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I write these comments in the first week of February 2003, and before you read these, many of our fellow soldiers and airmen may be involved in action if called upon by the President. The past few weeks have been a period of unprecedented alerts and mobilizations for the men and women of the Utah National Guard. To all of you, and especially to your families, I say thanks for the burdens you bear and the price you pay in defense of our freedoms around the world.

A look at the past 18 months reveals a story of effort and commitment unparalleled in the proud history of this organization. Your efforts have been remarkable in support of the global war on terrorism, both in the Army and Air. You can look back on your efforts and say, job well done.

Nonetheless, we live in tumultuous times and much work is left to do. I am confident that the soldiers and airmen of the Utah National Guard will accomplish any missions given them. They will meet and exceed all expectations due to the pride they feel when they wear the uniform of our country. Those with whom I have spoken have said with one voice: "let's get this mission done and return home to our loved ones."

I have been privileged to visit deploying soldiers at Fort Carson, Fort Lewis, Fort Bragg, Fort Gordon, and also in the field in Bosnia and Kuwait. They do their jobs with dedication and distinction. Air Guard members have been on the job in SOUTHCOM, Turkey, Cyprus and Crete playing a vital role in accomplishing the Air Force mission. The intelligence professionals of the 169th Intelligence Squadron are now in their second year of mobilization and continue to perform superbly throughout the world.

TAG's Corner

photo by State Staff



Major General Brian L. Tarbet, The Adjutant General of Utah

In addition to the furious pace being set by our deployable entities, the state and nation are being well served by the tremendous efforts of our institutions with CONUS missions. The Regional Training Institute recently completed its accreditation and was designated as an "Institution of Excellence," an achievement rarely given. Not a week goes by that I do not receive accolades touting the accomplishments of our 23rd Army Band. All of you are rising to meet the demands of events and their challenges.

The STARC of the Army and the State Staff of the Air Guard have been busy as never before in meeting the challenges presented by the global war on terrorism. They have performed superbly. The Joint Staff recently completed a very successful homeland defense exercise in concert with numerous civilian agencies at the federal,

state and county level. This laid the groundwork for a more challenging and demanding effort next year. We can and must be ready to meet the challenges of our often-neglected state mission. The citizens of the state expect no less from us.

In the short term, we must assure that the families of our deployed soldiers and airmen are cared for and looked after. I have asked Col. Adamson and Lt. Col. Willden to work closely with the family support program to see to it that regular sessions are held to deal with problems and to assure that the issues are surfaced that need our attention. We must take every opportunity to thank our employers and make sure that our ties to the business community are strong and viable. The partnership of service member, family and employer has never been of greater importance.

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In the longer view, we are now being asked to accomplish an active-duty workload with the structure of a traditional Guard organization. We must remove bureaucratic barriers that prohibit our members' proper pay, insurance, retirement credit, and legal

protections. Some of these are costly; some not, but all are essential for the long-term health and viability of the Guard.

At no time in its 365-year history has the Guard been more important or relevant. That you as Utah Guard

members are authors of history is a given; that you write that history to the best of your ability is your challenge.

Keep our soldiers and airmen and their families uppermost in your thoughts during the coming days and weeks. Thank you.

Top Army Enlisted Comments

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Command Sergeant Major Dell K. Smith, Command Sergeant Major of the Utah Army National Guard

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend the Sergeant Major of the Army conference at Fort Bliss, Texas. During the conference, Secretary of the Army Thomas White told us why the United States of America would always win any war: (1) Support of the American people, (2) national leadership that is committed, and (3) best armed forces in the world. I agree with him, not only because of our support from the American people and our superior

national leadership, but most of all, because we have dedicated and committed soldiers who are prepared and ready to respond to any assignment or mission. This was reinforced to me recently in a conversation with the Fort Carson Command Sergeant Major. He told me that the reserve component soldiers are coming to the mobilization station prepared with great attitudes, being trained to the standard, and always being ready to do whatever is

asked. We have great soldiers and families in the Utah National Guard, and I ask that you focus on two things: standards and safety. We must know the standard, meet the standard, and train to the standard. We need to always focus and train safely. If someone is not meeting the standard or training safely, make an on-the-spot correction. When you allow a standard to go uncorrected you have created a new, lower standard.

I would like to congratulate PFC Scott R. Campbell, Det 3, HHB 1/148th FA, who was selected as Soldier of the Year; SFC Andrew S. Evans, 640th RTI who was selected as NCO of the Year; and 1st Sgt. Derek L. Dimond, Co C (-), 1457th Engineer Battalion who was selected as First Sergeant of the Year. I would also like to congratulate the 640th Regional Training Institute for being selected as an Institute of Excellence by the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy. Only two academies in the entire Army have achieved this status and our 640th RTI is one of them.

I thank everyone for all you do and for the sacrifices made by you, the soldiers, and your families. A couple of quotes to end with: "Accidents are an unplanned event... plan, plan and plan." "Part of the art of great leadership is knowing when someone else had a good idea. Your position gives you the authority, but it's your conduct that earns you respect."

Company B, 1st Battalion, 19th Special Forces Returns Home

By Utah Minuteman Staff



Photos by SFC Greg Cullis

Members of Company B, 1st Battalion, 19th Special Forces, shortly after they returned home from one year of active duty in Afghanistan

Members of Company B, 1st Battalion, 19th Special Forces return home after one year of active duty in Afghanistan where they helped search out key Al Qaeda members. Unit members were highly decorated for their exceptional service. Members of the unit were awarded 39 Bronze Star Medals, and numerous other awards and recognitions.

Within days of the September 11th terrorist attacks, the first Utah Army National Guard soldiers of the 19th Special Forces were activated in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Within one month of 9/11, and on less than 24-hours notice, the Group Support Company was activated to provide security to the Salt Lake International Airport. They provided 24-hour security to the airport to insure the safety of all travelers.

Soon after the airport security call up, the 19th Special Forces Group was tasked with providing a battalion-sized element to work with the 5th Special Forces (active duty) in the global war on terrorism. Company B, 1st Battalion, 19th Special Forces from Springville, Utah, was called as part of

Task Force 19 to Afghanistan. Major Randy Watt as Commander, and SGM Larry Chaston led them in their participation in Operation Enduring Freedom where they were tasked to search out key Al Qaeda personnel. They also worked to help rebuild the city and reestablish the national

government. The unit was in the midst of some of the heaviest combat of the war. Sergeant First Class Lane Morris was wounded during one of the encounters with Al Qaeda and was honored at the last Governor's Day where Governor Leavitt presented him the Bronze Star with "V" devise.

Early this year, at the opening session of the Utah State Legislature during Governor Leavitt's "State of the State Address," four more members of Company B were honored and presented Bronze Stars. Members of the Company earned their Combat Infantry Badge, which they wear with honor. Their service was a great contribution to the Global War on Terrorism. They brought great credit to the 19th Special Forces, the Utah Army National Guard, and the United States Army.



Members of Co. B, 1st Battalion, 19th Special Forces receiving awards

The Utah Army National Guard Gets The CALL TO MOBILIZE For The “War Against Terrorism”

By Utah Minuteman Staff

Photos by SFC Greg Cullis



The Adjutant General and key staff members of the Utah National Guard saluting farewell to members of the 1457th Engineer Battalion who are departing on the aircraft to Fort Lewis, Washington, for an uncertain future

Mobilizing units of the Utah National Guard has become a common occurrence over the past two years. Prior to 9/11, the 1st Battalion, 211th Aviation was mobilized and deployed to Kuwait to help deter Iraqi aggression and to openly demonstrate the United States' resolve in support of Kuwait. Company C, 1st Battalion, 19th Special Forces and rotations of the 19th Special Forces Support Company served in Kuwait also as part of Operation Desert Spring.

Shortly after 9/11, Utah National Guard members were called-up to provide airport security. Within days of the 9/11 Attack, Company B, 1st Battalion, 19th Special Forces was mobilized and deployed to Afghanistan

as part of Operation Enduring Freedom to search out key Al Qaeda personnel. During the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, a major portion of the Utah National Guard was activated to provide security for the Games. In March 2002 the 115th Engineer Team was mobilized in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and deployed to Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan. In July 2002, Company B, 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion was mobilized and deployed to Bosnia. In August 2002, the 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery was mobilized by the President and given the mission to enhance security of the Deseret Chemical Depot, Tooele Army Depot and Dugway Proving Ground. In addition to these mobilizations,

individuals and small groups of Utah National Guard personnel performed assigned tasks throughout the world.

As part of the military build-up for a possible war with Iraq, the tempo of mobilizations has drastically increased. On Jan 2, 2003, the 141st Military Intelligence HHS FWD was mobilized. On Jan 3, 2003, the 489th Engineer Detachment was mobilized. On Jan 24, 2003, the 142nd HHS Linguist FWD2 was mobilized. On Jan 30, 2003, additional members of the 145th Field Artillery were mobilized. On Feb 7, 2003 the 141st Military Intelligence Battalion was mobilized. And on Feb 10, 2003 the 1457th Engr. Bn. (nearly 550 personnel) was mobilized.

As of Feb 11, 2003, the Utah Army National Guard has nearly 1,550 personnel mobilized with additional units on alert for possible call-up. Utah Army National Guard soldiers are performing military service under Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Desert Spring and Stabilization Forces. Individual missions performed are instructor training, peacekeeping operations, language support operation, foreign internal defense, base security and infrastructure rebuilding. There are 25 soldiers from the MI, SF, and Engineers who were extended for a second year under current operations. Mobilizations in 2003 have reached the highest levels in the Utah National Guard's 107 years of federally recognized service and it is continuing.



Members of the 142nd MI Battalion packing their gear ready for deployment to their Mob Station at Fort Carson, Colorado



Family members of the 142nd MI Battalion being briefed on Mob



A member of the 1457th showing the Army spirit as she loads the airplane for the Mob Station at Fort Lewis, Washington



Family members saying farewell to their Utah National Guard members being mobilized and departing for their mobilization station



Meet the New Utah Army National Guard Chief of Staff

Photo provided by G-1 Section



Colonel Bruce C. Frandsen new Chief of Staff

By Utah Minuteman Staff

Major General Brian L. Tarbet announced on Feb 19, 2003 the selection of Col. Bruce C. Frandsen as the new Chief of Staff of the Utah Army National Guard, effective March 31, 2003. He will succeed Col. Robert S. (Tobe) Adamson, who is retiring at the end of July after 36 years of exceptional service to the state of Utah and our nation. General Tarbet said, "I know Col. Frandsen will serve this organization well and lead us to new levels of excellence. I know I can count on you to give the new Chief your full support and cooperation."

Colonel Frandsen was formerly the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel for the Utah Army National Guard.

He was born in American Fork, Utah, to Brig. Gen. (Ret) Melvin and Mary Carson Frandsen and has spent virtually all his life in American Fork. He graduated from American Fork High School in 1975. He attended Snow College in Ephraim, Utah, and later graduated from Brigham Young University with a BS in Economics. He joined his local Utah National Guard unit and served 5-years enlisted attaining the rank of SSgt. He attended the Utah Military Academy OCS and was commissioned a 2nd Lt. 15 June 1980. He attended the Engineer Officer Basic Course and graduated in 1981, beginning his career as an

Engineer Officer in the Utah Army National Guard.

Colonel Frandsen served as Platoon Leader in Company C, 1457th Engineer Battalion. He next served as XO and Commander of Detachment 1, 117th Engineer Company (AFBR). He then served as Commander of the 118th and the 117th Engineer Company (AFBR). He became a full-time AGR soldier on Mar 29, 1985 and was reassigned as the Asst. S-3, 1457th Engineer Battalion. He was promoted to S-1 of the 1457th Engineer Battalion, then elevated to S-1 of the 115th Engineer Group. He was then promoted to Executive Officer, then Deputy Commander, 115th Engineer Group. His next assignment was Division Chief, Mobilization/Readiness, Utah STARC. He was then selected to Command the 1457th

Engineer Combat Battalion. His next assignment was Deputy Commander, 97th Troop Command; then promoted to his present position of Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, UTARNG.

Colonel Frandsen married his high school sweetheart Nyla J. Bernard shortly after returning from an LDS Mission. They are parents of five children: Emilie, Jacob, Brandon, Aubrey, Joshua and one grandchild. He and his family still live in hometown American Fork.

Colonel Frandsen has over 27 years of service in the Utah National Guard and during that time received the following awards and decorations: Meritorious Service Medal (2), Army Commendation Medal (2), Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (5), National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (4), the Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon (4), Utah Medal of Merit, Utah Commendation Medal (2), Utah achievement ribbon, as well as the Bronze Deflurey medal.

He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, is currently attending the U.S. Army War College, and will graduate this year with a Master's degree in Strategic Studies. He currently is serving as President of the National Guard Assoc. of Utah.

Al Qaeda Ambush in the Wazir Valley, a Story of Combat

By SFC Jeffery Fitt

In mid July 2002, Operational Detachment Alpha 923 from Company B, 1st Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) was operating in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The Detachment Commander, Captain Kevin, was tasked with conducting a joint operation with Task Force-64 (consisting of coalition Special Operations Forces). The operation was to capture high-level Al Qaeda leaders operating in the Wazir Valley south of Jalalabad in eastern Afghanistan. The Detachment was split into two elements to establish blocking positions to prevent Al Qaeda and Taliban elements from escaping through two mountain passes into Pakistan. Task Force-64, made up of 500 Afghan Military Force soldiers with attached armor, moved down the center of the valley to interdict the main target. As the two Detachment elements, with their attached Afghan soldiers of about 80 troops, moved separately towards their blocking positions in the predawn hours of July 18, it became apparent that the TF-64 elements were in contact with hostile forces.

Detachment 923's "B" element was commanded by MSG Allen, the team sergeant with 13 years of experience in Special Forces. Allen drove their 4-door Toyota Tacoma pickup. He was accompanied by SFC Russell, their communications sergeant, who sat in the back seat operating the radios, and SSG Scott who was in the bed of the pickup armed with the M240B machine gun. The fourth member of the element was SSG Mark, the medic who was in a scout vehicle quad ATV. Their attached Afghan troops (40

Note: Only first names are used because of security



Photos provided by Det. 923

Members of Special Forces Detachment 923 pose with Afghan Military Force soldiers, the middle Afghan has the recoilless rifle they recovered

soldiers), led by Commander Wahid, rode in four pickup trucks. The team interpreter rode with Commander Wahid and communicated with MSG Allen via radio.

As the "B" element drove to their blocking position, they could see heavy machine gun tracer fire high overhead and they heard explosions in the distance. They had one mortar round explode within a few hundred meters of them, so they guessed that the main element was in contact with the enemy. Using the SatCom radio, SFC Russell was able to contact SFC Ken at the teamhouse in Jalalabad and inform higher headquarter that TF 64 was probably in contact and that they were moving to their blocking position. Bad roads did not make their route easy. They had passed through a small village and had crossed a dry riverbed. The "B" element started up a hill and through a saddle where they could see their objective.

As they continued uphill, they passed an abandoned mud and stonewalled building on their east. They suddenly found themselves in an ambush as small arms fire popped along the top

of the hill ahead and rounds snapped around them. Staff Sergeant Scott saw the smoke trail of a recoilless rocket round streak overhead and airburst just behind them. They stopped and backtracked about 50 meters out of the kill zone next to the ruined building to their east. Rocket rounds were being fired at them but were exploding in the dirt, short of the convoy. The three Special Forces soldiers in the truck dismounted as SSG Mark, on the ATV, returned to the Detachment vehicle. All Afghan transport vehicles, except one, reversed position and retreated down the hill. One of those vehicles retreated all the way back to Jalalabad and those soldiers were never seen again. The one Afghan vehicle that remained, parked next to another abandoned roofless building further down the road and to the west. The soldiers exited and retreated down the hill, leaving the four Special Forces soldiers from Detachment 923 by themselves.

The Detachment was under fire from small arms, a PK medium machine gun, RPGs and a large caliber Recoilless Rifle. Staff Sergeant Scott, after

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dismounting from the vehicle, took cover and immediately began returning fire towards the crest of the hill with his machine gun. The enemy had set up their ambush in the exact position that the team had planned to establish their blocking position. The road continued up the hill, and near the crest, crossed a small stone bridge over an irrigation canal. To the east along the ridgeline was a graveyard. To the west of the bridge, down the slope toward them were a number of terraced fields that stopped at the ruined building where the Afghan pickup truck was abandoned.

Master Sergeant Allen directed SFC Russell to get on the radio, report the situation, and request air support. As they quickly spoke to each other, both could see rounds impacting the dirt between them. Staff Sergeant Mark and MSG Allen moved into the ruined building to their east and quickly cleared it. From a window facing north they could see Afghan men in light colored clothing near the stone bridge about 400 meters away. However, they could not see if they were wearing the white armbands that identified them as friendly troops. Master Sergeant Allen was concerned that they might be friendly Afghan troops belonging to Commander Malek who was part of the center force working with TF 64. If friendly, these troops had accidentally gone beyond their limit of advance.

Even though they were taking fire from these troops, Allen didn't engage them until he was sure of their identity. He sent SSG Mark back to the vehicle to recover some optics. Staff Sergeant Mark quickly returned with the M-24 sniper rifle equipped with a 10-power scope. Observing through the scope, SSG Mark could see the group of armed Afghan's around the stone bridge

and suddenly saw them disappear in a cloud of smoke as another recoilless rocket round was fired at them, exploding above their vehicle. He reported to his team sergeant that they were not wearing armbands. He began to engage them with his rifle as MSG Allen moved to another part of the building to ensure that it was clear to their east. He then engaged the enemy troops taking cover in the graveyard to the east of the bridge. Staff Sergeant Mark hit the recoilless rifle gunner with his second shot and saw him drop to the ground out of sight; then he stood back up and SSG Mark hit him again. This time he did not get back up.

Staff Sergeant Scott, near the truck, continued to pour suppressing fire up the hill towards the stone bridge. Sergeant First Class Russell at the left rear door of the truck had radioed to the team house that they were in contact with the enemy and were returning fire. Sergeant First Class Ken, at the team house, was able to contact their Air Force Tactical Air Control airman, TSgt. Ox, who was assigned to their detachment. His job was to coordinate close air support for the team during operations. For this mission he had been assigned to the center force with TF-64. Ox acquired the only available air support, two French Mirage fighters, and vectored them to the area. Sergeant First Class Ken radioed back to SFC Russell that air support was on the way.

Sergeant First Class Russell suddenly looked to the west and saw an Afghan man standing in the open field only 50 meters away. The man was watching him but Russell could not see a weapon so was unsure if he was just a civilian caught in the firefight. The Afghan suddenly dove behind a bush and began firing an AK-47 rifle he had

hidden. Russell returned fire and realized that there were two more men in the vicinity. Staff Sergeant Scott heard his teammate's shooting to the west and turned in time to see the three men engage them from the flank. He quickly switched targets and began laying down machine gun fire towards them causing them to take off running to the northwest until they were out of sight behind the abandoned building. By this time, SFC Russell realized they were taking fire from two directions, from the enemy on top of the hill and from their own Afghan soldiers who had taken position some 800 meters behind them. They were firing up towards the enemy, seemingly unconcerned that their American allies were in their line of fire. At least this small arms and RPG fire wasn't aimed directly at them as the Al Qaeda fire was.

Master Sergeant Allen, in the abandoned building to the east, was suppressing the Al Qaeda firing from the graveyard, which eventually slowed. He returned to SSG Mark's position. With SSG Mark spotting through the scope of his sniper rifle, MSG Allen engaged the assistant gunner for the recoilless rocket launcher. Staff Sergeant Mark saw him hit the man and watched as he quickly collapsed to the ground, then suddenly jumped back up, hopping, and looking very surprised. Master Sergeant Allen hit him again with a second round and the assistant gunner did not get up. The recoilless rocket fire against them had now ceased and the RPG rounds fired at them were reduced. Both SSG Mark and MSG Allen returned to the vehicle where SFC Russell reported that the three men who had popped up on the west and had disappeared behind the old building to their northwest. Staff Sergeant Scott continued his suppressing fire up the hill

as MSG Allen and SSG Mark began to clear the fields to their west.

Down below the hill, Commander Wahid was desperately trying to rally his troops to go back up the hill and rejoin their American allies. He thought the Americans were going to retreat as he initially did, and now, was surprised and embarrassed to find that he had left the Army Special Forces troops alone. However, none of his troops were enthusiastic about returning to the kill zone but preferred to stay where they were and fire in the general direction of the enemy at an extremely long range. Wahid's driver, Omar Mohammed, was an old veteran Mujahadeen warrior who had fought the Russians during the Soviet occupation. He found a way to motivate the remaining Afghans. He chambered a round in his AK-47 and told the Afghan soldiers that he would shoot them right there or they could start back up the hill toward the Americans. The remaining Afghans believed him and a PK machine gun team, an RPG team and a number of other soldiers began to follow Commander Wahid back to the American Special Forces soldiers.

Master Sergeant Allen and SSG Mark had cleared the area to the west and behind the abandoned building. Beyond the building, to the west, the ground sloped down and they could see no sign of the three Al Qaeda that SFC Russell and SSG Scott had sent running for their lives. They returned to their vehicle just as Commander Wahid arrived with some of his men. Staff Sergeant Mark, carrying his M24 and using his M203 grenade launcher, put his first round into a suspected gun position near the stone bridge. With SSG Scott covering them and continuing suppressing fire, MSG Allen, SSG Mark and their Afghan soldiers began

moving up the hill, bounding by using the terraced fields to the west of the road. Staff Sergeant Mark continued to put more 40mm HEDP grenade rounds into the area near the stone bridge. Sergeant First Class Jones, back at the truck, could see the French Mirage fighters overhead but could not communicate with them since French forces in Afghanistan do not use the same frequencies as the rest of the coalition forces there. Master Sergeant Allen led his men up the hill toward the former positions occupied by the Al Qaeda forces and then, with Commander Wahid, established their blocking position. At the top of the hill they found a Russian-made B-10 82mm recoilless rocket launcher, covered in blood. They also found five more rocket rounds for it and a sandal and hat probably belonging to the gunner along with a large pool of blood. Blood trails led off down the opposite slope and went another 400 meters and then disappeared in a grove of trees near a walled compound. Commander Wahid's men searched the compound but found only older Afghan women. No enemy bodies or wounded were recovered.

Tech Sergeant Ox, still with the center force, now had two Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt IIs overhead and directed them to drop a bomb north of the blocking position that the "B" element had established. It wasn't directed at any specific target but rather to remind any Al Qaeda troops with any fight left in them that the Americans owned the skies over Afghanistan. That 500 lb bomb marked the end of the engagement for Detachment 923.

The Detachment had not suffered any casualties nor had their Afghan allies. Their truck, in spite of the many rounds striking near them and the rockets



Photo by Det. 923

SFC Russell, SSG Scott, MSG Allen, and SSG Mark just after their combat engagement exploding around them, did not have a single bullet or shrapnel hole. They had inflicted casualties on the enemy, to include two probable kills. They had pushed back the enemy, occupied their ambush positions, and established blocking positions, thus accomplishing their assigned mission. Master Sergeant Allen had fired about 5 magazines of ammunition; SSG Mark had fired 4 sniper rounds and a number of 40mm grenade rounds; SFC Jones had fired a magazine of 5.56mm and SSG Scott had fired between 500 and 650 rounds of 7.62mm from his M240B. The team noted that the Al Qaeda fire had been inaccurate and credited that to the enemy's poor training and SSG Scott's effective suppressing fire from his machinegun.

A week later, some of the team members visited the local hospital in Jalalabad. The doctors there had a number of wounded but none could be identified as having been involved in their particular ambush. The hospital reported that a few had died, but the Muslim religion requires them to bury all dead before sunset. Detachment 923 continued operations in and around Jalalabad until September of 2002 when they redeployed back to the states. For their actions of July 18, Detachment 923 was awarded a Joint Service Commendation Medal with V device and 3 Bronze Stars with V device.

The 115th Engineer Team Returns Home From Tour In Afghanistan



A group photo taken of the 115th Engineer Team upon their return from a successful tour in Afghanistan

By SFC Nancy Gregory
Photos by SSG Val Hutchinson

The 115th Engineer Utility Team, based at Camp Williams, Utah, recently returned from its deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit mobilized and demobilized through Fort Carson, Colorado. It served at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, in support of the 10th Mountain Division (Task Force Mountain) and XVIII Airborne Corps (Task Force Dragon)

from April 13, 2002-October 15, 2002. This unit of 58 soldiers worked directly for the Base Commander and was pivotal in improving and rebuilding Bagram Airfield. It modernized the Afghan National Army Academy; provided quality assurance/quality control to the Coalition Joint Civil Military Operations Task Force, both located in Kabul; and contributed to force protection measures at the safe house in Asadabad, Pakistan.



Members of the 115th Engr. Team working on one of their many projects at the Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan during their recent deployment

The 115th is made up of five teams, a Headquarters Team for command and control; three vertical construction teams manned with carpenters, electricians and plumbers; and one horizontal construction team with heavy equipment operators and mechanics. Many of the soldiers work as civilians in the construction field. This accounts for the tremendous talent, skill and knowledge that the soldiers bring to the Army. It increases their ability to problem-solve, troubleshoot, and adapt, which was definitely necessary given limited resources in the harsh, demanding environment of northern Afghanistan.

The 115th increased the overall effectiveness of the airfield by building two access roads parallel to the taxiway. This doubled the maximum-on-the-ground airfield capacity. The unit also framed and poured the cement pad for the precision approach radar, enhancing the safety and hours of operation of the Air Field. These engineers upgraded and installed force protection measures internally and along the perimeter of the base. In total, they set up and filled over 12,000 linear feet of bastions.

Additionally, they assembled concertina wire, pickets, gates, bunkers and improved fighting positions throughout the base camp. These efforts vastly improved the security for the forces stationed in this area.

The 115th enhanced service support capabilities throughout the base. Its soldiers prepared the Combat Support Hospital living and operational areas. They fabricated the out-bound passenger tent pads in the personnel holding area and wired the hardened buildings built by local Afghan workers. They provided horizontal and vertical construction of the retail fuel point and the north water point. They completed the internal framing and wiring of the Provost Marshal's building, the improvement of the 129th Logistical Task Force's storage yard, and the installation of the electrical wiring in the north dining facility. The 115th wired the base for commercial communications. In completing this mission, by far its most ambitious, it installed over 62,000 linear feet of conduit, poured 173 cubic yards of concrete in trench, and constructed and placed 35 concrete junction vaults and three communications closets. The unit also managed the contract for sand and gravel to ensure that quality materials were available for all of its concrete projects.

The Utah Engineers took on many quality of life projects. They prepared living areas through excavating, grading, and wiring base-wide. The unit improved the morale and welfare of the troops by assisting in the wiring of the base morale, welfare, and recreation tent to ensure its completion with lights and air conditioners by the 4th of July, 2002. Although not its project, the unit reassessed its scheduling and provided the assets needed to complete this



Spec. Chet Hunter of the 115th Engr. Team training for perimeter security on a .50 cal. machine gun

project on time. This improved the soldiers' ability to relax, watch movies, and communicate off post.

Not confined to Bagram Air Field, the 115th had engineering projects elsewhere. At the Afghan National Army Compound outside Kabul, it restored electrical wiring to over 135,000 square feet of the National Army's barracks and dining facility. It was also responsible for the installation of the shower and bath trailers. The 115th provided a team of six soldiers to the Coalition Joint Civil Military Operations Task Force for quality assurance/quality control of local construction contracts in and around Kabul. It sent a skid-steer loader and operator to the safe house in Asadabad, Pakistan, to improve force protection there. In addition to the construction missions, the unit also provided 24-hour perimeter security for the base for a three-month period, and trained on non-organic crew-served weapons and night vision devices while on security.

While at Bagram Air Field, the Engineers had the opportunity to work with many of the Coalition Forces: Australian, Canadian, German, Italian, Polish, and Spanish. They interacted with local Afghani carpenters and interpreters and gained great respect for the Afghani people. They endured austere living conditions, the constant wind and dust, and the threat of land mines. They became masters of creative problem solving when faced with the challenges of working with materials not found in the United States. They were busy the entire time, but still managed to enjoy several barbecues on homemade grills. The 115th came together and accomplished its missions to a very high standard as a direct result of the quality and quantity of military and civilian experience and knowledge of its soldiers. For their outstanding efforts, soldiers of the 115th Engineer Team earned six Bronze Star Medals and 38 Army Commendation Medals.

The Utah Air National Guard Recieves Mobilization Orders

By Lt. Col. Tom Shaw

Photos provided by the Utah Air National Guard

The 151st Air Refueling Wing's KC-135 Aircraft maneuvering to begin aerial refueling of a C-17 aircraft as part of one of their refueling missions

awaiting additional tasking(s). The purpose of their mission is to provide constant aerial refueling points for aircraft so they can fly to their destinations without having to land.

“I am proud of our men and women who have trained for this day, many at great personal and family sacrifice, and now look forward to providing their expertise in carrying out their assigned mission,” said Col. Brent Winget 151st Air Refueling Wing commander. “Many of our personnel recently returned from an extended tour in Turkey, but are ready once again to step forward to meet this tasking,” continued Winget.

Major General Tarbet has tasked Utah Army and Air Guard commanders and supervisors to work closely with the family support program personnel to see that regular sessions are held to deal with problems associated with mobilized Guard members and their families. He has asked that all concerned assure that we take care of our mobilized soldiers and airmen, and their families, while they take care of the important tasks of serving our country.



On Feb 21, 2003, the 151st Air Refueling Wing of the Utah Air National Guard received a partial mobilization order for about 225 personnel to support Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle. These Utah Air Guard personnel are trained in conducting aerial refueling missions and are comprised of airmen from headquarters, operations, maintenance, and supply. Their orders are for a maximum of 12 months. On the weekend of Feb 22-23, 2003, the mobilized Air Guard members processed through all required sections, updating all applicable personnel records, immunizations, legal affairs, dog tags, emergency data cards, and financial records. They will be providing

“air bridge” aerial refueling operations for aircraft en route to the Middle East. The projected destination is in the mid-Atlantic. Other mobilized Air Guard members remained at home station



The 151st ARW conducting an aerial refueling mission with an A-10

The 489th Engineer Detachment Provides Assistance Along The Way

by Utah Minuteman Staff

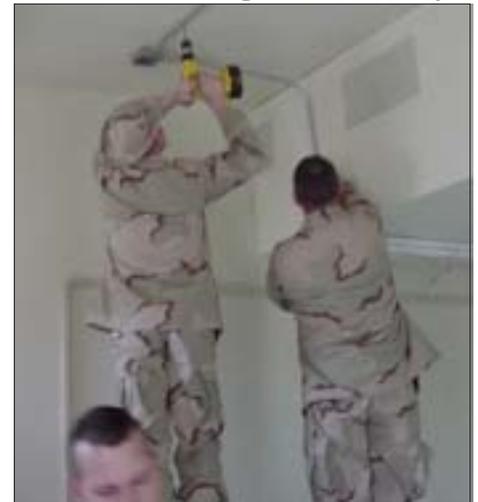
The 489th Engineer Detachment (Utility), commanded by Capt. Andy Adamson with Detachment Sergeant SFC Ronald Moody, was mobilized on January 3, 2003 to support the Global War on Terrorism. They arrived at their mob station, Fort Carson, Colorado, on January 5, 2003. While awaiting orders, the unit struck a deal to provide utility engineer assistance to the Centennial Training Command of the Colorado Army National Guard at Fort Carson. One Centennial Training Command mission is the maintenance and management of the ARNG facilities, ranges, and training land in use on Fort Carson. They were in the process of retrofitting an old confinement facility into their regional training institute and training site headquarters, to meet their mission tasking, for which they had little funding and no organic help.

The 489th pitched in to provide some much-needed help. According to Col. Robert Balster, the commander of the Centennial Training Command, "this unit is a handy asset to have around; they always seem to be hard at work. What a difference 40 motivated people can make in just five-days working on the project."

Photos provided by Colorado National Guard



Members of the 489th renovating a building at Fort Carson



Members of the 489th working on projects at Fort Carson assisting the Colorado Army National Guard Centennial Training Command

Colonel Balster sent a thank you letter to Maj. Gen. Tarbet, The Adjutant General of Utah, for the service provided to the United States Army by the members of the 489th during their stay at Fort Carson. Colonel Balster said his boss, Brig. Gen. Ron Crowder,

also says thanks, as does the Facility Management Officer for Colorado. The Colorado Army National Guard has found what we have known in Utah for some time -- the 489th is a dedicated, hard-working unit and a great asset to have around. The 489th is representing the Utah National Guard well.



Members of the 489th ripping out the fencing of the old confinement facility retrofitting to a new RTI and training site headquarters

Saying Good Bye, A Story of Company B (-) 141st Military Intelligence Battalion

By Darrell Edward Ehrlick staff writer for the Logan Herald Journal



Capt. Tyler Carner packing equipment for deployment

The following story appeared in the Logan Herald Journal on February 6, 2003, telling the story of the mobilization of Logan's Company B, (-), 141st Military Intelligence Battalion of the Utah Army National Guard:

By the time Capt. Tyler Craner comes home, his son could be walking. He could be speaking his first words — maybe one of them will be “Daddy.” But it's almost certain that Craner's son, born just a week ago, will not remember his father who finished packing his bags early Wednesday morning at the Army National Guard Armory at Willow Park in Logan.

Craner's Guard unit, Company B, (-), 141st Military Intelligence Battalion,

was notified that they were being mobilized on Tuesday morning. By the time some members were contacted, they had barely 12-hours to let their families, friends and employers know that they could be on active duty for at least a year, maybe more.

“I'll meet him later, and he'll have a good example of service and sacrifice,” Craner said of the son he's just barely seen. Though the 141st MI Battalion was given the orders to activate on Tuesday morning, where they will be stationed is unknown. “We're not even completely sure,” Chief Warrant Officer Steve Leishman said. What is known is that the Military Intelligence Battalion will leave for Fort Carson, Colorado, for up to four weeks. Beyond that — like so many other questions about the impending conflict in Iraq — nothing is certain. Leishman said that he suspects they will be called overseas, even though the order has not been given.

“Nobody likes war, but it's part of the freedom we enjoy,” said Leishman. “Certainly it's difficult to think we're going out there and putting our lives on the line and that we may not return. We might not see again our family and friends, but we have to accept that.” Though the Secretary of State and former Chief of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Colin Powell, along with President George Bush have stopped just short of saying war is imminent, Leishman admitted that their unit's call-up signaled the very real probability of war.

“I hope it's just a show of force,” Leishman said. “In my opinion — and that's all it is — unless there is a 180-degree turn around by Iraq and Saddam Hussein, I think war is imminent.” Sadness over leaving family is one thing

that is certain among the members of Company B. “The hardest part is being away from the family. The longer you're away, the harder it is,” said Bryan Palmer, a member of the 141st.

Major Matt Price has four boys, the oldest of which is 9-years old. “It's hardest on the wife,” Price said. “I sat down and told them (the boys) I was going to work, but it's going to be a while before the younger ones realize that I am gone.” For now these soldiers — mostly members of the Cache Valley community — will become a makeshift family in fatigues. “This will be our family right here,” said Leishman, watching a few members pack bags on the hardwood basketball floor of the Guard armory.

Throughout the chilly Wednesday morning, members of the Battalion tackled the problem of how to pack 10 bags of gear into three, or how to pack for a year when your destination is unknown. In the upcoming months they will tackle new problems — ones they have been trained for — linguistics, communications and intelligence. “Especially after Desert Storm, there were a lot of defectors, so they use intelligence units extensively,” Leishman said.

Sergeant Spencer Willardson “in his civilian life” is a recently married Utah State University student and holds a full-time job. Now he will be a full-time soldier. “It's an opportunity and a once-in-a-lifetime experience, a chance to do what we trained to do,” Willardson said. He went on to say that his two-and-one half-year commitment to the Guard was his contribution to a country with so many freedoms. “Nothing but good can come of this,” Willardson said.

A Part Of The Solution!

By Staff Sergeant Wayne L. Lee

Staff Sgt. Teri Bahnfleth of the 151st Security Forces Squadron recently returned from serving in Kuwait and Afghanistan. Her service in the military totals 14 years, 13 in the Illinois Air National Guard and the last in the Utah Air National Guard.

While serving in Kuwait, her commander asked for volunteers to go into Afghanistan because “it was a bad situation,” she said. Over 150 people responded. She was one of 13 hand-chosen for the assignment in Afghanistan.



Members of Sgt. Bahnfleth’s American security team pose during a break.



Sergeant. Bahnfleth is flanked by two of the local Afghan guards that worked with her to provide the base security.

“When I was chosen to go in, I knew it was special. We had no idea what to really expect. We knew we had to get in and hit the ground running,” said Bahnfleth.

Sergeant Bahnfleth was chosen to spend 30 days at Bagram Airbase in Afghanistan.

“The difference between Kuwait and Afghanistan was almost like night and day. Kuwait was more of a controlled area, but the threat was still there and security was more heightened. Afghanistan, on the other hand, was more hostile. We were shot

at every night. We were the most-forward deployed security forces unit.”

Bahnfleth served in an area with an estimated three million land mines. People were constantly being injured. Staff Sgt. Bahnfleth’s assignment was to a team made up of different branches of the armed forces, and included also working with local Afghans.

“I worked with Marines, Army, just about everyone,” she said.



Sgt. Bahnfleth poses with one of the local Afghan security team members.

“I had a very good experience. I feel I’m a better person having been in Afghanistan. I was a part of the solution.”



One of the security bunkers in Afghanistan. Notice the flag is flying at half mast.

Company B, 142nd MI Bn's First Sergeant, Gerald Grove, celebrates 40 years of service while serving in Bosnia

Story and photo by Spc. Jessica Abner 354th MPAD



1st Sgt. Gerald Grove

This article was published in the "Talon," which is an in-country publication for service members in Bosnia. First Sergeant Grove is the first sergeant for Company B 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion, Utah National Guard, which was mobilized July 8, 2002 and arrived in Bosnia on August 23, 2002. They are expected to return this spring.

"Just one more year. That is what I kept telling myself," said 1st Sgt. Gerald Grove, who has spent 40 years in the military without a break in service. "I love adventure and change in my life."

Grove, 57, grew up around the military because both of his parents were in the Navy. "My parents met when my mother was a flight instructor and my father was a naval aviator," said Grove. "She trained my father in flying airplanes."

Now, Grove not only shares his military life with his parents but with his wife and children as well. "I brought my wife, Donna, into the Navy to work for me. I needed someone dependable," said Grove. "She liked it so much that she went active duty. When I joined the Army, she made the

switch as well and currently serves on active duty in our home state of Utah."

Grove joined the Naval Reserve out of high school and spent 27 years in the Navy. He was the leading petty officer of a ship's company, which is equivalent to an Army first sergeant. During his seafaring service he was activated and served in places like the Philippines, Cuba, Vietnam, and Japan. While in Vietnam, he was involved in missions such as inserting Special Forces operatives along coastlines and rivers so they could go into the country and perform their duties. In Guantanamo Bay he managed the information and education office for the naval air station. Grove was also involved in the naval escort of oil tankers in the Persian Gulf.

His military experience was not complete after serving in the Navy. Because of the 27-year service cap in place at the time, Grove fulfilled his naval service and decided he was not ready to end his military career, leading him to join the Army National Guard in 1989. "Since I've joined the Army, I do a lot more intelligence work and get to use the German language. I really like that aspect of the Army," said Grove. The Army has deployed Grove to places like Saudi Arabia and now Bosnia. He has performed duties as an interrogator and a counter intelligence agent. "The time I enjoyed most was interviewing prisoners of war. I enjoyed interacting with people a great deal," said Grove. "My job was very interesting. We made sure we got proper information from the prisoners and decided if that information would benefit the troops in the field."

Over the years Grove has witnessed many changes in the military. One of the things that he has observed is an evolution in technology. "Technology has really changed things. When I joined the Navy we got our first copying machines on the ships, ever since then computers have become a common thing," said Grove. "Now we use e-mail as a way to communicate."

Backed by the support of his family, Grove is proud to serve here in Bosnia. "I believe that Bosnia is a necessary tasking for our armed forces. I agree with the concept of stabilizing forces and I also believe that these are wise taskings for the Guard and Reserve forces," said Grove. "My only problem with these regular taskings for the Guard and Reserve is the impact on the family and the employer. I believe the military needs to work out a better program for the employers and a new plan to prepare families for more frequent deployments."

Back home in Utah he worked in law enforcement before retiring in July 2000. He has two daughters: one who is a Petty Officer 1st Class (E-6) also working in the intelligence field for the Navy, and another who served in the Air National Guard, but currently attends Salt Lake Community College.

As far as his own military career goes, Grove is not ready to hang it up any time soon. "I plan on getting out when I'm 60 – as long as I can do PT," said Grove. So, don't expect to say good-bye to 1st Sgt. Grove in the near future, he has plenty of time left as a member of the Utah National Guard.

UTNG WMD Response Force Trains to Deal with Weapons of Mass Destruction

From an article in the Standard-Examiner Davis Bureau by Linda Tobler

The Utah National Guard Weapons of Mass Destruction Response Force, Commanded by Lt. Col. Brad Fuller with the Senior Operations NCO MSgt. Wade Francis, participated in a mock attack training exercise the first weekend in February 2003. The exercise was conducted to train police and rescue personnel in how to deal with Weapons of Mass Destruction, which is the primary mission of the Response Force. The exercise took place at the Weber County Sheriff's Office complex in Ogden. It drew local media attention with an article appearing in the Standard-Examiner Davis Bureau written by Linda Tobler. A portion of that article is presented below:

OGDEN - - A chemical that causes a severe, sunburn-like reaction and even death was unleashed against the Weber County Sheriff's Office Complex Saturday after the facility was first struck by a car bomb set off at the back of the building. It was the work of two extremist groups, an environmental group and an anti-government group that worked in coordination with each other, state and local officials said. Federal, state and local officials tracked the groups' movements across the country but were unable to pinpoint the attack before it occurred. There were more than 100 victims.

The attack, of course, never really happened. It was only an exercise. From the decontamination of victims to the communication between several public safety agencies, the event was a walk-through of carefully established plans for the real thing. The mock



Photos by the 85th CST

Firefighters dressed in protective suits transporting simulated patients

homeland security terrorist attack involved local police and fire agencies, a Hill Air Force Base hazardous materials team, the FBI, Utah National Guard's Weapons of Mass Destruction response team and it even involved inmates from the Weber County Jail.

"An attack would be so much bigger. In any exercise it can't realistically be portrayed or accurately captured without requiring a lot of resources and volunteers," National Guard Maj. Gary Stroud said. In total, 200 people participated in Saturday's exercise. Within the sheriff's complex, inmates' faces were painted with red moulage to simulate the chemical burns. Outside, firefighters dressed in protective equipment. All of the body suits' openings to outside air were sealed with duct tape, and each person breathed through an air tank. All was done in preparation to face an unknown chemical agent.

The agent was identified and then the victims were brought to

decontamination tents set up outside, where they passed through a series of showers, first stripping off clothes in a spray of water, and then standing under an antidote. Next was a 360-degree water spray, and finally victims were placed in a special suit and given a towel to keep warm.

This is the type of mission the Utah National Guard Weapons of Mass Destruction Response Team trains for.



Simulated victims going through the decontamination process

The 109th Air Control Squadron Warlocks: Anytime, Anywhere

By TSgt Samuel D. Noyce, 109 ACS



Photo provided by the 109th ACS

Members of the 109th Air Control Squadron (The Warlocks), of the Utah Air National Guard posing on some of their “tools of the trade.”

You may ask yourself from time to time, what is it that the 109th Air Control Squadron (ACS) does? From the recent dearth of news about us, perhaps you assume that we’ve been deactivated or reassigned or just fallen off the face of the planet. Although logical, this reasoning is false, so that’s why I’m here to reassure you of the Warlocks continued existence and activity.

Just so that we’re all on the same page, an ACS provides deployable, mobile radar command and control. We’re small enough to be deployed fast and large enough to do a great job when we get there. I personally am a weapons director and help aircraft pilots get an idea of what the big picture

is and then make sure they find the bad guys and shwack them. As is common in these days of interoperability and networking, we provide our command and control over data links and have the ability to feed the data we get through a variety of electronic and radio means to just about anybody who needs it.

The biggest things that we, and probably you, have been involved in were the Olympics and Homeland Security. I know that a lot of you are still activated and guarding things that are better not mentioned. You may wonder why you don’t see us out there with a rifle and a flak vest, if we’re so important and involved. I’ll tell you why. We’re pretty darn busy ourselves, even though we aren’t activated anymore. When our unit activation ended, some of us Warlocks ended up volunteering to augment an active duty ACS

we are soon to be paired with, and went to Kuwait for a 90 day AEF rotation. We spent plenty of time in our flak vests and helmets, but they still frown on letting us air force-types carry rifles around with us. We had to let the Army and Security Forces shoulder that burden. We had some scary times in Kuwait while we were there, but we all got home in one piece, and most importantly, the mission was accomplished with the kind of flair and panache to which only the Guard can contribute.

As is typical of our unit, our day-to-day operations are quiet, but important. We control training missions on the Utah Test and Training Range, plan for exercises like the upcoming Roving Sands Exercise, and keep our skills and equipment honed and ready for deployment.

Roving Sands is the premier integrated service exercise for U.S. Forces. Basically, it’s like a little war in New Mexico and Texas, with Army, Air Force, and Navy units from all over the world. The 109th ACS has been to Roving Sands many times and is always requested to provide a credible and threatening Red Force Command and Control system for the exercise. Doesn’t it make you proud to know that your fellow Utah Guardsmen are some of the most highly respected and sought after assets for such high-level exercises? I know I’m proud to be a Warlock, and proud of our service in the Utah National Guard.

1st Battalion 640th Regiment is recognized as a “Battalion of Excellence”

By CSM Philman M. Cox

Photos by SFC Greg Cullis



Maj. Gen. Tarbet and CSM Smith making presentations to members of the 640th Regiment for their exceptional accomplishments

Major General Tarbet and CSM Smith congratulated members of the 1st Battalion 640th Regiment for being distinguished as a “Battalion of Excellence” during a special awards ceremony on 13 February 2003 at Camp Williams. As part of the accreditation inspection by the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy on 31 January 2003, the 1st Battalion NCO Academy received the highest rating possible for an accreditation.

All regional training institutes go through an accreditation process every 18 to 24 months to ensure they are training to established institutional standards as specified by Training and Doctrine Command. The accreditation checklist contains a bevy of 34 different requirements. These requirements include the conduct of training and training support. There are three accreditation ratings: non-accredit,

probation, and fully accredit. If an institute is recommended for fully accredit, they can be assigned a specific rating that separates the institute from others. That is the “Excellence”

category. The excellence category is given at three levels (Institute, Battalion, or Center) of excellence. The category is based on the size of the training site and they must receive a “GO” rating in all 34 categories with no derogatory comments.

Such was the case of the 640th Regiment. They received a “GO” rating in all 34 categories with no derogatory comments. This garnered them the distinction of “Battalion of Excellence.” In doing so, they became the first Reserve Component Training Institute to receive this honor and only the second such rating in the United States Army.

Our congratulations go out to the 640th Regiment on this monumental achievement. Their success brings great credit to the Utah Army National Guard and the Non-Commissioned Officer Corps.



Members of the 640th Regiment at the award ceremony recognizing their monumental achievement in receiving “Battalion of Excellence”

Fillmore's Call-up of Utah Guard Soldiers Leaves Void in Farming Community

By Down House, Salt Lake Tribune writer

Photo taken by 1/145th FA



Members of the 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery during their training last winter at Dugway, as part of their annual training period

The following edited article appeared in the Salt Lake Tribune on January 19, 2003: FILLMORE — The armory is eerily silent except for a couple of recruiters and a family support representative who sets up her portable sewing machine on the days she drops by to return telephone calls from wives of the town's citizen soldiers. For the first time in more than a half-century, Utah National Guard members in this central Utah farming community have been deployed.

About 40 men from Fillmore, Delta, Holden and other towns scattered across Millard County were among the 400 soldiers called to active duty last fall. The year long mission of the 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery is installation defense at Tooele Army Depot, Dugway Proving Ground and Deseret Chemical Depot. The mobilizations have brought the nation's

war on terrorism, and the buildup for a possible war with Iraq, into America's smallest towns — sometimes, as in Fillmore, with an impact not seen by urban areas.

The mobilized soldiers' surnames posted on lockers in the armory gym tell of the bond between the Guard and the community. Among the names are brothers Bart, Tracy and Brett Whatcott; Rick and Davin Carter; Brandon and Brett Bergener; James and Rodney Hone; Nathan and Cody Hare; and cousins Trevor and Jeremy Teeples. All have been deployed. "It's kind of a joke that when a baby is born, there's a blank space on the birth certificate for the name of the Guard unit to be penciled in," said MSgt. Dallin Nielsen, a longtime recruiter. "Everybody is either in the Guard, has been in the Guard, or is about to enter the Guard." Sgt. Matt Rhinehart, a

Guard recruiter whose cousin Michael Rhinehart is in the Fillmore detachment, said "there are even more sets of brothers and cousins in the Richfield unit" — where many Guard members are anticipating mobilization. "The bond in the Guard is great," he said. "It is composed of your family and your friends."

When Spec. Weston Roper entered the Guard in 1998, he carried on the tradition of his older comrades by joining along with his buddies while still attending Millard High School. "There were 15 of us who joined together," he said, while working at his parents' lumberyard during his days off from Tooele Army Depot. "That was out of a class of 45 seniors." Now, with Detachment 1, Battery A, gone, only Nielsen's car is parked out front. On training weekends, it was difficult to find a parking spot on either side of Center Street. Citizen soldiers from Fillmore were joined by several out-of-towners who returned each month to train with their boyhood buddies. Across the street, a lot once used to store Howitzers and support equipment, sits vacant.

Bobbette White, whose husband Sam has been deployed, has four young sons at home and is the wives' family support representative. "There were more calls when the Guard was first deployed last fall," she said. "Most of us are becoming quite self sufficient." Still, one of the greatest impacts of the deployment "has been psychological," said Fillmore Mayor Sam Starley, whose nephew, Jason Starley, went with the detachment. "The last time the

Guard from Fillmore was deployed was during the Korean War.”

Fillmore Guard members in the 1950’s were attached to the famed 213 Field Artillery, which was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation for a battle outside Kapyong. Some 200 Chinese soldiers were killed and more than 800 were captured. In a war in which more than 33,600 American soldiers died, every man from the 213th returned home.

“There’s a lot of hometown pride in the Guard,” said Starley, who is a retired Army colonel. “And I can tell you that these soldiers are highly trained and professional. They could serve anywhere.” Mobilization has come at a price. Joe and Arva Dale Ashman, owners of Pioneer Market, cannot find anyone to replace their butcher, Robert Walker, who also was their only full-time employee. Walker still helps out when he comes home for three days after completing his rotation of six days’ duty. “Our sales have been cut as much as 50 percent,” said Joe Ashman, a former Guard member. “If we don’t have the [meat] cut that a customer wants, we can lose the entire sale, which might be a family’s groceries for the week. We lost sales during Christmas, too. It’s become a big problem,” he said.

Always the recruiter, Nielsen tells employers that Guard members make the best workers, because they are taught loyalty, duty, respect, service, honor, integrity and personal courage. “And you don’t have to wonder if they’re on drugs or if they have a police record,” he said, “because they can’t, and they don’t. “Millard County Sheriff Ed Phillips, himself a former Guard member, has lost three men to deployment. Phillips said he has had to



Photo provided by MobStation

Members of the 1/145th FA completing training at their Mob Station prior to deployment to their security mission in Utah’s West Desert

scramble to cover the shifts through overtime and additional hires. “By law, employers have to keep the job open for when the soldier comes home. It’s not easy to get temporary hires.”

The Guard is one of the county’s largest employers, said Phillips. In a town with a population of 2,000, where the largest employers are the Great Lakes Cheese Plant and a Pic Sweet mushroom-growing operation, money can be scarce. Besides the camaraderie of the Guard, folks in Fillmore live by

the adage that it takes several jobs to make a living.

Mayor Starley said it is another axiom that furnaces stop working or pipes leak right about the time that a soldier is deployed. He has offered families of mobilized soldiers help. “I can’t baby-sit,” he said. “But I can find out why the pipes are leaking.” Earlier this month, one wife of a mobilized soldier gave birth to twins. Seven others are pregnant, “so I might have to learn to baby-sit too,” he said.



Photo provided by Mob Station

Members of the 1/145 FA conducting NBC training at Mob Station

2nd Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery Receives Mobilization Order

By CPT Coy Bryant

Lieutenant Colonel Vance E. Larsen commands the 2nd Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery, "Triple Deuce," and its senior NCO is CSM Bruce D. Summers. The three firing batteries are located in Richfield (A Battery), and St. George (B and C Batteries). The Service Battery and Organizational Maintenance Shop #10 is located in Beaver, and the Headquarters and Headquarters Battery is located in Cedar City. The Deuce has maintained a strong training relationship with the 45th Field Artillery Brigade in Oklahoma, and is affiliated with I Corps Artillery located at Camp Williams. The "Triple Deuce's" primary weapon system is the M109A6 (Paladin) self-propelled howitzer, the Army's newest cannon system. This howitzer is designed to be more capable and survivable on today's modern battlefield.

The first and second quarters of training year 2003 efforts were based on preparing for possible mobilizations. We have focused on soldier preparedness to include: mobilization files, family readiness, and individual



2nd Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery, with their primary weapon system the M109A6 (Paladin), firing a round at an acquired target.

training. The battalion has completed the entire battalion Soldier Readiness Processing. Section crew drills and safety certifications were conducted with Fort Carson's Training Support Battalion's oversight. Training also focused on maintaining proficiency in the digital environment with new SINCGARS radio systems and upgrades to the AFATDS computer fire direction system. The Battalion also fielded the new Blue Force Tracking System and the MK-19 automatic grenade launchers.

The unit packed its bags this past summer and traveled to Fort Stewart, Georgia, for annual training. The Battalion operated in a wooded environment that presented new challenges for a field artillery unit the Battalion has not encountered such an environment since 1986 in Camp Blanding, Florida. The change in terrain presented many challenges in navigation, communications, and delivering field artillery fires. The battalion completed an extremely successful annual training period, firing all missions safely and suffering no heat injuries. The Battalion completed all field artillery tables through Table XVIII. Once again the soldiers proved themselves competent and professional.

The Battalion supports many community activities during the year, such as: "Soldiers for Santa," "Scouting for Food," parades, color guards, funerals, and a variety of charity events. The "Triple Deuce" has a strong heritage and maintains a high level of readiness, ready to answer our nation's call to deliver fire support any time and any place in the world.



Soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery, get ready to move their howitzers into firing positions ready to respond to firing missions

Utah National Guard Youth Camp 2002

by th Youth Camp Staff

Photo providee by the Youth Camp Staff

The Utah National Guard and the Family Readiness program teamed up for the past 12-years to hold a camp for the youth of Guard members. Youth camp has been a big success with the kids in the past and we hope it will remain so in the future. The purpose of the Utah National Guard Youth Camp is to bring together youth of the National Guard families to promote team building and leadership skills; to educate on the purpose and history of the Utah National Guard and to develop relationships with Guard youth from all over the state. The camp is designed to accommodate up to 100 boys and girls ages 10-14. All Utah Army and Air Guard family members are eligible to participate. Youth camp is held at Camp Williams every summer, where volunteer counselors promote and encourage the kids' participation and teamwork. Military members are the preferred personnel for counselors as they are able to teach the kids what the Army and Air Guard is all about.

The kids participate in a number of different activities during their three and a half days at camp. Last year the kids checked in on Monday afternoon and had an opportunity to get to know their counselors and to make their flag. They swam before dinner, played games before lights out at 10:00 p.m., and getting them settled down by 11:00 p.m. was nothing but a miracle. On Tuesday, the kids were up at 6:00 a.m. and on the parade field by 6:30 for physical training. Afterwards they split into two groups, half of them trying the climbing wall and compass course and the other half going to the rappel tower and Hummer rides. After lunch the groups



Flag presentation to 115th Maintenance Company for their Sponsorship of Youth Camp in 2002

switched. There was swimming, dinner and games in the evening. They also had two projects to do. The first was to write a letter to a veteran, thanking them for their service. The second project was to make blankets for police officers to give to children when called out on a domestic incident.

On Wednesday, they were on the parade field doing physical training before breakfast. After breakfast they piled into buses bound for the Utah Air Guard Base. They toured a KC-135 Strato-tanker and the 130th Electronic Installation Squadron before enjoying the lunch that was provided on base. Then it was off to Hill Air Force Base and the 299th Range Control Squadron to see how the flying missions are directed from the ground. While at Hill they also toured the Air Museum. The day was a hot one and everyone was ready for a swim and dinner. After dinner, they sat in the stands and watched the retirement of the colors. The ceremony concluded with a very

touching PowerPoint program and reading.

On Thursday, the kids got up, packed their bags and ate breakfast. They cleaned the barracks and reported to the parade field to practice their marching and cadence for their parents. Everyone was ready to show off how well they could do. After the kids marched and were all lined up we presented the blankets to a police officer. Each group then presented their flags to their military sponsor. Camp was a great success last year and we hope to continue to provide the opportunity for years to come. This year camp is being held June 23-26, 2003. Applications and information will be distributed in the next few months. We will also be asking for military sponsorship and volunteers to help with Youth Camp. We need Commanders help in achieving this. Please contact Family Readiness at either Draper Headquarters or the Utah Air Guard base to find out more information.

Four Previous Commanders of the 1457th Engineer Battalion Gather to say “Good Bye” to Current Commander at their Deployment to Mob Station



Photo by SSG Brian L. Schiele, STARC

Maj. Jeff Burton (left), current Commander of the 1457th Engr. Bn., is bid farwell by four former Commanders: Lt. Col. Edward Willis, Col. Bruce Frandsen, Col. (Ret) Kenneth Burnhope, and Brig. Gen.(Ret) Melvin Frandsen

Lieutenant Colonel Jefferson Burton, Commander 1457th Engineer Combat Battalion, stands with four previous commanders of the Battalion: Lieutenant Colonel Ed Willis, Colonel Bruce Frandsen, Colonel Kenneth Burnhope (retired) and Brigadier General Melvin Frandsen (retired). The 1457th Engineer Battalion consists of four companies and four detachments located in Tooele, Vernal, Riverton, American Fork, Spanish Fork, Price, Mount Pleasant and Blanding.

Recently the Battalion was mobilized to active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The Battalion is currently at Fort Lewis, Washington, fine-tuning their skill as a combat unit as they look forward to service outside of the continental United States.

The Combat Engineers have two primary missions. They creating obstacles to delay or reroute (channel) enemy movement. These obstacles include minefields, wire, earth barriers

or any other means of obstructing movement. Their other mission is to remove that same type of obstacles put in place by enemy forces. This includes clearing minefields, removing obstacles and creating safe passage for friendly forces



Soldier of the Year 2003, PFC Scott R. Campbell

By Utah Minuteman Staff

Born July 20, 1970 in Plattsburg, New York, he grew up in New York, Kentucky, Ohio, and Maryland. His education includes one year of college. His college experience included one year of ROTC, which generated a great respect for the Army. While in high school and college he participated in drama, martial arts, swimming, and bicycle racing. This led to his participation in martial arts, triathlons and bicycle racing at the professional level.

At the age of 19, he served a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in New Mexico and Arizona. He worked with many different Native American cultures.

In his civilian job he rose quickly through the management ranks of several companies and developed a reputation as a problem solver. Since moving to Utah in 1994, he has also owned and operated four of his own businesses. He has spoken to audiences across the United States on the principles of modern entrepreneurship and provided services as a small business consultant.

After a decade as a corporate warrior PFC Campbell decided to change his career path to something more fulfilling. To fulfill a dream of serving his country as a soldier, he joined the Utah National Guard. With the full support of his wife and family, he arrived at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, for BCT on July 3, 2001. The attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon occurred two days before he graduated from basic training. Private First Class Campbell Graduated from 13F AIT in November 2001 and is proud to be a "FISTER."



Photo by Greg Cullis

Private First Class Scott R. Campbell, Utah Army National Guard

During the Olympics PFC Campbell trained over 300 State Licensed Armed Security Personnel for the UTA Trax project and Qwest communications. He also served on the Utah National Guard Olympic Task Force.

Private First Class Campbell is currently assigned to Detachment 3, HHB, 1/148 Field Artillery. During annual training this last summer he and his team earned the "Best FIST Team" award. After the Olympics he began serving the Utah National Guard full time on ADSW orders to HQ 640th Regiment (RTI). He has been instrumental in streamlining Academy administrative processes and preparing for the USASMA accreditation.

Private First Class Campbell married his sweetheart, Ellen Shapiro, on September 14, 1995 in Salt Lake City, Utah. They have 3 beautiful children "so far," Nicholette, 6; Anthony, 4; Alexander, 2. He considers his role as a devoted husband and father his greatest accomplishment.

When asked why he joined the Guard at the age of 30, he answers with his belief that "All that is required for evil to prevail is for good men to do nothing. I want to be actively involved in the service of the American people and defense of the Constitution. At this time in my life my patriotism is demonstrated through that service."

NCO of the year 2003, SFC Andrew S. Evans

By Utah Minuteman Staff

Photo by SFC Greg Cullis



*Sergeant First Class Andrew S. Evans, Utah Army National Guard
Non Commissioned Officer of the Year for 2003*

Sergeant First Class Evans is currently assigned to 2nd Battalion, 640th Regiment Training Institute (RTI) as the 13F Course Manager. He oversees all 13F Courses' conducted at the RTI. He is also the Training NCO for the OCS program, a certified instructor for 13F, PLDC, TAITC, SGITC, and a dedicated member of the State Honor Guard.

Sergeant First Class Evans was born January 1974 in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. He enlisted in the United States Army prior to graduating

from Layton High School in 1992. After graduation he attended Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Upon completion of AIT SFC Evans was assigned to 5th Infantry Division Fort Polk, Louisiana as a Platoon Forward Observer. During his time at Fort Polk he was deployed to Honduras with Joint Task Force -Bravo and did a rotation at Joint Readiness Training Command. He then moved to HHB Division Artillery, 2nd Armor Division, Ft. Hood, Texas, where he served in numerous positions

from Cavalry FIST to Division TAC/ Main FSE with seven National Training Center rotations. In 1995 he joined the Utah Army National Guard with the HHC, 19th Special Forces Group. After serving three years with the Special Forces he transferred to DET 3, HHB, 1/148th where he served as a Fire Support Team Chief. In 2001 SFC Evans began an AGR tour with the 640th RTI.

Sergeant First Class Evans' military education includes: Training NCO Course, Advanced Non Commissioned Officer Course, AFATDS Command and Staff Course, JANUS Database Manager/System Administrator Course, Basic Non Commissioned Officer Course, Joint Firepower Control Course, Small Group Instructor Trainer Course, Primary Leadership Development Course, Battle Focused Instructor Trainer Course, Basic Airborne Course, SINCGARS Instructor Course, Maneuver Control Station Course, Training Fire Observer Course, Fire Support Specialist Course (13F).

Sergeant First Class Evans' awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2), Army Achievement Medal (2), Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (2), National Defense Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (3), Army Service Ribbon, UTNG Commendation Medal, UTNG Service Ribbon (2), Basic Parachutist's Badge and the Army Drivers Badge (W).

Sergeant First Class Evans got married in September 2002 to Karen Nabor. They reside in Clearfield, Utah, with one dog and no children.

First Sergeant of the Year 2003, 1st Sgt. Derek L. Dimond

By Utah Minuteman Staff

First Sergeant Derek L. Dimond was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, and raised in the West Valley area. Dimond was active in the Boy Scouts and received his Eagle Scout when he was 12 years old. At seventeen Dimond enlisted in the 19th Special Forces, Utah Army National Guard and attended drill during his senior year of high school in 1985. After graduating, Dimond went to basic training in Fort Jackson South Carolina, Radio Operator School (31C) in Fort Gordon, Georgia; and then to Airborne school in Fort Benning, Georgia.

In 1991, 1SG Dimond transferred to the 117th Engineers (assault float bridge) in Lehi, Utah, where he served as an assault boat operator and later as a bridge crew chief. The 117th became the 118th in 1993, and Dimond transferred to the 118th's detachment in Tooele, Utah. In a trade between states, the 118th was reassigned to the Wyoming National Guard and the Tooele detachment became Det 2, A Co., 1457th Combat Engineer Battalion.

First Sergeant Dimond served as a squad leader and as the acting Platoon Sergeant with A company until 1999 when he was promoted to Sergeant First Class and assigned as the Platoon Sergeant in Det 1, B Company, 1457th Combat Engineers in Vernal, Utah. After eight months in Vernal, Dimond was reassigned to B Company (minus), in Murray, Utah.

In 2001, Dimond was transferred to HHC of the 1457th in American Fork Utah, where he served as the Support Platoon Sergeant until December of that same year. In January of 2002 1st Sgt. Dimond was selected to be the



First Sergeant Derek L. Dimond, Utah Army National Guard

First Sergeant of C Co. 1457th in Spanish Fork Utah, the position that he holds today.

First Sergeant Dimond graduated from Salt Lake Community College with high honors and an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice. Dimond is currently a student at Weber State and is finishing up his Bachelors Degree. He is majoring in criminal justice with a minor in psychology.

On the civilian side, 1st Sgt. Dimond serves as a Salt Lake City Police Officer. For the past four and a half years he has been a member of Salt Lake City's full-time SWAT team. The team trains one day a week and works

gang suppression on the other days. Dimond is tactics trainer and is also a lead instructor for the city's SWAT school.

First Sergeant Dimond loves to spend time with his family. He and his wife, Heidi, have four boys: Alex (9), Jeremy (11), Taylor (12) and Kevin (16). They like to go camping and 4 wheeling in their Jeep. The whole family is supportive of 1SG Dimonds role with the Police Department and the Army National Guard. Both jobs require an enormous amount of time and dedication, which couldn't be done without their full support.

Congressman Hansen Visits Base Family Day

By Lt. Col. David Thomas

The Family Day held on September 21 was a success by any measure.

On probably what was his last visit to the base as a Congressman, Representative James Hansen cut the ribbons on the new headquarters and maintenance buildings - buildings that would not have been built without his help.

The weather cooperated and provided a beautiful day for about 1500 to 2000 people to attend the open house.

In addition to the ribbon-cutting ceremony and speeches, there were booths, aircraft on display and an AAFES truck-load sale. Everyone seemed to enjoy the festivities.



Photo by Master Sgt. Ren Willie
Congressman Hansen addresses the crowd prior to cutting the ribbons.



Photo by Master Sgt. Ren Willie
Congressman Hansen cuts the ribbon on the headquarters building, assisted by Maj. Gen. Tarbet; Brig. Gen. Lunt, Brig. Gen. Dewsnup and Col. Winget.



Photo by Master Sgt. Ren Willie
Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet, addresses the crowd



Photo by Master Sgt. Ren Willie
Congressman Hansen, Maj. Gen. Tarbet and Col. Winget cut the ribbon to the maintenance building.



Photo by Master Sgt. Ren Willie

Tech. Sgt. Chris Foote and his family take a closer look at a base fire truck during Family Day. The fire trucks were on display and preformed for the crowd, showing off their capabilities.



Photo by Master Sgt. Ren Willie

Brig. Gen. Ralph Dewsnup, and his family and pose with an F-16 backdrop during Family Day.



Photo by Master Sgt Ren Willie

The Utah Army National Guard provided an Apache helicopter and a climbing wall for Family Day. Here, members and their families look at the Apache up close.



Photo by Master Sgt. Ren Willie

Lt. Col. Scot Johnson talks with Congressman Hansen in front of the maintenance building after the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Utah Army National Guard Food Service Awards

By SFC Ron Stevens

Photos provided by DCSLOG

for their important but seldom recognized service to the overall readiness and efficiency of the units. Recently, there were three food service awards presented to food service personnel of the units of the Utah Army National Guard.

The 2002 CW4 Heber D. Snow Food Service Award was presented to SFC Derald M. Joseph of the 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery, which is currently mobilized on active duty, stationed at Tooele Army Depot. This battalion is providing full-time security to the Tooele Army Depot, the Deseret Chemical Ammunition Disposal site, and Dugway Proving Ground. The 2001 CW4 Heber D. Snow Food Service Award was presented to SFC Kay L. Russon of the 116th Engineer Company (Combat Support Equipment)



Lt. Col. Jerry Oyler, CW4 Dennis VanRoosendaal and SFC Ron Stevens presenting the 2002 Heber D. Snow Food Service Award to SFC Derald M. Joseph, 1/145th

The Utah Army National Guard annually recognizes food service personnel of the units of the UTARNG for their excellence of service and professionalism. The CW4 Heber D. Snow (Ret) Food Service Award is presented annually to the outstanding food service section based on performance, accounting procedures and the annual inspection. These awards are intended to recognize food service personnel



Col. Mike Davis, CW4 Dennis VanRoosendaal and SFC Ron Stevens presenting a special food service award to MSG John Larry Smith of HHC, 115th Engr. Group, for 20-years of dedicated service.

located in the Spanish Fork Armory. A special award was presented to MSG John Larry Smith of HHC, 115th Engineer Group (Construction), located in the Draper Complex, for his retirement after 20-years of dedicated and outstanding service to the food service excellence of the Utah Army National Guard.

The soldiers of the Utah Army National Guard are grateful for all the food service personnel of the units of the Utah National Guard who strive for excellence in food service and have a great impact on the ability of the units to perform their missions successfully. A big thank you for the seldom recognized food service personnel for their excellence.



Col. Mike Davis, CW4 Dennis VanRoosendaal and SFC Ron Stevens presenting the 2001 CW4 Heber D. Snow Food Service Award to SFC Kay L. Russon of the 116th Engr. Co.

Southern Utah University ROTC, Making a Contribution to Readiness

By Maj. Richard Miller

In its fourth year of existence, Southern Utah University's ROTC is meeting the challenge of commissioning lieutenants into the Utah National Guard and Regular Army and experiencing the joy of watching young soldiers mature and reach their potential. During this past year, Southern Utah University's ROTC was involved in a number of challenging training events and ceremonies, and was honored by several cadets receiving individual awards. Besides the on campus experiences, ROTC provides the senior student/soldier the opportunity to be a simultaneous member of a local National Guard unit throughout the state.

The Southern Utah University Cadets participated again last fall in the Golden Bear Brigade Ranger competition held at Fort Hunter Leggett, California. Being the returning champs from the previous year placed a lot of pressure on the cadets to perform well, which they did. However, the competition was very keen and SUU ended up taking 5th place overall out of 23 teams. Brigham Young University ran away with the Bear with an excellent team showing, and the state of Utah was represented well with Weber State placing 3rd and Utah State placing 6th overall. Southern Utah University was fortunate to have Cadet Jill Stevens, a medic in the 211th Aviation Group, on the team. We were the only team to finish in the top ten with a female as a team member. Ms. Stevens scored 356 points on the Army APFT and was the key motivator for the team during the difficult 10k.



Photo provided by SUU ROTC

SUU Cadets participating in competitive shooting

Southern Utah University's ROTC continues to be an integral part of the University and the community. The cadets have participated in over 55 color guards during the school year and continue to volunteer for several community service projects. One of SUU's highlights is the annual 5k run sponsored by the ROTC. Southern Utah University plans to sponsor the 5k again on April 12, 2003, so come and run.

Cadet, now 2LT Jim Eves with the 141st MI in St. George, was recognized as outstanding student within the School of Business and honored at the SUU awards ceremony. Also Cadet Brian Yardley, a member of the 211th Aviation, was recently selected as the George C. Marshall winner and will fly to Virginia

in April 2003, where he will represent the outstanding senior cadet from SUU, BYU, and UVSC. In addition, Cadet Yardley was also the only cadet in the three schools to receive the arduous Recondo Badge from National Advanced Leadership Course last summer at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Southern Utah University's ROTC is excited about its future and challenges all soldiers attending a university or college in the state to pursue the Simultaneously Membership Program in their unit and become a cadet. The financial benefits are tremendous and the leadership experience is challenging, but very rewarding. Good luck to all cadets in the ROTC throughout the great state of Utah!

211th Aviation Group Supports Ulchi Focus Lens in Korea

by 211th Aviation Group



Photo by CW5 Gary Wallin

Members of the 211th Aviation Group on their visit to the United Nations Peace Village at Pan-mun-jom, Korea

Last fall seven members of the 211th Aviation Group from the West Jordan Armory participated in Ulchi-Focus Lens 2002 (UFL). This Joint Training Exercise is a very true to life training exercise where the troops live and work in field conditions in the Republic of Korea (ROK). They work shoulder to shoulder with their war trace active duty counterparts and ROK soldiers, to practice countering an imaginary offensive from the North. The conditions were real, the play was not; but it gave members of the 211th the opportunity to become acquainted with the people they would go to war with.

Major Rodney S. Robinson, MAJ Peter Adams, CW5 Gary Wallin, SGM Joel Adams, 1SG Gary Stearman, SFC Tommy Thompson, and SPC Terrell Preece traveled the 36-hour odyssey to Korea. Major Greg Hartvigsen served as Liaison Officer at Fort Hood, Texas. Upon arrival at Camp Eagle, Korea, operations immediately began. The 6th U.S. Cavalry Brigade was our host. Also participating with us was the 63rd Aviation Group from the Kentucky Army National Guard. The 211th and

the 63rd are the Headquarters elements for Attack Helicopter Assets and Lift Assets assigned to III Corps. As such, both National Guard entities worked right next to, and integrated with, the aviation mission planning cells of the 6th Cavalry Brigade.

Friendships were made, ideas shared, and missions were accomplished. Halfway through the first week of the exercise, the Brigade experienced a real world aviation accident that took the lives of two Apache Pilots. The 211th worked with the 6th Cavalry Brigade to change to a real world search and rescue operation to find the downed aircraft. Chief Warrant Officer Gary Wallin and Maj. Pete Adams launched aboard a UH-60 Blackhawk to add more experienced eyes to the search. The wreckage was found. It was an unfortunate chain of events, but it reinforced a very real scenario that can happen to aircrews and ground crews alike.

With our expertise, we were able to reinforce the good tried and true concepts and reevaluate and eliminate old and outdated ones. We were able

to teach attack helicopter concepts to the 63rd Aviation Group and show them how to incorporate AH-64 Apache's into a Combat Search and Rescue Operation. The 211th also gleaned information on Tactical Operations Center (TOC) layout, and the parts needed to make the TOC better. We learned about the personnel needed, and the integration necessary to make the TOC work at optimum levels. We learned how the other branches of the service fit into this scenario, i.e. Air Force Weather and Air Force Tactical Air. Naval Operations also fit into the scenario with an opportunity to integrate with them.

During a well-deserved one day-off break in the middle of the exercise, the 211th and the 63rd took a trip to the United Nations Peace Village at Pan-moun-jom, Korea. This gave us all a first hand look into why we have troops committed to the Korean Peninsula. The stark realities of Communism and Democracy are very evident as one tours the Village. It gave us a renewed commitment to defend our freedoms and our way of life. The Overall exercise was an eye opening, learning experience for all members of the 211th Aviation Group.

Typhoon Rusa began bearing down on the Korean Peninsula at the close of the exercise. This prompted all players to begin suspending operations just a bit early. All players were able to leave the country without any problems and return to the United States. The 211th Aviation Group personnel learned many new concepts, and in addition, shared their own expertise with other participants.

Family Support Humanitarian Project in Bosnia

By Sandra Lofgren, Family Support Representative, Co B 142nd MI Bn.

In September 2002 my husband, Capt. Tony Lofgren, (who was serving as Company Commander Co B, 142nd MI Battalion, at Eagle Base, Bosnia) contacted me about the possibility of our Family Support Group helping with a project. A group of soldiers, serving in Bosnia, who called themselves the Military Intelligence Benevolent Initiative Group, which was made up of Army National Guard soldiers from Pennsylvania and Utah, took upon themselves a project to reach out to the children in war-torn Bosnia. Although the worst fighting of the civil war in Bosnia ended a few years ago, the suffering and after effects were still very evident. Many of the children lost their families and homes in the war. The National Guard soldiers decided to try to do something about the sobering plight of the children.

My husband asked our Family Support Group if we could help collect school supplies, clothing and personal hygiene items for the needy elementary school children near Eagle Base, Bosnia. He sent me a list of the items needed and because I was the Family Support representative I contacted all my families, and we decided to make it our Christmas project. By the end of October, we had collected about 20 boxes of clothing, schoolbooks and supplies and hygiene items. The Bountiful City Library donated three boxes of childrens books.

With so many boxes, we were faced with the question of how to ship them? I was given the name of the Family Support representative for the Air Guard, Karen Naylor. Karen was



Photo by 142nd MI Bn

Sandra Lofgren and Maj. Jensen delivering the boxes of donated items to the Hill Air Force Base Post Office for delivery to Bosnia

a tremendous help, contacting everyone she could think of and using every available resource she could think of, but to no avail. We were unable to find a way to ship the boxes. At our Christmas party we received another fifteen boxes of hand-made blankets, hats and gloves, hand-made baby blankets and clothing for the orphanage, toys, clothing, shoes, hygiene items and more school supplies and books. But because we still had no way to ship the items we were forced to stop receiving donations.

It was suggested that I contact the Hill Air Force Base Post Office. I contacted Ken Nelson. He did some checking and called me back the next day with some good news. They would be able to ship the boxes for us. Our Commander, Maj. Jensen and I took thirty-three boxes of the donated items to Hill Air Force Base Post Office on December 23, 2002 and the boxes went out that day.

The items have already started arriving in Bosnia and the people and children there are so excited to receive them. I would like to thank all the people in our company and communities who took the time and money to make and buy donated items for this project. There were several other people who wanted to donate items, but had to be turned away because of the time constraints. I would like to thank all those people for their willingness to help. It was truly overwhelming to see so many good things for a country ravaged by war.

A big "Thank you" goes to the men and women at Hill Air Force Post Office for their help in shipping our boxes. We could not have done it without them. An even bigger "Thank you" goes to all the soldiers in Bosnia who started this project. Their willingness to help will establish a better relationship between the people of Bosnia and the people of America. We are proud of our Utah Guard personnel serving there.

Utah Army National Guard Officer Candidate School Class #47

by OC Jeffrey S. Porter, OCS Class #47 President



Photo provided by the 640th RTI

The Utah National Guard Officer Candidate Class #47 of the 640th Regiment (Regional Training Institute)

The Utah National Guard has a proud history of training officer candidates through the years; this year is no different. Officer Candidate Class #47 has brought honor to the Officer Candidate Corp again this year with hard work and dedication to try to become the best officers that the army has to offer. This future generation of officers has learned what it means to work as a team and to use combined effort to complete goals. The OCS Class #47 will receive their commissions this August, and will use their learned skills to help the Utah National Guard be one of the best.

The road through OCS contained many obstacles. Our first obstacle was to get through Phase I at Fort Meade, South Dakota. It was a grueling two weeks where there were TAC officers that would make sure we were towing the line, and if not, make us pay for our

mistakes. The greatest achievement during this phase was going to the field and successfully completing day and night land-navigation in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

We returned to Utah where for the past nine months we have been going through Phase II of the program. We have taken leadership tests, and branch tests that test our knowledge. Every other month we take a PT test to see what progress we have made on our physical fitness. In August we will go into Phase III where we will travel to Fort Lewis, Washington. There we will be in the field for seven days doing ambushes, assaults, and field tactics where each of us will lead a platoon and a squad on a mission, and test what we have learned through the program.

The greatest thing that many of us have learned is to be able to make decisions, be able to go back and learn

whether it was a good decision, and realize that the decisions we make now will be second nature when we are commissioned officers. We will never forget the trials and struggles that each of us has gone through to receive our commissions. We feel it will be a great honor to be a part of the Officer Corp.

We look forward to lead from the front and complete the missions given. As we have gone through this training, we have had the chance to learn from great officers who mentor us and from whom we can learn from. From these officers comes an understanding of what it means to be an officer, to have command presence, and to lead from the front. We have learned to keep striving to be better officers everyday, and most of all, to be proud to put on the uniform of the United States of America, the greatest country in the world. We have learned many things, but most of all we have found lifetime friends, our brothers whom we will never forget.

As the world goes through toil and strife, we have learned what it will take to protect our country, to provide for the common defense of the freedom we are able to enjoy. To liberate those who cannot do it for themselves, and to make their lives better by our service. These are some of the things that this OCS class has learned during the past year. For those who are searching for a path less traveled, those who think that they have within themselves the personal fortitude to become an officer, come join our ranks. Apply for the OCS program in the Utah Army National Guard. You will never look back or regret you made the effort.

Utah National Guard Biathlon Team Opportunities

By CW3 Noel Olsen



Photos provided by NGB

National Guard personnel participating in the 2002 Winter Olympics

National Guard has a long history of developing outstanding athletes. At the recent Salt Lake 2002 Winter Olympic Games, five National Guard soldiers were members of the United States Olympic Biathlon Team. Every year other Guard soldiers have the opportunity to represent the United States, the Army and the National Guard at military world ski championships. Many Utah Guard members have been participants at these events.

The Utah team is open to all men and women volunteers from all units. Typical athletes that find success in biathlon competition are runners, cyclists, and cross-country skiers. The Utah Biathlon Team has the equipment and personnel available to train interested soldiers. The National Guard Biathlon program can assist highly motivated athletes to attain their athletic goals. Utah Biathlon Team members enhance their units by assisting with marksmanship training, physical fitness readiness and recruiting.

The Utah National Guard Biathlon team coordinator is CW3 Noel Olsen. He can be contacted at noel.olsen@ut.ngb.army.mil; home: (801) 255-0886 and office: 253-5647.

The National Guard Bureau Sport office is looking for young men and women with a potential ability in physical endurance and rifle marksmanship. The U.S. Army and the National Guard have been involved in Biathlon for many years. Biathlon is the winter Olympic sport that combines cross-country skiing and rifle marksmanship. The Utah Biathlon Team provides an opportunity for young men and women to learn and compete in the exciting sport of Biathlon.

The Utah team competes annually at the Chief of the National Guard

Bureau Biathlon Championships as well as in other local and national biathlon and cross-country ski races. The



Civilians Flying High with the 151st Air Refueling Wing

Story and photos by Master Sgt. Ren Willie 151st ARW



Eleven distinguished visitors and three cameramen from Channel 4 and Channel 5 pose in front of the KC-135 after flying over Washington

It was cool and clear on the morning of October 17th, making it a great day to fly. Leaders of the community, recommended by Guards members of the Utah Air National Guard, had gathered in the auditorium of the new Headquarters building for a preflight briefing. At the end of the briefing the people were divided into two flights and taken, by bus, to the waiting KC-135s. Flight 1 planned refuel A-10s over Nevada; and Flight 2 planned to fly to Washington to refuel a C-17.

Robert Kirby, Salt Lake Tribune Columnist, was on Flight 1. He described the accommodations as follows: "There is no first class on a KC-135. In flight, it is almost as noisy as a monster truck race. The seats are canvas, the restroom is unheated, and the in-flight snack is a get-it-yourself cup of water. The two windows on each side are the size and general

opaqueness of waffle irons." He went on to say, "That's OK because from two miles up, northern Nevada is about as interesting as the back of grandpa's head."

Leslee Spainhower, Principal at Westbrook Elementary School, flight 1, won the drawing for observing the takeoff from the jump seat. She said, "It was really exciting to sit in the cockpit and watch the pilots go through the checklist and then take off. My husband flies smaller planes, and I have watched him go through his one page checklist. The pilots on the KC-135 had four pages. I was surprised how much was familiar."

At the rendezvous, the A-10 Wart Hogs, moved into refueling formation. The civilians also moved toward the rear of the plane to line up for a chance to view the refueling. There are two places, one on either side of the refueling station, where the guests can lie prone and observe the A-10 hook up, take on fuel and disengage. Each guest had a camera, still or movie, to record the action.



The C-17 taking on fuel after hooking to the boom of the KC-135



The twelve distinguished visitors on Flight 1 pose for a group picture, in the waist of the KC-135, high over the Nevada desert

Doug Bingham, Principal of Wasatch Jr. High School, Granite District, Flight 1, took both video and still. He said, "The refueling was incredible. Lying on my stomach, looking down on the earth thousands of feet below, watching jets fly together in unison connect to exchange fuel and then separate without incident was incredible."

Leslee said of the refueling, "It was just like watching a ballet as the planes danced in the air and matched moves, came together then moved in unison and parted at the end of the dance. I couldn't get enough and kept coming back for more. They were always tapping me on the shoulder so others could have a chance to watch."

Paul Swenson, President of Colonial Flags, Flight 2, said, "It was worth the wait. I couldn't get over how smoothly the two planes came together, did the refueling then separated." He commented that the C-17 looked very small as it approached from a distance and just kept getting bigger and bigger."

Robert Kerby asked if he could have a turn at refueling and the crew chief said, "Get real, sir." Robert said, "Refueling in midair is similar to refueling at an L.A. convenience store. The A-10 pilot pulls in, presses the "pay at the pump" button, fills the tank, and then cruises off to commit a drive-by." From

the tanker's end, it's a bit more complicated. Imagine trying to nurse a baby in another car while hanging outside the back window of a station wagon on the freeway. Kerby went on to say, "I feel better now. All over the world, freedom is being protected by competent men and women in the military, people who know better than to let someone like me have a turn."

Paul Swenson wanted to thank the 151st Air Refueling Wing for the great ride. He said, "What an unforgettable experience. More than anything, I left with my buttons bursting with pride for the men and women who do this day in and day out with so much professionalism and ability." Doug Bingham added, "The Air National Guards members were well trained and knowledgeable. They answered our questions freely and made our trip enjoyable as well as educational. As an educator, I came away wishing that more young people could have this experience as they look to the future to decide career opportunities."



An A-10 is seen out the boom window as it rendezvous with the KC-135

The 19th Special Forces Group Link With Wendover, Utah



Photo provided by Spt. Co. 19th SFGA

Current members of the 19th Special Forces, Spc. Ben Dahl and Ryan Yardley keep up a 40-year tradition

By ISG Al Yardley

“On Rappel”..... “On Belay” those were words echoed in the mountains East of Wendover City, as members of the 19th Special Forces rappelled down the side of the rocky cliffs to repaint the Special Forces logo painted on the mountain. All this was under the watchful eye of the 70th Special Forces Association members who were part of the clandestine operation that originally painted the Special Forces patch some 40-years ago. This was all part of the scheduled activities during the Wendover Air Show held on the September 28, 2002.

Col.onel (Ret) Gus Leon, a member of the Special Forces Association and one of the original members of the 19th Special Forces Group, tried to recall the time the Special Forces patch was first painted in the rock cliff overlooking Wendover. In 1963, under the cover of darkness a covert operation was planned and conducted. Members scale the mountain, stenciled and painted the Special Forces patch on the cliff where it has become a prominent landmark. All this was done under the watchful eye of the Group Commander who provided the paint.

Colonel (Ret) Terry Haslam was one of the original members of the 19th Special Forces Group also and he remembers in the early history of the Group. Wendover was the only Air Force approved Drop Zone in Utah so most of the early jumps conducted by the Group were conducted at Wendover. He remembers many jumps where they marshaled at Hill Air Force Base where the 945th Troop Carrier Squadron (C-119 Flying Boxcars) was stationed. A typical jump included flying to Wendover, jumping, then landing the aircraft to load all the personnel and parachutes for the return flight to Hill. This was time consuming and many times would last into the early hours of the morning. However, the early members loved to jump and would participate every chance they got.

From 1960's-1984 the Special Forces Group conducted several Annual Training's at the Wendover Airfield. Special Forces Operation Bases would be set up. Special Forces Operation Detachments would go into isolation to plan and rehearse missions. From the airfield, military aircraft like the C-119s, C-130s, C-7A Caribou

would infiltrate Special Forces Detachments by parachute techniques into operational areas in Utah and Idaho. Once there, the Special Forces Detachment would conduct guerilla warfare operations, strategic recon missions and direct action missions on predetermined targets.

The Wendover Air Show has become an annual event where many former members of the 19th Special Forces Group gather to remember this early history of the 19th. This year some 5,000 spectators were treated to an aerial display of power by members of the 211th and Company D, 189th Aviation with AH 64 and UH 60 helicopters. Special Forces soldiers conducted special operation tactical insertions by rappel rope methods, high altitude military free fall and static line parachute demonstrations while the Ballad of the Green Beret's played over the loud speaker.

Members of the 70th Special Forces Association sponsored a lunch for members of the National Guard, giving soldiers an opportunity to share adventures and history of the training conducted during the 1960's to the present time. The former seasoned soldiers of the 19th reminding young soldiers that they were jumping out of airplanes while they were jumping out school busses, while the youngest of soldiers who hadn't even been born listen inquisitively.

The next time you go to Wendover, check out the Special Forces patch. You may notice the colors stand out quite well against the backdrop of the mountain. The next Wendover Air Show is planned for 20-21 September 2003. They plan to touch up the patch again at that time.

Youth Groups Use of Camp Williams

By Mary Greathouse

Throughout the spring, summer, and fall each year, many youth groups come to Camp Williams for a taste of the military. The facilities at Camp Williams offer a unique experience for young people, and it has become a very popular youth outing. The most popular activities are the rappel tower, the leadership reaction course, the swimming pool, the open-bay barracks for overnight stay, the mess halls, the ball field and the volleyball court. These types of activities have been an excellent opportunity to expose the youth to a positive experience with the Utah National Guard. Most youth leave Camp Williams with the feeling of "this was one of the best experiences of my life."

The following story was sent back to the Adjutant General in a thank you letter written by Mary Greathouse of the Leamington Ward (near Delta, Utah): The first weekend in August 2002, the Leamington Ward Young Men/Young Women held their youth conference at Camp Williams. Everyone had a wonderful time. We really appreciated your helpfulness.

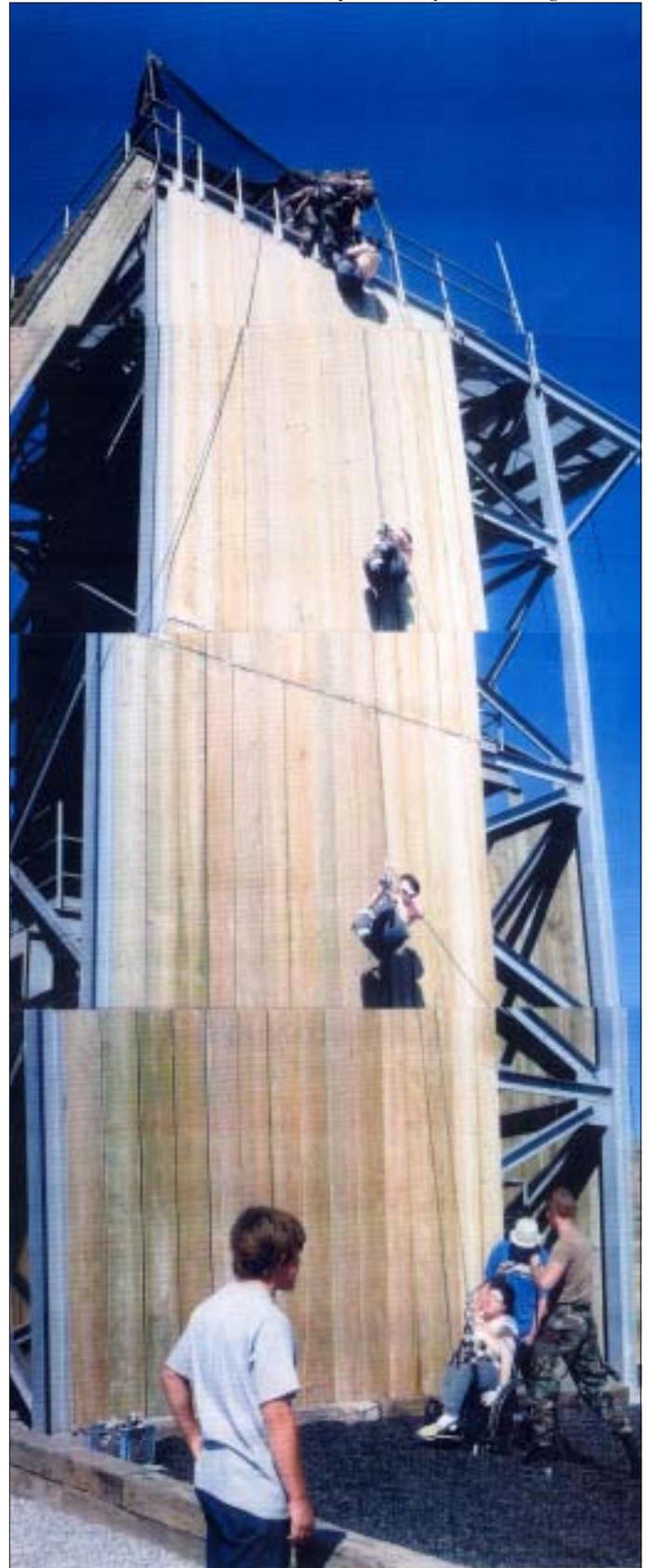
At the end of our time at the rappel course, one of the rappel masters asked if anyone else wanted to try rappelling. A 17-year girl, bound to her wheelchair for life by spina bifida replied that she would like to try.

Well instead of saying it would be impossible, your men got their heads together and figured out how it could be possible. Young men from our ward carried Priscilla, wheel chair and all, up the long flights of stairs to the top of the tower where the Guardsmen strapped her securely in a harness and sent her over the edge!

I wish I could tell those men what that experience meant to that young woman. She was so excited to get back home and tell everyone. She said, "I've shown everyone that handicapped people really can do things!" And "Now my brother won't call me chicken anymore." Again, thank you for a wonderful experience and for making a big impact in a young woman's life.

Spec. Josh Dobbin of the Support Company 1st Battalion 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) was in charge of the rappel masters for the youth groups last year. The type of professionalism, leadership, and competence displayed by Spec. Dobbin has made a lasting, positive impression on the lives of the youth he touched and helped portray a positive image of the Utah National Guard.

Photos provided by the Leamington Ward



Safford Becomes a Friendship Ambassador

By Staff Sgt. Wayne Lee

On August 22-26, Senior Airman Eileen Marie Safford of the 151 Medical Squadron had the opportunity to represent the state of Utah in the Mrs. Utah Intercontinental.

She loves being a guard member. The integrity and discipline of wearing the uniform has helped prepare her for

the responsibilities of being Mrs. Utah and going for the top prize of Mrs. Intercontinental. She has a lot to say and knows how to say it effectively.

Airman Safford traveled on a luxury cruise ship and even got to speak to a former Miss USA, Miss Universe and Ms. Globe. She met delegates from almost every state in the country.

As the ship was about to pull out of dock, Airman Safford realized her luggage was not on board. The ship had to wait as her luggage was located and boarded. She had twenty pairs of shoes, gowns and other items she would need to compete for the title of Mrs. Intercontinental.

She missed winning the top honors by only two points, but was chosen as the Friendship Ambassador.

She is raising donations for the 11-year-old girl from Midvale who was raped and beaten in



Senior Airman Safford with her pageant winning smile.

August. Her courage was admirable. Senior Airman Safford intends to meet with the girl and her parents soon and present her with the crown she won and the donations.

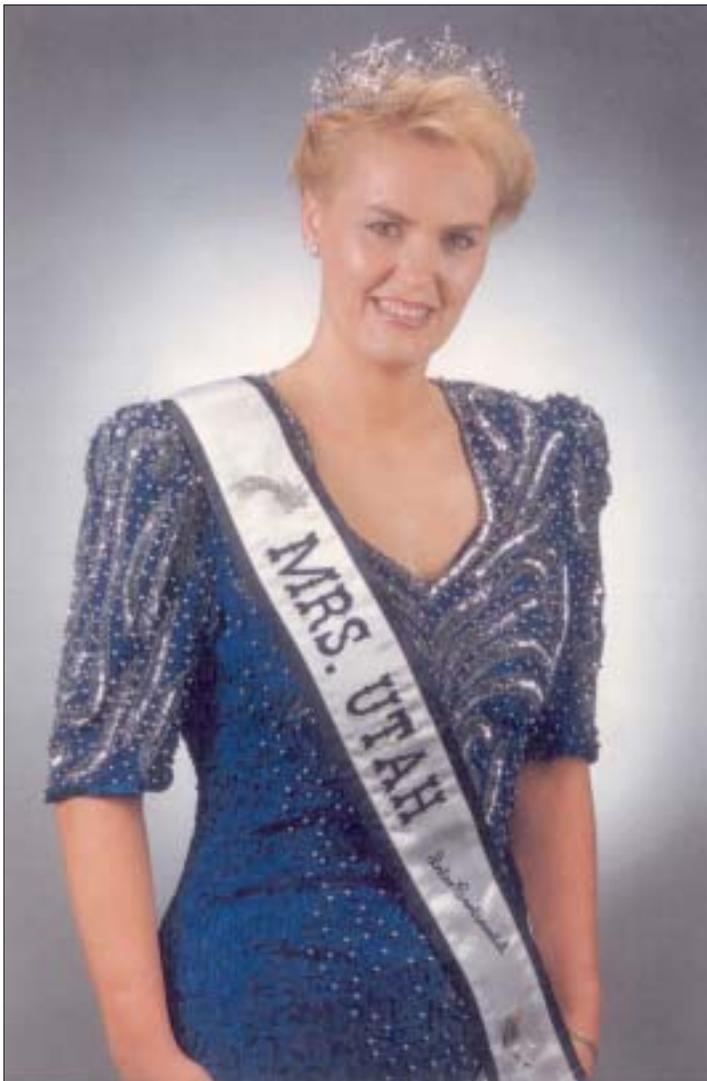
Airman Safford loves to talk about the military. Even though she loves participating in pageants, she feels that she has also been given the unique opportunity to represent the Air Force.

The group she wants to focus on is the teenage high school girls. She gets to speak to groups in different settings. She also speaks to young children about the dangers of drugs.

"We've all been taught to just say no, but after you say no, then what? I want to show children there are other alternatives in life," said Airman Safford.

She will do a lot of travel as part of her responsibilities as Friendship Ambassador. "I think I'm busy every weekend. I get to go to California, Wyoming, and Montana."

"It wasn't my time," Senior Airman Safford says of not winning the crown and then with a grin, she adds, "There's always next year."



Dresses worn by the contestants, like this one, can cost upward of \$30,000.

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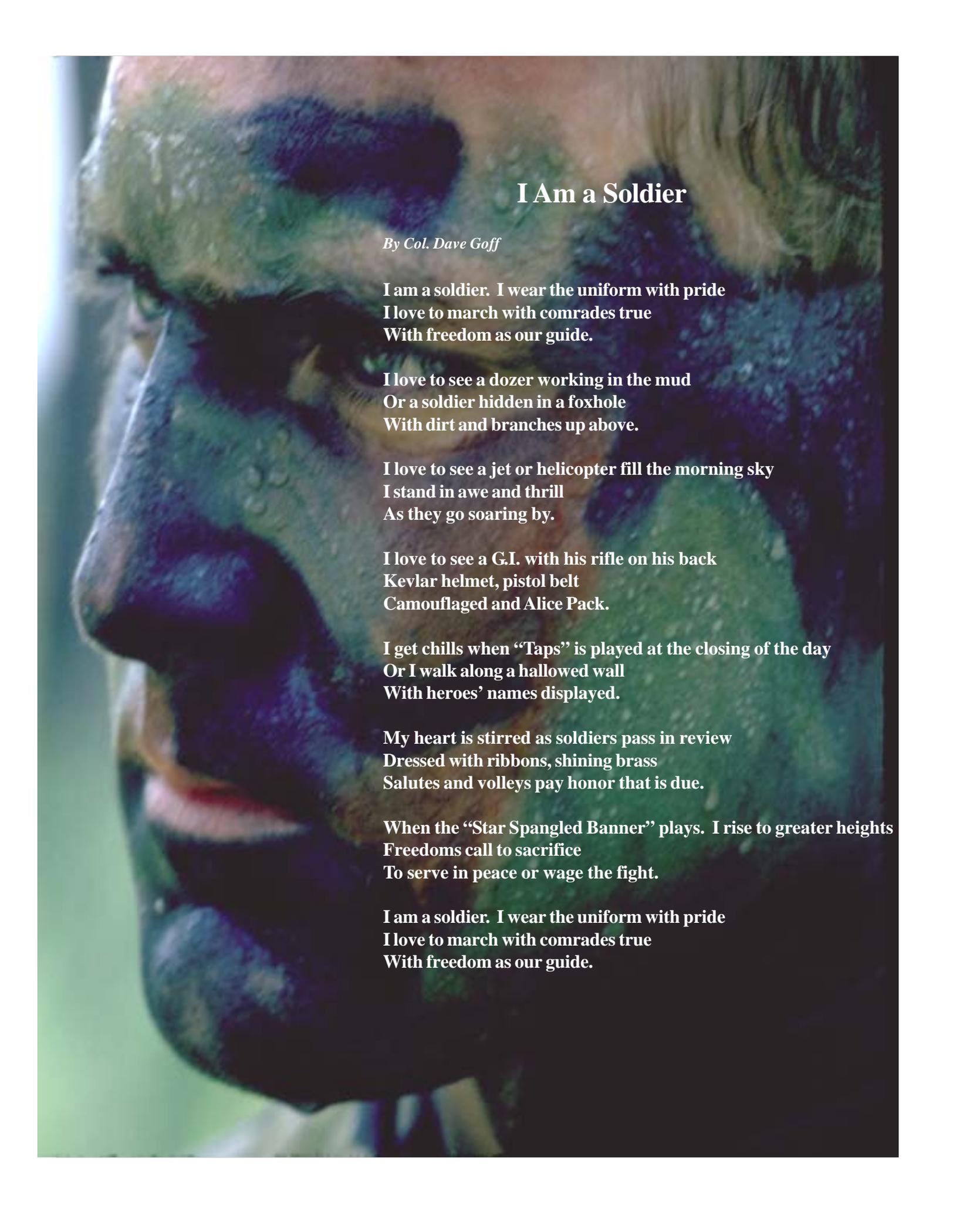
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I Am a Soldier

By Col. Dave Goff

I am a soldier. I wear the uniform with pride
I love to march with comrades true
With freedom as our guide.

I love to see a dozer working in the mud
Or a soldier hidden in a foxhole
With dirt and branches up above.

I love to see a jet or helicopter fill the morning sky
I stand in awe and thrill
As they go soaring by.

I love to see a G.I. with his rifle on his back
Kevlar helmet, pistol belt
Camouflaged and Alice Pack.

I get chills when "Taps" is played at the closing of the day
Or I walk along a hallowed wall
With heroes' names displayed.

My heart is stirred as soldiers pass in review
Dressed with ribbons, shining brass
Salutes and volleys pay honor that is due.

When the "Star Spangled Banner" plays. I rise to greater heights
Freedoms call to sacrifice
To serve in peace or wage the fight.

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