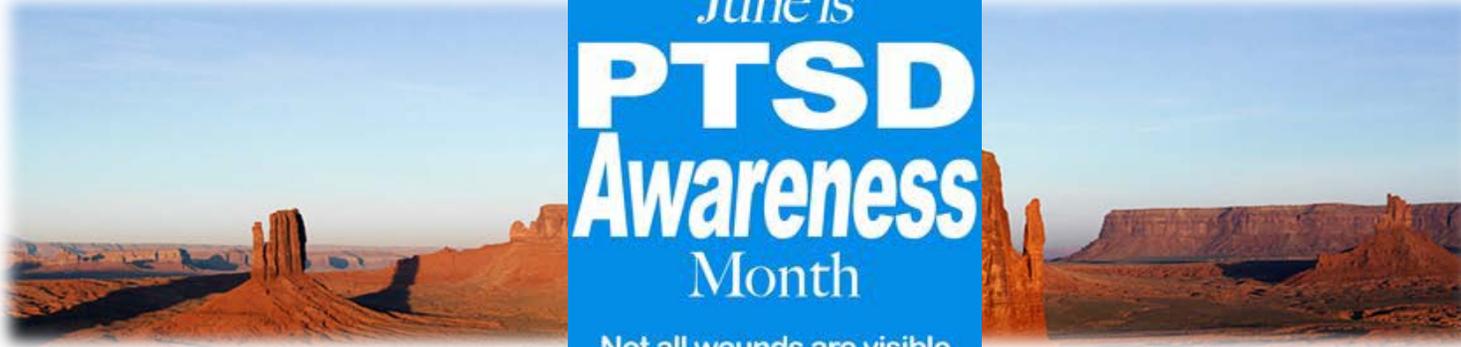




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Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Month is observed in the United States in June per a U. S. Senate resolution, building on the PTSD Awareness Day previously established in 2010. The observance calls for public attention to the issue of posttraumatic stress disorder in American veterans, as well as in citizens who are victims of assault, disaster or serious accidents.

PTSD, short for posttraumatic stress disorder, is a mental health condition that can occur after someone experiences a traumatic event like combat, an assault or a disaster.

If you think you have PTSD, talk to your doctor or call the VA and ask for a PTSD evaluation. All VA Medical Centers offer PTSD treatment, even if there is no specific PTSD program. Contact your local VA Medical Center and ask for the Mental Health clinic. Many Vet Centers and VA Community Based Outpatient Clinics also offer PTSD treatment.

**If you need immediate assistance, call 911 or 1-800-273-TALK/8255, press 1.**

Learn about posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) from Veterans who've experienced it. Hear their stories. Find out how treatment turned their lives around.

<http://www.ptsd.va.gov/apps/AboutFace/>



# Navy's Highest-Ranking Female Officer to Command Europe, Africa

Stars and Stripes | May 20, 2016 | by Steven Beardsley

NAPLES, Italy -- The Navy's highest-ranking female officer has been tapped to command naval forces in Europe and Africa.

Admiral Michelle Howard was nominated by President Barack Obama to lead U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa, the Naples-based command that oversees the warships, aircraft and sailors operating across the Atlantic and Mediterranean, the Defense Department announced Thursday.

If approved by Congress, the nomination would mark another milestone in Howard's trailblazing career. She became the highest-ranking female officer in Navy history in 2014 after pinning her fourth star to become vice chief of naval operations. Howard was the first black female officer to command a ship, the amphibious warship USS Rushmore, in 1999.

A U.S. Naval Academy graduate, Howard has worked across the Navy's surface fleet. She has commanded an amphibious squadron and an expeditionary strike group, and in 2009 she led the multinational anti-piracy task force in the Gulf of Aden known as Combined Task Force 151. As vice chief of naval operations, Howard is the second-highest-ranking officer in the Navy and one of its chief advocates for new policies and priorities. A focus of her tenure has been improving the representation of women across the service.

Howard would succeed Adm. Mark Ferguson in Naples, who is retiring. She would also assume command of one of NATO's operational headquarters, Joint Forces Command Naples, based in Lago Patria, just north of Naples.

The Navy faces growing challenges across Europe, with heightened Russian naval patrols, a civil war in Syria that continues to unsettle the region and the spread of militant groups in North Africa.



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## Robinson Becomes First Female Combatant Commander

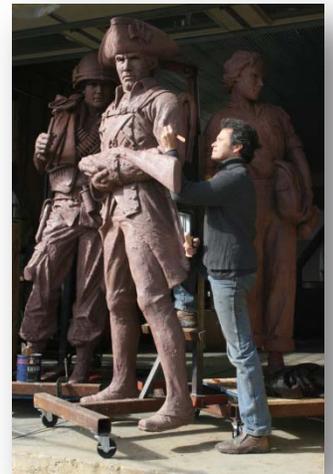
Jennifer Hlad - May 13, 2016 on Peterson AFB, Colorado. NORAD photo.

Gen. Lori Robinson on Friday took command of NORAD and US Northern Command from Adm. Bill Gortney, becoming the first woman to lead a combatant command. Robinson "has a remarkable and complete set of proven experience," and is a strong strategic thinker and manager, Defense Secretary Ash Carter said during the ceremony. "We cannot predict precisely how or when the men and women of NORAD and NORTHCOM will be called to carry forward their mission, but we do know this: We know Gen. Robinson will lead this team with certainty, clarity, and with the full trust and confidence of me and the President," he added. This is not the first glass ceiling Robinson has shattered. She also became the first woman to lead an Air Force component major command in October 2014 when she took command of Pacific Air Forces. During the change of command ceremony in Colorado Springs, Colo., Carter noted that the US faces five "major, immediate, and evolving challenges," and NORAD and NORTHCOM play a role in all of them. Russian aggression, the "historic change" in the Asia-Pacific region, strengthening deterrence against North Korea's nuclear provocations, "checking Iranian aggression and malign influence" in the Middle East, and defeating ISIS are all critical, he said.



## Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony

On Friday, May 27, 2016, at the Grant Sawyer Building in Las Vegas, the Nevada Veterans Memorial opened to the public and invited guests. A two-acre Memorial and Park was dedicated to veterans spanning over 200 years of American History starting with the Revolutionary War to the Global War on Terrorism. The U.S. Air Force aircraft took to the skies in honor of all who have served and guest speakers Dan Starks, the Founder of the Las Vegas Memorial Foundation; Brian Sandoval, Governor of Nevada; Mick Catron, President and Chairman of the Las Vegas Memorial Foundation; Katherine Miller, Director of the Nevada Department of Veterans Services shared words of compassion, experiences and respect. Under a beautiful sky 18 statues designed by Douwe Blumberg stood proudly amongst memorial benches, dedicated bricks, large black granite walls, and lush landscaping. Mr. Blumberg shared his vision and concept for the Memorial Park. For additional photos and information visit: <http://lasvegsveteransmemorial.org/>



**CITY OF ELKO**  
**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR  
**VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER**

Reporting to the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, Captains, or Lieutenants, this position is responsible for fighting fires, responding to emergency medical/rescue situations, and participating in fire prevention activities. Duties will include, but will not be limited to: protecting life and property; operating and maintaining firefighting/rescue equipment; maintaining fire stations; providing EMT services, and performing related tasks as required.

To be considered for this position, a City of Elko volunteer employment application (resume optional) must be completed and returned to the Human Resources Department (1751 College Avenue, Elko, NV 89801) no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 17, 2016**. For application materials, please call (775) 777-7122 or visit our website at [www.elkocity.com](http://www.elkocity.com).

 The City of Elko is an Equal Opportunity Employer



## State of Nevada Job Announcements

Several employment opportunities for the State of Nevada.  
Register and apply here: <http://nv.gov/employment/>



*Adds value!*

Polyglass USA, Inc., a premier roofing materials manufacturing company, has immediate openings (day and night shift) for Production Workers for our Fernley, Nevada Plant.

For information or to apply:

<http://www.indeed.com/cmp/Polyglass-Usa,-Inc.-1/jobs>

# Choice

**Las Vegas Career Fair**  
**Thursday, June 23, 2016**

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Sunset Station Hotel at 1301 West Sunset Road, Henderson, NV 89014

Register for this event and receive immediate access and your VIP pass to this event at this link:

<http://tinyurl.com/js35j8h>

Use your VIP pass at the entrance and get in front of hiring managers. Admission is FREE.

**JUNE 11, 2016**  
UNLV STUDENT UNION



# VETERANS CAREER FAIR & WORKSHOP



## WORKSHOPS

8:30 AM – 11:15 AM  
(UNLV Student Union, Second Floor)

- How to Apply for a Federal Job
- Applying for a Career in Law Enforcement
- Resume and Interview Skills
- Veterans Services
- Turbo Charge your Job Search
- LinkedIn and Social Media
- and Many More

## CAREER FAIR

11:30 AM - 3:00 PM  
(UNLV Student Union, Ball Room)

Employers from across valley will be in attendance

## REGISTER NOW

### Pre-Register

[Veteran\\_CareerFair@Reid.senate.gov](mailto:Veteran_CareerFair@Reid.senate.gov)

### Employers Register

Through UNLV Career Services at:  
<https://unlv-csm.symplicity.com/employers>

**Veterans, Service Members, and Dependents are Welcome**

Free Parking Is Available in Staff or Student Designated Spaces



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“Serving America’s  
Heroes”

# Women Veterans Celebration

**Join us for a Women Veterans Social & Celebration!**

Hors d'oeuvres & Light Refreshments will be served

**Friday, June 17, 2016**

**7pm to 9 pm**

5070 Arville Street  
Suite #4  
Las Vegas, NV

Theme:  
Black and White

Attire: Cocktail

Cost: Free

RSVP by  
June 11, 2016

online at  
<http://tinyurl.com/combatbootsocial>

Or call at  
702.791.9000 x 15518  
Monday-Friday  
before 4 p.m.



**This event was brought to you by**



## Nevada Department of Veterans Services: Elko Office Relocation



Elko NDVS VAST office is relocating to the Great Basin College, McMullen Hall, and inside the Veterans Resource Center.

The new mailing address is:  
Nevada Department of Veterans Services  
1500 College Parkway  
Elko, NV 89801



### HONORING WOMEN VETERANS

At the Nevada Department of Veterans Services, we're committed to delivering quality services to all Nevada veterans, and these pages will educate you – a woman veteran who proudly defended our freedom – about benefits and resources.



Women have served the cause of freedom in every war and every generation since the Revolution. Those we honor number some 1.8 million, including nearly 24,000 women veterans currently residing in Nevada. Today, more than 25 percent of our military strength worldwide is women, and women serve in almost every capacity in the armed forces, including in combat zones on land, at sea and in the skies. More than 177,000 women from across the country have served as fighter pilots, medics, military police and in other roles since the start of the Global War on Terror.

It's all too common for women veterans to pack away their uniforms and memories upon return to civilian life, never to discuss their experiences again. Many women who honorably served don't even realize they're veterans – or realize their eligibility for benefits. Through these pages, we acknowledge your service and offer several resources to help you understand your status and what it means. By working together, we will achieve success in establishing a network to further communication and women veterans outreach.

### VISION

Nevadans across the state understand and celebrate the legacy of America's servicewomen and **all** Nevada women veterans understand and have access to benefits to which they are eligible.

### MISSION

To provide women veteran benefit and activity information; resolve women veteran problems or refer veterans to NDVS service officers and other beneficial service providers for assistance; and to develop programs and activities that ensure Nevada women veterans understand, and are able to obtain, any aid or benefit to which they may be eligible.



**"Serving America's  
Heroes"**

## Connect with Nevada Department Veterans Services:



**Necole Stevens-Brown,**  
**Women Veterans**  
**Program Coordinator**  
**Southern Nevada**  
**Healthcare System**  
**North Las Vegas**  
**VA Medical Center**  
**6900 N Pecos Rd.**  
**North Las Vegas, NV 89086**  
**702.791.9000 ext 15518**  
**stevensn@veterans.nv.gov**

**Nevada Department of**  
**Veterans Services**  
1(866) 630-VETS  
1(866) 630-8387

**Department of**  
**Veterans Affairs**  
1(800) 827-1000

**VA Suicide**  
**Prevention Hotline**  
1(800) 273-TALK  
1(800) 273-8255

Visit [www.Veterans.NV.gov](http://www.Veterans.NV.gov)  
for information concerning:

- Nevada State Veterans Home
- Southern and Northern Nevada Veteran Memorial Cemeteries
- Veterans Rural Outreach "ROVER" Calendar



## Nominate a Woman Veteran for Veteran of the Month

To read the Veteran of the Month Guidelines  
and access submission forms please go to:

<http://www.veterans.nv.gov/page/veteran-of-the-month-program>

To submit articles and pictures for publication in the  
Women Veterans Informer please email the Women Veterans Coordinator at:

**StevensN@veterans.nv.gov**

 **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/NevadaWomenVeterans>

 **Twitter:** [https://twitter.com/NDVS\\_WVC](https://twitter.com/NDVS_WVC)

 **Google+:** <http://tinyurl.com/NDVSgpage>

 **Website:** <http://www.veterans.nv.gov/>

 **Instagram:** [ndvs.wvc](https://www.instagram.com/ndvs.wvc)

 **Pinterest:** <https://www.pinterest.com/NVWVC/>

 **Email:** [stevensn@veterans.nv.gov](mailto:stevensn@veterans.nv.gov)

## Wreaths Across America

Their mission is to, Remember, Honor, and Teach. WAA coordinates wreath laying ceremonies in Northern and Southern Nevada. They also organize of events including international veteran's tributes and ceremonies.

The program is dependent on the generosity and donations made by individual wreaths sponsors, corporate and volunteer donors.

To Donate or to Learn More visit:  
<http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>

Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery  
14 Veterans Way Fernley, NV 89408

Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery  
1900 Buchanan Boulevard, Boulder City, NV 89005



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