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The Adjutant General's Corner

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*The Adjutant General
Major General
Jefferson S. Burton*

DRAPER, Utah —
Soldiers and Airmen of the Utah National Guard, I am honored and humbled by the opportunity to serve as your new Adjutant General. I have tremendous respect for each one of you and for the sacrifice made by both you and your families. Over the past decade we have risen to our nation's call and performed admirably in the warfight, with many units and individuals

deploying multiple times. Wherever I travel around the globe, Utah Guardmembers enjoy a reputation for excellence under fire. Your teamwork and work ethic are unmatched, and it makes me proud to have the privilege to serve with you.

I am mindful of the strain that this frenetic operational tempo has placed on individuals and families and am committed to providing the assistance that is needed to return each member of our formations to full health and vigor. You have my pledge to stand by you with an aggressive resiliency program and by evolving our culture to encourage open dialogue and to provide access to top-quality health care.

We are entering a new era of restrained budgets. For many Soldiers and Airmen, this may be their first experience with diminishing resources, but as history shows, it is part of the natural ebb and flow of the wartime/peacetime budget cycle. Be assured

that we will fight vigorously to fund our programs and to maintain our readiness for whatever may lie ahead.

As you are well aware, Guardmembers have the responsibility to perform a dual state and federal mission. We must ensure that we continue to fulfill those obligations and maintain the spirit of the National Guard's Motto of "Always Ready, Always There." Our communities and our families depend on our vigilance and our readiness.

I was recently reminded of just how comforting it is to see a Guard presence following the violent windstorms we had in Northern Utah this past spring. Many residents reported that they were cheered and strengthened when they saw the National Guard "roll into their communities" to assist with the recovery and clean-up efforts. You can be justifiably proud of this heritage of service and commitment to those in serious need. Responding to threats in the homeland will remain a priority mission for the National Guard, and it is one where we must never fail or falter.

As Soldiers, Airmen and military families you are the cream of our society and enjoy an unprecedented level of trust from our fellow citizens. Return that trust by being positive and professional role models. During these volatile times you have much good to offer our local communities, our state and our nation. Take advantage of opportunities to serve and strengthen those around you. Embrace and live the Army and Air Force values and be a positive influence for good. Display faith and confidence in your fellow Servicemembers, and never leave a fallen or struggling comrade without lending a helping hand.

I am convinced that we have a bright future! Focus only on things that you can positively affect, and together we can accomplish any mission. It is a privilege to wear the uniform and to serve with each one of you. 🇺🇸

Utah National Guard Soldiers and Airmen are activated to assist Davis County with debris cleanup. Davis County residents thank Soldiers for their service in helping to remove debris during the windstorm Dec. 5, 2011.



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Governor Gary Herbert passes the flag to Maj Gen. Jeff Burton at the change-of-command ceremony that was held during Governor's Day at Camp Williams, signifying Burton as the new commanding general of the Utah National Guard.



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*Michael Miller
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DRAPER, Utah —
Over the past 11 years, our force has been called to perform a variety of assignments around the world, in our state and in our communities. Our force responded in every case with great pride, character, competence and commitment.

Recently, I was part of the Homeland Response Force (HRF), where once again our Soldiers and Airmen proved they are capable of executing any mission. One thing that stood out to me during our HRF validation was the professionalism of our force. This force is configured from units both Army and Air, as well as units and individuals from almost every major subordinate command in the state. The team successfully validated and did so in a remarkable manner, and they demonstrated the competence and commitment of our force.

Our Soldiers, Airmen, families and employers represent the very best of the best that our great country has to offer. The past decade has brought some great challenges and a lot of emotion, both happy and sad. Some of our very best have paid the ultimate sacrifice, and we will always have them in our hearts. Through it all we have stood together remembering and learning from the past, training today for tomorrow and standing prepared for the future.

I am deeply humbled and grateful to be serving in my new assignment as we continue to sustain our proficiency and develop

The CERFP (see sidebar on page 23) during the external evaluation of Homeland Response Force (HRF) at the Magna training facility. Soldiers and Airmen work side by side on the Search and Extraction team and decon line during the HRF evaluation.



Joint Forces and Army Enlisted Comments

our force for the future. We are fortunate to have Maj. Gen. Burton as our new adjutant general. He is a talented, gifted leader who has always led from the front. I look forward to serving under his charge.

I know I am not alone when I say thank you to Maj. Gen. Tarbet and Command Sgt. Maj. Summers for their example, their devotion to the force and our families, and for what they have done for the UTNG. They have led us through some difficult and trying times and were superb leaders. Thank you!

Like the leaders before us, we are responsible for preparing the next leader with a force that has the ability to accomplish any mission or task that we are asked to execute. We will do this as a team with individual and collective training, embracing the warrior ethos and values and leadership that exemplify Be, Know and Do.

Finally, I would ask each of you to continue to keep those still serving in harm's way and our wounded Warriors in your prayers for a safe return and a speedy recovery. God bless our force, our families and the Utah National Guard.

*Photos by Maj. Wencke Tate and
Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller*





Families and friends of Soldiers in the 2-211th Aviation showed their patriotism with hats and banners June 23.

“The Animals” of the 211th Return Home

Story and photos by Sgt. Nicolas Cloward

SALT LAKE CITY — Guardsmen of the 2-211th Aviation, Alpha Company from West Jordan, Utah, arrived home June 23, exactly one year to the day from when they deployed to support Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Families gathered together, chattering with excitement and anticipation for their loved ones’ arrival. Some had banners and posters in hand, while others donned plastic red, white and blue top hats and streamers.

Finally, two aircraft containing Soldiers of the 2-211th soared overhead and prepared to land. The wheels soon touched the ground, and the crowd cheered as the aircraft moved across the tarmac and received a water-cannon salute from the base fire department. The guidon was soon visible and Warriors departed the aircraft one by one to reunite with family and friends.

Among the Soldiers was Capt. Christopher Tarbet, a Blackhawk aviator for the 2-211th Aviation, Alpha Company and son of recently retired adjutant general Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet and Mary Tarbet. Mary said she shed tears of joy and relief to have her son and the Warriors of the 2-211th safely home.

“These are young men and women who are willing to leave their homes and families to sacrifice,” said Mary. “I’m really grateful that we have Soldiers who are willing to do that.”

She also expressed her gratitude for Capt. Tarbet’s wife, saying that she’s a mother who has dedicated herself to the families of the 2-211th.

Guardmembers rely on their friends and families back home to support them while they focus on accomplishing the mission under difficult circumstances.

Known as “The Animals,” Soldiers from Alpha Company based in Bagram, Afghanistan, conducted a number of operations such as VIP transport and moving groups of Soldiers from FOB to FOB (forward operating base).

“The great thing about flying the UH-60 is the broad scope of missions we’re capable of doing,” wrote Chief Warrant Officer 2 Brady



Capt. Christopher Tarbet, a Blackhawk aviator for Alpha Company, 2-211th Aviation, returned home June 23.

After the first aircraft holding the Soldiers of the 2-211th arrived in Utah, it taxied under streams of water to wash away the sediments of war.





A father greets his Soldier son returning from a yearlong deployment after being stationed in Afghanistan.



Chief Warrant Officer 2 Brady Cloward, a UH-60 Blackhawk pilot in the 2-211th, with his wife, Liz, and daughter, Jade.

A. Cloward, a UH-60 Blackhawk pilot, during an online interview, “The more rewarding mission we as a company were tasked with was Medevac chase. We transported injured children, local nationals, Coalition troops (French, Polish, German), even injured insurgents back to Bagram where the necessary lifesaving facilities existed.”

A major obstacle for these air-bound Animals was the overwhelming amount of work they faced. It was not uncommon for them to fly an operation seven or more hours a day.

“If you were in RC East, chances were you flew with us,” said Cloward.

One notable mission conducted by the Animals took place after an unfortunate

attack on French military forces. The French were conducting training with the Afghan National Army when one of the ANA soldiers turned on them and opened fire. Because of the quick response of the Medevac chase team in tandem with French medevacs, they were able to save the lives of many of the wounded.

“It was fulfilling knowing we had a direct impact on saving lives, whoever they are and regardless of where they are from,” added Cloward.

With a third deployment behind him, Cloward looks forward to the future. “Things in the aviation community are extremely dynamic now,” said Cloward. “We’re setting up another Medevac company and we are about to start fielding the UH-72 Lakota.”

Aside from business, Cloward, like many other returned Soldiers, is ready to relax and spend some much-needed time with his family.

“It’s good to be home,” he said. 🇺🇸

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The Changing of the Utah Guard



Governor Gary Herbert passes the flag to Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, signifying Burton's assumption of command from Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet.

Story by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — **A**fter 12 years at the helm of the Utah National Guard, Maj. Gen. Brian L. Tarbet, adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, who is retiring after a 39-year career, turned the reins over to Maj. Gen. Jefferson S. Burton in a Governor's Day ceremony Sept. 29.

Utah Governor Gary R. Herbert presided at the change of command, receiving the flag from outgoing commander Tarbet and then entrusting those colors to Burton.

Burton then presided over a change-of-responsibility ceremony in which senior enlisted leader Command Sgt. Maj. Bruce D. Summers, who is also retiring, passed the sword to Command Sgt. Maj. Michael M. Miller.

During his remarks Herbert praised Tarbet for the way he led the Utah Guard during "the most tumultuous time in our National Guard history."

"Eleven years of war takes its toll on all of us," Herbert continued. "[General Tarbet] has been an inspiration. His commitment and dedication to the service of God and country are legendary."

At the ceremony Herbert also announced the renaming of the Camp Williams parade field as Tarbet Field as officials unveiled a stone marker and plaque, which reads:

"In honor of Major General Brian L. Tarbet for his leadership and vision as the adjutant general through the most significant and trying period in the history of the Utah National Guard. The Servicemembers of the Utah National Guard dedicate this parade field in his honor to be officially hereafter known as Tarbet Field."

Tarbet and his wife Mary were visibly moved as they stepped to the flagpole to view the monument.

"It's an interesting phenomenon that some leaders receive recognition and awards just because of the blood, sweat and tears of someone else," said Tarbet as he began his remarks, speaking of those whom he felt were the real earners of the field-naming honor.

"I take 12 years of memories with me," Tarbet said with emotion. "I have witnessed the value of the Citizen-Soldier. Jeff Burton is the right man, in the right place, at the right time to take you into the future. You are patriots, all—the finest of your generation. Good luck, goodbye and God bless you all."

As Burton stepped to the podium as the new adjutant general, he first credited those in uniform who had gone before every Guardmember standing there on Tarbet Field.

"We stand on the shoulders of giants," Burton said. "Our legacy is something to be proud of, something to stand up and measure up to every day."

Burton also paid tribute to each individual Utah Guard Airman, Soldier and family who simply "bucks up and moves out" when hard things are asked of them.

That tribute included "those in the formation with unseen wounds. I will do all in my power to care for you and help you and your family," promised Burton.

Burton concluded by lauding Tarbet, his predecessor.

"He was more like a brother to me than a boss," he said. "He is a fantastic man. I'm going to keep him on speed dial." 

Major Gen. Jeff Burton addresses his troops as the newly appointed adjutant general of the Utah National Guard.



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624th Engineers Leave for Afghanistan

Story by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

SALT LAKE CITY — Soldiers, families and friends had a roller-coaster ride of emotion June 13 as members of the 624th Engineer Company, 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, gathered at a Utah Air National Guard hangar to depart on the first leg of their 12-month deployment to Afghanistan.

The 150-member unit, based in Springville and with detachments in Price and Vernal, boarded two separate aircraft for Fort Bliss, Texas, where they spent about six weeks in training before heading to Afghanistan in early August.

The mission of the 624th is to perform vertical construction (the building of structures and buildings) in the U.S. Central Command area of operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

“We are very, very good at our construction mission, so this past year we have focused on our Soldier skills: how to shoot, move and communicate,” said unit commander Capt. Chris Vernon, of Bountiful, explaining that his Soldiers had 18 months’ notice for their overseas assignment.

Photos by Maj. Bruce Roberts

“Our main job will not be to go out and fight the enemy,” he added. “We will build living quarters, offices and conduct occasional humanitarian missions, making the living situation for Soldiers as comfortable as it can be.”

Doreen Baladino, of Kearns, mother of Spc. Nicholas Wygant, sported her own Army-style haircut at the hangar, the result of a round of chemotherapy after being diagnosed with curable leukemia. Her father and brothers served in Vietnam and Desert Storm.

“It’s harder to see my son go than my dad,” said Baladino, recalling the day her father left for Vietnam. “But I believe in this, and I believe he needs to do his job. It’s important for his children to know that you need to defend this country against anybody who wants to harm us.”

Wygant, also of Kearns, is assigned as a carpenter in the unit, but he is also trained as a combat medic.

“[I’m doing this] so that my kids know that you support and fight for what you believe in,” he said, citing his reasons for

Members of the 624th Vertical Engineer Company assembled at the Utah Air National Guard Base to say their farewells to family and friends prior to boarding jets to begin their 12-month deployment to Afghanistan June 13.





Soldiers and families gathered to hear words from their commander and to be led in prayer by Chaplain Matthew Ortega.

“Lead them straight and true,” implored Ortega as he prayed. “The road will be long and hard, but we know that by the righteousness of their cause, our Soldiers will triumph.”

Vernon is among the 70 percent who were leaving on their first deployment. But there were also those who were going for a fifth time. They will make it, Vernon said, as they stick together.

“Leaving your family is the hardest part; you take it one day at a time,” said Vernon. “When we leave here we grow into another family, relying on each other.”



deploying. “I just want them to be proud of me.”

While most were there to see their Soldier safely on his or her way, one attendee, Debbi Coleman, knew none of the departing troops. She was there simply to serve food at tables provided by Fresh Market, a local supermarket chain.

Coleman was no stranger, however, to the tug on the heartstrings that these events can bring. Her son deployed twice with the Utah Guard’s 222nd Field Artillery; first in 2005-2006, and then again in 2011.

“I didn’t realize how emotional it would be on this side of the table,” said Coleman with moist eyes. “I don’t know any of these people here, but I know how it feels.”



Major Gen. Brian L. Tarbet Retires After 39 Years of Service

Story by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

DRAPER, UTAH — A local television station contacted the Utah Guard's Public Affairs Office Oct. 1 to request an interview with Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet. The reporter caught up to Tarbet that day in his native Cache Valley, running a tractor on Tarbet's family-owned, 100-acre alfalfa farm.

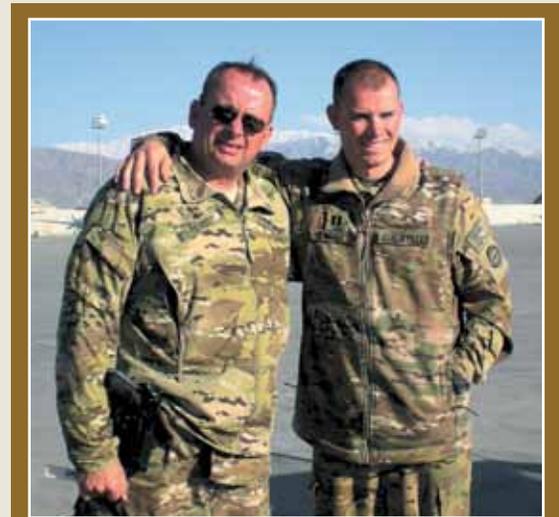
Such things are typical of General Tarbet, whom the reporter was trying to reach on Tarbet's very first day of retirement after 39 years in uniform and 12 as adjutant general. He never forgot his roots, nor did he ever lose sight of the fact that his day-to-day decisions touched individual Airmen, Soldiers, families and civilian employers.

While this article could be highlighting the career of a retiring general, it is the opinion of this writer that Tarbet would much prefer that the story be about Guardmembers and families, whom he often said "do the heavy lifting in this business." So in lieu of a litany of his accomplishments, readers should know about the kind of man he was.

Many is the time that I observed General Tarbet at unit departures and homecomings, reassuring a grandmother or child of a Guardmember, thanking a grizzled Vietnam veteran who was simply there to support, or jumping in with the baggage detail to stack duffel bags of departing Soldiers.

One wintry day at Camp Williams in 2003, some of his Military Intelligence Soldiers that he had previously led as commander of the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion, were boarding buses on the first leg of their deployment to Iraq. Being assigned to write the story, I approached him with my voice recorder and asked for a comment.

"Give me a minute, Hank," he said, trying to keep his emotions in check. Stepping away for a few moments to collect himself, he returned



Capt. Christopher Tarbet, right, a Blackhawk aviator for Alpha Company, 2-211th Aviation greets his father Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet during his deployment to Afghanistan.

and gave me a classic, articulate Tarbet response.

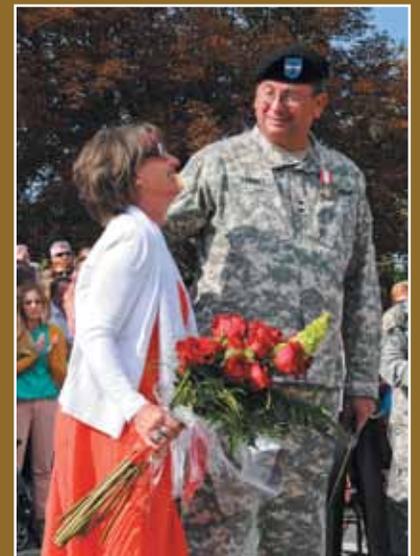
Never one to seek or expect favors because of his rank, his focus was always on the Airmen and Soldiers when he traveled to theaters of combat. At Tarbet's retirement ceremony, Col. Derek Tolman described an itinerary full of high-level briefings and presentations planned by protocol officers in theater for Tarbet's visit to Afghanistan in 2008.

"He took a couple of token, canned briefings and then created his own itinerary," said Tolman of Tarbet when he arrived to see the Soldiers of the Tolman-led 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion. "He wanted to see as many Soldiers as he could see and get a taste for what they were doing."

"He is truly a Soldier's Soldier," Tolman



Governor Gary Herbert, left, shakes hands with Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet at the dedication ceremony of Tarbet Field, the Camp Williams parade field named in Tarbet's honor. Major Gen. Tarbet and his wife Mary at Governor's Day.



continued. “His leadership and service have never been about him.”

During his own remarks at the ceremony, Tarbet dispensed with his “laundry list” of people to thank, including his mentors, commanders and staff, but he thanked his family and singled out the many sergeants major who served closely with him in his 21 years as a commander in various assignments over the years.

“What wonderful men, what wonderful leaders!” said Tarbet, “They have made my service a pleasure. The enlisted corps in this state is remarkable and I cherish them.”

Tarbet concluded with a story about a young American general in World War II, Brig. Gen. Charles D.W. Canham, of

the 8th Infantry Division. Canham had demanded the surrender of a captured German general and his troops after the Battle of Brest, France, in 1944. When asked by the German officer—who outranked Canham—for his credentials as a condition of surrender, Canham pointed to his Soldiers standing behind him and said firmly, “*These* are my credentials.”

Through tears, Tarbet told the audience, “You have been mine.”

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Major Gen. Brian Tarbet at deployments in 2009, 2011 and 2012 for Soldiers with the 2-285th Air Assault, 2-222nd Field Artillery and 624th Engineers, respectively.



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Employers of Soldiers of the 624th Engineer Company Take a Boss Lift

Story and photos by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

FORT BLISS, Texas — Civilian employers of recently deployed Soldiers of the Utah National Guard's Afghanistan-bound 624th Engineer Company of the 1457th Engineer Battalion participated in a Boss Lift June 21-23, sponsored by Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

"Boss Lifts are designed to increase awareness of an employee's military duties and responsibilities and to exhibit the strenuous training and personal sacrifices that Servicemembers and families make," said Kim Watts, ESGR Utah chief of staff. "They also instill a desire in civilian employers to provide support to their part-time military workers beyond the requirements of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act."

Twenty-seven employers boarded a Utah Air National Guard KC-135 Stratotanker aircraft for the June 21 flight to Fort Bliss. While airborne, passengers had a front-row seat for an air-to-air refueling operation, where F-16 fighter jets from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, were refueled.

Most passengers had never seen a refueling aircraft in action, and they were very impressed with the precision of pilots and boom operators as hundreds of gallons of JP-8 jet fuel were passed to receiving aircraft at 25,000 feet at a speed of 200 knots.

Once the aircraft arrived at Fort Bliss, waiting on the tarmac for them were Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet, adjutant general of the Utah National Guard; Command Sgt. Maj. Bruce Summers, state sergeant major; Capt. Chris Vernon,

commander of the 624th; and 1st Sgt. David Hegg, company first sergeant.

Vernon spoke to employers, welcoming them to Fort Bliss and acknowledging their sacrifice in giving up their employees for a year.

"We made sure that when we put together our unit roster for this deployment that we only brought the best of the best with us," he explained. "But that also meant that we took the best of the best from you employers. You have my personal thanks for your support."

Employers met several of the leaders of the 624th at a dinner held that evening at the Fort Bliss Centennial Club. Guests heard from Maj. Gen. Tarbet, who explained to them what it means when a civilian employer supports their employees who serve in the Guard or Reserve.

"These are superior young people. I know you support and love them, and the outpouring has been genuine," said Tarbet. "Our Soldiers are very well trained, and they come to you with a good work ethic, they're drug free, show up on time and they give you a day's work for a day's pay. We know that in this tough economy, [calling up your employees for deployment] affects your bottom line."

The next morning, June 22, employers rode a bus to MacGregor Range, N.M., about 25 miles north of Fort Bliss, where Soldiers of the 624th live and train. Eating breakfast at the dining facility and touring her Soldier's barracks helped Rachel Trostrud, supervisor of SPC Kendall Larsen at Jordan

Valley Hospital, to understand and appreciate what Larsen is going through.

“It was wonderful to see him in an environment different than the one I see him in at work,” she said. “It made me appreciate him as a person and as an employee even more, seeing this whole broad part of his life that I didn’t know much about. He and his bunkmates seem like brothers.”

Another employer, Rich Vernon, stepping in to run his son’s business for the next year, was impressed with what he saw in his son Chris, commander of the 624th.

“It was a very proud moment to see him in action, serving his country and doing a good job,” said Vernon.

Employers later shared an MRE (Meal Ready to Eat) with their Soldiers and joined them for Physical Training and a litter-carrying relay to test Soldiers’ skills in safely transporting wounded.

One of the day’s highlights was the MRAP (Mine-Resistant, Ambush-Protected) vehicle rollover training. Employers donned helmets and other protective gear that Soldiers wear and took seats in the rollover simulator. Trainers rotated the vehicle to different positions, allowing employers to practice proper restraint and egress procedures during a rollover accident in the MRAP, which is somewhat larger, taller and more heavily protected than a Humvee.

In the 100-degree heat of the New Mexico desert, employers observed Soldiers conduct their qualification on the M-2 .50-caliber machine gun and the Mk-19 grenade launcher.

Each employer, assisted by their Soldier, jumped at the chance to fire some familiarization rounds on the M-2. Even 88-year-old Byron Lemmon, a World War II veteran and member of the ESGR Utah committee, joined in the fun.

“It was awesome!” said Lemmon. “It brought back a lot of old memories.”

Returning from the field, employers and Soldiers shared a final meal and attended a short program together. The emotion in the room was palpable as bosses and employees spent a few final moments together before Soldiers returned to their training.

Sergeant Daniel Ott reflected on the visit of his boss, Bill Jespersen, of Western Cargo Services.

“It meant a lot and it showed how much he really cares,” said Ott, a communication and network specialist with the 624th, who started working as a truck driver for Jespersen three years ago. “He’s taken good care of me. If I need something, he’s always there. He’s a good man.”

Jespersen couldn’t bring himself to say goodbye when he and Ott parted in Utah, making it that much tougher for him now.

“It’s just hard to say ‘See you later’ and know he may not be coming home,” said Jespersen with a catch in his voice. “I’m just too tender-hearted, I guess. It’s emotional—and I don’t get emotional.”

“He’s a good kid,” he added after composing himself and clarifying that he is not the boss, but just the guy who signs the checks. “Daniel’s being gone means I gotta work about twice as hard, but it’s worth it. You gotta support him. Somebody has to; they don’t have the draft anymore.”

Specialist Kendall Larsen, a plumber and self-styled “undercover medic” with the 624th, is a nurse supervised by Trostrud at Jordan Valley Hospital. He was also glad his boss came on the trip.

“It was great to see a familiar face and have someone who can go back and tell my coworkers what I’ll be doing while I’m gone,” he said. “It was an amazing experience to spend the day with her and share these moments.”

Trostrud admitted that because of the Boss Lift she has begun to see Larsen in a much different light.

“I see him as a dear person that I care much more about,” she said. “I have an appreciation for employees who have been in the military because you know that they have had to work under structure and standards. I wish all of his coworkers could do this. It is important for us to go back with passion and let people know how vital it is to support these guys.”

Unit commander Capt. Chris Vernon was thankful to see his business partner/father and was equally appreciative of what he will do to keep things going in his absence.

“He’s made a sacrifice, coming out of retirement to run our business,” said Chris. “Being self-employed and leaving can really cause you stress. When Soldiers know—like I do—that they have their employer’s support and that their job will be there when they get back, it puts their mind at ease and they can give 100 percent while they’re deployed.”

The next morning, employers gathered for breakfast. They thanked ESGR Utah representatives and Guard leaders for giving them this opportunity. The group then returned to Biggs Army Airfield to board the KC-135 aircraft for the trip back to Utah.

As the plane sat on the tarmac, Rich Vernon summed up what he had seen and felt the last three days.

“I spent 13 years in the Army,” he said. “The vast majority of people in Utah have no idea what the military is like; they’ve never lived it. Coming on this [Boss Lift] is a fantastic experience for any employer. Every employer ought to have the opportunity to get just a taste—for one day—of what it really looks like, feels like, tastes like and smells like to be a U.S. Army Soldier.”

ESGR Utah’s Kim Watts agreed that this Boss Lift was a success. “It exceeded our expectations and we see a change in employers at the end of every Boss Lift—they get it,” said Watts.

“They understand the importance of supporting and being willing to do whatever they can to help Servicemembers and families during deployment and afterward.” 

Hard Work, Dedication of 142nd MI Makes Panther Strike 2012 into Great Success

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Brock Jones

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — Nearly 700 military intelligence Soldiers, trainers and professionals from 14 states, Guam, Canada, the U.K., Australia and New Zealand, came to train June 10-24 at Camp Williams during Panther Strike 2012.

From the beginning stages of planning for this year's exercise, hosted by the Utah National Guard's 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion, 300th Military Intelligence Brigade, the goal was to expand the size and scope of Panther Strike to make it the premier MI training event in the nation.

Lt. Col. Joseph Green, commander of 142nd, and Task Force Panther commander, said that the exercise recently shifted from a relatively small-scale event, focused primarily on human intelligence, to a large, multidiscipline exercise that incorporates human intelligence, signals intelligence, counterintelligence, and imagery intelligence in a single, real-world, deployment-based scenario designed to prepare MI Soldiers for the kinds of missions they face when deployed.

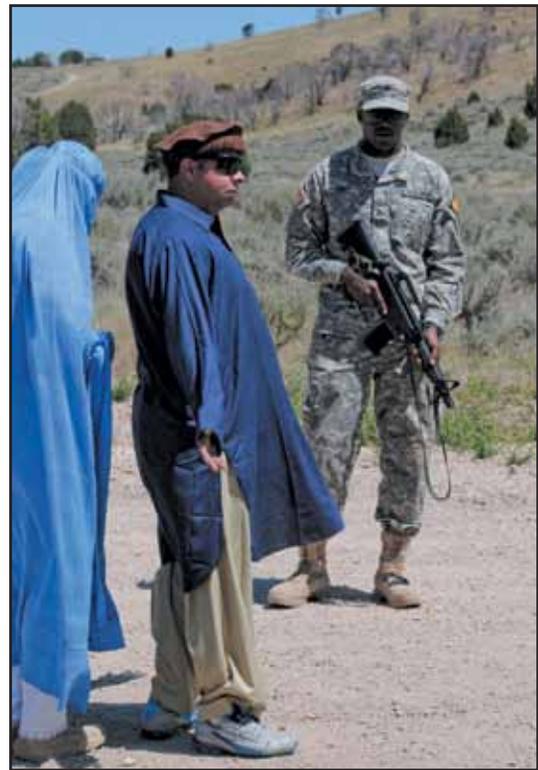
Incorporating the full spectrum of MI operations into a single, cohesive exercise was extremely difficult because of how complex the scenario had to be to allow for all the intelligence disciplines to train at the same time, said Green. The difficulty lay in creating a training opposition insurgency, fully fleshed out with all its roles that military intelligence Soldiers could collect information about, analyze, and then act on.

"All of that is a very complex kind of thing to try to draw up and manage and so creating a real-life insurgency that can be exploited by all those different disciplines has been difficult," said Green.

Despite the inherent difficulties with creating a training scenario beneficial to all MI disciplines, Panther Strike leadership and planners have maintained high expectations for the exercise, now and in the future.

"We have a big vision for the exercise to be a mechanism to train our Soldiers to be mobilization ready and prepared in their collective MI tasks," said Green. "That's what I think we've achieved with this version of Panther Strike, and from here on out the brigade is intent on keeping the same kind of blueprint, still moving it around to its battalions, but keeping it at this level."

Responsibility for planning and conducting Panther Strike, which was started by the 260th MI Battalion in Florida, rotates



Panther Strike is a yearly Military Intelligence exercise designed to provide collective training and evaluation of intelligence assets from the team to the brigade-staff level in a deployment-based scenario.

Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Brock Jones, Spc. Ariel Solomon and Sgt. Rebecca Hansen

among the five battalions of the 300th: the Utah-based 142nd and 141st, 341st in Washington, 223rd in California, 415th in Louisiana, and Florida's 260th. Last year, the rotation fell to Florida, and Capt. Timothy Kelley, plans and operations officer for the 142nd, who is the lead planner for this year's iteration of Panther Strike, observed that exercise. He met with the planners, as well as brought after-action review comments back to Utah to apply to the planning process for this year's Panther Strike. Kelley said that from the beginning stages of planning they have tried to make the exercise more applicable to a larger training audience than ever before.

"In previous years, there was more of an emphasis on Warrior Tasks and battle drills than you see in Panther Strike 2012," said Kelley. "We really wanted to make this an intelligence-centered exercise."

Soldiers spent the first week of the exercise training on equipment and tactics unique to their specialties. The second week, Soldiers moved to a forward operating base downrange on Camp Williams, and training transitioned from the classroom setting to a real-world scenario in which Soldiers could put to use their skills, as well as the prior week's training, into practice.

Kelley and the many others involved in planning and executing Panther Strike worked hard to create a training environment that was intelligence-centric and that revolved around the skills, equipment, and knowledge that Soldiers of all intelligence fields would benefit from. Such emphasis on



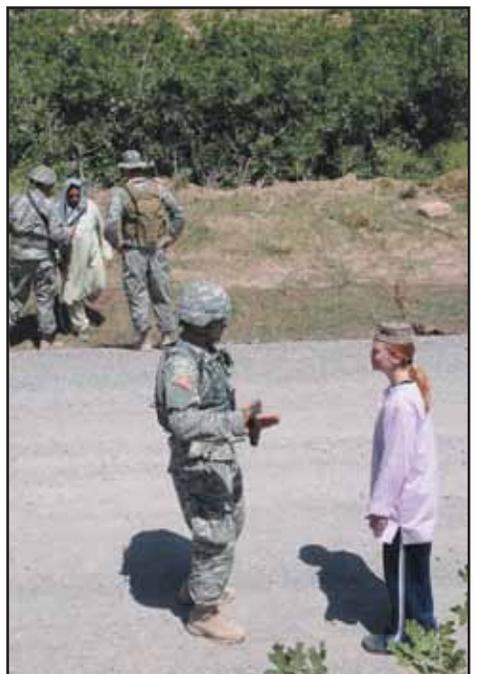
Soldiers train on Entry Control Point operations at Camp Williams, Utah, during Panther Strike 2012.

those skills was a change from years past, and making Panther Strike more intelligence centered garnered the attention of the larger MI community, Kelley said. Leaders at the level of the Department of the Army showed enough interest in Panther Strike that they equipped the exercise with servers and laptops, essentially an entire network, said Kelley.

Camp Williams itself benefitted from Panther Strike, and those physical improvements will trickle down to all MI Soldiers who come to Utah to train. One such resource created to enhance the training experience of Panther Strike participants is a detainee holding area connected to the training FOB downrange on Camp Williams, fully equipped with state-of-the-art detainee holding and interrogation booths for use during training, Kelley said.

“They’re being used in Afghanistan, and for this exercise we were able to get some to Utah, emplaced and operational, for Panther Strike. They will stay here and remain an asset for the intelligence courses that the 640th RTI conducts throughout the year,” he said.

Utah’s 141st MI Battalion is in charge of next year’s exercise and as such will inherit much of the hard work that went into this year’s exercise. Kelley said he believes that next year could be even better and run more smoothly than this year because of the evaluation process in which lessons learned from this year will be passed along to 141st leaders and planners. “I think next year’s Panther Strike audience will have a fantastic experience as well,” Kelley said. 🇺🇸



LEFT: Sgt. Shawn Yoder (middle), a human-intelligence collector observer/controller with the 142nd MI Battalion, Utah Army National Guard, talks to Soldiers June 18 conducting a hasty checkpoint during Panther Strike 2012.

MIDDLE: Staff Sgt. Ruben Rosario (left), a human-intelligence collector with the 260th MI Battalion, Florida Army National Guard, talks to another Soldier playing the role of an Afghan police chief during Panther Strike 2012.



Utah Students Walk a Mile in Guardmembers' Shoes at 51st Annual Freedom Academy

*Story by Senior Airman Lillian Harnden
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High school students from across Utah attend the 51st annual Freedom Academy at Camp Williams. Students learned leadership skills and patriotism from Utah National Guard Soldiers and Airmen during the weeklong event.

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — **F**rom across the entire State of Utah, 89 high school seniors gathered to attend the 51st Annual Freedom Academy hosted by the Utah National Guard at Camp Williams July 29 to August 3.

Freedom Academy's purpose is twofold: to teach leadership skills and inspire students to become future community leaders and to promote patriotism by exposing students to processes designed to maintain America's freedom and liberty.

"Freedom Academy gives delegates an expanded view of leadership and the freedoms we enjoy, and how those two things are so linked together," said Maj. Matthew Badell, Freedom Academy Director.

Annually, every high school in Utah has the opportunity to send up to two seniors each. School counselors usually nominate their student-body officers to attend Freedom Academy.

"These are delegates who have been selected by their peers to be a leader in their school," said Badell. "They are already starting to show some of the seeds and promise of leadership by seeking out office in their schools. Freedom Academy provides them an opportunity to expand their view. No leader has ever been successful without vision and without the ability to articulate that vision and communicate. We give them some tools and experiences that will help them become better leaders."

The hope is that by selecting student-body officers to attend, they will bring back their Freedom Academy experiences to share among their peers, said Badell.

"We've heard of these delegates going back to their schools and hosting Freedom Days, where they have the student body assemble and they bring someone in to talk about freedom or a patriotic theme. So those are neat experiences that are inspired from Freedom Academy," said Badell.

A delegate from Davis High in Kaysville, Sarah Z., said Freedom Academy taught her that she can really make a difference.

"I've learned how much we can really make a difference in people's lives," she said. "The small things really count. I've been touched by all the small things here at Camp Williams, and I hope to touch people's lives back at school."

A delegate from Valley High in Orderville, Cheyenne C., explained what she will take away from Freedom Academy.

"Freedom Academy has opened my eyes to real Army life," she said. "I now understand how much Servicemen and women do for our country. We wouldn't live and enjoy our everyday lives without their service. When I leave I will have a greater appreciation for our flag."

The Utah National Guard's Honorary Colonels Corps has sponsored Freedom Academy since 1961, and they are the driving force behind it. Freedom Academy is unique to Utah and is one of The Adjutant General's programs. Utah's Army and Air National Guard both work together to supply necessary personnel and resources to support the program. Funding is also supplemented by contributions from local businesses like Associated Foods which donated \$5,000 in food products this year.

Learning about the military is only one aspect of Freedom Academy. Delegates are also exposed to several other freedom-aiding organizations. They tour the local hallmarks of freedom and meet with Utah leaders who offer advice on leadership and perspective on freedom.

During a tour of the State Capitol, Freedom Academy delegates filled seats in the House of Representatives and the Utah State Senate to listen as the chief of staff of each chamber explained their function and process.

Upon seeing the delegates touring the Capitol, Governor Gary R. Herbert took a moment to tell them a story about the State Capitol as an example of good leadership. He explained the controversy 100 years ago behind building such a large and ornate building when Utah had only 300,000 residents, though today Utah is approaching three million residents.

“Those early founding fathers 100 years ago were thinking about what we could become. Not what we are, but the tremendous potential of this state. I am inspired by the building itself because I know it represents vision of the people who have gone before. They had vision to see to this day and beyond. And just as important as the vision, they had the courage to forge through with it, in spite of the naysayers and opposition who said we didn’t need a Capitol this big because we were a small state. Today we pay homage to those people who had vision and courage to implement the vision,” said Herbert.

Delegates witnessed life without freedom at the state prison. They observed the living conditions of prisoners, and designated inmates spoke with them in a controlled environment. Inmates shared their personal stories. They warned against alcohol and drug use, stating it led them into a life of crime and prison. The tour was also coupled with a counterdrug lecture at Camp Williams.

Throughout the week at Camp Williams, several guest speakers spoke about freedom and what it takes to become a good leader. Badell described the significance behind a few of the messages speakers brought to Freedom Academy.

“Skip Morgan is a Utahan with a lifelong history of volunteerism and community service, and he continues to volunteer even though multiple sclerosis has confined him to a wheelchair,” said Badell. “He spoke to the delegates about how hope is so important. If you don’t have hope for a better tomorrow then you’ll give up. And a leader cannot afford to not have hope. They can’t afford to not spread hope to others. Leadership is about inspiring people, motivating them towards a goal. Here at Freedom Academy, they can learn how to do that.”

Senator Jake Garn, who is also a retired brigadier general from the Utah Air National Guard, gave a welcoming speech to the delegates. He emphasized the value of education and the need to continually “train your brains” to keep pace with the speed of technological advancement in this age. Garn also explained why he thinks the delegates should learn about the military.

“I think it’s very helpful for Freedom Academy delegates to learn about the military, to understand what the military has done for this country, and to appreciate the freedom and opportunity that have been given to all of us because of those who have been willing to serve,” said Garn.



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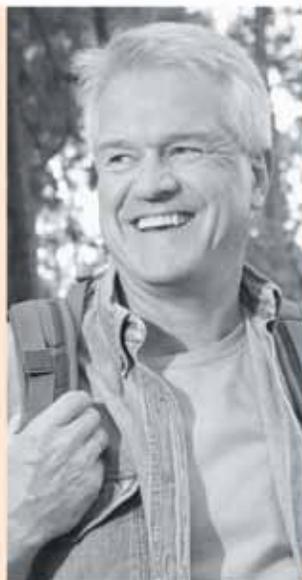
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“Garn does a great job of explaining how, ‘Guess what, I grew up in Richfield, and here I am an astronaut, a general, a senator.’ With all of the things he’s accomplished in his life, it really shows them the sky is the limit, or in his case space is the limit. It opens their eyes to fact that, ‘You know what? I can do anything. The world is my oyster.’ That is so important because so many times people are stopped in their progress because they lack the vision of what they can accomplish,” said Badell.

Freedom Academy is not a regimen of all talk and no action. The training schedule brimmed over with interactive, hands-on training and action-packed adventure. Not only did delegates walk a mile in a Guardmember’s shoes by learning how to march, by participating in flag ceremonies and by consuming Meals Ready to Eat while in the field. They also climbed a mile in a Guardmember’s obstacle course.

All delegates completed a Leadership Reaction Course, an obstacle course impossible to complete without working together in small groups, communicating, and using critical thinking skills to overcome the obstacle. For instance, a group of delegates on one ledge had to figure out how to reach the ledge on the other side by using a rope and three too-small-to-reach boards to walk across. At each new obstacle, a new delegate was required to lead so that each would get a chance to experience both leadership and followership.

“The most valuable lesson I learned here is how to lead,” said Cameron C., a delegate from Copper Hills High School in West Jordan. “Also, how to step back and let someone else lead, yet still be a valuable part of the team.”

A delegate from Cedar High in Cedar City, Ashlee A., stated she was “volun-told” to sing the National Anthem during the flag-raising ceremony each morning. Though she likes to sing, she said, she never sang in front of a large group of her peers before.

Ashlee summed up her experience at Freedom Academy by stating, “This whole week has really pushed me outside my comfort zone and got me out of my shell. I think that’s something that will help me throughout my whole life. It’s been really great.” 

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Homeland Response Force “Eats Elephant”

Story and photos by Maj. Wencke Tate

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — **A**t the end of the Region VIII Homeland Response Force’s two-week Annual Training at Camp Williams in July, the staff breathed a sigh of relief and gave a little cheer when the briefing slide came up during the after-action review recommending the Utah HRF for validation.

“Throughout the past two years of standing up the Homeland Response Force, we focused on eating this elephant one bite at a time,” said Col. Milada Copeland, 97th Troop Command and Region VIII HRF commander. “Things only look monumental if you don’t force yourself to lay out a road map and stick to it. Our successful validation is a testament to how good the staff was at sticking to that road map of taking this process step by step.”

And that is exactly what they did, took it step by step. For Utah, the building of this new mission from National Guard Bureau started at the end of 2010 with four staff members hired to start laying out the groundwork to have a fully operational and ready HRF. By June 2012, the program grew to approximately 560 Soldiers and Airmen, 60 of them full time.

Lt. Col. Mel Anderson, program manager and deputy commander of the Utah National Guard HRF, said Utah is recognized nationwide as the only HRF being stood up from the ground up, with no existing CERFP (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive-Enhanced Response-Force Package).

“The learning curve was so steep that it was obvious we would either fly out the other side with a hugely successful evaluation or we’d burn in face first and crash. It was an adrenaline rush for 18 months,” he added. “Being part of this monumental effort is far more than personally rewarding.”



Capt. Jennifer Cavalli from the HRF Security Element, 141st Military Intelligence Battalion, calms down an angry crowd. Role players were hired to give reality to the exercise.

The HRF is a Department of Defense asset and is hosted by one state in each of the ten Federal Emergency Management Agency, (FEMA) regions. According to a DoD fact sheet, HRFs will increase the focus of DoD Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High explosive (CBRNE) consequence management response forces on lifesaving objectives. It also increases operational flexibility while recognizing the primary role that governors play in controlling responses to CBRNE incidents that occur in their state.

Copeland believes the HRF is a very powerful tool that the National Guard should maintain and improve. As much as it is valuable for its technical and lifesaving ability, it also brings huge value because it gives all of us a sense of contribution and a sense of accomplishment. It involves the Guard even more in the domestic response structure of the community we live in, provides another avenue to train with first responders, and strengthens the entire community’s sense of self-reliance and ability to mitigate whatever danger comes along. She admits that the last point, while difficult to measure, is very valuable and will improve any response we have to provide.

Major Ryan King, a full-time civilian police officer was one of the first hired for this mission as the brigade logistics officer, handling heavy logistics duties to build the HRF and is now the HRF executive officer. His experience as a first responder gives him a unique perspective.

“I found this mission truly provides a service to our nation and our citizens. The mission set is very similar to that of any first-responder organization and fills a critical void in capabilities both locally and nationally,” said King.

“The HRF is the organization that is called on in a crisis when other local and state assets have been exhausted or are not capable of meeting the needs of the incident. We are the go-to guy, when all else fails,” King continued. “That is a huge challenge, but we are prepared and continue to be ready to take on that challenge.”



Members of the 115th Maintenance Company spray down after their shift to remove any contaminants.

Master Sgt. Jennifer Nyander from the CERFP Medical Element, 151st Medical Group, conducts PAPR Mask fit testing during inprocessing at Camp Williams.



As the HRF transitions to a ready and available state, the focus will be to enhance readiness to respond to an incident, King added. [Even though we've been through our validation exercise evaluation], "we still have many challenges to take on and fix."

Challenges all HRF members feel they are ready to take.

In August, Copeland relinquished command and handed the leadership of 97th TC and the



The 118th Sapper Company conducts the search-and-extraction mission of the HRF.

Lt. Col. Kevin Windsor, HRF Medical Operations and Plans, briefs Col. Milada Copeland, 97th Troop command and Region VIII Homeland Response Force commander, during the commander's brief.



HRF over to Lt. Col. Bradley Fuller. She said she was sure the team will give him the same level of support she received.

"His challenge will be to keep the focus on maintaining the readiness posture and ensuring there is enough funding and equipment to provide the lifesaving support in case of a real call-up."

Copeland said the ability to aid citizens in disastrous circumstances and to save lives will be the ultimate test.

"The ultimate test for the HRF I hope will never come, but I fear it will."

And if it does the 566-member team will be ready to respond. 🇺🇸

What is a CERFP?

A CERFP is a CBRNE (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive)-Enhanced Response-Force Package. Teams consist of 186 Soldiers and Airmen. Seventeen states have CERFP teams. Each team has a Mission Command section, Decontamination element, Medical element and Casualty Search and Extraction element. CERFP teams are strategically placed in each of the 10 FEMA regions and are a key element of the DOD's overall program to provide military support to civil authorities in the event of an intentional or accidental incident involving CBRNE or weapons of mass destruction on or in the United States. If multiple CERFPs and/or Civil Support Teams-Weapons of Mass Destruction are called up, the HRF would direct those assets.



Members of the 115th Maintenance Company prepare casualties, played by role players, in the hot zone. Triage was the first step through the decontamination line.

Story by Sgt. Rebecca Hansen

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — A 19-volley cannon salute, fired by members of 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery, in honor of the governor, kicked off the 59th annual Governor's Day and the change-of-command and responsibility ceremony at the newly named Tarbet Field.

As is customary with Governor's Day, it commenced with the National Anthem, flyover by a KC-135 stratotanker flown by members of the 151st Refueling Wing, and awards were given. Also, the outstanding Soldier and Airman of the year were recognized for their accomplishments, as well as Army and Air noncommissioned officers, senior NCOs, and Army and Air first sergeants of the year.

A change-of-command ceremony, in keeping with military tradition, was held for the adjutant general and state command sergeant major positions before the pass-in-review. Former Governor Michael O. Leavitt appointed Maj. Gen. Brian L. Tarbet as adjutant general in 2000, and after 12 years he passed on this responsibility to Maj. Gen. Jefferson S. Burton. Tarbet was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, and a monument at the base of the flagpole on the parade field was then unveiled in honor of Tarbet, for his outstanding service

to the Utah National Guard, and officially naming the field Tarbet Field.

"I take 12 years of memories with me. I have witnessed the great value of the Citizen-Soldier, the Minuteman," said Tarbet in his emotional speech. "You are patriots, all—the finest of your generation. You approach a time in history when the Guard will be needed as never before. Jeff Burton is the right man at the right time in the right place to take you into that future."

"[Tarbet] leaves big boots to fill," said Herbert. "Burton brings his own big boots to this job, and I am sure he is going to grow into his responsibility and continue to lead us in a very courageous way."

Burton served as the Assistant Adjutant General-Army for the past five years, overseeing training and support for about 5,600 Soldiers. Now he takes command of about 7,500 Utah National Guard Soldiers and Airmen, all of whom were present, with the exception of those currently deployed.

"We welcome General Burton to this new responsibility. We are excited for his leadership for this new chapter in National Guard history," said Herbert.

Also attending was Gen. Frank J. Grass, Chief of National Guard Bureau to bid farewell to Tarbet and welcome Burton.

Governor's Day 2012 Makes History



“Major General Burton, I know that you are ready to take this mantle of responsibility,” said Grass. “During this time of transition the Utah National Guard must continue in the tradition of strong leadership in order to meet the challenges ahead. Jeff, you are a strong leader. You are a battle-tested commander who will lead by example.”

Along with the change of command there was also a change-of-responsibility ceremony. Command Sgt. Maj. Bruce D. Summers relinquished his responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Michael M. Miller as the Utah National Guard state command sergeant major.

“Sergeant Major Miller, I am confident that you are up to the task, and you will well and faithfully lead these enlisted troops,” said Grass.

After the change of command, the reviewing official of the event and Governor of Utah, Gary R. Herbert, was able to address his troops.

“I want to thank all of you who put yourself in harm’s way on behalf of this homeland and for this great state to protect and preserve the freedoms and liberties that we all cherish,” said Herbert. “I recognize the service and sacrifice that so many of you have given to our great state and this great country.”

Herbert was able to review his troops, as they marched by to salute their commander in chief of the Utah National Guard. A parade such as the pass-in-review can be traced back to the Middle Ages and has been practiced in America since the Revolutionary War. The purpose of Governor’s Day was for leaders to see the strength of their force, and this particular parade shows the readiness of the Utah National Guard.

After the ceremony was complete, troops were released to their families to enjoy the activities set up by the Family Readiness Groups of all the units. There were also equipment displays and a climbing wall run by Guardmembers. Everyone present also had the opportunity to shake hands and meet their governor, new adjutant general and state command sergeant major.

“We have a great future ahead of us,” said Burton. “There are great opportunities that abound, and we need to use our minds and to look for those opportunities and position ourselves in such a way that we can serve our state and our nation with distinction, so that we can carry on the amazing legacy that is the Utah National Guard.”

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Members of the Utah National Guard participate in Governor’s Day and the adjutant general change-of-command ceremony conducted at Camp Williams, Utah.



Blackhawk Down Behind Enemy Lines

Story by Ileen Kennedy

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Dennis J. Henry Jr. and Ileen Kennedy

FERRON, Utah — **E**vade and escape. That's what aircrew members are trained to do if their helicopter is downed behind enemy lines. Pilots, crews and members of the 2-211th Aviation and 1-171st Aviation trained with local authorities from seven county agencies on special tactics when they find themselves in an emergency or crash situation.

Teams of four to five crewmembers were flown to designated sites near Joe's Valley Reservoir in the Manti-La Sal Mountains, where they were dropped off and told they had just crash-landed in enemy territory. Law enforcement from Emery, Carbon and Grand County Sheriff's Offices, as well as Utah Highway Patrol officers, were quickly in pursuit of the teams.

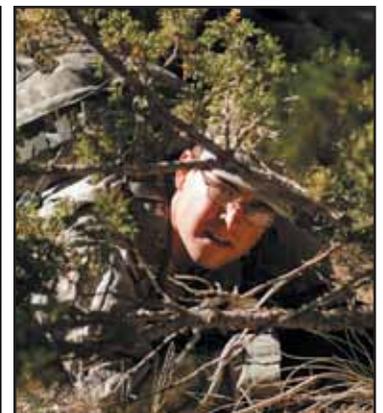
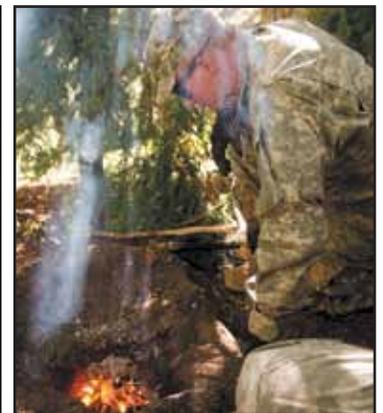
"Our adrenaline was high. When we were dropped off we saw a spotter up in the mountain ridgeline, and he was calling in," said SPC Cody Evans, a power-generation mechanic for the 2-211th and Utah Aviation Soldier of the Year. "We saw SUVs coming up the road, so we rushed into the forest. That was pretty crazy right off the bat. They got immediate response, so we had to fly right off the beginning and it was nonstop."

Each team member packed their own equipment to include items they might have with them on a flight. Some took sleeping gear, while others left it behind and packed additional water, knowing they would have to carry the pack for 24 hours on the run. Very little food, if any, was packed.

"At night we climbed up into the mountain ridgeline under a pine tree and made a small fire," said Evans. "We were hanging out underneath that, and we could hear the dogs. Between the cold and hearing the dogs everywhere you couldn't sleep at all. It was intense."



A local law enforcement officer watches for Soldiers making their way to the extraction site during the annual field-training exercise that tested the battalion's ability to support aviation operations in a deployed environment.



Soldiers with 2nd Battalion, 211th Aviation, participate in a 28-hour Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape training.

Law enforcement personnel searched for, tracked and tried to detain crewmembers before they could reach their intended pickup site for extraction.

“We threw off the cops,” said 2nd Lt J.J. Weidner. “We put socks over our boots so that our tread wouldn’t show and they couldn’t track us. They had their methods of doing things, but it threw them off for a while. It gave us the edge we needed to keep going.”

Temperatures dropped to a mere 20 degrees at night making the cold an unexpected factor that many members hadn’t planned for.

“The water was frozen in our packs. I took my boots off for a couple of hours and they froze to the ground,” said Evans. “My pack froze to the ground. When you picked up your gear, dirt was frozen to your gear and you had to hold it next to the fire and brush it off. It was really, really cold.”

Evans was part of the last team to be captured. After enduring 24 hours on the run and traveling more than 15 miles from the original drop-off zone, his team made it to the extraction site.

“Right at the very end our Blackhawk was coming, and we were just at the forest line waiting to go in,” said Evans. “We heard our bird coming in, and then we saw multicam uniforms starting to appear in the forest. Right then adrenaline was crazy because they didn’t see us. We were lying down and



Capt. Jeremy Tannahill surveys his group’s location in the Manti-La Sal Mountains during the annual field-training exercise June 10, 2012.

there was a police officer six or seven feet away and he hadn’t seen me yet.”

With multiple law enforcement agencies working together they began to surround the crew.

“They had gone through once and decided to double-check an area,” said Sgt. Brook Smith of the Emery County Sheriff’s office. “They put one team headed northbound and one team headed south and they squeezed them out.”

Once captured, crewmembers had to endure the “Ride of Shame” back to the assembly area.

“Other than flying, this was the most realistic training I’ve ever had,” said Capt. Jeremy Tannahill, a pilot with the 2-211th. “We did a pretty good job of evading and they still caught us.”

This valuable dual military and civilian training provided real-world scenarios that both military and law enforcement

Local authorities capture 2-211th Aviation Soldiers during the Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape training.



personnel may experience during their careers.

“In war, in most cases, the enemy would have the upper hand,” said Lt. Col. Gordon Behunin, commander of the 2-211th. “They would know the terrain and have a large coverage area, just like the law enforcement had, and they would have a lot of the same skills. They would have dogs, they would be able to pick up tracks if we left signs somewhere and we would have to try to escape and evade just like we did here to avoid capture.”

Multiple types of training were being conducted simultaneously throughout the exercise. Ground personnel were driven to remote areas in three different locations to include both mountainous regions, as well as out to the San Rafael Desert. In these scenarios they were told their vehicles were damaged with no way to return to the assembly area other than to evade capture.

The teams taken out to the desert found there was no place to hide out in the open, so they were the first ones tracked and picked up by law enforcement officers.

Additional scenarios focused around accident sites where flight medics working with Emery County EMTs transported simulated injured personnel to the assembly area, as well as local hospitals for treatment.

Stacy McElprang, an Emery County EMT, worked on two scenarios: first, a female with a gunshot wound, and second, a car crash with four severely injured patients.

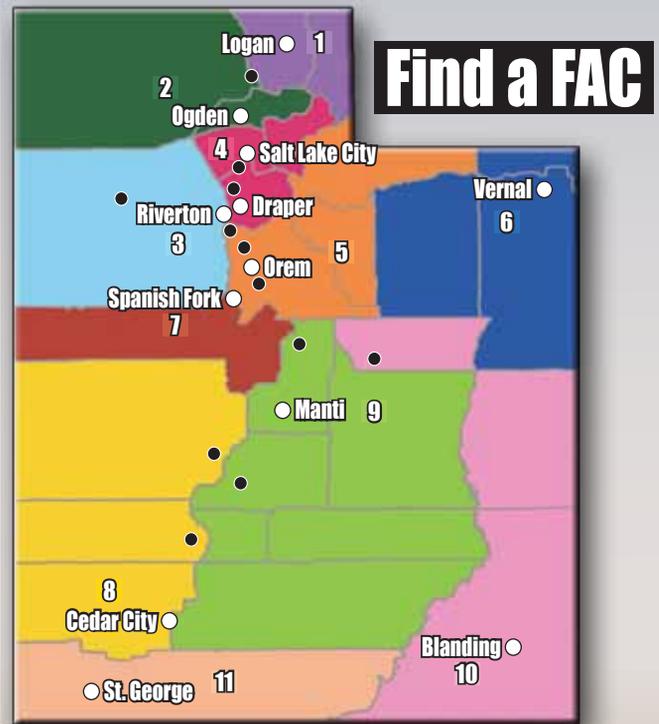
“We learned where it is safe to go, in and out of the helicopter,” said McElprang, “and to make sure the patient was secured and buckled in on the gurney. I learned how to apply a bandage on chest wounds and to make sure the bandages and IVs were taped down tight so nothing would fly away. That was a big part of the training.”

Guardmembers training with civilian EMTs want to make sure during a real-life emergency situation that EMTs have experience on and around the helicopter, so they know the proper procedure for evacuating patients.

“It’s a rush to save and help somebody,” said McElprang. “I was amazed at the things they can do on the helicopter, how fast they responded, and I was surprised at where they can land to get to people. It was awesome, I want to sign up.”

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Utah Guard Sponsors Fish and Fun for Disabled

Story and photos by Maj. Bruce Roberts

SAND HOLLOW, Utah — **S**aturday, June 2, marked a much-anticipated event for dozens of people with physical disabilities from Southern Utah. The annual Fish and Fun, held at Sand Hollow State Park, partners local fishermen and disabled persons ranging in age from 8 to 72.

The idea originated with Steve Miller of Cedar City, who wanted to combine his passion for fishing with his desire to do something for those in need.

“We need to do something for the disabled, we are so spoiled getting to fish every weekend,” said Miller.

Miller started reaching out to fishing buddies with boats, experience, and a desire to help, and the first Fish and Fun was born in 2007.

One of the first people Miller asked to help with the event was Sgt. 1st Class Shane Johnson of Recruiting Team Five. Johnson got his team involved and the Utah National Guard has been the biggest supporter of the event ever since, helping with manpower, boats, food and organization.

“The Guard has been huge,” remarked Miller.

Over the last six years Miller and Johnson have recruited more than 30 other sponsors, contributing everything from fishing tackle and bait, to awards for participants.

While Miller has been limited by the number of boats available, forcing him to cap participants at 55, he always has plenty of



volunteers. Typically many of the employees from the group homes that house the disabled will come to join in the fun with the people they work with every day.

Greg Haslam is program manager for Stonebrook Group Home in St. George, which had several of its members in attendance, commented on what it means to the disabled persons who get to participate.

“A lot of them don’t have the means to get out much. Anytime we have the opportunity to do something like this, we want to take advantage of it.”

Other volunteers included the members of the Charlie Company Recruit Sustainment Program (RSP). They helped set up the pavilion, move equipment into place, and man the barbecue for the awards portion of the day. “It’s great interaction for the RSP”, said Johnson. When not helping out with the event, RSP cadre took advantage of the opportunity to conduct a little training, giving a class on patrol formations and practicing Drill and Ceremony in preparation for Basic Training. 



Utah National Guard’s Recruiting and Retention Battalion members present awards to all participants in the 6th annual Fish and Fun. (Above) Two of the organizers, Master Sgt. Shane Johnson and Steve Miller (right), pose for a photo with a happy participant.





Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton addresses those assembled at the State Capitol as the newly selected adjutant general who began service Oct. 1, 2012.

Major General Jeff Burton Takes the Reins of the Utah Guard

Story by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

Photos by Ileen Kennedy



Governor Gary Herbert, center, poses with family and friends of the new adjutant general, Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton at the governor's mansion May 24, 2012.

DRAPER, Utah — **B**eing a Soldier was never a question for new Utah National Guard adjutant general Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, a 30-year veteran of the Utah Guard and the U.S. Army.

“I always wanted to serve,” said Burton of his decision to join the Guard as an artilleryman in 1982. He signed the papers, took the oath and then came home to tell his wife Charn.

And the apple didn’t fall far from the tree. Burton joined Charlie Battery, 140th Field Artillery, in Spanish Fork, the same outfit where his father, a high school history teacher—and four of his uncles—served during World War II and Korea. Burton completed ROTC at Brigham Young University a few years later, receiving a Regular Army commission and an assignment as a Military Police officer.

A native of Southern California who grew up in Utah, Burton described a military career punctuated by some memorable, defining moments.

His first platoon sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Donald Murphy, a Silver Star recipient and Vietnam veteran, had a profound influence on Burton, then a brand-new second lieutenant on his first active-duty assignment in Europe with the 14th Military Police Brigade.

“A phenomenal NCO (noncommissioned officer), he taught me the ropes,” recalled Burton of Murphy. “He showed me how to treat Soldiers. He shaped and molded me.”

Burton’s first battalion commander was Medal of Honor recipient Lt. Col. Robert Howard.

“Bob Howard was one of the toughest—and at the same time one of the most compassionate—men I have ever known,” said Burton. “He taught me how to love my Soldiers and to respect everyone’s contribution to the mission.”

Burton was there in Germany when the Berlin Wall came down, signaling the end of the Cold War. He described riding the train into West Berlin, being frisked by the Russian security team and getting off at the last stop for Westerners.

“I remember that everyone who was getting off was colorful,” he said, picturing the brightly dressed passengers from the West, “and the people staying on the train were just grays and browns. It was a stark contrast.”

The long, lonely hours of Army soldiering and the fact that his young son had to change schools four times in the same year—from constantly relocating—



Governor Gary Herbert announces Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton as the new TAG at the State Capitol May 24, 2012.



prompted his and Charn's decision to look at returning to Utah.

"Charn has always been extremely supportive, but she was always vocal in reminding me where my priorities were," said Burton. "In 30 years, not once has she complained."

Following more than five years of active service, he interviewed for full-time work with the Utah Guard in 1991. He got the job and transferred to the Engineer Corps, later serving as a company commander, executive officer and assistant professor of military science at Brigham Young University and Utah Valley University.

Another experience that shaped Burton's perspective and leadership style was when his teenage son took his own life more than a decade ago. He and Charn recently marked the tenth anniversary of the suicide support group they founded.

"There is a lot of suffering with survivors," he said of suicide's effect on family members. "It's a life sentence, and [the group has] helped me to learn how to move on."

"We size people up in this business [of the military]," Burton explained. "The loss of my son has taught me not to judge people too quickly. I have a lot more empathy for the struggles that people go through."

For her part, Charn is just as committed to helping those who struggle, devoting many hours a week as a volunteer chaplain at Slate Canyon, a facility in Provo for troubled youth.

With the flurry of deployments that followed 9/11, as commander of the 1457th Engineer Battalion, Burton led his unit on a route-clearance mission in Iraq in 2003-2004. Living on three MREs a day during a four-month stretch, he and his 650 Soldiers—450 from Utah and 200 augmentees from active-duty and Army Reserve units—performed 400 combat missions and logged 500,000 convoy miles in support of the 1st Armored and 4th Infantry Divisions.

"Events like that bring out the best in people," said Burton. "It develops them in a crucible that you don't get at home station."

He also believes that his faith was crucial to his personal and his unit's success in Iraq.

"You realize you are not in complete control. I learned to trust in a higher power," recalled Burton. "The randomness of war was challenging. Some found their religion and some lost it. Ultimately, people grew."

Returning from deployment, Burton completed stints as director of Civil-Military Relations, director of Personnel and attended the Army War College. He was then appointed as Assistant Adjutant General—Army and promoted to brigadier general.

Working side by side for the last five years with Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet, the man he is now replacing, gave Burton a master course in leadership and decision making.

"He will be impossible to replace," Burton admits. "He is a patient, steady leader and influential in getting things done. I could not have had a better mentor than General Tarbet. I'll have him on speed dial."

Now as he steps into his new role as adjutant general, Burton knows he didn't get there on his own.

"We don't do anything by ourselves. The military is a team sport and rank is a tool. It's not about you," he says in his clipped, to-the-point style.

Looking ahead to the challenges of retooling and resetting the Utah Guard after 11 years of constant deployments, Burton knows what is at stake.

"The world is so volatile. Just because budgets are diminished, we can't let our guard down," he said. "We'll get back to the basics of how we train and fulfill the no-fail mission at home, ready to assist our fellow citizens."

Burton also wants to give focus to individual and family readiness and resiliency, as well as the challenges faced by Guardmembers and families affected by PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder) and TBI (traumatic brain injury).

"I want to be as accessible as possible to families and Guardmembers," said Burton. "The work gets done on the backs of our enlisted members. I'll go to the wall for any Soldier or Airman that needs help. We'll do all in our power to help them." 🇺🇸



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Utah Guard Soldiers help local authorities extinguish the Quail Fire in Alpine, Utah, July 3.



Utah National Guard Responds to Quail Fire

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Brock Jones

ALPINE, Utah — **T**he Utah National Guard was directed by Governor Gary Herbert to provide two Blackhawk helicopters to assist local, state and U.S. Forest Service firefighters in their efforts to control a blaze that started July 3 in the hills above Alpine.

Second Battalion, 211th Aviation, Utah Army National Guard, was given the assignment and provided the helicopters, pilots and crewmembers to fulfill the governor's request. Other personnel worked behind the scenes, performing leadership, liaison and support roles to make sure helicopter crews could do what they were called in to do: drop bucketfuls of water

on hotspots as directed by firefighters on the ground.

By the morning of July 5, firefighting crews had gotten better control of the fire with help from rain and lower temperatures, and the Utah Guard was told their mission was complete. In all, Blackhawk crews dropped 263 buckets of water on the fire.

Investigators believed the fire was caused by a trackhoe working in the area, but weren't sure whether sparks from the track or bucket hitting rocks or heat from the machine's engine or exhaust had sparked the fire. Homes at the base of the mountain were threatened and suffered heat damage, and in some cases were even surrounded by fire, but the only building that burned was a barn. 🇺🇸

Utah Paratroopers Earn German Jump Wings

Story by Staff Sgt. Michael Nelson

Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Stacey Berg

FAIRFIELD, Utah — Paratroopers from the Utah Army National Guard earned their German parachute wings June 13 during Operation Fallschirmjäger, a friendship jump hosted by the 197th Special Troops Company (Airborne).

German Army Captain Daniel Labusch, a jumpmaster assigned as the German Army liaison officer at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La., made the trip to Utah to participate in the jump and award American jumpers their wings.

Months of planning and coordination culminated with the chance for Soldiers to earn German wings by jumping from two aircraft platforms: a C-17 Globemaster III from the 446th Airlift Wing, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, and a Utah Army National Guard UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter from 2nd Battalion, 211th Aviation. The event was planned and



Staff Sgt. Mike Nelson, left, and German Army Capt. Daniel Labusch serve as the primary jumpmaster team for Operation Fallschirmjäger, a friendship jump held June 13.

executed by jumpmasters from the Utah Guard's 197th Special Troops Company (Airborne), who were also responsible for organizing and manifesting Paratroopers from all participating units.

Major Marc Cooper, commander of the 197th, as well as the mission commander, knows that when situations change and difficulties are presented, the United States military will always adapt and overcome.

"As challenges were presented, we were able to see the mission through to fruition," said Cooper, "I am very proud of what my NCOs (noncommissioned officers) and Soldiers have accomplished here."

The jump was a team-building effort for Soldiers of the 197th and Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne), and Headquarters, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne). In addition to building a relationship with foreign forces and enhancing interoperability between airborne units in Utah, the event served to boost morale and esprit de corps.

More than 130 Utah Army National Guard Paratroopers earned their German



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wings during Operation Fallschirmjäger (which is German for paratrooper). The C-17 dropped three static-line passes onto Global One Drop Zone near Fairfield, Utah, from 1,500 feet and one military freefall pass with jumpers exiting from 9,999 feet above ground level. The remaining nine sticks (groups) of static-line jumpers exited the UH-60 Blackhawk from 1,500 feet.

“The Germans invented this sport,” said Master Sgt. Ed Bailey, a jumpmaster assigned to the 19th, referring to Germany as the first country to successfully deploy airborne forces in combat during World War II.

At the conclusion of the airborne operation, Labusch personally pinned each Paratrooper with bronze German wings. These Soldiers, already in an exclusive group within the ranks of the U.S. Army, joined the elite of the German army with only about 140,000 German wings awarded since the German parachute training school was formed in 1936.

Dozens of family members flocked to the drop zone to see their loved ones jump. Stormy Vehnekamp, whose husband is Sgt. 1st Class Tim Vehnekamp, a Special Forces engineer sergeant with Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne), was excited about the opportunity to be at the drop zone and take in the sights and sounds of the airborne operation.

“Do you hear that?” asked Stormy, motioning to the Blackhawk helicopter. “That is the sound of liberty.” 🇺🇸



Utah National Guard 197th Special Troops Company (Airborne) Soldiers jump from two aircraft platforms: a C-17 Globemaster III and a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter to earn their German parachute wings June 13 at Global One Drop Zone near Fairfield, Utah..



Second Lady Dr. Jill Biden Visits Utah Guardmembers and Their Families

Story and photos by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

SALT LAKE CITY — **D**r. Jill Biden, Second Lady of the United States, visited with Utah National Guard Airmen, Soldiers and families July 10 at the Utah Air National Guard Base in Salt Lake City.

Dr. Biden was in Utah to raise awareness for Joining Forces, a national initiative that mobilizes all sectors of society to give our Servicemembers and their families the opportunities and support they have earned.

According to www.whitehouse.gov, “As a military mom [herself], Jill understands firsthand how difficult it can be to have a loved one deployed overseas.

“As Second Lady, Jill has dedicated herself to shining a light on military families’ strength and courage as well as the challenges that they face. She travels regularly to military bases in both the United States and abroad to speak with Servicemembers and their families.” 🇺🇸



Dr. Jill Biden, Second Lady of the United States, greets Utah National Guard Airmen, Soldiers and their families July 10 at the Utah Air National Guard Base in Salt Lake City.





Six Rafters Rescued From San Rafael River

Story by Pasty Stoddard

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Dennis J. Henry Jr.

HUNTINGTON, Utah — While the Utah Army National Guard was in Emery County for training they had the chance to participate in a real rescue. Six overdue rafters were reported missing by the wife on one of those on the float trip. The group put in at Fuller's Bottom with the intent of floating down to the Swinging Bridge, and they expected only to be gone a few hours. The trip did

not turn out as planned due to the low-water conditions of the San Rafael River. Many places were muddy with extremely low water, and the group had to hike and carry their raft as they tried to make it out. They spent the night of June 11 along the river. They were cold due to the lack of a fire. The group was not prepared to spend the night.



Soldiers from the 1-171st Aviation Regiment offload an injured rafter from a UH-60 Blackhawk to an ambulance for transport to Castlevie Hospital.

On Tuesday they resumed hiking. By then news of their plight was brought to the attention of the Emery County Sheriff's Office who enlisted the help of the helicopters to search by air for the hikers. Their general location was known. The air search began, assisted by several members of the Emery County Search and Rescue. They located the hikers along the river. They were separated, and after the helicopter set down, the other members of the party were located and brought to the helicopter, where they were transported to a location near the Wedge Overlook.

One of the hikers/rafters reported she didn't think they were going to make it. "We were exhausted and dehydrated. I really prayed a lot for someone to come and help us. I really thought we were getting near the bottom, but they told us it was another 10 miles out."

To the rafters the sight of the helicopters was a welcome relief. Their group was treated for heat exhaustion and dehydration and medical personnel started IVs in the field. One of the group was transported to Castleview Hospital. The others were taken by Emery County Sheriff's deputies back to their vehicles so they could return home after they were transported by the helicopter to the Wedge area, where they were met by an Emery County ambulance and personnel.

The Soldiers are members of the Utah Army National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 211th Aviation.

In keeping with the Utah National Guard's mission to respond at the request of state and local authorities during emergencies, the 2-211th were grateful to be able to assist in the rescue with such good results.

UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter crews were in the area and were asked by the Emery County Sheriff's office for assistance as they were going to have a mock rescue that morning for a lost child at Joe's Valley, but the training turned into a real-time rescue for the stranded rafters.

The Utah Army National Guard unit responded immediately, transporting Emery County search-and-rescue personnel. The 2-211th crew located the missing rafters and landed the helicopter nearby. Emery County Sheriff personnel administered first aid to the tired and dehydrated rafters.

Emery County Deputy A.J. O'Neil said he received the call on Tuesday morning just as his shift was ending and he went to the Swinging Bridge to try to locate the vehicle of the rafters. They had left a vehicle at the Swinging Bridge and one at Fuller's Bottom. He assisted at the scene when the rafters were rescued along with Deputy Shaun Bell and Sgt. Les Wilberg. 🇺🇸

Story reprinted courtesy of the Emery County Progress

Soldiers from the 1-171st Aviation assist Emery County Search and Rescue in locating, treating and transporting injured rafters during a real-world rescue mission June 12, 2012.



Pirates Reach Halfway Point in Afghanistan



Story by 2nd Lt. Chad Marden

WESTERN PROVINCE, Afghanistan — **F**our months in country now, and split into three locations across the northern to western provinces of Afghanistan, you could say we have had to divide and conquer.

Lieutenant Col. Gregory Hartvigsen said, “Four years of hard work, dedication and sacrifice on the part of every Soldier, family member and many friends has brought us to our ultimate destination in Afghanistan. We support three Aviation task forces with our Aerial Weapons Teams (AWT- 2 Apaches in the air). It takes the whole team to put up one AWT. That team consists of every Soldier doing their assigned job, no matter what it is, very supportive family and friends at home and a community and employers that facilitate our absence.”



On the flight line on the 11th anniversary of 9/11, Alpha Company Soldiers and other members of the 211th assigned to Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan, gather for a group photo.

Photos by Chief Warrant Officer Jared Jones

In preparation for the required troop drawdown, a large number of our Pirates had to pack up just after getting settled and move to other locations to establish a new fighting position in support of brigade operations. Most of our higher headquarters, the 12th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB), have been redeployed back to Germany, creating a ripple effect for subordinate units. This mandated a redistribution of 1-211th personnel to not only fill their shoes but also provide our Coalition partners the continuity of support they deserve. Ultimately, this means we are doing what most all National Guard units do: accomplish more with smaller numbers in less time.

But in spite of it all, it’s nice to finally be “doing instead of talking and training,” as Hartvigsen put it. This has now provided the opportunity for a little normalcy. Now that all Pirates are well established in a very hectic battle rhythm, we are on the downward slope of the deployment with less than five months before redeploying.

Major Dante Fontenot, the battalion executive officer, said he took some time to reflect on where we’ve gone this past year and what we were doing about this time last year.

The view from the back of a CH-47 Chinook, about to take off to Meymaneh, Afghanistan. In the background you can see an Apache, Chinook, and C-130 on the ramp.

“A year ago from the latter part of July we were finishing aerial gunnery at Gowen Field, Idaho. Looking forward from there I realized how fast the rest of the year went. We are busier than I expected and foresee the time to go by even faster,” he said.

“The operations and performance of the 1-211th is nothing less than exemplary, and our guys continue to impress me with all that they accomplish daily,” continued Fontenot. “I can’t say this enough: the Pirates are the best Soldiers in the theater, and they continue to push ahead, impressing me and the critics, regardless of what is thrown at them! I hear praise for their accomplishments from all our locations, and we must ensure that our Soldiers hear those praises as well.”

That goes for all those who support us at home as well. All veterans and their families alike can relate in some way to Fontenot with this closing remark: “I think everyone will come home with a refreshed sense for things we take for granted and hopefully come to appreciate them even more.” 🇺🇸

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Joint Language Training Center Marks 20 Years

Story by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — **A**irmen, Soldiers and civilian employees of the Utah National Guard’s Joint Language Training Center gathered Sept. 20 to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the founding of the language project.

Organized in 1992, JLTC began operations with 19 Utah Guardmembers. Their mission was to provide Spanish-translation support to federal law enforcement agencies.

At the commemoration event, officials from JLTC and supported agencies recalled the project’s humble beginnings, which focused specifically on Spanish and later grew to 25 languages, with nearly 200 military and civilian employees providing transcription, translation, and technical support to dozens of federal, state, and local agencies in a variety of media formats.

“What you provide to us on a day-to-day basis is often not recognized—and probably underappreciated—but it is critical to what we do,” said Special Agent Rob Patterson, representing one of many organizations supported by JLTC.

“You guys have done a tremendous job for 20 years; that’s why you’re still here,” he continued. “That says an awful lot about



Special Agent Rob Patterson speaks to Utah Guardmember and civilian employees Sept. 20 at the 20th anniversary celebration of JLTC.

the structure that is out here [in Utah]. You have been always able to stay current.”

Major Gen. Jeff Burton, adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, also addressed the audience. He singled out civilian employees at JLTC, thanking them for the continuity they provide as their military counterparts have gone on numerous deployments over the years.

“It takes all of us to defend our nation; it’s not just people who wear the uniform,” said Burton. “When we deploy, you guys keep getting it done. What you do saves lives, and I want to thank you for what you do every day.” 🇺🇸

Utah National Guard's Honorary Colonels Corps Hosts 51st Annual Bronze Minuteman Awards Dinner

Story by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

SALT LAKE CITY — **T**he Utah National Guard hosted its 51st annual Bronze Minuteman awards dinner June 27 at Salt Lake's Little America Hotel.

The Honorary Colonels Corps of Utah sponsored the event. The Corps is an organization that promotes goodwill and positive relations between the National Guard and local Utah communities. Members provide annual support for Utah Army and Air National Guard activities such as Freedom Academy and Veterans Day concert.

At the event Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet and Honorary Colonels Corps Commander, retired Brig. Gen. E.J. "Jake" Garn, presented Bronze Minuteman awards to Dr. Harvey A. Davis, Tom Guinney, Dr. Craig Jessop, Elder Russell M. Nelson, Command Sgt. Maj. Bruce D. Summers, Maj. Gen. Brian L. Tarbet, Col. Richard C. Workman and Brig. Gen. Roland R. Wright for their individual devoted service to and leadership among the citizens of Utah.

Here is a short summary of each recipient's accomplishments:

Dr. Harvey Davis is Director of Installations and Logistics for the National Security Agency. He played a significant role in the selection of Camp Williams as the site for the construction of the Utah Data Center. He has been with NSA for 26 years. Dr. Davis has been a champion of cooperation between the U.S. military and the NSA, recognizing the benefit of sharing expertise and resources to maximize our nation's ability to protect citizens, information, and resources in order to preserve freedom, liberty, and the rule of law.



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Tom Guinney has been a successful restaurateur in Salt Lake City since the late 1970s when he and his business partners first opened the New Yorker restaurant. That enterprise has since grown into Gastronomony, Inc., which now includes eight restaurants and three fresh-fish markets, including the New Yorker, Market Street Grill, and Market Street Broiler. His restaurants and markets employ more than 650 people, serve nearly a million guests annually.

Dr. Craig Jessop is the founding dean for the Caine College of the Arts at Utah State University. This appointment followed his tenure for nearly a decade as music director of the world-famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Prior to his appointment with the Tabernacle Choir, Dr. Jessop served as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force, where he served as director of the U.S. Air Force Singing Sergeants in Washington, D.C.; and as commander and conductor of the Band of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe at Ramstein, Germany.

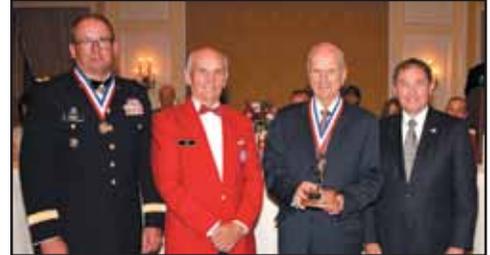
Elder Russell M. Nelson has been a member of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints since 1984. He is also an internationally renowned surgeon and medical researcher. He served for two years in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and spent time at every Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH) in Korea. His professional work included positions of research professor of surgery, director of the Thoracic Surgery Residency at the University of Utah and chairman of the Division of Thoracic Surgery at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City.

Command Sgt. Maj. Bruce Summers has served for the last five years as state command sergeant major of the Utah Army National Guard. He is the adjutant general's top advisor for policies and standards on the performance of training, personnel management, appearance and conduct of enlisted personnel. He also administers the Noncommissioned Officer Development Program for the Utah Guard. He was mobilized in 2003 with the 2-222nd Field Artillery to Fort Lewis, Wash., to train ROTC cadets, and later deployed to Iraq in 2005-2006 with the 2-222nd.

Major Gen. Brian Tarbet has served as adjutant general of the Utah National Guard since 2000. A native of Cache Valley, he joined the U.S. Army in 1973 and transferred to the Utah Guard in 1976. After 9/11 he oversaw the flurry of deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. He led the Utah Guard in its support of the 2002 Salt Lake Olympic Winter Games, as well as its response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. The Utah Guard's partnership with Morocco has flourished under his leadership, and he has cultivated ties to civilian employers of Utah Guardmembers.

Richard C. Workman served as chief executive officer and a principal owner of Pentalon Corporation, building and managing office buildings, shopping centers and apartment complexes in Utah. In addition to his successful business career, Workman was also a Citizen-Airman, serving as commander of the 191st Air Refueling Squadron and later as commander of the 151st Air Refueling Wing. His tremendous generosity has ensured the long-term operability of Freedom Academy, a leadership and citizen-education program for high school seniors who serve as student-body officers throughout Utah.

Brigadier Gen. Roland R. Wright flew 200 combat hours in a P-51 over Germany with the 357th Fighter Group, based in England. He is credited with the destruction of three enemy aircraft in aerial combat, including one ME-262 jet. Aviation buffs will recognize General Wright's P-51, which was named the "Mormon Mustang." He served in World War II, Korea, Vietnam and retired from the Utah Air National Guard in 1976. He also practiced law in Salt Lake City as a partner with Clyde, Mecham & Pratt until 1991. 🇺🇸



Utah Air Colonel Kenneth Gammon Promoted

Story by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

SALT LAKE CITY — Colonel Kenneth L. Gammon, full-time director of the Utah National Guard's Joint Staff, was promoted to brigadier general in an official ceremony July 14.

Gammon, of Kaysville, enlisted in the Utah Air National Guard's 299th Range Control Squadron in 1984. He was commissioned in 1988 and joined the Utah Air Guard's full-time technician force in 1991.

During his career Gammon has served as an operations training officer, director of operations, detachment commander, squadron commander, group commander and vice wing commander. He holds qualifications as an air traffic controller, air weapons controller, senior director, mission crew commander and battle commander.

In 2003-2004 he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 109th Air Control Squadron. He has also deployed for Operations Noble Eagle, Southern Watch and Joint Endeavor.

Gammon's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (with four oak-leaf clusters), Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Combat Readiness Medal (with six oak-leaf clusters), National Defense Service Medal (with one service star), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (with one service star), Iraq Campaign Medal and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. 🇺🇸



Above: Brig. Gen. Kenneth Gammon's children change his insignia to the rank of general at his promotion ceremony July 14.

Below: Gammon addressed those gathered for his promotion at the Utah Air National Guard Base in Salt Lake City.



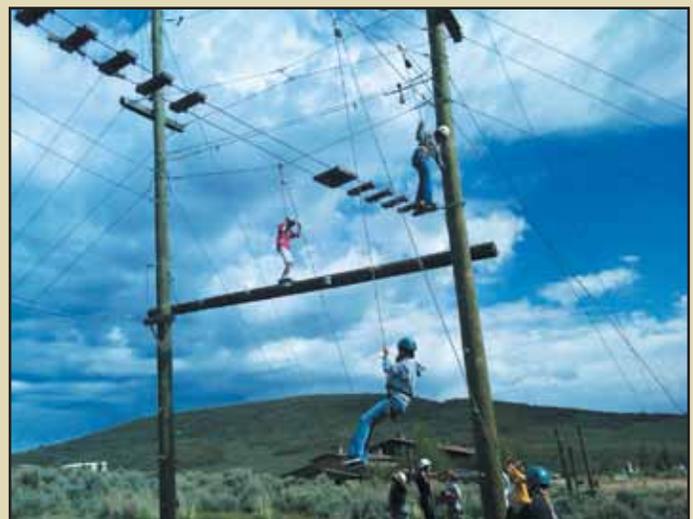
SOS Ropes Course

Story and photos by Leland Slaughter

PARK CITY, Utah — Survivor Outreach Services recently sponsored a Ropes Course Event for families who have lost a Servicemember. The event was designed for all Utah survivor families who have had a loved one die while in uniform.

The event was held at the National Ability Center (NAC) in Park City, Utah June 2. The NAC is a nonprofit organization committed to the development of lifetime skills for people of all ages and abilities by providing affordable sports and recreational experiences in a nurturing and safe environment.

The focus of the event was to have some fun in an atmosphere of group togetherness, while developing trust, overcoming fears and increasing self-esteem. Under the



Survivor Outreach Services ropes-course participants climbed obstacles and completed other challenging tasks at an event sponsored for Utah survivor families who have had a love one die while in uniform.

guidance and leadership of the NAC ropes course staff, 27 survivor-family members attended and participated in three hours of challenging events. The events consisted of both high- and low-ropes options.

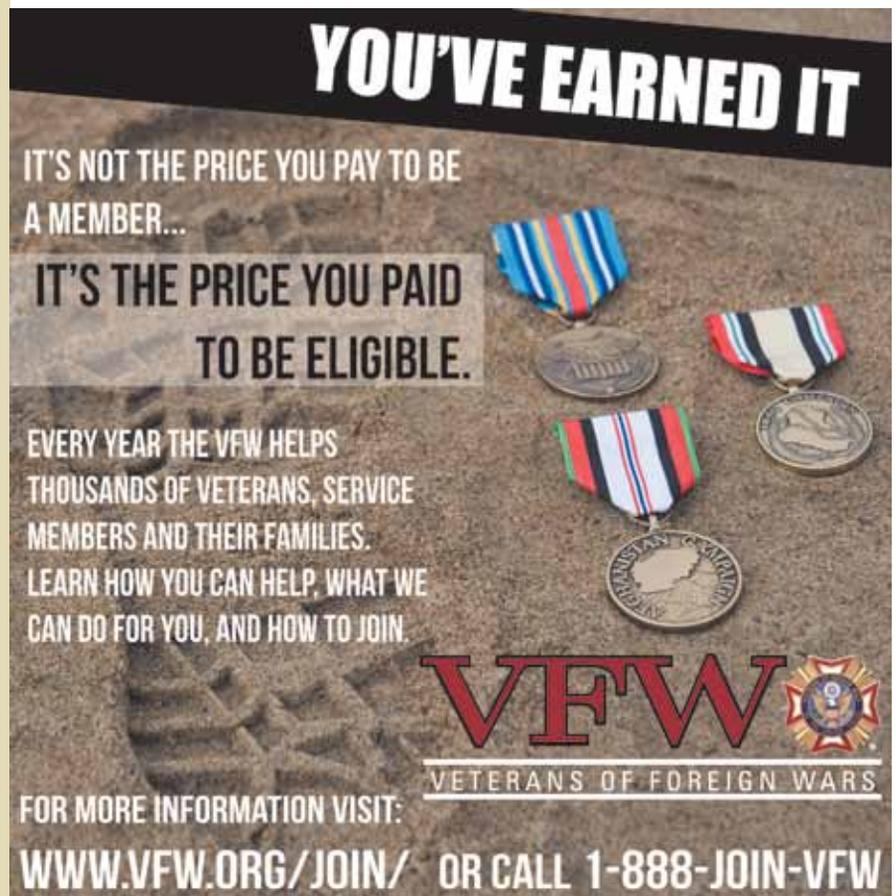
The group began the morning by being welcomed to the NAC, being oriented to the day's activities, filling out the necessary forms and then introduced to the course. Harnesses and helmets were fitted, put on and the fun began.

Events on the high challenge course included the Catwalk, Cargo Net/Swinging Pole, and the Team Traverse. All survivors were able to engage in these by either going up on the event as the participant, helping by being a backup to the belayer, or just being on the ground and encouraging and cheering on the participant. Some even engaged a couple of the events blindfolded, which gives a totally different perspective to climbing poles, climbing nets and walking cables, while being 20-25 feet in the air.

In a cool down from the high events the group went to the low side and participated in the Whale Watch, Wild Woosey, Grapevine and a trust walk. These were all excellent team-building, group-bonding activities in which communication and working together was a must.

After the activities, the group sat down and processed the events of the morning: goals they had set and were able to achieve; the communication, help and support they both received and gave out; being put in situations where they were out of their comfort zones; being able to achieve more than they ever thought possible; and being able to laugh, smile and have some fun in an experiential recreation setting. These were all some of the items brought up that for the families had made the experience worthwhile.

The group then sat down to lunch where they relaxed, interacted and got to know each other better and how the death of their loved one has affected their family. One could feel the strong bond between these families brought together by the untimely death of their Servicemember. 



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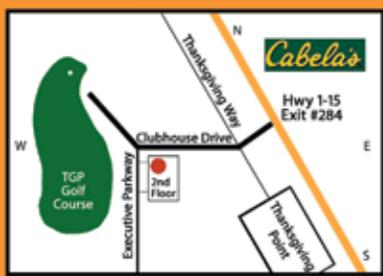
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Spanish Fork Flag-Retirement Ceremony

Story and photos by Spc. Ariel Solomon

SPANISH FORK, Utah — Spanish Fork City, along with the American Legion, area Scout troops and the Utah National Guard held a solemn ceremony in the city’s outdoor arena to retire hundreds of torn and worn American flags July 18.

The ceremony is an annual event held for the past 14 years during the city’s Fiesta Days celebration.

Soldiers from Charlie Battery, 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery, and Boy Scouts from many different troops participated in the ceremony.

The guest speaker, Lt. Col. Matt Price, director of facilities for the Utah National Guard, spoke to the crowd just before the retiring of the Colors. He focused on how the Boy Scouts affected his life so much and how their service builds strong leaders.

“The secret to Scouting is service,” said Price. “I think Robert Baden-Powell [founder of the Scout movement] must have known that you can make a much better citizen, leader and a much stronger nation if you can teach young men leaders to give unselfishly.”

Shortly after Price’s remarks, the flag-retirement part of the ceremony began. According to U.S. Code Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 8 (k), “The flag, when it is in such condition that it

is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.”

Soldiers entered the arena bearing a 50-foot by 30-foot flag. As attendees watched, the tired banner was raised over the pyre and then lowered into the flames. The 23rd Army Band played Taps as the flag was consumed. After a final salute, Soldiers made an about-face to receive the many smaller flags given to them by the Boy Scouts. The sun touched West Mountain as the last flags were placed on the pyre, almost an hour and a half after the ceremony began.

As Soldiers and Scouts marched off the arena’s sand, three cannons were fired seven times each, a 21-gun salute to the ash remains of the retired flags.

Many Soldiers and civilians remarked that the ceremony moved them. Some felt sadness during the ceremony, while others felt pride in the final honor given to our national symbol.

“We’re all trying to be hardcore, but it almost brings a tear to your eye,” said Staff Sgt. Clyde Hancock of Charlie Battery.

The ceremony annually provides a place for old and torn flags to receive a final honor to mark their passing. All who attended this funeral for our flag left having experienced the final dignity we give to the symbol of our nation. 



Utah National Guard Soldiers assist local Boy Scouts at the Spanish Fork Flag-Retirement Ceremony July 18.



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