returned for the first time since 2019. This was also the homecoming for the USAF Thunderbirds Aerial Display Team as they ended their 2022 season.



U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Lydia Gordon



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Ariel O'Shea The crew of a U.S. Air Force HH-60G Pave Hawk performs mock combat search and rescue operations in the skies about Nellis. The crew was performing at Aviation Nation 2022, an air show that showcases military aircraft capabilities to the general public.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Dakota C. LeGrand The Thunderbirds, perform at their final show of the 2022 season, Aviation Nation, at Nellis. The team performed nearly 70 shows during the season, representing the pride, precision, and professionalism of nearly 700,000 total force American Airmen across the globe.

LEFT: A parachuter carries the Marine Corps flag during a displayed jump at Aviation Nation at Nellis Air Force Base, North Las Vegas, Nev., Nov. 5, 2022. Recruiters with Recruiting Station Salt Lake City attended the Aviation Nation Air Show on Nov. 5 and 6 where they set up "Battle Positions," a flight simulator, and a pull-up challenge.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Alexandre Montes

Erick Tucker of 'Tuckers Air Patrol' begins his performance during Aviation Nation 2022 at Nellis. The base celebrated the Air Force's 75th Anniversary with a two-day Air & Ground Expo, showcasing aerial demonstrations, static displays, along with heritage displays.

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Las Vegas Raiders visit Creech



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Ariel O'Shea Nov. 8: A U.S. Air Force Airman assigned to the 432nd Wing/432nd Air Expeditionary Wing poses on a motorcycle in front of an MQ-9 Reaper aircraft with members of the Las Vegas Raiders and the Raiderettes at Creech AFB. The Raiders were visiting the base and meeting with Airmen ahead of the National Football League's Salute to Service game.

801st RHTS stands up Operating Location-A at Nellis



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jordan McCoy Nov. 21: 820th Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers Airmen cap off boreholes with stemming at Nellis. To contain the energy to the mountain, Airmen bind and seal boreholes with stemming. Following the stand-up of the 801st Rapid Engineer Deployable, Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers Training Squadron at Tyndall AFB, Fla., earlier this year, an additional geographically

Weapons School conducts largest-ever over-water, joint counter maritime exercise

Nov. 30-Dec. 2: A C-130J Hercules from the 29th Weapons Squadron, Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., takes off for a USAF Weapons School Integration mission at Nellis. The C-130 is capable of operating in rough terrain and serves as the main transport for troops and equipment for any scenario. The United States Air Force Weapons School conducted its largest-ever over-water joint counter maritime exercise as part of the USAFWS integration (WSINT) phase of its curriculum over the Pacific Ocean. More than 80 joint aircraft and U.S. Navy surface assets partnered to demonstrate Agile Combat Employment principles in a maritime environment to simulate real-world threats and challenges USAFWS students may face in conflict with a pacing competitor in the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command area of responsibility.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Rufu

926th Wing marks 60th anniversary

57th Munitions Squadron hosts local vets



Air Force photograph

Dec. 4: The 57th Munitions Squadron hosted eight Las Vegas Ammo Veterans Association members at Nellis Air Force Base to celebrate Ammo Day. Dec. 4 was selected worldwide as Ammo Day due to its affiliation with St. Barbara, the patron saint of armorers and artillerymen. "Veterans handed out donuts and thank-you notes from local schoolchildren while passing down wisdom and thanking the next generation of Ammo troops for their service," said Maj. Claire Vazquez, 57th MUNS commander.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Lucretia Cunningham Dec. 10: Chief Master Sgt. Paul Miller, 926th Wing command chief, and Senior Airman Elizabeth Mosley, 706th Fighter Squadron commander's support staff, serve up slices of cake after a cake-cutting ceremony in honor of the organization's 60th anniversary at Nellis AFB. The 926th Wing was established on Dec. 28, 1962, as the 926th Troop Carrier Group at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, New Orleans. It was designated as the 926th Fighter Wing in 1994 before moving its headquarters to Nellis in 2005. The unit was re-designated in 2014 as the 926th Wing.

separated unit activated at Nellis. The 801st RHTS was designed to stabilize, standardize and cultivate contingency training for combat support teams across the Air Force, allowing instructors to focus on training members. Special Capabilities flight, originally under the 820th RED HORSE, was realigned as the 801st RHTS Operating Location-A to best execute the existing mission.

'Tis the season at Nellis



Air Force photograph

Dec. 2: As part of Frost Fest, Col. Joshua DeMotts, 99th Air Base Wing commander, signified the start of this year's holiday season with the annual tree lighting ceremony in front of the Nellis AFB Club. Frost Fest was filled with fun things to do such as food trucks, a petting zoo and Christmas music. Additionally, attendees could have a photograph taken with either Santa Claus or The Grinch.'

99th ABW commander presented Explosive Ordnance **Disposal Master Badge**



Air Force photograph

Dec. 17: In a surprise presentation, Col. Joshua DeMotts, 99th Air Base Wing commander, was awarded the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Master Badge in a surprise presentation by the 99th EOD flight. DeMotts served in a variety of EOD roles, most notably as an EOD Flight Commander at Aviano AB, Italy, then as the 451st Air Expeditionary Wing Squadron Commander in Kandahar, Afghanistan, before taking command of the Civil Engineer Squadron at Peterson AFB, Colo. More recently, DeMotts served as the 99th ABW vice commander before taking the seat as the current 99th ABW commander.



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