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**REPORT**  
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**2005**

**Maj. Gen. Brian L. Tarbet**  
**The Adjutant General**



## Report from The Adjutant General Utah National Guard

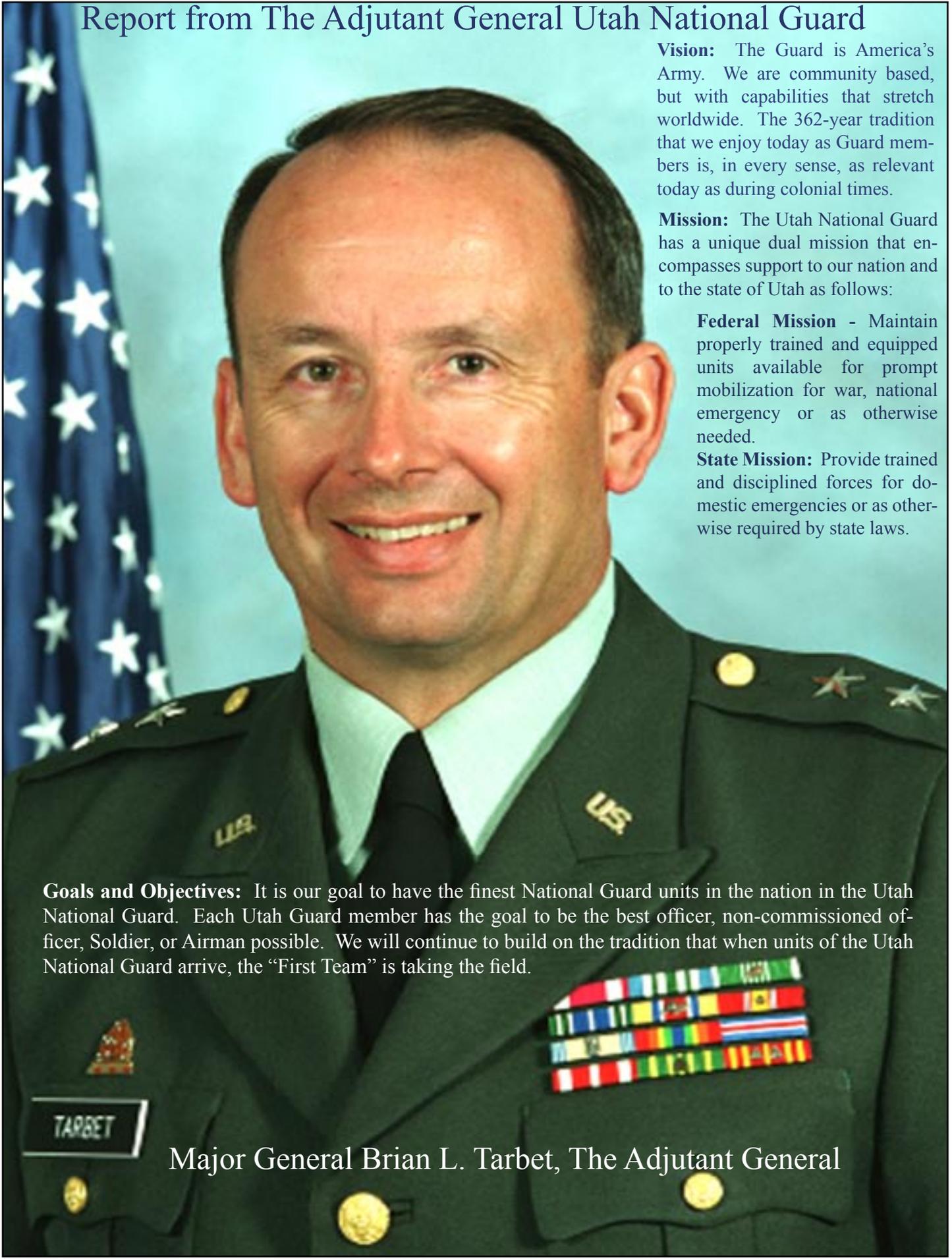
**Vision:** The Guard is America's Army. We are community based, but with capabilities that stretch worldwide. The 362-year tradition that we enjoy today as Guard members is, in every sense, as relevant today as during colonial times.

**Mission:** The Utah National Guard has a unique dual mission that encompasses support to our nation and to the state of Utah as follows:

**Federal Mission** - Maintain properly trained and equipped units available for prompt mobilization for war, national emergency or as otherwise needed.

**State Mission:** Provide trained and disciplined forces for domestic emergencies or as otherwise required by state laws.

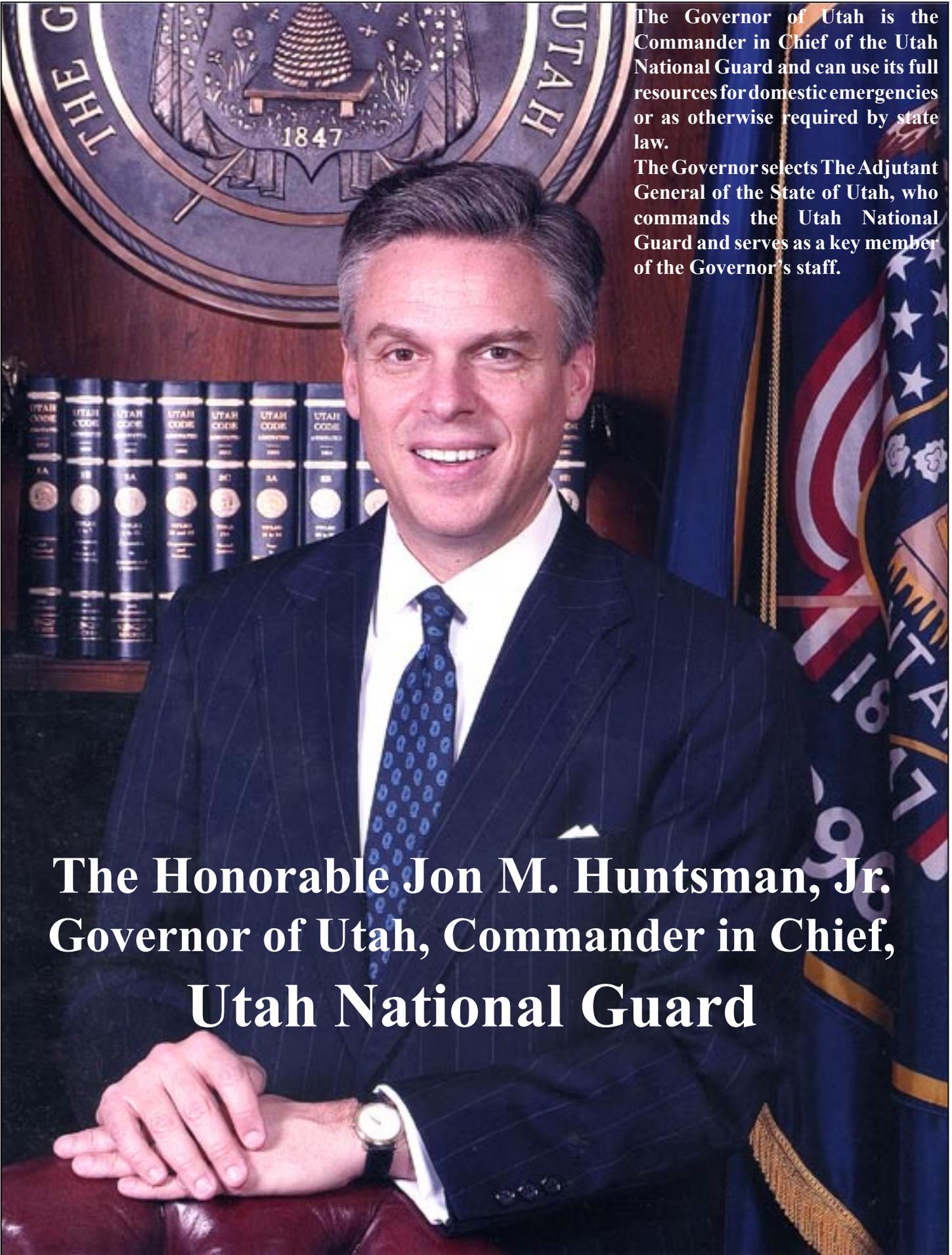
**Goals and Objectives:** It is our goal to have the finest National Guard units in the nation in the Utah National Guard. Each Utah Guard member has the goal to be the best officer, non-commissioned officer, Soldier, or Airman possible. We will continue to build on the tradition that when units of the Utah National Guard arrive, the "First Team" is taking the field.

A portrait of Major General Brian L. Tarbet, The Adjutant General of the Utah National Guard. He is a middle-aged man with short, dark hair, smiling at the camera. He is wearing a dark green military uniform with a white shirt and a dark tie. On his left chest, there is a name tag that reads "TARBET". On his right chest, there are several rows of colorful ribbons representing military awards. On his left shoulder, there are three stars, indicating his rank as Major General. The background is a light blue wall with a portion of the American flag visible on the left side.

Major General Brian L. Tarbet, The Adjutant General

The Governor of Utah is the Commander in Chief of the Utah National Guard and can use its full resources for domestic emergencies or as otherwise required by state law.

The Governor selects The Adjutant General of the State of Utah, who commands the Utah National Guard and serves as a key member of the Governor's staff.



**The Honorable Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.  
Governor of Utah, Commander in Chief,  
Utah National Guard**

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Senior Leadership, Utah Army and Air National Guard



Brig. Gen. Bruce Frandsen, Assistant Adjutant General, Army



Brig. Gen. Brent Winget, Utah Air National Guard Commander



Command Sergeant Major Dell K. Smith, Army



Command Chief Master Sergeant Robert Hill, Air

## The Adjutant General's Introduction to the FY 2005 Annual Report

The events of the past year have caused me to reflect and re-assess the "State of the Guard." I anticipated that, after being involved with the Global War on Terrorism for nearly four years, our ranks would be depleted and we would be experiencing severe shortage in strength and recruitment. I thought it would be a time when we would be experiencing huge challenges in readiness, both personnel and equipment. After witnessing the response of the Utah National Guard to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, I came away with a renewed respect for the agility and versatility of our formations and for the devotion and dedication of our Soldiers and Airmen.

Our Soldiers and Airmen have again demonstrated the best in the concept of Citizen-Soldier in dealing with the evacuees and Task Force Utah which deployed to Louisiana to assist the residents of that stricken state. They made possible the housing and transportation of nearly 600 evacuees to Camp Williams in a matter of hours while preparing to send forces from Utah to Louisiana to assist with security, communication, and recovery. This joint effort was exemplary in planning and execution.

It must be remembered that while the Guard's exceptional response to the hurricanes was underway, our units remained engaged in serious fighting in the Middle East in the war against terrorists in Iraq and Afghanistan. Shortly, B Battery, 148<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery will return from Iraq after nearly 18 months of service. Today, the 222<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery and the 115<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company remain on duty in Iraq, as do small elements of the 300<sup>th</sup> MI Brigade.

We also witnessed the success of the Utah National Guard in leading the "New Horizons" deployment to Nicaragua where five schools and two clinics were built. Additionally, thousands of Nicaraguans were



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

treated by Guard medical personnel. Again, they demonstrated the unique nation-building capabilities of the Guard.

While fully engaged, we continue to modernize and prepare for the future. This year, we welcome the KC-135 R model onto our ramps at the Salt Lake Air Base. The 145<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion welcomed the new Paladin Artillery System, the Artillery Corps' most advanced system.

I cannot fail to thank our families and employers. They have continued to unfailingly support and sustain our Soldiers and Airmen. Our fellow citizens should

be grateful every day for these families and for their sacrifice to the Nation and to the State. Five of our families have laid the ultimate sacrifice on the altar of freedom; others have had their family member seriously wounded. Please accept our profound gratitude.

As we move forward to new challenges, I am confident the qualities that made us great in the past, and equal to its challenges, will lead us into the future -- those qualities are our wonderfully talented and dedicated Soldiers and Airmen. They are the basis for the success of the Utah National Guard and they will be the key to its future. Thank you.

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*Utah National Guard Command Element at Governor's Day at Camp Williams*

# Utah National Guard Unit Locations

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**Logan**

HHB(-), 1-148th FA  
 Det 1, Svc Btry, 1-148th FA  
 B Btry (-), 1-148th FA  
 Co B (-), 141st MI Bn

**Brigham City**

Det 1, B Btry, 1-148th FA

**Ogden**

HHSC, 142nd MI Bn  
 Co B, 142nd MI Bn  
 Det 1, 116th CSE  
 A Btry (-), 1-145th FA

**West Jordan**

23rd Army Band  
 Det 50, Opns Spt Airlift Agency  
 Det 2, Co F, 135th AVIM  
 Co C, 112th CAB  
 HHC, 211th Avn Group  
 HHC, 1-211th Avn Bn  
 Co A, 1-211th Avn Bn  
 Co B, 1-211th Avn Bn  
 Co C, 1-211th Avn Bn  
 Co D, 1-211th Avn Bn  
 HHC, 2-211th Avn Bn  
 CoA, 2-211 Avn Bn  
 Co D, 2-211th Avn Bn  
 Co E, 2-211th Avn Bn  
 489th Engr Det (Utility)

**Tooele**

Det 2, Co A, 1457th Engr Bn

**Draper**

Joint Forces Hq - Utah  
 Recruiting & Retention Cmd.  
 97th Troop Command  
 128th Mobile PA Det (-)  
 115th Maint Co (HE)(GS)  
 HHC, 300th MI Bde  
 Co C, 142nd MI Bn  
 HHC, 115th Engr Group  
 HHC 19th SF Gp (Abn)  
 190th CRD (Abn)

**Riverton**

Medical Command  
 ARNG Tng Site Cmd - Utah  
 HHB, I Corps Artillery  
 HHB 1-145th FA Bn  
 Svc Btry, 1-145th FA Bn  
 Det 3, HHB, 1-148th FA Bn  
 115th Engr Det (Util)  
 SPT Co, 19th SF Gp (Abn)  
 HHD, 1-19th SF Gp (Abn)  
 Co B (-), 1-19th SF Gp (Abn)  
 Co C, 1-19th SF Gp (Abn)  
 640th RTI  
 Co B (-), 1457th Engr Bn  
 Co A, 142nd MI Bn

**Lehi**

85th CST  
 HHD, 115th Engr Bn

**American Fork**

HHC (-), 1457th Engr Bn

**Vernal**

Det 1, Co B, 1457th Engr Bn

**Price**

Det 1, Co A, 1457th Engr Bn

\*St. George

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**Hill Air Force Base**

299th Range Control Squadron  
**Salt Lake City**  
 HQ, Utah Air National Guard  
 101st Information Warfare Flight  
 109th Air Control Squadron  
 130th Engr Installation Squadron  
 169th Intelligence Squadron  
 HQ, 151st Air Refueling Wing  
 151st Operations Group  
 151st Operations Support Flight  
 191st Air Refueling Squadron  
 151st Maintenance Group  
 151st Maintenance Squadron  
 151st Aircraft Maint Squadron  
 151st Maintenance Opns Flight  
 151st Mission Support Group  
 151st Log Readiness Squadron  
 151st Civil Engineering Squadron  
 151st Services Flight  
 151st Security Force Squadron  
 151st Military Personnel Flight  
 151st Communications Flight  
 151st Medical Group  
 151st Medical Squadron

\*Price

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**Fort Douglas**

Fort Douglas Military Museum

**Orem**

HHSC, 141st MI Bn  
 Co C, 141st MI Bn  
 Co D, 142nd MI Bn

**Springville**

144th Area Med. Sup. Co  
 120th QM Det

**Spanish Fork**

C Btry, 1-145th FA Bn  
 Co C (-), 1457th Engr Bn  
 116th CSE (-)  
 Det 1, 116th CSE

**Mt. Pleasant**

Co A (-), 1457th Engr Bn

**Manti**

B Btry, 1-145th FA Bn

**Fillmore**

Det 1, A Btry, 1-145th FA Bn

**Richfield**

A Btry, 2-222nd FA Bn

**Beaver**

Svc Btry, 2-222nd FA Bn  
 Det 2, 115th Maint Co

**Cedar City**

HHB, 2-222nd FA Bn

**Blanding**

Det 1, Co C, 1457th Engr Bn

**St. George**

B Btry, 2-222nd FA Bn  
 C Btry, 2-222nd FA Bn  
 Co D, 141st MI Bn  
 Det 1, Co B, 1-19th SF Gp (Abn)

Blanding  
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Logan\*  
 \*Brigham City  
 \*Ogden  
 \*Hill Air Force Base  
 \*Fort Douglas  
 \*Salt Lake City  
 \* West Jordan  
 \*Tooele  
 \*Draper  
 \*Riverton  
 \*Lehi  
 \*American Fork  
 \*Orem  
 \*Springville  
 \*Spanish Fork  
 \*Mt. Pleasant  
 \*Manti  
 \*Fillmore  
 \*Richfield  
 \*Beaver  
 \*Cedar City

## The Utah National Guard



*Early members of the Utah National Guard dating back to the 1800's*

The official recognition of the Utah National Guard dates back to the spring of 1894 (two years prior to Utah becoming a state in 1896); however, its predecessor, the Nauvoo Legion, dates back to 1849. The Utah National Guard, in addition to serving with distinction within the state, has seen service in defense of our nation on many occasions.

The Utah National Guard was activated for action in the Spanish-American War, the Mexican Border War, World War I, both theaters of World War II, Korean, the Berlin Crisis, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Operation Restore Hope, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Noble Eagle, and Desert Spring, Homeland Security and has recently experienced the largest activations ever seen by the Utah National Guard fighting the Global War on Terrorism. The

Utah National Guard currently has units serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and units and individuals serving throughout the world to protect our freedoms.

Strength levels of the Utah Army National Guard have grown from 1,400 members during World War I to its present-day strength of 4,994 active members at the end of FY-2005.

In response to the post World War II need for reserve forces, the Utah Air National Guard was formed in the winter of 1946. Initial members faced the challenge of building a unit that only had a fraction of the authorized 150 officers and Airmen, and virtually none of the equipment or aircraft. By August 20, 1947, when the first field-training exercise was conducted, there were 32 officers and 56 Airmen in the squadron.

The current year-end strength of the Utah Air Guard was 1,374 for

a total FY-2005 end strength of the Utah National Guard of 6,368 active members.

The number of full-time employees of the Utah National Guard at the end of Fiscal Year 2005 was 761 federal technicians, 597 Active Guard/Reserve, and 319 state of Utah employees (215 fulltime and 104 parttime). The full-time and part-time work force work mainly in the areas of administration, logistical support and facility maintenance

The Utah National Guard, Army and Air, comprise the organized military force of the state of Utah, except when ordered into federal service. Under the National Defense Act, the Army and Air National Guard are Reserve Components of the United States Army and Air Force respectively. The commander-in-chief of the Utah National Guard is the governor of Utah.

## The Guard, America's Biggest Defense Bargain



### Sources of Guard Funding

The federal government supports the majority of the costs associated with the National Guard due to increasing national defense responsibilities. The Utah Army and Air Guards function on an annual operating budget of \$193.9 million. National Guard units hold themselves in a high state of readiness at a fraction of the cost of maintaining similar units in the active forces. A typical Guard unit costs the taxpayers less than 20 percent of what its active counterpart costs. The Guard is America's biggest defense bargain.



### Where Guard Dollars are Spent

The majority of funds utilized by the Utah National Guard are spent in Utah. The state receives more in return than it invests. An estimated 96 percent of the Guard's total budget flows back into the state economy in terms of military and civilian pay, purchases from vendors, and construction projects. A Utah tax investment of \$4.4 million yields an approximate \$193.9 million return. The federal dollars, training, and equipment also provide our governor a well-trained civil disaster relief and emergency-response force.



## Utah National Guard Community Support



*Members of the Utah National Guard participate in a kick off event for “Scouting For Food 2005”*

One of the real differences between the Utah National Guard and all other military organizations is our close link with the local communities. Not a day goes by that Utah National Guard equipment, manpower, and/or resources are not working to improve, serve and protect the local communities of Utah. This close community link is a natural result of the fact that our Guard members live, work and serve in the local communities where this volunteer and service-oriented culture helps make Utah such a great place to live.

This past year our resources were stretched thin because of the many units called to active duty. Even though our resources were diminished, we supported as many requests as possible.

This past year, 332 formal requests for community support were received. While logistical and financial constraints made it impossible to accommodate all of them, many requests of every imaginable type were met on a regular basis. During 2005, hundreds of youth groups climbed our climbing walls, rappelled our towers and were challenged by our obstacle courses and leadership reaction courses under the watchful eyes of our trained professionals.

In addition, uniformed Guard members provided solemn color guards for hundreds of funerals and public events, fired artillery salutes at special events, flew helicopters over parade routes and supported special activities. Guard equipment was displayed at public functions

providing a valuable link between the military and the community.

Our personnel manned emergency response centers. Engineer construction projects were completed in all parts of the state. The 23rd Army Band members taught aspiring band students and performed throughout the state. Linguists translated documents and provided translation support. Boy Scouts, schools, food banks, local communities and law enforcement agencies throughout the state were all touched in a positive way by the Utah National Guard.

In many ways the Utah Guard goes beyond community and becomes family. We intend to keep it that way. The Utah National Guard continues to serve community, state and nation as a valuable asset to the state of Utah.

# Utah National Guard Economic Impact Statement

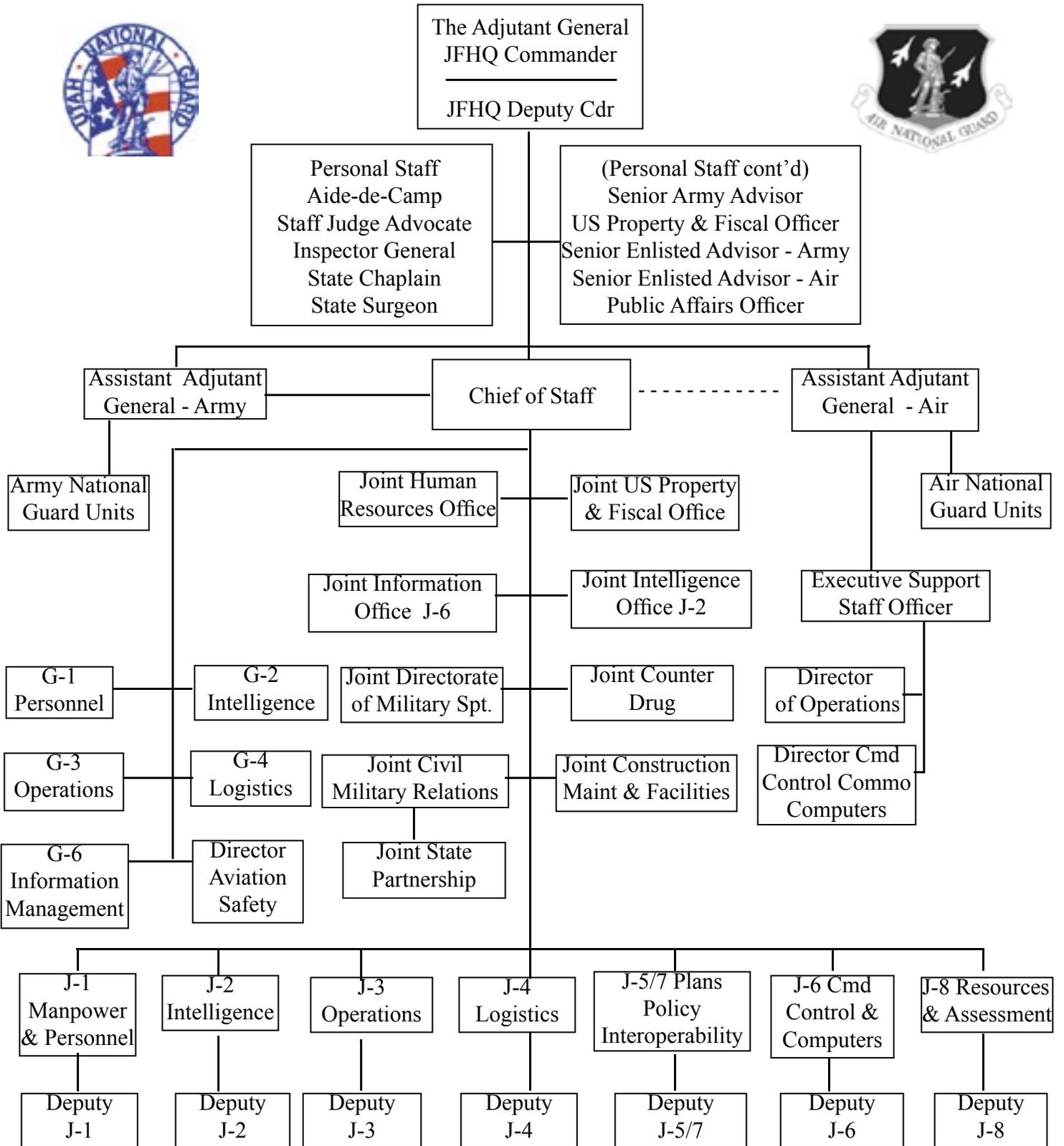


CITY	COUNTY	UTAH - SENATE DISTRICT	UTAH - HOUSE DISTRICT	CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT - U.S.	FEDERAL TECHNICIANS	ACTIVE GUARD PERSONNEL	STATE FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES	STATE PART-TIME EMPLOYEES	TOTAL FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES	TRADITIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL & PART-TIME EMPLOYEES	FEDERAL CONSTRUCTION
A											
Beaver											
Blanding											
Brigham City	Box Elder										
Cedar Ci											
Dugway	Tooele										
Fillmore	Millard										
Ft. Douglas	Salt Lake										
Lehi											
Logan											
Manti										11	
Mt. Pleasant	Sanpete										
Ogden	Weber	18	10	1	2	64		1	66	190	
Orem	Uta										
Price											
Richfield											
Riverton											
Salt Lake City	Salt Lake	3	27	2	1	4	3		8		
Salt Lake Airport	Salt Lake	2	22	2	315	150	44	2	509	1388	
Spanish											
Springville	Utah										
St. George	Washington	29	75	1	3	8		1	11	225	\$19,497
Tooele	To										
Vernal	Uin										
West Jordan	Salt Lake	6	46	3	126	56	8	8	190	651	
<b>TOTALS</b>					<b>810</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>1,913</b>	<b>6,333</b>	<b>\$204,144</b>

## Fiscal Year 2005 (1 Oct 2004 to 30 Sept 2005)

FEDERAL PAYROLL	FEDERAL OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	TOTAL FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	STATE PAYROLL	STATE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	TOTAL STATE EXPENDITURES	TOTAL STATE AND FEDERAL EXPENDITURES
\$ 1,511,262	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 2,811,262	\$ 2,098	\$ 13,381	\$ 15,479	\$ 2,826,741
\$ 560,356	\$ 890,450	\$ 1,450,806	\$ 1,910	\$ 16,936	\$ 18,846	\$ 1,469,652
\$ 169,806	\$ 648,500	\$ 818,306	2,080	\$ 19,926	\$ 22,006	\$ 840,312
\$ 84,903	\$ 875,900	\$ 960,803	\$ 2,080	\$ 19,439	\$ 21,519	\$ 982,322
\$ 1,030,152	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 2,230,152	\$ 680	\$ 28,902	\$ 29,582	\$ 2,259,734
\$ 41,375,723	\$ 5,789,450	\$ 47,165,173	\$ 1,821,072	\$ 680,730	\$ 2,501,802	\$ 49,666,975
\$ 45,280	\$ 984,500					
\$ 84,903	\$ 780,200	\$ 865,103	\$ 2,011	\$ 19,105	\$ 21,116	\$ 886,219
			\$ 135,601	\$ 20,488	\$ 156,089	\$ 156,089
\$ 773,784	\$ 1,200,300	\$ 1,974,084	\$ 2,011	\$ 23,378	\$ 25,389	\$ 1,999,473
\$ 815,064	\$ 1,140,000	\$ 1,955,064	\$ 2,098	\$ 37,097	\$ 39,195	\$ 1,994,259
\$ 435,829	\$ 625,000	\$ 1,060,829	\$ 2,098	\$ 23,806	\$ 25,904	\$ 1,086,733
\$ 169,806	\$ 575,600	\$ 745,406	\$ 538	\$ 15,338	\$ 15,876	\$ 761,282
\$ 5,528,370	\$ 3,526,480	\$ 9,054,850	\$ 2,098	\$ 39,259	\$ 41,357	\$ 9,096,207
\$ 3,101,798	\$ 3,145,800	\$ 6,247,598	\$ 2,098	\$ 71,710	\$ 73,808	\$ 6,321,406
\$ 169,806	□					
\$ 520,732	\$ 800,450	\$ 1,321,182	\$ 1,859	\$ 20,067	\$ 21,926	\$ 1,343,108
\$ 16,895,639	\$ 8,453,798	\$ 25,349,437	\$ 231,565	\$ 181,653	\$ 413,218	\$ 25,762,655
\$ 384,893		\$ 384,893	\$ 271,545	\$ 45,605	\$ 317,150	\$ 702,043
\$ 29,254,478	\$ 24,600,000	\$ 53,854,478	\$ 251,523	\$ 229,130	\$ 480,653	\$ 54,335,131
\$ 1,358,424	\$ 1,450,890	\$ 2,809,314	\$ 8,250	\$ 33,300	\$ 41,550	\$ 2,850,864
\$ 509,420	□					
\$ 815,066	\$ 3,750,890	\$ 4,565,956	\$ 2,061	\$ 25,370	\$ 27,431	\$ 4,593,387
\$ 220,383	□					
\$ 435,800						16,378
\$ 10,459,845	\$ 7,450,114	\$ 17,909,959	\$ 105,777	\$ 103,758	\$ 209,535	\$ 18,119,494
<b>\$ 116,711,551</b>	<b>\$ 72,566,440</b>	<b>\$ 189,277,991</b>	<b>\$ 2,858,825</b>	<b>\$ 1,743,492</b>	<b>\$ 4,602,317</b>	<b>\$ 193,880,308</b>

# Joint Forces Headquarters - Utah



The senior officer assigned to the Joint Staff, serves as the J-function primary staff officer. The junior officer serves as the J-function deputy staff officer.

## Joint Forces Headquarters - Utah

The Joint Forces Headquarters-Utah (JFHQ-UT) provides trained and equipped forces that are combat ready, relevant, reliable and accessible to accomplish a full spectrum of national and state missions. It acts as a standing, deployed, joint-force headquarters, within the state of Utah, for The Adjutant General (TAG). The JFHQ also supports civil authorities with the capabilities and forces for homeland security and/or domestic emergencies.

The JFHQ consists of a command group, personal staff, special staff, and joint staff with various duties and responsibilities. Each staff section is responsible to provide expertise and recommendations to the command structure on important issues facing the Utah National Guard.

The command group of the JFHQ-UT consists of the TAG, the Deputy Commander, the Assistant Adjutant Generals for Army and Air, and may be augmented by the Chief of Staff, and others as required. Its purpose is to advise the commander in the establishment of policies and procedures for the effective function of the JFHQ-UT.

The TAG, as commander, directs the efforts of the Utah National Guard worldwide. The Deputy Commander, appointed by the TAG, may be designated to act as commander in his absence. The Chief of Staff is the principal assistant to the TAG, and is the full-time supervisor responsible for the personal, special, and joint staffs.

The personal staff is directly responsible to the TAG and is



*The first Joint Forces Headquarters Staff Meeting held in the Utah National Guard*

responsible to perform duties as assigned by the TAG during the day-to-day operations of the Utah National Guard, as well as contingency operations and incident response. The personal staff includes the Commander's Aid-de-Camp, Staff Judge Advocate, State Surgeon, State Chaplain, Inspector General, Senior Army Advisor, State Enlisted Advisor, the United Safety Property and Fiscal Officer and the Public Affairs Officer.

The special staff is comprised of full-time Army and Air National Guard senior officers who administer and coordinate the day-to-day programs assigned to the JFHQ. The special staff includes the Joint Human Resources Office, Joint United States Property and Fiscal Office, Joint Information Systems Office, Joint Intelligence Office, Joint Directorate of Military Support, Joint Counter Drug, Joint Civil Military Relations, Joint Construction Maintenance and Facility, and Joint State Partnership.

The Joint Staff (J-Staff) was created with two primary responsibilities incident management and service component coordination. Incident

management includes contingency response and emergency actions when Utah National Guard personnel are assigned to support federal, state or local civilian authorities. This could involve establishing a Joint Operations Center that can respond to, and command and control emergencies or large scale operations. The J-Staff is also responsible for service component coordination with the capacity to coordinate and facilitate communications between Air and Army components.

The J-Staff is comprised of seven principal functional divisions. Two officers staff each function--one from the Army and one from the Air. Each division is responsible to command and control all attached or assigned forces that respond to emergency or contingency missions.

All persons serving in a "J" function or Deputy "J" capacity at the JFHQ level are "dual-hatted", meaning they also serve in their respective Air or Army component in various capacities. This ensures that officers with significant talent and expertise contribute to operations at all levels.

## J-1 Manpower Personnel



*Members of the J-1 Manpower and Personnel were very busy during fiscal year 2005 processing Utah Guard members on and off active duty associated with mobilizations and emergency response*

Fiscal Year 2005 provided the J-1, Colonel Dana Yetton, with no fewer challenges than in previous fiscal years and no apparent slowdown in sight. Although mobilizing and demobilizing more than 2,300 Soldiers called to support the Global War on Terrorism was daunting and vital, it did not preclude responsible execution of critical personnel actions. These actions include enlistments, retention, promotions, line of duty actions, Military Medical Review Boards, educational benefits, retirement counseling, awards, morale welfare and recreation support, causality assistance operations, and storage, management and archiving of personnel records.

The J-1 continues to make quality support to Soldiers, Airmen and their families a number one priority. An excellent example of this is demonstrated in the Education Service Office which provided support and assistance to Soldiers

and Airmen wishing to further their civilian education. During fiscal year 2005, funds totaling \$985,000.00 were provided to 939 Soldiers through the Federal Tuition Assistance Program, an increase of 51% from the previous fiscal year. The State of Utah awarded the Utah National Guard \$500,000.00 for State Tuition Assistance. This new program assisted 257 Airmen and Soldiers, providing them the opportunity to continue their education pursuits. The State Tuition Waiver Program granted 145 tuition waivers to qualifying Soldiers and Airmen equaling more than \$455,000. The Education Office touches all members of the Utah Army Guard by providing services for the Montgomery GI Bill and the Soldier Incentive Program.

Consistent with the effort to transition from a paper system of records management to an electronic format, providing Soldiers ready access to their Official Military

Personnel File (OPMF), a fully operational Personnel Electronic Records Management System is now available and allows any member of the Utah National Guard to review his/her OPMF via the Internet.

To continue the transition from State Area Command (STARC) to a "Joint Forces Headquarters (JFHQ)", the J-1 and his staff have adapted, reviewed, and where necessary rewrote personnel policy guidance to support and refine a JFHQ.

As evidenced above, the Office of the J-1 is a well defined multi-faceted organization of outstanding Soldiers operating and maintaining a complex personnel system designed to provide service and support to the Soldier and his/her family from enlistment to retirement and beyond. As the operation tempo and the demand for "Citizen Soldiers" increases, the J-1 will continue to meet and exceed the challenges of our "Real World" mission.

## J-2 Intelligence Services



*Soldiers from the 300th MI Bde perform Document Exploitation Intelligence in Falluja, Iraq*

More than 1,000 Utah National Guard soldiers, airmen and women are dedicated to the analysis of information and production of actionable, relevant intelligence. Intelligence helps commanders at all levels make decisions about force protection, shaping the battlefield, and adversary's intentions. Actionable and relevant intelligence saves lives and helps commanders achieve tactical and strategic advantages. These intelligence professionals are active in the Global War on Terror and have produced intelligence that have saved American service members lives and have led to capture or elimination of terrorists.

The J-2 (Director of Intelligence

Operations) has the primary responsibility of serving as the advisor to the Adjutant General for joint intelligence policies, operations, and current situational awareness. Understanding current situational awareness implies the responsibility for the preparing units for deployment, monitoring ongoing information processing and intelligence production by Air and Army National Guard elements, and also working with national and local civilian agencies to ensure force protection at in Utah.

The J-2 section participate in several exercises to measure the Utah National Guards ability to respond to either a national or local emergency from either a natural

disaster or terrorist attack. The J-2 participated in providing support for declared disasters in Saint George for flooding and also in support for hurricane Katrina. The professional intelligence operation capabilities of both Utah Air and Army National Guard provide a decisive advantage in collecting, processing, and producing intelligence to The Adjutant General and senior joint staff.

Through the efforts of joint intelligence operations, the intelligence professionals from Utah Air and Army National Guard are striving to provide our senior leadership with information in order to make accurate and timely decisions.

## J-3 Operations



*Members of the Utah Guard help in Louisiana*

Fiscal year 2005 was an exciting and busy year for the J-3 and the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations (G-3). Fiscal year 2005 continued the high operational tempo started by the almost total deployment of Army National Guard force in support of the Olympics in 2002, a deployment of 25% of the Army Guard in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in 2003, and deploying an additional 30% in 2004. The J-3 is responsible for training, planning, operations, mobilization, force structure development, modernization, and emergency operations.

The 115th Engr. Group provided technical engineer command and control and design support to forces in the Multi-National Division Central-South area until their redeployment in February 2005. The 116th Engineer Company deployed to Camp Anaconda in Central Iraq and later was assigned with the 115th Engineer Group at Tallil Air Force Base. They redeployed in January 2005. The 1/211th Aviation Battalion redeployed in April 2005 after a one year deployment to Bagram Air Force Base and Kandahar in Afghanistan. The 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

redeployed from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in May.

The Utah Army National Guard deployed one of its eight battalions and a large element of another as security forces totaling over 650 soldiers to Ramadi and Kirkuk in Iraq. Additionally, we deployed 120 maintenance Soldiers from the 115th Maintenance Company to Southwest Iraq in support of the 155th Brigade Combat Team. There were several small Signal Intelligence and Human Intelligence deployments from the 300th MI Brigade throughout the year. In 2005, the Utah Army Guard also became the mountain west regional Community Based Health Care for wounded and sick soldiers returning from deployment. We deployed 16 Soldiers in support of this activity. Additionally, the Regional Training Institute mobilized seven Soldiers locally to support expanded training requirements.

The structure of the Utah Army National Guard had a few significant changes. One of our oldest units, the 1-145th Field Artillery converted from towed artillery to tracked 155 self-propelled howitzers. Additionally, we grew an additional general support aviation battalion, 2-211th General Support Aviation

Battalion, which flies UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters. Our 85th Civil Support Team completed a validation and is now an asset in state emergencies.

The Utah Army National Guard acted as the lead state for the National Guard when it conducted the New Horizons Exercise in Nicaragua. More than 1,500 soldiers, sailors, and airmen participated from many states to build four schools and two clinics in the Chinandega province of Nicaragua. In addition to the 600 Utah Army National Guard soldiers who supported the New Horizons exercise, and additional 610 deployed to 17 different countries throughout the world in support of many different training exercises.

The Utah National Guard also supported local authorities during the floods in Washington County with quick reaction forces and helicopters. As a part of the Joint Forces Headquarters, elements of the staff and units participated in two exercises which tested our ability to communicate and respond to emergencies. The Utah National Guard used this experience by deploying Soldiers and Airmen to Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina. Task Force Utah was established and located in Abbeville, Louisiana and provided surrounding communities construction; cleanup of debris; security patrols; traffic control; community relations; public affairs and other support and continue this support to the end of October.

Overall 2005 was an exciting and interesting year for J-3 Operations and we look forward to more innovative and exciting operations and training in the coming year.

## J-5/7 Plans Policy Interoperability

The J-5/7 Joint Directorate of Military Support (JDOMS) is responsible for numerous programs and events that involve interaction with the Utah Department of Public Safety, Law Enforcement, Fire, FBI, Homeland Security, and civilian authorities from local Government agencies. Some of the programs include the Joint Force Emergency Operations Center, National Guard Security Services, statewide physical security inspections, emergency communications of the state Omni Link network, Anti-Terrorism Force Protection, Homeland Defense, Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program Response Teams, and Weapons of Mass Destruction Emergency Response Teams.

During fiscal year 2005, the JDOMS provided military support for two major natural disasters. First, in January 2005 severe storms in southern Utah caused extensive flooding in Washington County. The Joint Forces Headquarters Utah provided support with personnel, equipment and other resources as well as coordination and assistance for civilian authorities. Then in September, Hurricane Katrina ravaged the Gulf Coast States and the J-5/7 coordinated Utah's response in providing housing and aid to more than 500 victims of the hurricane. As a second hurricane, Rita, devastated the Gulf the J-5/7 continued its support of civilian agencies by sending essential liaison and communication soldiers to the stricken area.

Through a series of major training exercises during fiscal year 2005, the J-5/7 continued to strengthen

strong working relationships with state and county governments in Utah. Beginning in November 2004 with Exercise Black Gold, the Utah National Guard supported local governments in Utah, Salt Lake and Duchesne counties with Operation Black Hawk, a major Terrorist/Weapons of Mass Destruction exercise that included the Air National Guards Explosive Ordnance Team.

In April, the Utah National Guard ran a Command Post Exercise -- Wasatch Shift--simulating a major earthquake along the Wasatch Front. This exercise was a successful event that required the Joint Staff to utilize the Plans, Procedures and Processes that they will be using in the event of an actual major disaster.

During this fiscal year the Utah National Guard's 85th Civil Support Team completed their initial training and in July successfully completed the external evaluation. In December 2004, the unit was brought online and began the process of fielding equipment, completing individual and collective training.

In Summit County, Army Aviation and the J-5/7 participated in an event in August 2005 that providing training in search and rescue while operating in a high mountain environment. Again, this exercise strengthened the working relationships and methods that the National Guard uses in support local agencies while accomplishing its peacetime State Mission.

Finally, in September 2005 the J-5/7 participated in a highly successful training conference with



*The Moroccan delegation*

the Guard's Partner for Peace, the country of Morocco. The conference on Major Disaster Responses was well attended by over forty Moroccan Military Medical officers, fire, police, Military Engineers, Non-Government Organizations and other military officers. The Utah National Guard sent four soldiers to conduct the training in addition to two Utah Highway Patrol Officers, a Utah Department of Public Safety Training Academy Instructor and a Sheriff's Deputy specializing in Emergency Response from Sanpete County. This training and outreach effort with the Moroccan Military was very well received and a significant step in cementing strong ties with this African country.

While the J-5/7 has had great success in building strong relationships at home and abroad, much success has also been made in building the organization. The interoperability and mission capability of the J-5/7 is evident in the effective and efficient 24-hour Joint Message Center. The center has the ability to traffic information in an organized and methodic manner that allows the Utah National Guard to share vital information within its own ranks as well as other Homeland Security agencies. The success of the center has been a vital part of the Utah National Guards ability to respond to the call for need throughout all the events this year has presented.

## J-4 Logistics



*Utah Air National Guard logistics personnel loads equipment to support Hurricane Katrina Relief Operations*

The Utah National Guard J-4 is responsible for all areas of tactical logistics and to support unit logistical readiness. The J-4 team, Lt. Col. Julie Anderson and Lt. Col. Michael Norton, serve on the joint staff under the direction of the Joint Forces Headquarters Utah Commander, Brig. Gen. Dewsnup. They also serve in their respective services as the Utah Air National Guard 151st Logistics Readiness Squadron Commander and Utah Army National Guard G4/Director of Logistics.

The J-4 participated in joint training during the "Wasatch Shift" Emergency Training Exercise in April, 2005. This exercise set the stage for unprecedented Air and Army logistical cooperation and support during Operations August Storm and September Storm supporting Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita relief efforts in Louisiana. The J-4 worked with the entire Utah Guard logistics

team including: G-4 maintenance, transportation, and supply personnel; United States Property and Fiscal Officer transportation, contracting, and support personnel; Camp Williams TISA, support, and UTES personnel; and Air Guard mission support personnel. They performed superbly to accomplish this exceptional mission.

The Army G-4 Mission is to provide and sustain the highest level of logistical readiness and fully mission capable equipment for the Utah Army National Guard. The G-4 works closely with major command logistics personnel and the USPFO for Utah to accomplish this mission. The G-4 Sergeant Maj. Steven Peterson, is the key to effective coordination. The focus of fiscal year 2005 logistical support was mobilizing units, reconstituting unit equipment, deploying and recovering equipment from Nicaragua, the Paladin conversion of 1-145th Field Artillery, the

organization of 2-211th Aviation and supporting unit training.

The G-4 coordinates extensively with the USPFO Senior Logistics Management Specialist, Maj. Hal Fitzgerald, to support Army Guard units. The mission succeeds only through a superb team effort between USPFO and G-4 personnel.

The Logistics Management Office (LMO), directed by Maj. Ronald Jonas, provided outstanding logistics support to numerous mobilizing units including 2-222 Field Artillery, 115th Maintenance Company, 144th Medical Company, and 120th Quartermaster Detachment. The LMO provides mobilization/demobilization support, food service coordination, convoy clearances, and transportation coordination. LMO personnel make extensive coordination with mobilization stations, equipment demobilization sites, and port managers to ensure effective equipment support for mobilizing and returning units.

Under the superb leadership of the Surface Maintenance Manager Maj. Scott Burnhope, the Surface Maintenance Community conducted reconstitution operations for 115th Engineer Group and 116th Combat Support Company equipment at home station. The Surface Maintenance Manager provides technical guidance and supervision to 17 Field Maintenance Shops (FMS) and work sites throughout Utah.

FMS 1 in Logan and FMS 1-A in Ogden are supervised by Master Sgt. John Duncan. FMS 1 supports the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion and 1-145th Field Artillery Battalion.

FMS 2, located in West Jordan, supervised CW3 Michael Bullock supports aviation, engineer, and other units stationed at West Jordan. This shop supported equipment reconstitution for the 1/211th Aviation Battalion after their deployment in Afghanistan.

FMS 3 in Spanish Fork, with sub-shops FMS 3-A in Tooele and FMS 3-B in American Fork is supervised by Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Anthony Shaw. FMS 3 supports engineer, artillery, and military intelligence units stationed in Spanish Fork, Springville, Orem, and Blanding.

FMS 4 in Manti and FMS 4-A in Vernal, Utah are supervised by WOC Robert Thomson. These shops support engineer and artillery units in Manti, Mount Pleasant, Price and Vernal.

FMS 5 in Beaver, FMS 5-A in Richfield, and FMS 5-B in St George are supervised by Master Sgt. Ronald Greenhalgh. Master Sgt. Les Williams is the temporary supervisor until Master Sgt. Greenhalgh returns from Iraq. These shops support artillery and military intelligence units in Cedar City, Richfield, St George, Fillmore and Beaver. Seven soldiers from FMS 5 are mobilized with the 2-222nd Field Artillery.

The Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS) in Draper is supervised by CW5 Lamar Cloward. The CSMS provides most of the support maintenance for Utah Guard units. The CSMS is a well-equipped, efficient, and modern shop with the capability to rebuild or replace most components of military vehicles including: engines, transmissions, axles, braking, fuel, cooling, and electrical



*The CSMS repairs engineering equipment returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom*

systems, and body and paint. The CSMS maintains exceptional skills in canvas, small arms, electronic, night vision, and armament repair as well as GSA vehicle support to all Utah Army Guard units. Twenty Two CSMS soldiers are mobilized with the 115th Maintenance Company. The CSMS is one of first National Guard maintenance shops to repair unit equipment returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

The Unit Training Equipment Sites (UTES) at Camp Williams is supervised by CW2 Dave Adamson. WOC Blair Hutchings is the temporary supervisor until Mr. Adamson returns from deployment. The UTES consists of two shops with the capability to perform limited direct support and organizational repairs for units at Camp Williams and Lehi, and Special Forces units at Camp Williams and Draper. The UTES also assists units training at Camp Williams. This fiscal year UTES deployed over 200 pieces of

equipment to Nicaragua for the New Horizons humanitarian mission.

The logistics professionals of the Utah Army and Air National Guard strive to provide and constantly improve the best possible support to our customers, the Soldiers, Airmen, and units of the Utah National Guard.



*Transportation personnel of both the Army and Air Utah National Guard supporting "Scouting for Food" community support project along with all the many support missions they have been involved with during fiscal year 2005*

## J-6 Command Control Communications Computers



**Task Force Utah Commo Team: WO1 Cade, Sgt. 1st Class Mercer, Pfc. Jensen, Sgt. Lyman, Spc. Ramos, 1st Sgt. Logan, WOC Curtis, Maj. Archuleta, WO1 Brown, and Sgt. 1st Class Huntsman**

The J-6, Chief Information Officer (CIO) assists the commander in all responsibilities for communications, electronics, and automated information systems. This includes development and integration of command, control, communications and computer architecture and plans which support the Utah National Guard's operational and strategic requirements as well as policy and guidance for implementation and integration of interoperable systems to exercise command in the execution of the mission.

In support of hurricane Katrina and Rita, the CIO was tasked to deploy a robust communication team, equipment and satellite trailer to support the Louisiana Task Force. This communications team was responsible for planning and establishing connectivity for the task force including frequency management and deconflicting frequency requirements. The team provided critical interoperable communication service to the task

force and subordinate units. These services included: commercial phone access, internet and email, non-tactical radios; cell phones and video teleconferencing in support of controlling rescue and security operations.

The J-6 is comprised of the Network Control Center (NCC) and Information management. The Network Control Center received superior ratings in network security operations and compliance during this past year. The NCC procured and commissioned the mobile emergency satellite trailer, implemented an IP telephony solution, installed satellite communications services at the Blanding Armory, made significant upgrades to the existing network in accordance with the Army Knowledge Management Strategic Plan and completely rewired the main server room.

The information management department is comprised of several support areas: helpdesk, distance learning, visual information, web

page management, publication management and mailing services. The helpdesk made several significant physical and technical process improvements to improve troubleshooting and for providing more efficient and quicker service to customers. A new helpdesk customer/business service center was created which includes scanning, copying and internet access capabilities.

The Distance Learning and Visual Information sections continue to provide invaluable service to soldiers and their families. The High Tech Learning Center remains one of the most popular training facilities for training large groups using computer applications and requiring internet access. Several family support video teleconferences were conducted throughout the year allowing deployed soldiers around the world the opportunity to see and talk with their family members here at home. Conducting training of soldiers and fulltime employees of the Utah National Guard remains the primary mission of the High Tech Learning Center. Please visit the Utah Army National Guard Public Web site at [www.ut.ngb.army.mil](http://www.ut.ngb.army.mil)



**Task Force Utah Interoperable Satellite Communications Trailer**

## J-8 Resources and Assessment

Part of the Joint Forces Headquarters (JFHQ) organization of the Utah National Guard, the J-8 (Finance) department consists of both Army and Air National Guard comptroller divisions. The day-to-day supervision of the J-8 is provided by the United States Property and Fiscal Officer (USPFO). In addition to accounting for federal funds used for operations of the National Guard, the J-8 processes payroll and travel vouchers for military and full-time support personnel, and makes payments to vendors.

The J-8 is critical for successful mobilizations and de-mobilizations of National Guard Soldiers and Airmen. This year we spent many hours preparing finance packets for Soldiers and Airmen, and ensuring their pay and entitlements were set up correctly. While units are deployed, J-8 personnel assist families with pay inquiries thus

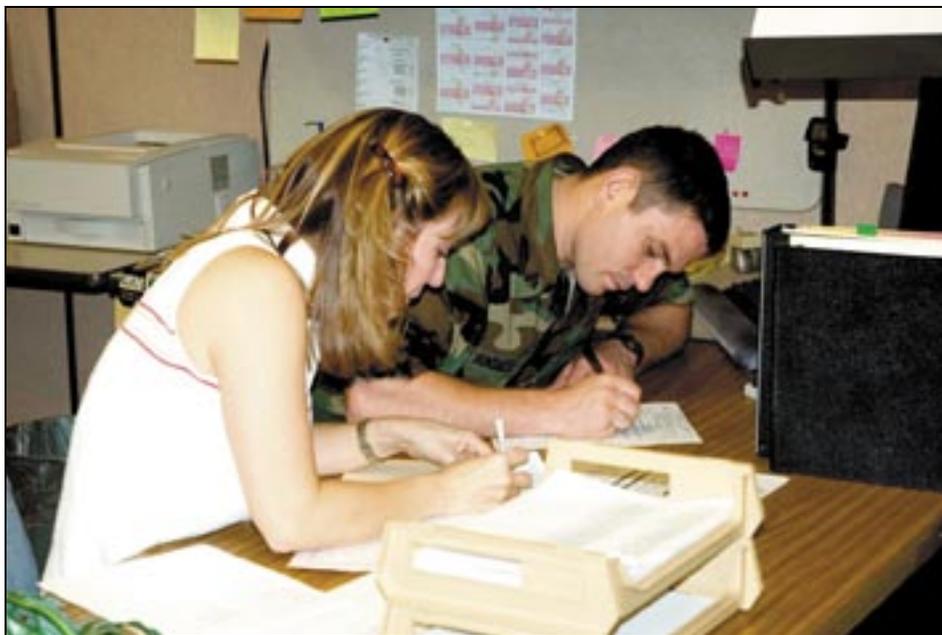


*Members of the J-8 Resources and Assessment coordinate with unit members on one of the many projects they supported*

lessening the burden on deployed soldiers and airmen. The J-8 works hard to minimize disruptions in pay and benefits for our Utah National Guardsmen.

The J-8 is also very active in

responding to emergencies and disasters, such as the aftermath of hurricane Katrina. Response to Hurricane Katrina was complicated by the legalities of the use of federal funds as well as state funds in the response effort. The J-8 personnel were very involved in making sure that appropriate kinds of funding were used for the relief efforts. Visit the J-8 intranet site for more information: <http://55.91.253.251/uspfo/default.htm>



*Members of the J-8 Resources and Assessment work on a project in support of the Utah National Guard accomplishing another successful missions*



*The J-8 resources all the activities of each unit of the Utah National Guard*

## Joint Civil-Military Relations



*Runners at the start of the 5k race to support the Utah National Guard Foundation for Families.*

The Joint Civil Military Relations directorate (JCMR) is comprised of the Family Programs, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, Historian, Community Support and Public Affairs Officer. The mission of the JCMR is to provide top-flight service to our families, communities and employers, making their needs our number one priority, while capturing the history and significant accomplishments of the Utah National Guard and presenting our message to the public in a sincere and professional manner.

Over the past year, elements of the Directorate have continued to work hard to care for the families of deployed soldiers. The Family Program Staff member have spent many dedicated hours training family support volunteers, presenting deployment and reunion briefings, conducting activities for National Guard youth to include a new successful activity "The Great Utah Road Tour," and we continue to set up Family Assistance Centers throughout the State to assist families with any need 24-hours a day.

Within the Family Programs Office there was a great outreach from

the community to help the service members and their families this year. Our Special Projects Coordinator, Tonia Johnson, worked with volunteers from the community to assist needs that arise, especially during deployments. One company helped to raise \$175,000 to go toward the Utah National Guard Foundation for Families, a non-profit organization. These funds are available to help with some of the family needs not covered under other programs. Other companies are also holding benefits to raise monies and a local radio station collected much needed items for the families of deployed service members. The Family Programs Office also worked on Governor's Day Parade helps with the Sub for Santa program during the holiday season.

With the unprecedented deployment of so many Utah National Guard Soldiers over the past year, the need to capture their stories of service has taken on new significance. The Historian's office, in conjunction with Public Affairs, has begun the task of collecting the history of the Utah National Guard since 9-11. Once complete, this document will provide a detailed overview in

printed word and pictorial format, of the many contributions and accomplishments that Utah Guard Members have made to the War on Terror.

The need to form a close partnership with employers has never been greater. As long and frequent deployments continue to be a reality, employers of Guard members need to be kept informed about their employees. Joyce Anderson's goal has been to conduct aggressive employer outreach. Under Joyce's leadership, two "Boss Lift's" were completed this past year to Camp Shelby, Miss. and New Orleans, La. Both events were attended by key employers from across the State and were instrumental in fostering continued good will between local employers and the Utah National Guard.

The Public Affairs office (PAO) has handled well over 1,000 requests for media support over the past year. The PAO staff develops and maintains the Utah National Guard's official website. As a result of their careful management, website hits have increased from a monthly average 4,000 per month in Fiscal Year 2004 to over 5,000 per month in Fiscal Year 2005. Through the dedicated professionals in the PAO, the image of the Utah National Guard has been enhanced and our message has been presented well to the citizens of Utah.

The Joint Civil/Military Relations Directorate is proud of the accomplishments of the Soldiers and Airmen of the Utah National Guard. We look forward to another great year of service to our communities, our State, and our Nation.

## Joint United States Property and Fiscal Office

The Joint United States Property and Fiscal Office (USPFO) for Utah has been extremely involved during the past year in helping to ensure that the units of the Utah Army and Air National Guard are properly trained and equipped to fight our nation's wars.

The USPFO is divided into five divisions: Resources Management, Supply and Services, Purchasing and Contracting, Data Processing and Internal Review. The Utah Air National Guard utilizes Assistant USPFOs for Fiscal, Property and Real Property to ensure all air guard resources are controlled. These divisions ensure that The Adjutant General and subordinate commanders are positioned to successfully complete both their federal and state missions.

The Resource Management Division is an all inclusive division that stretches from formulation to the execution of the annual federal budget. The Fiscal/Accounting Branchs dispersed over \$98,100,000 in support of Soldier and Airman pay, commercial and federal acquisitions, full-time employee's pay, and other mobilization requirements such as medical and dental care. The Pay and Examination / Military Pay Branch supported deploying soldiers and airmen by ensuring all that pay documentation was complete and accurate, conducting family support briefings and ensuring that returning Soldier's and Airman's pay and travel entitlements were correct.

The Supply and Services Division receives and distributes federal property and equipment to Utah National Guard units. Over the past year this division directed the



*USPFO personnel assist with with another of many mobilizations*

allocation of equipment throughout the state to ensure that unit readiness was achieved for those deploying units. The division acquired and distributed all necessary organizational and individual equipment and clothing required by mission requirements. The combined Transportation Branches shipped 3,470 commercial loads of equipment and transported 12,348 personnel by commercial air and bus. The Warehouse Branches were busy receiving and issuing supplies for deploying units.

The Purchasing and Contracting Division procured goods and services outside of the federal wholesale and standard base supply system. During the past year this division supported Soldiers and Airmen by contracting hotels and meals for deployment and re-deployment. They acquired commercial shipping and storage equipment for deploying units, and established contracts for Soldiers and Airmen to complete any required dental work prior to mobilization. They also awarded many large contracts and hundreds of smaller ones, meeting most of the government's goals for using Small Businesses and Minority Owned Businesses.

The Data Processing Division manages and maintains all automation equipment and systems that support the USPFO functions and databases. To assist the individual units, an electronic Transmittal Tracker was developed for all payroll submissions that allow the unit administrator/military pay clerk to track the progress of their payrolls. Data Processing continued improving systems support to deploying commanders to ensure that all their mobilization requirements were conducted as efficiently and accurately as possible.

The Internal Review Division provides professional audit services to ensure compliance with statutes and regulations. During the past year Internal Review provided audit services Information Technology property accountability, GSA vehicle management, Military Pay procedures, AGR travel management, software licensing and more.

The men and women of the USPFO stand ready and willing to meet all tasking of The Adjutant General, The Chief National Guard Bureau and the great soldiers and airmen of the Utah National Guard.

## Joint Human Resources Office



***Lt. Col. Clark is the new Human Resources Officer for the Utah National Guard***

The mission of the Human Resources Office (HRO) is to provide total quality customer service with a focus on timely results and customer satisfaction. The HRO is the consolidated personnel office, which supports the nearly 1,800 full-time employees of the Utah National Guard. The scope of the HRO mission continues to grow in order to support the increasing demand on Utah's Soldiers and Airmen.

The full-time force is comprised of active duty military, federal civil service and state employees who work for the Utah Army and Air National Guard. The full-time force is distributed in armories and training sites from Logan to St. George and from Tooele to Vernal. Utah National Guard full-time employees provide the essential continuity in administration, supply, maintenance, operations and training that serve approximately 6,500 unit

members across the state.

The Human Resources Office continues to provide hiring, staffing, benefit services, position classification, on the job injury services, full-time employee training, equal employment opportunity, labor management relations, medical and pay administration, employee assistance programs, personnel computer data services, official duty travel and recreation (ticket) specials. The HRO is committed to ensuring that all the basic work-related needs of Utah National Guard employees are provided in order to maintain

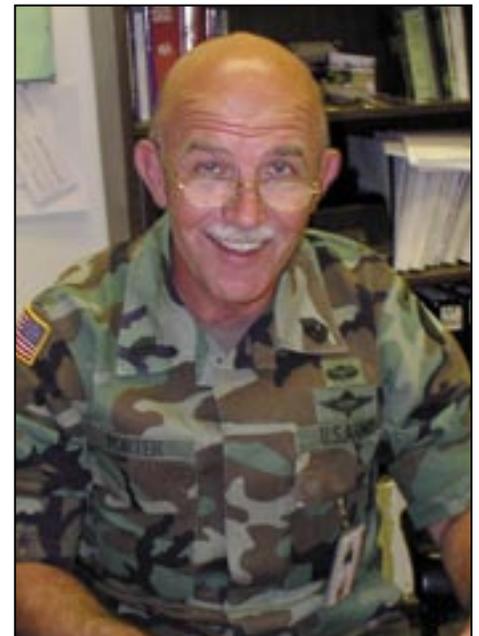


***Maj. Osborne is the new Deputy Human Resources Officer***

maximum efficiency and the highest possible morale.

During fiscal year 2005 we were able to assist most of our Airmen and Soldiers as they left or returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom and other operations around the world. The employees in HRO consistently went above and beyond expectations providing Soldiers and Airmen the tools to make critical decisions affecting themselves and their families and to ensure that state and federal missions were accomplished.

Once again, throughout the year the Utah National Guard was recognized as a professional and trained force, ready to mobilize and deploy. This reputation is a result of the high caliber of our people both full-time and traditional. The goal of the Human Resources Office is to continue to improve the support and assistance we provide to these most valuable assets.



***Sgt. Maj. Porter is the AGR Personnel Manager for the HRO***

## Joint State Partnership Program

The State Partnership Program between the State of Utah and the Kingdom of Morocco began in the fall of 2003 and is entering its third year. In February 2005, the Moroccan military hosted a delegation of 13 Utah National Guard military officers, including The Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Brian L. Tarbet. The visit lasted for a full week and included a meeting with the Gen. Abdelaziz Bennani, the chief of the Royal Moroccan Armed Force.

The delegation visited military hospitals, a Moroccan Air Force fighter base, and a military combat engineer training facility. They also visited the mausoleum of Mohammed V to see the tomb King Hassan II, the father of the current King Mohammed VI. Brig. Gen. Dewsnap, the Deputy Joint Staff Commander and 11 other Utah Army and Air National Guard members accompanied the TAG on the visit.

In April, the 151<sup>st</sup> Medical Squadron participated in Exercise African Lion. The exercise was located in the southern part of Morocco near the town of Tan Tan. The clinic operated a clinic for the local population that was very successful. On the first day over 500 people showed up for treatment. The program was so successful that the medical personnel from the National Guard have been invited back by Lt. Gen. Bennani next year to run clinics in four other Moroccan towns.

In August, Commandants Rbai and Rassouni, physicians with the Moroccan Army, visited Utah to observe medic training, air evacuation procedures and decontamination training. Dr. Rbai, who works at the Public Health Ministry, was very pleased with what he observed. In his after ac-



***Brig. Gen. Ralph Dewsnap, Deputy Commander Utah National Guard Joint Staff, tours Meknes Airbase with the base Commander***

tion report he was especially pleased with the demonstration of equipment designed to test for chemical and biological contamination.

In September, with the assistance of Commandant Rbai, Lt. Col. Bart Berry led a team to Rabat to brief the Moroccan civil and military officials on disaster preparation and planning. Lt. Col. Berry escorted four civilians from state and local emergency disaster offices to aid him in the presentations. Commandant reported back that the Moroccan audience were extremely pleased with the presentations and demonstrations of equipment and would like further contacts on disaster preparedness.

The annual planning conference was held in Rabat in September. EUCOM has approved 20 events for the State Partnership Program for FY 2006. Events planned for the next year include: -Guest lecturers at the Moroccan war college -Helicopter High-Altitude Training and Night Vision Goggle familiarization -Evaluation of NCO and Officer Education and training programs -Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome and Suicide prevention and - Special Forces familiarization.

In the future, Utah and the Kingdom of Morocco look forward to continued development and exchange of both concepts and culture.

## Inspector General Office



*Members of the Utah National Guard Inspector General Office*

With roots going back to the Revolutionary War, the U.S. Army Inspector General (IG) system continues to play a huge role in assisting commanders with readiness and war fighting capabilities. Initially, the IG inspected training of the entire Continental Army in order to ensure troop proficiency in the tactics of the day which required stern discipline and extensive drill training. The modern IG is an extension of the eyes, ears, voice, and conscience of the commander. The IG is a personal staff officer providing the commander with a sounding board for sensitive issues. IGs are honest brokers and impartial fact finders. They conduct thorough, objective, and impartial inspections, assessments, and investigations. They also provide assistance and training to help commanders with readiness, and effectiveness in order to promote well-being, good order, and discipline.

The Utah National Guard Inspector General Office strives to provide the very best service in all IG functions. The Utah office is "joint" with 1 active duty Army,

2 Army National Guard, and 1 Air National Guard Inspectors General. The Principal IG is Lieutenant Colonel Grant Webb. The Army Deputy IG is Major Tyler Smith and the Air Force Deputy IG is Major Linda Robles. The Army Assistant IG is Sergeant First Class Angela Street. Major Bill Cluff has served as a Deputy IG for nearly 3 years and is in the process of moving on to his next assignment.

In fiscal year 2005, the Utah IG Office conducted assistance visits to 31 Army Guard units. During these visits, soldiers and leaders are given the opportunity to participate in a sensing session. Sensing sessions allow the IG to bring unit members together in groups of 10-15 in a "closed door" forum to ensure confidentiality. Unit members are free to discuss issues that help the IG determine trends and systemic problems that affect readiness, strength, and morale. These sessions have proven to be invaluable Army wide in assisting commands resolve problems and make positive improvements in the unit that benefit all.

In addition to assistance visits, there were 138 cases where the IG Office was able to assist soldiers and airmen with all sorts of problems. Anyone may submit a complaint, allegation, or request for information or assistance. The service members are asked to go through their chain of command first to allow the units the first opportunity to solve problems. The IG has the ability to look into issues where standard methods have been unsuccessful.

Intelligence oversight is another importance function of the IG. The Utah IG Office has the responsibility to provide oversight of intelligence components and activities within the Utah National Guard. This is to ensure that all procedures governing the activities of DoD intelligence components that affect US persons are being followed.

By serving as the eyes, ears and conscience of the Adjutant General, the Utah IG office will assist in preparing the Utah National Guard to meet the challenges of the 21st century. The goal we all share is to be the best trained and ready Reserve military force in the world.

## Joint Utah Counterdrug Program

The Utah Counterdrug Program, led by Col. Neil Hansen, had an exciting year in 2005 with many innovative advances within the project. The Counterdrug Program has been on the attack in the war against illegal drugs with Law Enforcement Agency (LEA) support, Drug Demand Reduction (DDR), education, and language training.

In 2005, the Counterdrug DDR Program, under the leadership of Maj. Steve Odom, continued their excellent record of educating Utah youth, parents and guardsmen with innovative and state-of-the-art drug education programs. During this year, the DDR program reached over 4,277 adults and 37,093 school-aged children in over 85 schools all over Utah. These programs included classroom presentations, climbing wall activities, "the natural high", a rappel tower activity, and the Night Vision Program.

Maj. Odom is also in charge of National Guard support to drug-fighting LEAs all over Utah. This National Guard program has directly contributed to over 1,658 arrests. These arrests have resulted in the seizure of over \$10,671,975 of marijuana, \$3,388,116 of methamphetamine, \$1,202,636 of cocaine, \$1,306,463 of other drugs, \$16,569,192 of weapons, and drug-related currency. State Plans soldiers work long and varied hours to support missions that include investigative case and analyst support, LEA training, linguist support, and surface reconnaissance.

The Joint Language Training Centers (JLTC) under the super-

vision of Lt. Col. Sidney Smith and Lt. Col. Derek Tolman and were rejuvenated this year with the completion of one new building and the start of two more at Camp Williams. The JLTCs also added a new 50-seat secure information center in Ogden and a 24-seat center in Orem. These buildings and additions will replace the aging temporary facilities at Camp Williams and increase the ability of the JLTCs to use language training in support of agencies fighting on the front lines in the war on illegal drugs.

The Counterdrug Program has also



*The DDR Climbing Wall*

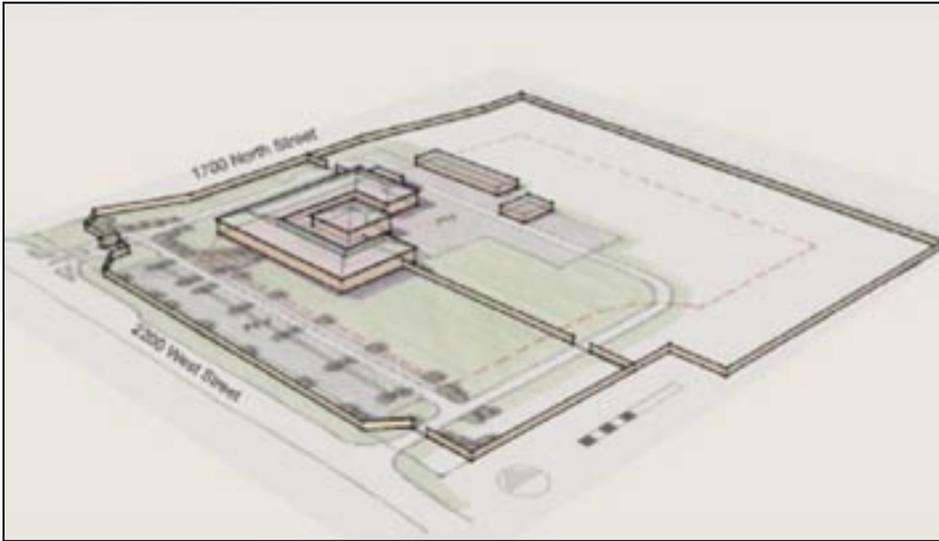


*The new Joint Language Training Center under construction at Camp Williams will provide enhanced language capabilities in support of agencies fighting the war on illegal drugs.*

taken the lead in training linguists by conducting year-long courses in four uncommon languages to fill needs identified by the Department of Defense. Over thirty Utah Army and Air National Guard Soldiers and Airmen are participating in these Dari, Pashto, Urdu and Balochi courses.

The Utah Counterdrug Program is always looking for qualified linguists to fill critical needs. If you are interested in an exciting career utilizing your language, contact the Counterdrug program at 801-523-4505.

## Joint Construction Maintenance and Facilities



*The plans for the new Joint Army/Air Readiness Center*

The Joint Construction Maintenance and Facilities (JCMF) are tasked with ensuring that all Utah National Guard facilities meet the ever-expanding needs of today's military forces. Colonel Craig V. Morgan is the Director of the JCMF. He and his staff constantly strive to provide quality facilities that enable our Utah National Guard forces to train and survive on the modern battlefield. By maintaining a high standard of service, quality, and satisfaction to the state while providing a safe and positive work environment to the employees of the Utah National Guard, the mission of the JCMF will set the tone for a productive Guard in the upcoming year.

The JCMF provides various support and supervision of facilities throughout the state of Utah. It oversees major and minor construction, budget items, and building maintenance. The JCMF works with state officials, including the Governor and members of the State legislature, on topics that include budget items for new

construction, land leases, and the purchase of property. The goal of the JCMF is to maintain a high standard of service, quality, and satisfaction to the state, while providing a safe and positive work environment for the employees.

Maintaining high standards for our Utah National Guard facilities is a constant challenge. Many facilities are incapable of accommodating the needs of today's high tech equipment. Our older facilities were not designed to accommodate modern enhancements. Additionally, because of their age, the costs associated with maintaining these buildings are climbing at an astronomical rate. For these reasons, the Utah National Guard works diligently with State Legislature to ensure current and future funds are allocated to meet facilities maintenance requirements. The number one priority of the JCMF is to maximize taxpayer resources when planning for new construction or building maintenance. To do this, the JCMF works closely with The Adjutant General, unit commanders,

principal staff members and National Guard Bureau to ensure future project plans are optimized to meet current and future training demands.

This year the Joint Language Training Center (JLTC) building one was completed. We also started the construction on JLTC building two and building three. Other exciting news this year was the purchase of 23 acres in North Salt Lake. The property will be the home of the new Joint Army and Air National Guard Readiness Center. A planning charrette was conducted in March of this year and included the Joint Staff, representatives from units that will be moving into the facility, NGB and the Corps of Engineers. The charrette brings all interested parties to the table so they may express the needs of their organization early in the planning process. The original projected cost for the Joint Readiness Center was approximately 12 million dollars. After the planning charrette the estimated cost increased substantially to over 30 million dollars. With the increase cost, the TAG and Joint Staff must make some hard decisions on how they should proceed. Currently the construction of the facility is scheduled for fiscal year 2008.



*Construction of a new language training center to meet the growing needs of the Utah National Guard to provide this skill*

## Construction and Facilities Management Office

The Construction and Facilities Management Office (CFMO) is tasked with ensuring all Utah Army National Guard facilities meet the ever-expanding needs of today's military forces. Colonel Craig V. Morgan is the Director of the CFMO. He oversees the planning, budget items, building and maintenance of National Guard facilities throughout the state. The CFMO also works with state/federal offices and legislative committees to ensure the funding of new projects and to ensure a high level of readiness through out the state. During fiscal year 2005, State Representatives, Legislators and other state dignitaries were given special tours to educate them on facility construction and upgrading needs. By maintaining a high standard of service, quality, and satisfaction to the state while providing a safe and positive work environment to the employees' of the Utah National Guard, the mission of the CFMO will set the tone for a productive Guard in the upcoming year.

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the employees.

Keeping Utah Army National Guard facilities and armories in top condition is becoming a challenge. Many units are training in armories that were built between the 1930's and 1950's. Because of their age, the costs associated with maintaining these buildings are increasing at an astronomical rate. Army National Guard facilities are often centers for community activities, we must maintain the appearance of each of our buildings in order to portray a positive image within the community. For these reasons, The Adjutant General continues to work diligently with the State Legislature to ensure current and future funds are allocated to meet facility requirements.

As many of our facilities are upgraded, every effort to preserve the historic value is made. The primary goal is to maintain historic appreciation while meeting the ever-expanding needs of today's modern military forces.

The year 2005 saw a variety of projects completed they include the Logan FMS motor pool expansion, new loading ramps at Camp Williams, West Jordan and Draper, restroom remodel in Vernal and Spanish Fork and roof replacement in Blanding. Another project completed was the new 660 KW wind turbine, located at Camp Williams. This wind turbine in conjunction with the first turbine is projected to offset the energy needs of Camp Williams by 22%. This project was funded by the Corps of Engineers. The remodel of Building 6280 at Camp Williams and the drilling of a new water well,



*New wind turbines at Camp*

to include the construction of the well house, were started this year and will be completed in fiscal year 2006.

The Unit Training Equipment Site (UTES) wash rack, the remodel of buildings 704 and 804 to support the Community Based Health Care Organization, an additional Battalion Maintenance building, anti-terrorism force protection landscaping, and storm drainage improvements were completed at Camp Williams this year.

Future projects include a readiness center for the 144th Medical Company, Training Site Ammunition Supply Point, and a new Regional Training Institute complex at Camp Williams. Other planned projects include renovations for the Field Maintenance Shops and armories through out the state. Our goal and commitment is to provide the most modern usable facilities for the finest National Guard units in the nation, the Utah Army National Guard.



*New loading ramp at Camp*

## Honorary Colonels Corps



*The 44th Annual Minuteman Awards Banquet*

The Honorary Colonels Corps of Utah is a major contributor to the success of the Utah National Guard. It is an organization of community leaders that provides significant support for a number of National Guard activities. It is composed of former Guard general officers, current and past governors, legislators, business owners and leaders from every walk of life. The Utah Guard is known for its support to the community; the Honorary Colonels provide significant support to the Guard.

During June, the Corps sponsored the 44th Annual Minuteman Awards Banquet. The banquet honored local citizens who have distinguished themselves through service to the community in civic, religious, business, humanitarian or military capacities. This year's recipients included Brigadier General Stanley J. Gordon, Mr. Jerald D. Holyoak, Scott A. Leckman, M.D., and Mr. Franklin D. Maughan.

In August, the Corps helped

sponsor the 44th Annual Freedom Academy. This is a weeklong event that hosts high school student leaders from throughout the state in an unforgettable freedom education experience. Held at Camp Williams, the Academy exposes students to prisoners, the military, civic and religious leaders, and encourages each student to be an ambassador of freedom at their own school. During the week, students were addressed by motivational speakers and members of the Guard who have returned from deployment.

Another area in which the Corps is involved is the Boss Lift Program. In cooperation with the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Organization, the Corps helps to organize and support joint civilian military flights across the country. Influential civilians, particularly employers of Guard members, benefit greatly by observing firsthand the critical missions performed by their employee Guard members. Because of recent security restrictions, these activities have been limited. The

future, however, looks promising to once again participate in this program.

Members of the Corps are involved, in one way or another, in most significant events in the Utah National Guard. Sometimes it's through financial assistance for a special project such as the annual Veterans' Day Concert. At other times they may be a liaison between the Guard and less-involved community members. Honorary Colonels participated in the Governor's/Family Day activities and luncheon at Camp Williams on September 10, 2005. During the ceremonies, several Guardsmen who had returned from deployment were awarded medals, and a unit citation was issued. Evacuees from New Orleans were invited to view the activities on the Parade Field. Whatever their involvement, the Honorary Colonels Corps is a valuable and supportive part of the Guard community in Utah.

Brigadier General E. J. "Jake" Garn serves as the Honorary Colonels' current commander. The following is a current list of the Honorary Colonels Corps of Utah. Each member adds value and strengthens the Utah National Guard.



*Honorary Colonels supporting the Annual Awards Banquet*

## Honorary Colonels Corps of Utah

Hon Col Dorothy Anderson  
 Hon Col Fred S. Ball  
 Honorable Norman H. Bangerter  
 Hon Col Eugene W. Banks  
 Hon Col Warren Barnes  
 Hon Col Quentin T. Bowler  
 Hon Col Rodney H. Brady  
 Hon Col Mark K. Buchi  
 Hon Col Patrick Byrne  
 Hon Col Carol L. Carter  
 Hon Col Charles H. Castle MD  
 Hon Col James E. Charnholm  
 BG (Ret) Ronald E. Chytraus\*  
 Hon Col Howard S. Clark  
 Hon Col Charles W. Dahlquist, II  
 Hon Col Gerald R. "Skip" Daynes  
 Hon Col Thomas D. Dee  
 BG Ralph L. Dewsnup  
 Hon Col Ezekiel R. Dumke, Jr.  
 Hon Col Dan R. Eastman  
 Hon Col James L. Ellsworth  
 Hon Col Rex E. Falkenrath  
 Hon Col David P. Felt  
 Hon Col Tage I. Flint  
 Hon Col Douglas S. Foxley  
 BG (Ret) Melvin V. Frandsen  
 Hon Col Michael Frodsham  
 Hon Col Robert H. Garff  
 BG (Ret) E. J. "Jake" Garn\*  
 Hon Col Mary Ann Garner  
 Hon Col Dave Gunn  
 Hon Col Mike Gibbons  
 Hon Col John B. Goddard  
 Hon Col William J. Godwin  
 BG Stanley J. Gordon  
 BG (Ret) Parry Greenwood, Jr.  
 Hon Col George Gregersen  
 Hon Col David F. Gunn  
 MG (Ret) John M. Hafen  
 Hon Col James V. Hansen  
 BG (Ret) Jon C. Heaton  
 Hon Col Ron E. Henriksen  
 Hon Col A. Lawrence Higgins  
 Hon Col Duane C. Hill  
 Hon Col Robert H. Hinckley

Hon Col Jerald D. Holyoak\*  
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 Hon Col Vicky P. Jackson  
 BG (Ret) J. D. Johnson  
 Hon BG S. Chris Johnson  
 Hon Col B. Z. Kastler  
 Hon Col Ross E. Kendell  
 Hon Col Richard W. Kieffer  
 Hon Col Peter Knudson  
 Hon Col Linda M. Kruse  
 Hon Col Fred P. Lampropoulos  
 Hon Col Kurt L. Larsen  
 BG (Ret) James B. Lee  
 Hon Col Donald A. Lewon  
 Hon Col Boyd A. Lindquist  
 Hon Col John A. Lindquist  
 Hon Col John E. Lindquist  
 Hon Col Allan M. Lipman  
 Hon Col James L. Lords  
 BG (Ret) Larry V. Lunt  
 Honorable Donald A. Mackey  
 Hon Col P. William Madsen  
 Hon Col Richard H. Madsen  
 BG (Ret) James G. Martin  
 MG (Ret) John L. Matthews  
 BG (Ret) Stanley P. May  
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 MG (Ret) James M. Miller  
 Hon Col June M. Morris  
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 Hon Col William H. Nelson  
 BG (Ret) David W. Noall  
 Hon Col Scott S. Parker  
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 Hon Col Melissa Phillips  
 Hon Col J. Steven Price  
 Honorable Calvin L. Rampton  
 Hon Col Keith O. Rattie  
 Hon Col Richard Raybould  
 Hon Col Nell Raymond  
 BG (Ret) Lyle M. Rich

Hon Col Lon R. Richardson, Jr.  
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 Hon Col Larry R. Rose  
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 Hon Col Harris H. Simmons  
 Hon Col Hyrum W. Smith  
 Hon Col Roy Souder  
 Hon Col David R. Spafford  
 Hon Col Robert L. Stayner\*  
 MG Brian L. Tarbet\*  
 Hon Col Verl R. Topham  
 BG Robert S. Voyles  
 Hon Col M. Walker Wallace  
 LTG (Ret) Maurice L. Watts  
 Hon Col Dolores Wheeler  
 Hon Col Don M. Wheeler  
 BG Patrick D. Wilson  
 BG Brent E. Winget  
 Hon Col Linda Wolcott  
 BG (Ret) Roland R. Wright  
 Hon Col Wally A. Wright  
 Hon Col Michael Young

\*Board Member



*The Honorary Colonels Corps of Utah supports many events that assist the Utah National Guard to effectively accomplish its mission and retain a close link with the citizens of Utah*

## Utah National Guard Governor's Day 2005

Governor's Day 2005, an annual event sponsored by the Utah National Guard at Camp Williams, had a few never-before-seen twists Sept. 10. Utah Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., presided over the event for the first time, which not only featured the traditional military parade and tributes to deployed Soldiers and their families but also included dozens of guests from Louisiana who were being sheltered at the post as Hurricane Katrina evacuees.

Huntsman spoke to Soldiers, Airmen and Guard families for the first time as the Utah National Guard's commander in chief and praised them for their service and sacrifice during a time of many challenges at home and abroad. "You who wear the uniform today have stepped up, and I thank you as your governor for what you have done," Huntsman said. "I have learned to respect and love those who wear the uniform of the armed forces. And I also admire and respect the families of those who sometimes are left behind. It is those individuals whom I and your first lady, Mary Kaye, salute here as well today," Huntsman added.

During the program which featured music from the Utah Guard's 23rd Army Band, led by Chief Warrant Officer Jay Cottam, the crowd of 10,000 was treated to flyovers of two KC-135 air-refueling tankers from the 151st Air Refueling Wing of the Utah Air National Guard and AH-64 Apache and UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters of the Utah Army National Guard's 211th Aviation. Ceremonies also included presentation of medals to individual Guard members for



*Governor's Day*

their service overseas to include Spc. Erick Lund, 1st Battalion, 148th Field Artillery, who received a Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his service and wounds received in combat in Iraq.

Two Soldiers were awarded the Utah Cross by Governor Huntsman for lifesaving and bravery here at home: 1st Lt. Blake Bingham, Detachment 1, Bravo Company, 1457th Engineer Battalion; and Sgt. Josh Blackmer, Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne).

Bingham saved the life of a fellow unit member March 18 in Vernal. A Soldier had just completed the two-mile run portion of the Army Physical Fitness Test when he collapsed and stopped breathing. Bingham was on hand and immediately administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. After a few of Bingham's breaths the Soldier regained consciousness, was taken to the hospital and later released.

When asked if he had spoken since with the Soldier about the incident, Bingham downplayed his role in helping out another Guardsman. "I've talked to him a few times, but I'm not sure he even knows that I was the one who helped him—and that's the way I'd like to keep it," said Bingham. "I happened to be the

one right there when it happened. I just did what anyone else would have done."

Blackmer received the medal for his actions Aug. 10 at the scene of an overturned tractor-trailer hauling explosives in Spanish Fork Canyon. He provided basic first aid to the two drivers, helped extract them from the truck, took them to safety, and warned other motorists of the danger before the cargo exploded, leaving a 30 x 70-foot crater in U.S. Highway 6. Recalling the incident, Blackmer said, "I think it was just sheer luck that I was there at the time that I was." While many call him a hero, Blackmer shrugs off that label. "The Army spent thousands of dollars training me, and I just did what I was trained to do," he said.

After the awards ceremony Huntsman stepped into a humvee driven by Spc. Gregory Annis, Utah Army National Guard Soldier of the year, and reviewed the formation with Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet, Utah National Guard adjutant general, and Brig. Gen. Patrick Wilson, I Corps Artillery, commander of troops for the day's events.

Once each unit filed past the reviewing stand to salute the governor and military leaders assembled, individual Airmen and Soldiers were then released to enjoy the other activities of the day with their families to include equipment displays, a rappelling tower, zip line, pony rides and food court. It was a patriotic, exciting day, and—given the diversity of those in attendance brought together by design or by circumstance—one not likely to be duplicated anytime soon.

## Utah National Guard Marksmanship Program

Members of the Utah National Guard Marksmanship Team had an exciting year as they hosted the Adjutant General's and MAC VII Regional competitions. However, the biggest activity was the building of the Small Arms Readiness Training Section (SARTS). This transformation from Marksmanship team to SARTS required all members of the marksmanship team to become trainers first and competitors second. To accomplish the goal of having a team of trainers, the team used one half or more of its practices to train the members on the weapon systems in the state. When the individual team members showed proficiency with the weapon systems and knowledge of how to train others on that system, they were sent as trainers to requesting units within the guard.

For the past year, the SARTS has trained many units within the Utah National Guard, Naval Reserve, Army Reserves and more. The SARTS members were required to learn and to be able to teach the function and strategy of the following weapons: M9, M16, M203, M249, M240B, MK19 and M2 .50 cal MG. The team also has a group of soldiers that are trained to instruct Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT). The team trained units on the use of crew serve weapons, rifle, pistol and more but the biggest training request was MOUT.

During the past year, the SARTS taught more MOUT training than any other type. Because the Global War on Terrorism is putting our soldiers in situations of fighting in



*Members of the Small Arms Readiness Training Section provide instruction to members of the Utah National Guard*

urban terrain, the SARTS prepared a training concept to give soldiers a base preparation for any part of that fight. To meet this type of training, the SARTS leaders trained some of its members to be MOUT instructors. The SARTS members were trained to help teach first line leaders of their role in this training and to give every soldier the best chance to survive a conflict or any other situation they are given. By learning MOUT and becoming confident with their assigned weapon, soldiers have a better chance to survive any war time situation. But more importantly, this training helps leaders understand how to react in combat or non-combat situations.

A leader making a decision in a MOUT environment gets the opportunity to see the direct results of a decision. This decision making/management evaluation gives a

leader more feedback than multiple evaluation reports. The leader is able to see if their decision made one of their teams vulnerable or put them in a situation to succeed. One of the SARTS instructors always worked with the unit's first line leaders and helped them see their role in a MOUT situation. This training helped leaders to take the correct role in a combat environment or in an office setting.

The SARTS team will continue to offer the Adjutant General's and the MAC VII Marksmanship Competitions, however, their new focus is that every soldier and their leaders in the Utah National Guard be proficient marksmen in any situation they encounter. Units can request training provided by the SARTS through the G-3 training office.

## The Utah National Guard Marathon Team



San Francisco Marathon, Las Vegas Marathon and America's Finest City Half Marathon. The Utah National Guard Marathon Team currently has three members on the All-Guard Team and placed in the top ten teams overall at Lincoln this past year.

Assisting in the Physical Readiness Programs allows the team members a chance to offer their assistance and expertise to commanders as they prepare and execute physical readiness training programs to the soldiers in their units.

Team members also assist the recruiting office by providing personnel at the runner expositions at the various marathon sites, relating experiences and benefits associated with National Guard membership.

Competition for team membership is open to all Utah National Guard members, both Army and Air. Selection is held each October in conjunction with the St. George Marathon. National Guard members, who have an interest, but are unable to participate in St. George, may run another marathon during the year and have their time considered for team selection.

Purposes of the Utah National Guard Marathon Team are to sponsor a competitive running team which competes against other state National Guard Marathon Teams, assists unit commanders with their Physical Readiness Program and participates in the runner expositions at various race sites assisting recruiting efforts nationwide.

The competition against other National Guard Marathon Teams across the country is for individuals vying for a position on the All-Guard Marathon Team. The teams

also compete against each other for national team placement against each other. The National Guard Bureau's annual competition is held in conjunction with the Lincoln Marathon in Lincoln, Nebraska each May. The All-Guard Team competes throughout the year against other military teams from the active Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps. Some of the various competitions include: Marine Corps Marathon, Blue Angel Marathon, Air Force Marathon, Army Ten-Miler, Chicago Marathon, San Diego Marathon,

The Utah National Guard Team consistently places individuals on the All-Guard Team and places well among other teams. At the All Guard Marathon Trials held in May 2005, in Lincoln, Nebraska, Lt. Col. George Graff, Maj. Eric Petersen and Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Ray Workman were selected for the 2005 All-Guard Marathon Team.

Team members participate in a number of local races each year wearing the distinctive uniform provided by the Utah National Guard. The Utah National Guard Marathon Team members have done well.

## The Utah National Guard's Annual Military Ball



*The 23rd Army Band performing for the Annual Military*

The Utah National Guard held its fortieth annual Military Ball on April 30, 2005. The Adjutant General of Utah, Maj. Gen. Brian L. Tarbet, hosted the ball with Honorary Colonels, VIP's, Soldiers, Airmen, spouses, and friends in attendance. The ball was held in the Ball Room at the University of Utah's Union Building in Salt Lake City.

As always, the Utah National Guard's own 23rd Army Band provided a lively accompaniment to the festivities. Guests danced the night away to music ranging from jazz and swing to waltzes and an occasional rock medley.

During the evening door prizes were awarded. There were several prizes given to those present in



*U of U catering refreshments*

uniform and other prizes were drawn from ticket stubs. The prizes included television sets, DVD players, and many other household items.

Besides dancing, the university catered refreshments to make the evening more enjoyable. In addition, many couples had their pictures taken by a professional



*Members of the Utah National Guard relax with their partner for an enjoyable evening of dancing*

The Recruiting and Retention

photographer.

The Military Ball is an annual event held to celebrate the hard work, enthusiasm, and devotion of the modern citizen-Soldiers and Airmen to the traditions and values of service to our state and nation. This is one activity the spouses can enjoy with their service member.



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## Utah National Guard Freedom Academy



*Members of the 2005 Freedom Academy and staff pose in front of an F-16 as one of their many events in the week long event*

Freedom Academy is a week-long event that involves youth leaders with ideas and activities of freedom, democracy, leadership, networking, service and fun. More than 70 high school student body officers from many Utah high schools attended this year's 45<sup>th</sup> annual event held the first week of August at Camp Williams. In addition, over 20 support staff, including many new members of the Utah Air and Army National Guard, participated in a whirlwind week of outstanding events, workshops, and speakers.

Dr. Paula Fellingham, world renown for her work in personal achievement, began the week with a charge to discover the power in each individual to achieve his or her best. She presented a copy of her latest book to each participant. Soon after, Chad Hymas, injured in a farming accident, told his story of overcoming personal tragedy. Delegates and staff were transfixed as this man, confined to a wheelchair and unable to use most muscles in his body, told how

we all can soar through adversity.

Delegates interacted throughout the week with people who have made a difference in the world. Senator, Astronaut and General Jake Garn encouraged us to never fear the future; Congressional Medal of Honor recipient George Wahlen stirred us with his fearlessness; LaVar Christensen from the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge taught us where we have been as a country and our potential as a people. Other speakers included Brig. Gen. Frandsen, Judge Benson (Chief Judge Federal District Court), Col. Warner (US Attorney), Bruce Bushnell (Why Try Inc.), Maj. McIntire, Jeff Rowe, Chief Warrant Officer Cottam, Lt. Col. Dunton, Maj. Gen. Tarbet, Col. Creager, Staff Sgt. Neilsen, and the every popular Scott Anderson.

Throughout the week, participants gained insight into what it takes to maintain a free and democratic society. Students participated in a the Fireman's Challenge at the Air National Guard Base, visited with

F16, A10 and KC135 pilots and toured the aircraft, operated various lifts, trucks, shovels and Hummers, live-fired M16A1 weapons and used the state of the art Firearms Training Simulator at Camp Williams, tested their courage on the rappel and jump towers; solved problems at the Leadership Reaction Course, revered the retirement of the U.S. flag, and went on an eye-popping tour of KUTV studios sponsored by Tech. Sgt. Sterling Poulsen. Students and staff also spent an afternoon at the Utah State Prison as guests of Chief Master Sgt. Oviatt and her husband and gained an understanding of the tragedy of losing freedom.

The schedule included ample opportunity to network, relax and enjoy the talents of peers. Delegates were treated to a special concert by "Tongue Tied," a riotously funny male vocal group. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Army Band hosted a picnic and dance featuring rock, swing and country music. Many students joined the band and showed off their musical skills with singing or performing on an instrument. During the speech contest, twelve delegates braved stage jitters and gave a formal speech to their peers regarding aspects of freedom. After the speech contest, everyone filled up on pizza and danced the night away at the Officers Club. All activities are designed to promote teamwork, overcome differences and help young leaders create positive influences in their schools. Youth and staff all agree that Freedom Academy provides a valuable resource for instilling principles of freedom, democracy and service into the hearts of young leaders.

## Museum and Historical Services

The mission of the Fort Douglas Military Museum is to preserve and interpret Utah military heritage. The focus is on the history of Fort Douglas, the Utah National Guard (UTNG), and Utah veterans. In addition to support from the UTNG, the Fort Douglas Military Museum Association (a non-profit organization) also provides support. The Association provides financial and legislative support to the museum.

This fiscal year has seen an increase in activities and accomplishments over the previous year. The major projects underway are the continuation of the museum expansion plan, the restoration of the oldest building on historic Fort Douglas, and the development of a military history program with Morocco as part of the Utah-Morocco State Partnership Program.

Architectural drawings should be complete by December 2005, and construction is scheduled to begin on the \$5 million project in the spring of 2006. Funding for this project will come from a capital fund raising campaign now underway. A museum sponsored living history organization (the 3rd California Volunteers) is restoring an 1863 adobe building, using volunteer labor and donations. This is an ongoing project. Finally, the museum has taken the lead in assisting the Royal Moroccan Armed Forces to develop a 50th anniversary exposition themed around Operation "Torch," the Allied landings in North Africa, November 1942.

Major events for fiscal year 2005 include celebrating the U.S.



***Sergeants Bulkey and Dean were part of a 4 man Intelligence Team assigned to the 1st Brigade Combat Team of the 4th Infantry Division. Working with a translator, their information eventually led to the informant who had information on the hiding place of Saddam Hussein. A raiding party later captured him. This display tells this story.***

Army's 230th birthday with a Civil War encampment, historic military vehicles, and a birthday cake cutting ceremony. Fort Douglas Day, commemorating the 142nd anniversary of the founding of Fort Douglas, included a military history symposium and special exhibits and tours. In addition, the museum's traditional Halloween program, the "Ghosts of Fort Douglas," continued to be one of our most popular events. Our final event was a field trip to Fort Bridger, Wyoming.

Not only does the museum provide its own programs, but it also supports many other organizations. As a part of the UTNG, the museum staff developed an Iraqi exhibit for the state headquarters and has assisted the recruiting and family support groups by providing exportable exhibits in support of their events. Additionally, a recruiting office is now located in the museum. Other

support activities include a military award at the annual State History Fair, sponsorship of a table at the Chamber of Commerce's annual "Military Salute" dinner, a Veteran's Day exhibit for the University of Utah's Veteran's Day activities, and a patriotic merit badge award for the Scout program.

Nor have facility improvements been neglected this past year. Thanks to support from the UTNG, a new telephone system was installed, the front porches were restored, a recruiting office constructed, and restrooms upgraded to ADA standards. The museum foundation provided funds for a new freight loading pad, a registrar's office, additional ordnance room display cases, and outside exhibit signage.

The museum is located at 32 Potter Street on historic Fort Douglas. Visiting hours are 12:00 to 5:00 pm, Tuesday through Saturday.

## The Annual Veterans' Day Concert



*The 23rd Army Band performing with the Granite School District High School Combined choirs*

Since 1955 the Adjutant General of Utah and the 23rd Army Band have provided audiences an evening of reflection upon the freedoms, beauty, and traditions we enjoy in this great nation; to recognize the sacrifices of ordinary citizens who stood up when called to fulfill their duty no matter the cost, and to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of freedom. These goals are accomplished through the sharing of beautiful traditional melodies, stirring American marches, the hymns of each service, "Taps" and

the inspiring "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

We honored our veterans again this year with a Veterans' Day Concert held at two locations in November 2004. The 49th Annual Concert was held on the University of Utah campus where Granite School District Combined High School Choirs performed with the 23rd Army Band at the Jon M. Huntsman Center on Veterans' Day. The second featured the Combined Choirs of Utah County performing with the 23rd Army Band at the McKay Events Center at Utah

Valley State College. Technical Sergeant Sterling Poulsen, a local celebrity and member of the Air National Guard served as the Master of Ceremonies for both events.

The 23rd Army Band and the Utah National Guard are moving toward attaining a milestone with the presentation of the 50th annual Veterans' Day concert on November 11, 2005. This event is the longest running Veterans' Day celebration in the nation. The 23rd Army Band continues the tradition of interaction between the citizens of Utah and Utah National Guard with these annual events.

## Utah Division of Veterans Affairs

### Outreach to Hurricane Katrina Veterans

On September 3rd, the Utah State Division of Veterans Affairs established an area at Camp Williams to assist veterans displaced by the Hurricane Katrina. Support continued at Camp Williams until the relief effort was closed. Local support continues for those veterans placed in the Valor House and those veterans who elected to remain in the State of Utah. The evacuees sent to Utah included World War II thru Gulf War veterans.

Fifty-six veterans were identified and provided services ranging from transportation to the Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital, Veterans Administration Regional Office, and shopping at area malls, banks and credit unions. These veterans were assisted in getting their VA benefit checks, state assistance checks, and FEMA checks. Transportation assistance was also provided for those wanting to travel to meet families and relatives in other states. The Utah Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and American Legion (AL) offices provided monetary support in amounts of \$1,000 - \$1,500 to many veterans or widowed spouses. The American Legion Post #112 sponsored a barbecue for Katrina veterans. There were also treated to a tour to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Temple Grounds and Fort Douglas Museum.

### Veterans Outreach Presentations to NG/USAR Members

Veteran benefit presentations have been and are currently being given to National Guard and Reserve units throughout the State.



*Daniel Holden an 85-year old World War II veteran assisted at Camp Williams by outreach workers and other volunteers*

The purpose of these presentations is to help veterans take advantage of what they have earned: VA hospital benefits, service-connected disability application procedures, vocational rehabilitation and education programs, training, Montgomery GI Bill, Veterans Outreach Employment, and other benefits are explained. Referrals are given to the VA Medical Center, Department of Work Force Services and National Service Organizations (i.e. VFW, DAV, AL)

Over 50 National Guard, Navy, Marine, Air Force, Air National Guard, and Army Reserve units have received the presentations representing over 2,600 personnel. Presentations will continue over the next several months.

Attempts are made to reach the returning Gulf Theater of Operations personnel as soon as possible, preferably at their first drill following active duty. This helps those veterans take advantage of benefits with time constraints.

### Outreach to Homeless Veterans

Sixty eight homeless facilities were visited and 205 homeless veterans

were assisted in addition a regular schedule has been established for the major homeless facilities

### Normal Outreach Program

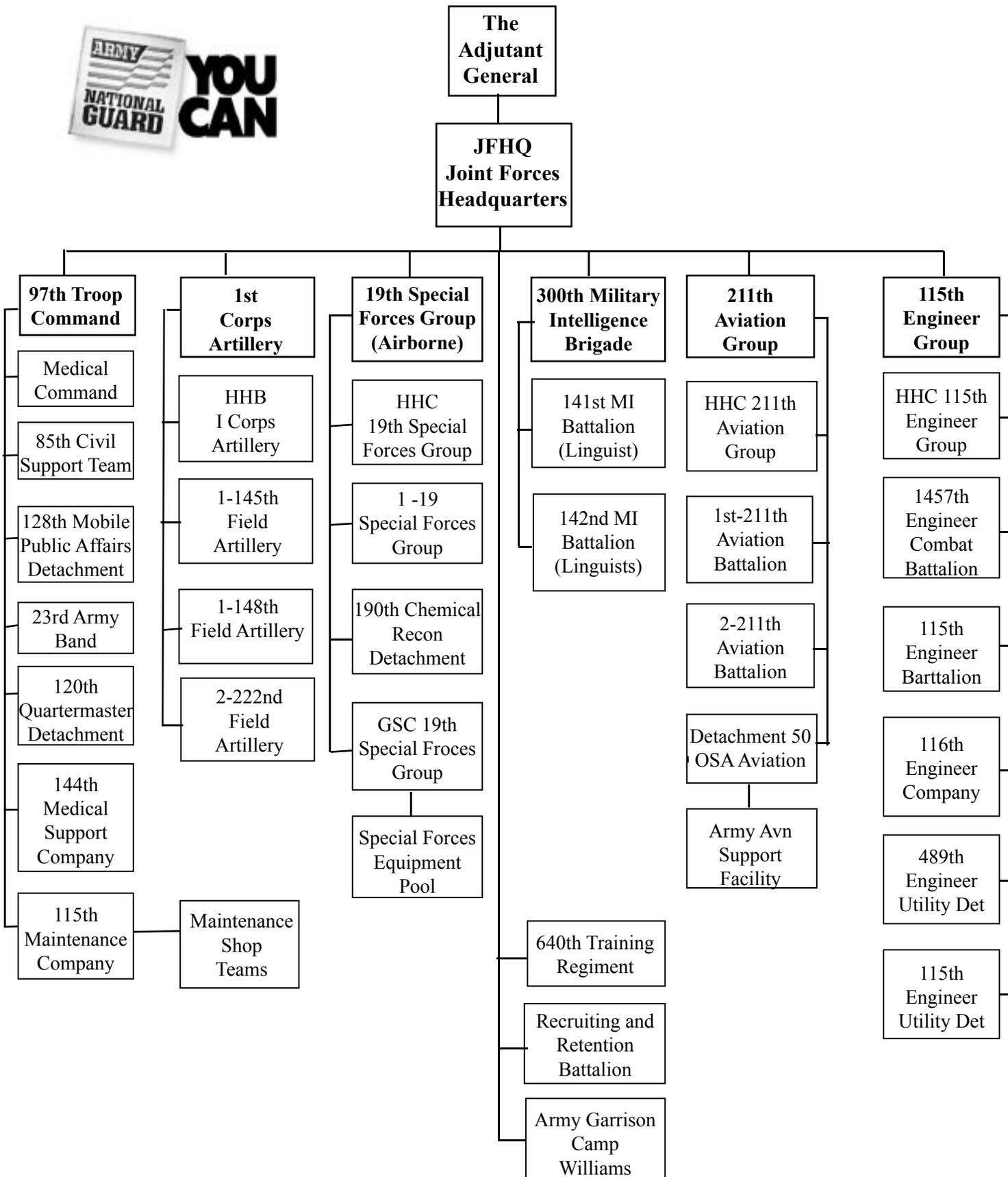
During this fiscal year 1,174 veterans were seen, 540 new claims were received and 200 appeals on rating decisions were filed. The Division of Veterans Affairs organized, participated in or assisted with the following events: golf tournament fund raising event, veterans information and benefit fairs in Price and Richfield, veterans entrepreneurial workshop, how to obtain federal jobs workshop, hosted veterans town hall meeting with VA liaison helped, coordinate town hall meeting with VA Secretary Nicholson, stand down for homeless, Veterans' Day program, Memorial Day program, and published and distributed two issues of the Veterans' Voice Newspaper. During fiscal year 2005 we also maintained liaison with the VFW National and Utah elected officials and others in support of the VFW National Convention held in Salt Lake City in August 2005.

# Utah Army National Guard



*Governor Huntsman and Maj. Gen. Tarbet review the troops during the annual Governor's Day celebration*

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## Utah Army National Guard

The Utah Army National Guard is an organization rich in heritage, tradition and service. Formally organized in the spring of 1894, the first service in defense of life and property was actually rendered under the banner of the Nauvoo Legion in the 1840's. It was from the members of the Nauvoo Legion and the veterans of the Mormon Battalion of the Mexican War that the first militia of the Utah Territory was organized. This hardy group of citizen-soldiers retained the Nauvoo Legion name and for the next 40 years, ensured peace and protection for territorial residents facing a variety of enemies and challenges. As the country grew and the Utah Territory approached statehood, the Utah National Guard was federally organized and the first units were chartered.

Within weeks, the newly organized Utah National Guard saw its first service. Since that first mission in April 1894, units of the Utah National Guard have served countless missions both at home and on foreign soil, and currently have units serving in Afghanistan, Iraq and many other locations throughout the world.

From humble beginnings, the Utah National Guard has grown to be a nationally prominent organization setting the standard for other states to follow in many areas. Individual units ranging from the 128<sup>th</sup> Public Affairs Detachment to I Corps Artillery receive recognition for excellence in everything from mission readiness to meal preparation.

The Utah Army National Guard has two primary missions. The first mission is to the people of the



state of Utah. When called upon by the Governor, units and Guard members support civil authorities in protecting life and property. They are also called upon to help preserve peace, order, and public safety, which is intergrated into the Homeland Defense mission. The second mission of the Utah Army National Guard is to the people of the United States. When called upon by the President, the Utah Army Guard provides well-trained and fully equipped military units to serve as part of the total force in times of war or other national emergency.

The Utah Army Guard has many different types of units. Administered by a State Headquarters (called the Joint Forces HQ, Utah), Utah serves as home for artillery, engineer, special forces, aviation, and military intelligence units. There are also a number of smaller specialized units. The largest Army training center in Utah is the Army National Guard Garrison Camp Williams, located at the south end of the Salt Lake Valley. Encompassing nearly 30,000 acres, Camp Williams serves not only as a major training site for Utah National Guard units, but also for units throughout the U.S. and even some foreign nations. In addition to weapons ranges, battle courses, and many outdoor training facilities, Camp Williams also has maintenance facilities, troop support

capabilities and extensive classroom facilities. Camp Williams is home to a Marine Corps Reserve unit and our own 640<sup>th</sup> Regimental Regional Training Institute, which trains National Guard soldiers from all the western states to include Hawaii and Guam.

The Headquarters of the Utah National Guard is at the Draper Headquarters Complex located next to I-15 in the southern end of the Salt Lake Valley. This extensive facility is also home to several major commands and separate units.

One of the reasons for the success of the Utah Army National Guard is the deep sense of community felt by Guard members as well as Utah citizens. Guard members are constantly serving their communities in many ways. Engineer units, in particular, have made major contributions throughout the state with a variety of construction projects.

This past year the Utah Army Guard supported the largest mobilizations in their history mobilizing units and individuals for the war against terrorism and other federal world-wide missions, currently providing support in 33 different countries. The success of our mobilization efforts were enhanced by the Family Support Program, providing extensive resources to support loved ones of deployed soldiers. Deployment briefings, youth activities, emergency support, Family Readiness Groups, and reunion briefings were designed to provide assistance to families.

Under the capable leadership of Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet, The Adjutant General, and Brig. Gen. Stanley Gordon, Assistant Adjutant General, Army, the Utah Army National Guard continues its long tradition of distinguished service to the state and nation.

## HHD, Joint Forces Headquarters - Utah



***Brig. Gen. Frandsen passes command of HHD JFHQ-UT to Capt. Archibeque during the traditional change of command ceremony***

The Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment (HHD), Joint Forces Headquarters – Utah (JFHQ-UT), plays a vital role in the overall readiness of the Army National Guard. The detachment is organized to meet the training and administrative needs of the individual Detachment members. The role of each of the Joint Staff sections of the Joint Headquarters was discussed earlier in this publication.

Soldiers were prepared for deployment through the Soldier Readiness Program. The Joint Staff Headquarters assisted in deploying 836 soldiers from Troop Command, I Corps Artillery, and the 300<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Brigade. Soldiers were assisted in administrative, financial, medical, legal, and logistical preparation for deployment around the world. There were also

620 soldiers processed off active duty after serving in combat zones for prolonged periods from the 211<sup>th</sup> Aviation Group, 300<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Brigade, 115<sup>th</sup> Engineer Group, and the 128<sup>th</sup> Public Affairs Detachment.

Some changes have happened over the last year that greatly affects this detachment. We welcomed a new Assistant Adjutant General, Brigadier General Bruce Frandsen. HHD has deployed 4 individuals to start the Community Based Health Care Organization (CBHCO). CBHCO manages the care of soldiers that sustain injuries while mobilized.

In July of 2005, HHD, JFHQ-UT went through a change of command ceremony. Capt. John Martinez, detachment commander for 4 years, was replaced by Capt. Mikel Archibeque. We look forward to carry-

ing out the vision and goals of the new detachment commander. Capt. Archibeque joined the detachment in April of 2005, returning to the guard after serving active duty in the Army for 5 yrs.

In September, approximately 12 soldiers from the detachment received the call to travel to New Orleans. They assisted in the efforts to help New Orleans recover from Hurricane Katrina by providing communication and other operational assistance to the recovery effort. In addition to Hurricane Katrina, HHD also sent soldiers down to the gulf region to support recovery efforts due to Hurricane Rita.

HHD will show continuous support by mobilizing the 115<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion in the immediate future. Time will tell how much longer support of deployments and mobilizations will be a part of our support activities. As long as Utah has soldiers mobilized to various locations, we will continue to show our readiness to support these troops and families in times of need.



***Capt. Archibeque hands the JFHQ-UT back to 1st Sgt. Lloyd***

## Recruiting and Retention Battalion



### *Recruiting Team One*

The Recruiting and Retention Battalion completed a successful year. The state missed the goal of being in the National Guard Bureau top ten and finished eleventh overall in the Bureau's ranking of strength maintenance.

The Recruiting and Retention Battalion has new leadership in place, Lt. Col. Dallen Attack relinquished command to Lt. Col. James Brown on 1 May 2005. Sgt. Maj. Todd Bennett and Sgt. Maj. Ken Moss both retired during the fiscal year. Sgt. Maj. Jesse Adamson and Sgt. Maj. Brett Johnson filled the vacancies left by the retirees. In addition, retiring this past year from the recruiting force were three great recruiters Master Sgt. Dallin Nielsen, Sgt. 1st Class William

Degolyer and Sgt. 1st Class Wes Peterson.

The unit continues with a three-tenant strength maintenance mission. First, is to access high quality Soldiers into the Utah Army National Guard; second, reduce losses of Soldiers with a military service obligation; and third, retain Soldiers who reach their expiration term of service. Recruiters continue to help the commanders and first sergeants by assessing their unit climate through command climate surveys and giving unit retention briefings.

This year the recruiting force has increased to 60 recruiters in six teams that are working the community and schools to find the patriots that want to serve. The number one source

of recruit referrals are the Soldiers currently serving or retired from the Guard. Many recruits joined because of fellow Soldiers referring them to a recruiter. We have had many prior service Soldiers get back in to serve their country and state however they can. Service to country and state continue to be the number one reason Soldiers join the Guard.

The Freedom Salute Campaign has been successful in giving a small token of appreciation to the Soldiers returning from deployment, their families and employers. The state exceeded the retention goal this past year. The Utah Army National Guard Soldiers are true patriots and continue to answer the call to serve.

This year's top overall recruiter was Staff Sgt. Paul Klimack from the Logan Armory. The top NCOIC was Master Sgt. Les Peterson. Team 5 from the Utah County area was the top producing team for the year. Sgt. 1st Class Michael Dunston and Sgt. 1st Class Shawn Blanke earned the co-rookie recruiter of the year award.

This next year our priority will be retaining the experienced Soldiers. We want to enhance our relationship with families, employers, communities and units. This relationship is essential to the overall success of the Guard. Together we will continue to support our number one resource, the Soldier.



## Director of Aviation and Safety

The Director of Aviation and Safety encompasses the functions of Occupational Health, Ground and Aviation Safety and the Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF).

Major Fran Marcus-Madsen, RN, manages the Occupational Health program. The mission of the Occupational Health Nurse is to monitor health baseline data of Utah Guard employees through initial screening and periodic medical surveillance. The Occupational Health Nurse conducts hearing conservation monitoring, industrial hygiene surveillance, radiation and respiratory protection monitoring, and vision protection screening and monitoring to ensure that healthful working conditions are maintained.

Lieutenant Colonel Natalie Kelly oversees the Utah Army National Guard Safety Program. The mission of the Safety Office is to provide a safe and healthful environment to members of the Utah Guard. Through inspections, instruction, investigations and monitoring of historic data, the safety office ensures safety awareness and prevention are foremost in the fight against accidental loss or injury. National Guard armories and shops



*AH 64 Apaches flying a mission in the local Utah ranges*



*UH-60 Blackhawks landing at the AASF at Airport #2*

are inspected annually to determine compliance with OSHA and other regulatory requirements and to assist units in correcting any unsafe conditions or practices. The office collects reviews, analyzes, and investigates accidents involving Guard personnel and property. The office then develops counter measure procedures by recommending changes and remedies to reduce accident rate and reverse trends. The Safety Office also purchases safety supplies such as personal protective equipment and lifting devices to help reduce injuries in maintenance activities. They also provide training to Guard members to increase their knowledge and skills to conduct their operations in a safe manner.

The Army Aviation Support Facility mission is to provide a safe, quality aviation program for the Utah Army National Guard in support of its federal and state missions. Lieutenant Colonel Scott Robinson Commands the Aviation Facility and its 94 employees. Major Pete Adams overseeing the operations staff and Chief Warrant Officers

Lewis Scovil and Dante Fontenot directing maintenance operations. The AASF supports nineteen AH-64 Apache helicopters, seven UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters, and one C-12 Beechcraft King Air fixed-wing aircraft and over 100 aviators and crewmembers in the Utah National Guard.

During Fiscal Year 2005, the AASF provided aircraft maintenance and aircrew training support to the 211th Aviation Group; the 1st Battalion 211th Aviation; Company C, 1st Battalion, 112th Aviation; Detachment 2, F Company, 135th Aviation Battalion (AVIM); and Detachment 50, Operational Support Airlift. Additionally, the AASF conducted seventy-five support missions to state, federal and Army National Guard organizations and units within the state. The variety of missions conducted include: VIP flights, troop lifts, emergency support training missions, search and rescue, recruiting static displays, flyovers, paradrops, external loads, fire fighting and many other unit support missions.

## Army National Guard Garrison Camp Williams



*The new wash rack at Camp Williams is one of the improvements*

Camp Williams is a constantly changing environment with the continual maintaining, renovating and modernization of training facilities, ranges and courses, making this The Premier “Training Center” of Choice. The mission of Camp Williams is to create a quality training environment for military units, the individual service member, and other organizations by providing facilities, logistical support, and personnel assistance to ensure optimum military and organizational training.

This past year Camp Williams had 22,888 personnel use the facility for training. Military units training accounted for 15,990 personnel, Department of Defense civilians accounted for 940, non-DOD civilians accounted for 5,033 and the Youth Challenge Program accounted for 835 personnel. The military units include National Guard, Active Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Army Reserve and various military school functions. Non-Department of Defense civilians include law enforcement, civic

groups and youth groups. Training conducted at Camp Williams includes live fire artillery training courses, weapons qualification for all units, various leadership courses, simulated exercises with state of the equipment, convoy training, airborne operations, and construction training and skill enhancement both vertical and horizontal.

Camp Williams completed a number of projects to improve training and soldier support. These include a new wind turbine, a new battalion maintenance shelter for vehicle maintenance, continual communication and electrical upgrades to administrative buildings,

replacement of a number heating systems, renovation of enlisted housing, improved drainage, headquarters building renovation at Dugway Proving Ground, new administrative building, installation of security lighting, a new vehicle loading ramp, and a new weapons cleaning building.

Projects underway include renovation of Camp Williams Headquarters building, renovation of enlisted housing, two additional phases of drainage, landscaping of the athletic field, and construction of new training facilities for the regional training academy. Projects under design include renovations of two dining facilities, the last three phases of drainage, roadway improvements, a new weapons training range, and renovation of administrative facilities at Dugway Proving Ground.

The Camp Williams staff is continually seeking ways to improve and enhance training facilities, ranges and courses in order to make a soldiers stay more productive and enjoyable. We are proud of the contribution we are able to make to the soldiers of the Utah National Guard and the citizens of the State of Utah.



## 640<sup>th</sup> Regiment (Regional Training Institute)

Fiscal year 2005 was a year of changes and improvements for the 640th Regional Training Institute (RTI). The 640th had a leadership change as Col. Edward Willis, formerly the 115th Engineer Group commander, replaced Col. Linda Higgins, who moved on to command 97th Troop Command. Higgins' leadership was instrumental in the national recognition of the 640th RTI said Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Spencer, the Regimental Command Sergeant Major. Over 4,500 Soldiers were trained by the RTI during 2005. The students came from across the country, the majority from the western United States. Some of the students came as part of a premobilization before being deployed; others came at the end of deployments.

The 640th sent hundreds of new recruits through a weekend full of physical and mental training, helping to prepare them for Army Basic Training. The recruits get a small taste of what "real" drill sergeants will have for them. Instructors from the 640th have been requested to help train at different Regional Training Institutes throughout the country. Some of our PLDC instructors have recently returned from training courses in Indiana and Hawaii, then without missing a step resumed classes here.

The Artillery trained over 400 students in different artillery skills such as Cannon Crewmember, Fire Direction Specialist, Forward Observer, and Surveyor. The 640th was second only to the Wisconsin RTI, which taught 420 students. Five trainers from the Artillery staff aided



*Artillery Gunner students pull the lanyard on a 155mm Howitzer (Paladin). The RTI trains artillery students in three different levels from the introduction, intermediate and advanced gunnery skills.*

Fort Sills active duty by becoming part of the new equipment training team. As part of this team they aided the 1-145th Field Artillery in their fielding of the 155mm Paladin. To assist mobilized units with qualifying their soldiers, the 640th conducted two unscheduled courses training in all of the field artillery skills.

The 640th curriculum's primarily focuses on training Non-Commissioned Officers in leadership and developmental courses. Over 1,200 students were given their Primary Leadership Developmental training at the RTI in fiscal year 2005. This training is their introduction to Army leadership and professional development. Of the hundreds of students that attended Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course for 2005, over 97% graduated. The high rate of graduation is a testament to quality of the teachers and the professionalism of the students that are attending.

The First Sgt. Course this year saw an increase of the number of Active Duty soldiers attending. Two of the instructors, Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Cuppett and Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Newson commented on the quality of students that were training at the First Sgt. Course. "Every time we get a new group the quality of Soldiers seems to go up," said Newson.

Fiscal year 2005 marked a major change for the 640th with the inception of the Military Intelligence branch. The new MI branch offered both the Counterintelligence Agent and Human Intelligence Collector courses. This was the first time that both of these courses were taught outside of Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Based on the success of these courses the 640th is preparing to teach them again along with the Tactical Intelligence Analyst course next year. The 640th will soon have the overall responsibility for Military Intelligence MOS training for the National Guard.

## Environmental Resources Management



*New well at Camp Williams*

The Utah National Guard Environmental Resources Management (ERM) hosted the second annual National Guard Bureau 2005 Conservation Training Conference. The purpose was to train natural and cultural resource managers in existing and new environmental requirements, and their integration in support of the military mission. Topics included sikes act implementation, endangered species act, cultural resource management, integrated pest management planning, native American graves and repatriation act, geographical information systems, national environmental policy act, integrated training area management, wildfire management planning, Army compatible use buffers, range construction, noise, and wetlands.

The keynote speaker the opening day was James Long, Ph.D., College of Natural Resources, Utah State University. Dr. James Long presented an overview of the ERM and Utah State University long-standing collaboration in Ecosystem Management of Military lands. Through his illustrations and examples, Dr. Long demonstrated the Utah National Guard's commitment to integrating sound science in support

of land management and support of its mission. The conference was a resounding success. It was attended by 210 natural and cultural resource managers and technicians representing the National Guards of 49 states and territories, and demonstrated the advances made by Utah in an effective conservation program.

The ERM was also successful in providing the justification necessary to obtain funding from National Guard Bureau for the development of a new water well at Camp Williams. In prior years, ERM located a preferred site for a new well in the Beef Hollow drainage and drilled a test hole to verify the availability of water. With funding secured, the water rights transfer process was undertaken and successfully completed by the summer of 2005. Drilling and construction of a well house is now under way. The ERM has prepared a drinking water source protection plan for the new well that identifies the recharge area as lying completely within Camp Williams boundaries.

We continue to focus on cultural resource inventories at Camp Williams, and successfully completed archaeological surveys on approximately 3,600 acres. The ERM is also working with preservation professionals to develop a maintenance plan for historic buildings owned and/or managed by the Utah National Guard. When completed, the plan will provide facility managers and maintenance personnel with the tools they need to streamline the process of maintaining our historic

facilities across the state.

The ERM and the EMS Cross Functional Team, with the support of the Environmental Quality Control Council, completed a comprehensive analysis of each of the Utah Guard's many aspects and impacts. The team determined that the most significant impacts are: consumption of energy, generation of noise, and generation of non-hazardous waste. By setting an objective of continual improvement, ERM will be working jointly with the energy manager to seek out new and innovative ways to reduce energy usage.

To assist the wildland firefighting at Camp Williams, ERM implemented an automatic vehicle location tracking system for all firefighting vehicles. This system combines a global positioning system (GIS) unit with a radio, enabling the transmission of location data to the incident commander. By integrating GIS data developed by ERM, fire fighting response efforts can be monitored in terms of vegetation, topography fire hazards, fire intensity, and safe zones. The GIS software running in real time allows the incident commander to see on a map the location and status of assets under his control. This enhances the situational awareness of the commander and increases the overall safety and efficiency of our wildland fire fighting efforts.



## I Corps Artillery

The I Corps Artillery Headquartered at Camp Williams, Utah, continues to provide Total Force fires and effects for I Corps-America's Corps. I Corps Artillery remains battle-focused and continues to train for deployment in any contingency, anywhere, anytime, as a joint, combined or coalition force.

Fiscal year 2005 was a very busy year for the artillery command. Battery B and Detachment 3 of 1st Battalion 148th Field Artillery deployed to Iraq with the 116th Brigade Combat Team. The Soldiers of these units have performed superbly in Iraq and will soon return to Utah where they will transition into Battery A, 1st Battalion 145th Field Artillery. The 2nd Battalion 222nd Field Artillery completed six months of rigorous training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi and validation at the National Training Center in preparation for their deployment to Iraq. They too have served with distinction in Iraq and we look forward to their return in 2006. The 1st Battalion 145th Field Artillery completed the fielding of the Paladin Weapon system ending a long, outstanding history with the M198-Towed Howitzer. The 145th closed their hectic year with a deployment of troops to Louisiana in support of hurricanes Katrina and Rita emergency relief efforts.

The I Corps Artillery's training plans for the year were based on the preparation for the next I Corps Warfighter Exercise in 2006. This exercise will take place in Japan during the Yama Sakura Exercise. They focused our training to improve their deficiencies, sustain

their strengths, and to use the lessons learned from Iraq as well as previous exercises. In addition, they have participated in two major exercises with I Corps. In January, I Corps Artillery deployed to Japan for a successful Yama Sakura exercise.

In August, they deployed to Korea and Fort Lewis, Washington for the Ulchi Focus Lens exercise. The I Corps Artillery used all available deep systems to significantly influence the battle during the exercises overwhelmingly defeating the OPFOR.

In preparation for I Corps' warfighter, they participated in several fire and effects coordination cell exercises. A major emphasis was to improve timely target analysis, delivery of responsive and accurate fires, and providing the appropriate effects needed on the battlefield in support of I Corps operations.

As well as its warfighting mission, I Corps Artillery assumes an important and active role in the Utah Army National Guard. Serving as a major subordinate command, they provide administrative, logistical, operational and training support for two in-state battalions: the 1-145 FA, in Salt Lake City, and the 222nd in Cedar City. They also support a firing battery and FIST slice-B/1-148 FA and Detachment 3/HHB/1-148 FA, located in Logan and Salt Lake City. I Corps Artillery continues to be a leader in providing training assistance, guidance and coordination for a major portion of the Reserve Component field artillery brigades. These units and their associated field artillery battalions are located throughout



*Members of ICA successfully participating in the Yama Sakura exercise in Japan*

the United States. Participation with these brigades during exercises and training conferences continues to be one of the highlights of I Corps Artillery's responsibilities. America's Corps Artillery is proud to be associated with these high-quality soldiers who are committed to the defense of our country.

I Corps Artillery brought the fire-support community together for the 23rd Annual Fire Support Conference at Salt Lake City. Brigadier General Patrick D. Wilson, I Corps Artillery Commander, hosted the conference and presented command guidance and direction for the corps fire support units. This guidance set the standards for the productive mission-oriented training for the upcoming year. The conference continues to provide an excellent opportunity for command interface in I Corps and the fire-support community.

The changes of transformation, homeland security missions, and new equipment fieldings are challenging but all take a back seat to ensuring the nation has a viable fire-support team ready to deploy worldwide. The I Corps Artillery is committed to its readiness for the Utah Army National Guard and the United States. America's Thunder!

## 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 145<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery



The 1st Battalion, 145th “Big Red” Field Artillery successfully completed a demanding milestone training year in fiscal year 2005 that included updating computer systems to the new Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System (AFATDS), and converting from the M198, 155mm Towed Howitzer to the more modern M109A6, 155mm Paladin Howitzer. The Battalion Command Team is Lt. Col. Dallen S. Atack and Command Sgt. Maj. James Liechty. Units are located in Ogden, Camp Williams, Spanish Fork, and Manti.

Many of the Soldiers of the Battalion answered the voluntary call to duty to serve with activated Utah Army National Guard units that were mobilized for Operation Iraqi Freedom. Thirteen soldiers volunteered to serve with 1st Battalion 148th Field Artillery and 47 Soldiers with 2nd Battalion 222nd Field Artillery for their respective missions. The contribution and sacrifice of these fine soldiers is recognized and appreciated.

In the first and second quarter of fiscal year 2005, the Battalion was engrossed in two tasks; the preparation for M198 turn in and transition training for the upcoming M109A6 Paladin. Many key leaders attended the Paladin Commander’s

Course at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. For Soldiers unable to attend, the Paladin New Equipment Training Team attended the unit’s drill weekends to conduct the initial training with the new weapon system. The Battalion leadership received and completed multiple tasks to include budget estimates, equipment transportation, collaborations with Training and Doctrine Command, MOS conversions, global licensing and OPOD production.

During the third quarter the Battalion participated in the AFATDS fielding of the 115th Field Artillery Brigade. Twenty-two Soldiers of the Battalion’s Fire Direction Centers dispatched to Guernsey, Wyoming for three weeks to conduct this fielding. The successful fielding of this system was a critical gate as the new weapon system fielding was scheduled to follow only two days later.

The Paladin fielding was conducted as a three-week annual training at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah. An intense training and maintenance plan ensured that each howitzer was calibrated and each section received the training to validate the new equipment. All live-fire missions were conducted in a safe, accurate and timely manner. By the end of annual training, the Soldiers realized

the awesome lethal potential of the Paladin Howitzer.

During the Paladin christening ceremony a grateful commemoration was paid to our beloved M198 Howitzers that served the Battalion well from 1986–2005, a bittersweet moment to say goodbye to the old and ring in the new.

The Paladin NET was immediately followed by an aggressive live-fire exercise (LFX) in the fourth quarter. This LFX represented first time that this new system was employed without external supervision. More than a thousand artillery rounds were fired during a single drill weekend.

As the training year approached its end, the Battalion answered the call of need in Louisiana as it deployed 112 soldiers to a security mission in the Hurricane Rita relief effort. These soldiers, combined with the 60 soldiers that volunteered to serve with 1st Battalion, 148th FA and 2nd Battalion, 222nd FA, serve as a testament to the patriotism of the soldiers within the Battalion.

As the Battalion looks to the future, the intent is to complete Paladin certification by the end of annual training in fiscal year 2006. Other exciting news is that B Battery, 1st Battalion, 148th FA from Brigham City and Logan will join 1st Battalion 145th FA upon their return from Iraq. These Soldiers will greatly enhance the battalion with their combat experience while mobilized.

The tradition and legacy of the 1st Battalion, 145th “Big Red “ Field Artillery will continue to grow as we answer the call with some of the finest Soldiers in the Army. **BIG RED!**

## 2nd Battalion 222nd Field Artillery



*Members of the 2-222nd FA on patrol in Iraq*

WOW! what a year for the 2nd Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery, a new Battalion commander, currently a long deployment to Iraq, training at Camp Shelby Mississippi, a National Training Center rotation and still going strong.

Once the call came, the 222nd took their assignment seriously from the very beginning, preparing themselves before they even left the state. Their initial training was at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. Common Soldier's training tasks such as squad tactics, first aid, donning their MOPP suits, and operations orders were some of the topics covered. Many soldiers also immersed themselves in the study of the Middle Eastern culture so the transition to their destination would be less complicated. The Soldiers also worked on individual and crew-served weapons qualifications, motorized infantry skills, and close quarters training. Then, they went to a three-week National Training Center rotation in 121 degree heat, perfect for acclimation, before hitting the "sand box."

Our mission is "to provide Freedom to those who have yet to enjoy what

we here in the United States have enjoyed all of our lives. To protect Iraqi civilians from insurgents, and other terrorists." In doing so, four soldiers have received the Purple Heart for being wounded in action. The leadership of the Triple Deuce is honored to award these medals but hopes these will be the last. No soldier was seriously hurt and all have returned to duty.

The 222 saw all kinds of things in Iraq, some good, some bad. They had great success in their efforts and lead the way within their Brigade Task Force, the 2nd Brigade Combat Team. Several large caches of weapons and high explosives were found, insurgents captured, and bombings prevented due to their tireless efforts.

While employed currently in Iraq as part of "Operation Iraqi Freedom," the Support Operations and Stability Operations training they implemented the previous year was tested every day. Illegal checkpoints, blocked and unblocked ambushes, unmanned improvised explosive devices, roving patrols and other scenarios, have all were



*Members of the 2-222nd on motorized patrol*



*A member of the 2-222nd interacting with the children of a local village where they are operating*

encountered.

All of the events were not entirely work. They made time to participate in sporting activities throughout the Brigade to include a volleyball tournament, a weightlifting contest, 5 and 10k races etc... A 10k race was held and Mike Kjar took 2nd place in the 29 years old and younger group and William Freer took 1st in the 30-39 year old group. They are returning home soon with heads held high and the pride and satisfaction of a job well done.

The 222nd are very pleased with the things they have accomplished. 2-222 FA has set the standard. They are the best trained, best led, and the best equipped unit in the Army for our Mission in Iraq. They truly feel they have made a difference and have set a higher standard for those to follow at "Operation Iraqi Freedom." The growth as a unit and the skills they have learned has been tremendous and they will continue their tradition of excellence long after they have returned home.

## Battery B, 1-148th FA Battalion, 116th Brigade



*The Boys of Bravo Battery, 1-148th Field Artillery, pose in front of a former Iraqi Air Force bunker in northern Iraq during their over-seventeen-month tour of duty*

Battery B, 1-148th Field Artillery, set aside their charging Paladin Howitzers and converted to a Motorized Rifle Company, or as the Boys of Bravo Battery like to call themselves – Infantillery.

In June 2004, training started for Operation Iraqi Freedom III at Fort Bliss, Texas. Forward Operating Base McGregor would be the first of 14 bases in three different countries where Battery B would train or operate.

In October, Battery B moved to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana, for combined operations with their parent unit, the 116th Brigade. After some block leave in November, Battery B deployed to Kuwait to prepare to cross the “Berm” into Iraq.

The first home for Battery B was in central Iraq attached to the First Infantry Division, the famed “Big Red One,” in support of the historic Iraqi elections in January 2005. While operating in this hostile region, Battery B had their first

contact with anti-Iraqi forces and sustained their first injuries.

By the end of January, Bravo Battery was reattached to the 148th Battalion and moved to northeastern Iraq and occupied two remote forward operating bases. Their area of responsibility covered the single largest geographical area in all of northern Iraq, including a 475 km section of the Iranian border.

Battery B’s primary mission was conducting combat operations to disrupt anti-Iraqi forces, often in conjunction with Iraqi Security Forces as part of their training regime. One mission led to the capture of the 42nd Infantry Division’s number six High Value Target. Battery B also mentored local government officials, oversaw construction of Iraqi border forts, water, power and other life sustaining projects, and conducted humanitarian missions delivered school supplies, clothing, food and medical assistance to Iraqi citizens.

The end of May brought another

move as the two remote bases were transferred to Iraqi control and battery operations were consolidated. Security and training operations continued along with an element of Battery B being attached to the 42nd Infantry Division for Operation Vigilant Guardian tasked with escorting early retrograde equipment to Kuwait.

In October, Battery B provided security along with Iraqi Security Forces for the second round of Iraqi elections. Final preparations also began for redeployment home along with one final move and change of mission. Battery B picked up sole responsibility for the second phase of Operation Vigilant Guardian escorting equipment to Kuwait. This mission was conducted at the highest threat level of the year surrounding the elections and the beginning trial for Saddam Hussein.

The Boys of Bravo Battery completed their year-long tour in Iraq and redeployed in November 2005, over 17 months after mobilizing.

## 211<sup>th</sup> Aviation Group



*The 211th Aviation Group commands all the Army aviation assets in the Utah National Guard.*

The 211<sup>th</sup> Aviation Group helped provide stability here at home while other subordinate aviation units were training and deployed overseas.

Soldiers not deployable were transferred to Group Headquarters to continue their training in preparation for future deployments and to provide support for the state missions needed here at home.

When the deployed units returned, the 211<sup>th</sup> Group planned and executed “Welcome Home” ceremonies for the heroes of our command. The Group also had a mission overseas

themselves.

During August and September 2005, the Group staff and support members traveled to Korea to participate in joint training exercise, “ULCHI-FOCUS LENS 2005”. This exercise allows U.S. troops to train along with Korean counterparts to help defend the peninsula in the event of hostilities from the North. The exercise is conducted in field-like conditions and lasts a little over 2 weeks. The Group participated in this exercise in years past and once again has shown the Army that we

are fully capable of performing our mission anywhere, anytime.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 211<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment



*1/211th aircraft hitting a target in Afghanistan*

The federal mission of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 211<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment is, upon order, to mobilize and deploy to the theater to conduct attack, reconnaissance, and security operations in support of division efforts.

The year was just a continuation of the deployment to Afghanistan to support that federal mission. Task Force Pirate was deployed to Fort Carson, Colorado in January 2004 with a follow-on mission to support Operation Enduring Freedom V in Afghanistan. Task Force Pirate was the command and control element for all aviation assets in northern Afghanistan, supporting operations for the 25<sup>th</sup> Aviation Brigade, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.

In addition to AH-64A Apache helicopters, Task Force Pirate commanded two UH-60 Blackhawk companies, 1 CH-47 Chinook company, one C-12 (fixed wing) detachment, and one UC-35 (fixed wing) detach-

ment.

With over 700 personnel under Task Force Pirate control, the tempo was high and the missions continuous. With just the Apache's alone, the Task Force flew over 7,000 hours in the 12-months in country. The Task Force set records as a whole in total hours flown, tonnage hauled, personnel carried, and missions performed.

This performance earned the Battalion the distinguished Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA) Army National Guard Aviation Unit of the Year award for 2005. This great honor reflects the dedication of the soldiers of Task Force Pirate and their commitment to excellence.

In addition to supporting and flying combat operations, the Battalion took on a humanitarian aid project to enrich the lives of local Afghans and give their Soldiers a good feeling knowing that good people were being

helped with their efforts.

The Battalion family support group ladies and the ladies from Hawaii combined efforts in creating two organizations called Angels for Afghanistan and Operation Shoe-fly. These two organizations combined to send the Battalion over 80 tons of humanitarian aid supplies donated from the good people of Utah and Hawaii. These supplies supported the Battalion's humanitarian aid efforts. Members of the Task Force distributed the aid to the villages of Jedgalek and Mohamady in eastern Afghanistan. They also donated materiel to two orphanages in Kabul and Charikar.

And finally, they helped the Egyptian and Korean hospitals with supplies and donated goods to the locals in and around Bagram Air Base. Three children were also directly assisted by the Task Force, correcting medical maladies that citizens, here in the U.S., take for granted. 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 211<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment returned with honor in April to the loving arms of their families and friends.

The state mission, upon order and as directed by the Adjutant General and the Governor of the State of Utah, for the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 211<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment is to provide trained and disciplined forces for domestic emergencies in order to protect and safeguard the lives and property of the residents of Utah.

Accordingly, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 211<sup>th</sup> sent seven people to help with the recovery efforts in Louisiana as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. These individuals were supporting helicopter maintenance, refueling, and command and control efforts as the rebuilding of those areas continue.

## Co. C, 1-112 Combat Aviation Brigade (UH-60)

The federal mission of Company C, 1-112 Combat Brigade is, on order, to mobilize and deploy to theater to conduct lift, reconnaissance, and security operations in support of division efforts.

With the federal mission in mind, members of the company Task Force Mustang were sent to Nicaragua from January to May 2005 in support of Operation New Horizons. Task Force Mustang provided two UH-60 helicopters and 60 Soldiers to support the mission. The Company flew over 250 flight hours providing support to casualty evacuation missions, VIP flights, and many logistics runs collecting supplies and personnel where they needed to be for the many projects operating.

These projects included three schools, two medical facilities, and numerous roads and bridges. Unit training focused on preparing for the deployment for the majority of the year. The aircraft were flown to seaports, folded, and put on ships to Nicaragua. After the 5-month mission was complete, the aircraft returned to home-base the same way. Any movement overseas involves



*A UH-60 helicopter from the 112 CAB*

massive amounts of planning and coordination, but the result is the unit proves to its Soldiers that it can deploy, complete the mission and return safely. Task Force Mustang accomplished this goal with flying colors.

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protect and safeguard the lives and property of the residents of Utah.

As directed, Company C, 1-112 Combat Aviation Battalion sent 25 people to help with the recovery efforts in Louisiana as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. These individuals are supporting helicopter maintenance, refueling, and command and control efforts as the rebuilding of those areas continue. Two UH-60 helicopters were deployed to the area and helped with security missions, VIP flights, and FEMA coordination efforts.

## Detachment 50, Operational Support Airlift (Fixed Wing) C-12T1

During fiscal year 2005, Detachment 50 Operational Support Airlift (OSA) continued to support missions throughout the CONUS as directed by the Joint Operational Support Airlift Center. This Detachment returned from a deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Oct 2004. Since returning, the C-12 flew 530 hours completing 71 operational

missions and 38 training missions. In September, the C-12 Huron was flown to South Carolina where it will receive upgraded avionics transforming it into a C-12/U. Upon its return in December, it will continue to provide cost-effective transportation to DoD Personnel and training for unit aircrews in support of their global mission.



*The C-12 Huron*

## 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne)



*Members of the 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) in Australia during Exercise Talisman Sabre*

The mission of the 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) (SFGA) is to prepare for and conduct special operations in support of Regional Combatant Commanders in any operational environment. Some of the unit's doctrinal missions include Unconventional Warfare, Foreign Internal Defense, Direct Action, and Special Reconnaissance.

The 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) had a year full of accomplishments, surprises and opportunities. The training highlight for Special Forces units in Utah was participation by the Group Headquarters in Exercise Talisman Sabre, conducted 1-30 June in Townsend, Australia. The 19th SFGA was the command element and Headquarters of a combined Special Forces Operations Base working with Australian Commando units.

Several other overseas training events also challenged Utah's "Green Berets". Special Forces Operational Detachments conducted

exercise and training events in Thailand, Bangladesh, and Malaysia in support of the Pacific Theater Security Cooperation Plan.

While the Special Forces line units conducted the Special Forces Advanced Urban Combat Course,

Special Forces support soldiers participated in the first ever Special Forces Basic Combat Course-Support. This is a new 15-day course designed for Special Forces support soldiers to prepare them for combat roles in convoy movements and base defense in support of special operations. Several special sustainment events were also conducted including Military Free Fall Operations, Mountain Operations, Special Operations Target Interdiction and Advanced Special Operations Techniques.

A new, more modern parachute, the SF-10 parachute, was put into operation by Special Forces soldiers. It is more steerable and has some braking capability for better landings. Each soldier had to undergo training before using the new parachute.

Another highlight during 2005



*Governor Huntsman receives a briefing by Spc. Bunten on foreign weapons during the Governor's visit to the unit in August*



*19th Special Forces Group Soldiers awaiting arrival of helicopter prior to loading for a parachute jump*

was a visit by the Governor of Utah to the 19th Special Forces Group. Governor Jon M. Huntsman Jr. viewed a demonstration of the equipment and capabilities of his Special Forces units during a visit to the unit in August.

The unit's unique capability to deploy to a maritime environment paid off when a response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita was required. Special Forces soldiers (including divers) and their Zodiac boats were deployed to Louisiana where they assisted in the rescue of hundreds of stranded civilians. The unit also deployed communications

specialists and the Unit Ministry Team to support the relief efforts.

Utah's Special Forces soldiers continue to prove the "Green Beret"

is a symbol of excellence, a badge of courage, and a mark of distinction in the fight for freedom.



*Will Huntsman handles a sniper rifle from the SF Equipment Pool*

## 97<sup>th</sup> Troop Command



*Members of the 97th Troop Command Headquarters in front of the Draper Headquarters Complex*

Troop Command had two change of commands ceremonies during this year.

On 4 June 2005 Col. Linda P. Higgins assumed command from retiring commander Col. Ruediger Tillmann, while Command Sgt. Maj. Rae L. Oman took over for retiring Command Sgt. Maj. Richard DeWolf. Detachment commander 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Camille Sanford assumed command from Capt. Tracey Anderson in May 2005.

The 97th Troop Command, a Brigade Command and Control Headquarters, provides support to the 23rd Army Band, 85th Civil Support Team, 115th Maintenance Company, 120th Water Purification Team, 128th Public Affairs Detachment, 144th Area Support Medical Company, and State Medical Command.

Under the command of Col. Linda P. Higgins and Command Sgt. Maj. Rae L. Oman, the 97th Troop Command's mission is to provide subordinate units with administrative support, logistical support, and training guidance necessary to complete their respective missions.

Implementing the Soldier Readiness Processing program, Troop Command mobilized five of its units for the Middle East, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Louisiana. Units activated for service were the 85th Civil Support Team, 115th Maintenance Company, 120th Water Purification Team, 144th Area Support Medical Company, and redeployment of the 128th Public Affairs Detachment.

Representatives from the 97th Troop Command visited the 144th Area Support Medical Company and the 120th Water Purification Detachment at Fort Bliss, Texas and observed training there. Lt. Col. Ottesen and Command Sgt. Maj. Oman participated with the units in exercises as opposing forces. Individual members of Troop Command also served active duty time in Nicaragua and Louisiana.

Preparing units for mobilization, assignments, and new endeavors is a time-consuming process; however, the professionalism and experience of the soldiers in the 97th Troop Command make the events run smoothly. The average Troop Command Soldier has over 15 years of experience. Retiring members of the 97th Troop Command this year included Col. Ruediger Tillman, Chief Warrant Officer Robert Blair, Chief Warrant Officer Mark Burn, and Command Sgt. Maj. Richard DeWolf. Troop Command will miss these fine Soldiers and the expertise they brought to their positions. Many years of experience and caring leadership are gone, but the memories and training remain.

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## 23rd Army Band



*The 23rd Army Band performs at Governor Huntsman's Inauguration with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir*

This was one of the most successful periods of the 23rd Army Band's 80-year history in performing their primary mission as musicians, in support of local military installation activities and of the Adjutant General's ongoing public relations program throughout the state of Utah and beyond.

The band responded to an unprecedented number of requests for support of official military and community activities as the citizens of Utah showed their support of the Utah National Guard and other military organizations in service throughout the world.

To meet this demand for military music, the band adapted to small groups ranging from 5 to 20 musicians. These smaller groups were used when the full 46-member concert band would overwhelm the audience. This adaptation allowed the band to perform at 61 separate

functions this year, fulfilling numerous requests throughout the state.

In response to the changing musical tastes of the troops and to meet the band's additional mission of improving morale within the armed services, the band staffed a talented rock band in addition to the traditional jazz band for military balls and community concerts.

Audiences appreciate the addition of the rock band as they join in singing some of their favorite "classic" rock tunes.

Along with the long-time favorite Veterans' Day Concert and Governor's Day performances, the band's schedule included a very well-attended concert tour of southern Utah during July with concerts in the communities of Escalante, Bryce Canyon, Springdale, Kanab and Spanish Fork.

In January, the band joined with

the Mormon Tabernacle Choir to provide music for the inauguration of Governor Huntsman and for the reception following the ceremonies.

The Soldiers in the band continue to maintain military standards in common task, fitness and marksmanship training. Fifteen unit members attended professional development courses during the year, and all unit members have increased their skills as musicians, and leaders.



*A section of the 23rd Army Band*

## 144<sup>th</sup> Area Support Medical Company



*144th Patrol Training at Fort Bliss Texas*

Reflecting on the past year and looking forward to a promising future, the 144th Area Support Medical Company (ASMC) prepares to provide medical support in conflict-ridden Iraq. At the present time, it is immersed in Army mandated training at Dona Ana, one of Fort Bliss's training camps, always hoping for the best, but preparing for the worst.

On the 15th of September 2004, the 144th was officially brought online, and although the unit wasn't at 100% strength it began operations and training that ultimately put it on a crash course to set the standard for all Area Support Medical Companies that operate in an active or reserve status.

On the 7th of November 2004, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Dent and 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Floyd assumed command and they are at the forefront of the leadership of the company, providing the guidance and direction for the 144th to succeed in all missions the state and country may ask. This young leadership produced the foundation for every Soldier who helped develop the present day 144th ASMC.

A humanitarian mission to Nicaragua (New Horizons) was their first test and began on the 16th

of January. Operations included on-site medical support for engineer units, sick call and casualty drills; training that helped prepare the unit for its current training regimen at Dona Ana. Medical planning for New Horizons was managed by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Coe, one of a handful of Physician Assistants who are part of a competent medical provider staff with the 144th.

Medics from the 144th and other Army National Guard units from Utah worked rotations ranging from two weeks to several months during this successful humanitarian mission.

During the second week of April, the 144th was issued its alert order. News of the order filtered down to the staff working New Horizons before operations concluded in May.

The momentum carrying the unit continued as it started two weeks of annual training in June which was the first introduction for Soldiers transferring into the 144th to help elevate unit strength as activation neared.

The mobilization order for the 144th came on the 25th of June, a day before annual training ended. Federalization occurred on the 10th of August, introducing more Soldiers into the company to fulfill the manpower requirement. Three days later, the 144th was separated from loved ones in Utah, and traveled to Fort Bliss, Texas for two months of training preparing for operations in Iraq.

Now, as they head into their final week of training at Fort Bliss, they can glance back at the past two

months and let the satisfaction of completing this Army mandated-training sink in, but more important is the knowledge they gained by spending two months with the individuals with whom they are entering combat.

From the initial week of Soldier Readiness Processing, they took care of medical, personnel, personal, financial issues, briefings on Iraqi culture/language, 4th generation warfare, American Red Cross, Environmental, Safety, issuing of ID cards, Desert Combat Uniforms, and other equipment needed for deployment. This was followed by weeks of training, including land navigation (mounted and dismounted), weapons qualification (NBC and nighttime qualification), the composite health care system II, patrol operations, quick reaction force, riot control, traffic control point, cordon and search, reaction to direct/indirect fire, squad movements/formations, and setting up operation posts.

Then there were military operations in urban terrain, a company favorite, and convoy operations which gave them the opportunity to conduct mounted/dismounted 360° security live fire training. There were a few more days of training at Fort Bliss then three weeks of MOS specific training at Fort Sam Houston before deployment to Iraq. Along with developing skills, they developed a cohesiveness that will sustain them through this lengthy and difficult trip.

In the end, the 144th will be second to none. Courage! Commitment! Compassion! HOOAA!

## 85th Civil Support Team

The 85th Civil Support Team (CST) had an exceptionally challenging and successful year. It started with filling out positions to complete the team, and satisfying basic training requirements. The 85th was one of only four full CSTs deployed in support of recovery operations for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The team is led by Lt. Col. Wendy Cline (Air Force) and 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Darren Budge (Army). The mission of the team is to deploy to an incident, assess a suspected nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological event in support of a local incident commander; advise civilian responders regarding appropriate action, facilitate requests for assistance to expedite the arrival of additional state and federal assets, help save lives, prevent human suffering, and mitigate property damage for Utah's citizens.

Training, training, and more training best describes 2005 for the 85th CST. Any deployment to an NBC environment is intense and it's critical that members of the 85th are well trained to handle what they may encounter. The National Guard Bureau set up a program that would meet the training needed. The team collectively trained on 22 different subjects, ranging from working with the incident command system to nuclear weapon recovery operations involving an air crash. Team members trained for about one-third of the year away from home, while Capt. Gaily, the team's scientist, spent nearly half the year away.

One of the principal focuses of



*Members of the 85th CST working in New Orleans*

the training was support of the civilian first responders. Uniquely designed, when 85th arrives on scene, it works to support the civilian Incident Commander, who is typically the fireman in charge of the scene, but may be anyone from the first responder community, a local deputy or a lead field-agent from the FBI.

Before all of the training was even complete, the 85th went through their Exercise Evaluation by the 5th Army. It consisted of a week-long scenario to determine if the team can effectively accomplish all the tasks to successfully respond to a Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) event. The 85th successfully met the challenge and passed their evaluation the first time.

After over a year of demanding work, the 85th was rewarded and deployed to New Orleans for recovery efforts resulting from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Combined operations with other CSTs was a first for the 85th and had only been done previously

for recovery of the space shuttle Challenger. This opportunity was especially rewarding for the 85th as it was the only non-certified CST requested to join in the recovery efforts. The 85th was involved with assessing 158 hazardous sites.

When the team arrived, there were over 920 hazardous sites and an estimated 30 to 45 days to complete the assessment mission. The 85th was instrumental in reducing this time frame to two weeks.

The future is extremely promising for the 85th. With the main block of required training behind them and the experiences gained from a real world deployment, the 85th will now focus on interacting (outreach) with the first responders and the medical community. Plans for the future include informing the first responder and medical community what assets the 85th has. At the same time, the 85th will be learning what assets the medical and first responders have to provide to a Weapons of Mass Destruction event.

## 115<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company



*Members of the 115th Maintenance Company in Iraq*

October 15 is a monumental date not only to the people of Iraq who voted on their draft constitution, but it was also significant to the men and women of the 115<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company. One year ago, October 15, 2004, the 115<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company deployed for an annual training rotation at Kaiserslautern, Germany.

Although this deployment to Germany had many important training events, the most important was the opportunity for the 115<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company to perform its general maintenance support mission in direct support of the Global War on Terrorism. The 115<sup>th</sup> Soldiers worked hand in hand with German nationals repairing Army equipment and returning it to the theater army supply system. The company received great marks and, when they returned home around November 7, 2004, the Soldiers felt like their efforts made a difference. Little did they all know that a call for mobilization would come on December 23, 2004.

The 9<sup>th</sup> of January found the 115<sup>th</sup>

Maintenance Company performing an additional annual training event to prepare for mobilization. They concentrated on organizing and packing equipment for the deployment. There were still a lot of questions not answered about the mission when they were federalized on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January and moved to the mobilization station at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Upon arrival at Fort Bliss, the 115<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company welcomed three additional platoons from two separate states. The first platoon to be assigned to the 115<sup>th</sup> was the Automotive Maintenance Platoon from the 1035<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company from Missouri. A couple days later, another Automotive Maintenance Platoon, and a Track Maintenance Platoon from the 3669<sup>th</sup> GS Maintenance Company of Montana were on the ground. All of the people who would make up the 115<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Support Team (MST) Company were finally assembled.

The next few months involved the validation of each individual, each platoon, and then finally the com-

pany as an entire unit. During the validation process the transformation from Citizen to Soldier, and the process of GS Maintenance platoons to a GS/DS Maintenance Company to be deployed forward was completed.

Since the idea of deploying a GS Maintenance Company as an MST Forward is not a doctrinal practice, there were many growing pains and many lessons learned. At the end of the validation process, the 115<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company was awarded the Commander's Cup for the Outstanding Company during this validation process.

On April 14<sup>th</sup>, the 115<sup>th</sup> had transformed from a traditional GS rear echelon maintenance support company to a DS/GS MST maintenance company trained for and deployed to the front lines of Iraq.

Once on the ground at Forward Operational Base Duke, Iraq, the 115<sup>th</sup> quickly set up shops and company operations. The maintenance sections began performing GS/DS level maintenance in direct support of the 155 Battalion Combat Team (BCT) from Mississippi and area maintenance for any units traveling through the AO.

It did not take long for the professional abilities and the can-do attitude of this company to make a name for itself. Not only was the 155 BCT benefiting from this experienced maintenance team, but other units were traveling from other parts of Iraq to have their equipment brought back up to mission capable standards. To date, the 115<sup>th</sup> performed many job orders and completed countless other on-the-spot maintenance operations.

The 115<sup>th</sup> quickly began to realize that general support maintenance was one of many titles that it could assume. Our general support reaches far beyond maintenance and includes such tasks as FOB security, combat patrols, convoy security, civil affairs, border transition team, personal security detail, medical assistance, and adoption of two Iraqi schools.

Although you will not find these tasks in the traditional missions performed by a General Support Maintenance Company, the Soldiers of this company stood up and volunteered to do what had to be done to accomplish these diverse missions. Anyone would be hard pressed to find another GS Maintenance Company in the theater able to successfully accomplish these missions. To date, the 115<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company has performed a total of 411 of these non-maintenance missions outside the wire in less than six months time in Iraq.

The Civil Affairs and Medical Assistance missions gave the Soldiers of the 115<sup>th</sup> a unique experience not attained by most Combat Service Support Soldiers. It is hard to describe the feeling of pride and accomplishment that overwhelms a Soldier as he is among the people f

Iraq making a difference in such a personal way.

Our Soldiers saw first hand the ravages of a war-torn country that has been oppressed for years by a former government. It may be only a small part of Iraq that our Soldiers are affecting, but they are doing their best to help these people stand alone and learn to live with their newly found freedoms.

Although this company was designed and built with the maintenance mission in mind, it assumed these other important missions as if they were their primary mission. Many people do not understand the amount of professionalism and expertise that a National Guard Soldier brings to the table, and, no doubt, there were skeptics when the 115<sup>th</sup> arrived in Iraq.

This apprehension quickly dissolved and 115<sup>th</sup> Soldiers are requested first from other units to help them accomplish their missions. We supported the 155 BCT, the active Army units, the Army Reserve units, and the Marine Corps and the Soldiers of the 115<sup>th</sup> shine head and shoulders above their peers in the accomplishment of any mission sent their way. Today, the Marine Corps units operating on our FOB want to

have 115<sup>th</sup> soldiers attached to them permanently -another true testimony of their abilities.

October 15<sup>th</sup> marks the half-way point for the 115<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Companies which have a one-year deployment to Iraq. As we all look to the election on the referendum of the Iraqi Constitution and subsequent election for political officials on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December, there are many historical events to which we have been a part.

Many are waiting for these elections to determine the success of Operation Iraqi Freedom and, undoubtedly, there will be many political debates. As much as we would like to receive validation for the job we have done, it is highly likely that our efforts here will not be totally understood or fully appreciated for years to come. Politicians will debate for years if we should be here and if we made a positive difference. As Soldiers, we do just what American Soldiers have been doing for generations, we wake up every day and accomplish every mission to the best of our abilities and perform them to bring credit to our families and the United States of America. Our success will be measured on how we answered the call to serve.

### **115<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company (Rear)**

**When** the 115<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company deployed in January 2005, approximately 70 soldiers did not deploy and the 115<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company Rear, located at Draper, came into existence.

Acting Commander is 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Wencke Tate and Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> class Robert Van is the acting First Sergeant.

The 115<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company Rear Detachment had a very busy year.

We helped in the deployment of the 115<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company Forward unit to Iraq. During March and April, we supported the CSMS in the reconstitution of equipment returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, we supported New Horizons in Nicaragua and we answered the call for help from the National Training Center in California.

We also assisted in the deployment of the 144 Medical

and 120<sup>th</sup> Quartermasters to move people and equipment, and we supported the Freedom Academy with transportation needs. We transported supplies for the school project in Iraq, supported the hurricane evacuees from New Orleans at Camp Williams with transportation and equipment, and supported deployed troops to Louisiana for help in aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

## 120th Quartermaster Detachment



*The Adjutant General addressing the 120th at their mobilization ceremony in the Springville Armory*

The 120th Quartermaster Detachment (Water Purification), currently located in Springville, Utah has the mission to provide and produce potable water using Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Units (ROWPU). The ROWPU is capable of producing 3,000 gallons of potable water per hour per unit. The ROWPU purifies not only fresh water but salt and chemically contaminated water.

This training year has been very exciting. The unit had the opportunity to participate in a humanitarian effort in Managua, Nicaragua, this last spring. New Horizons gave the 120th the chance to purify water for the main base camp for four months while other units built clinics and schools. This exercise allowed the 120th to sharpen their trouble shooting skills and practice the hands on skills in operating the equipment. The purified water was used for everything from drinking water to culinary and shower usage.

Our unit had the opportunity to meet and work with other water purification units and members. This provided each Soldier with valuable training in areas where there is insufficient knowledge or experience. The unit was excited to experience a new country and

culture. New Horizons helped prepare the 120th for coming missions by performing their wartime mission for the real world.

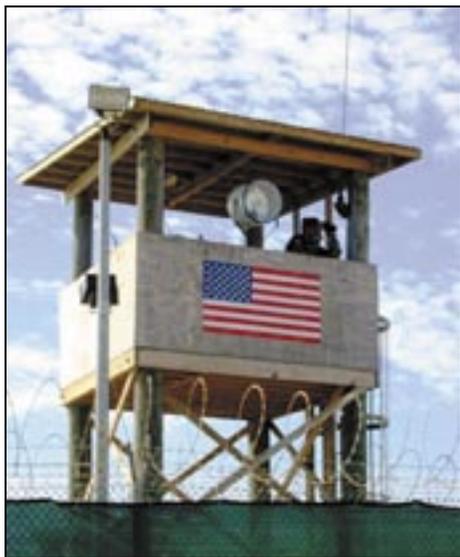
In August, the 120th was mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. After receiving the unit's mobilization order, each Soldier stepped up to prepare the unit for movement into a theater of operation to support the War on Terrorism. The unit left for Fort Bliss, Texas, our power projection platform, to train for the mission requirements.

The 120th consists of 16 dedicated soldiers who make up a strong combined team that is proud to take part in Operation Iraqi Freedom and belong to the Utah National Guard. They look forward to the challenges ahead with pride and honor. They are all focused on completing the tasks ahead and returning home safely.



*Members of the 120th loading on the aircraft for departure for Fort Bliss Texas prior to departure for Iraq*

## 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment



***Guard tower at Guantanamo***

The most significant highlight of 2005 for Soldiers of the 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment (MPAD) was the completion of their year-long deployment to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

In a letter to Utah National Guard Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Brian Tabet, Maj. Gen. Jay W. Hood, commander of Joint Task Force Guantanamo (JTF-GTMO) was very complimentary of the work of the 128th in a highly visible environment with international media attention.

“The Soldiers of the 128th MPAD did everything I asked of them and



***Members of the 128th video taping a news spot***

more, and they performed their mission to the highest standards of excellence,” Hood wrote. “They now return to Utah as better Soldiers, better Public Affairs professionals and better people for the sacrifices they have made over the past year.”

During their service at Guantanamo, members of the 128th accomplished the following:

- Escorted more than 150 representatives from 80 domestic and international media outlets;
- Published 40 issues of *The Wire*, the JTF-GTMO command publication to include a complete redesign of the masthead and JTF logo;
- Produced video news spots for the Pentagon Channel, footage for release by the Department of Defense, and commemorative videos and photos for Soldiers of departing units;
- Voiced dozens of radio news stories and public service announcements for the local naval base radio station, some of which aired on the Armed Forces Network;
- Provided support to the first Military Commissions held since World War II to include hosting 75 media representatives and 10 representatives of non-governmental organizations.

Since their return from Guantanamo in April 2005, the 128th added four new members to their ranks: Spc. Sylvia Huffaker, Spc. Samantha Xanthos, Spc. Kelly Collett and Sgt. Jim Greenhill.

Other Soldiers moved on, taking other assignments within the Utah Guard: Sgt. Jeffery Zaine took a position with the 300th Military Intelligence Brigade, Sgt. Scott Faddis returned to the Artillery and



***128th interviewing a Soldier for the Pentagon Channel***

Maj. Hank McIntire is now the full-time Public Affairs Officer for the Utah National Guard.

In the Aug. 27 ceremony where he relinquished his command of nearly three years to Capt. Chris Patterson, Maj. McIntire thanked Soldiers for their service and support. “Any measure of success I’ve had as commander is because of the Soldiers,” McIntire said. “They stepped up, stood up and came through every time.”

Patterson brings a wealth of experience and service to his command. He has 16 years in the Guard, having served for a year in Iraq with the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion and is a Portuguese linguist. In his civilian employment he is an attorney with Zija, a Lindon-based dietary supplement company.

Patterson is optimistic about the future of the 128th as they move forward with their mission to tell the Utah National Guard story. He counts it an honor to take the helm. “It’s a privilege to have this opportunity,” he said.



## 115th Engineer Group (Construction)



*Members of the 115th Engineer Group at Camp Williams*

The 115th Engineer Group is headquartered in Draper, and totals of over 850 soldiers located in ten communities throughout the state of Utah. The Group has undergone many changes since returning from Iraq in February 2005.

Colonel Ed Willis relinquished command to Lt. Col. Don Summit on May 10, 2005. After more than



*Members of the 115th Engineer Group (Construction) unloading equipment out of a container for another construction project.*

14 years service to the Group, Command Sgt. Maj. Sid Cardin was reassigned as the Command Sergeant Major for Army Garrison Camp Williams. Command Sgt. Maj. Steve Thornton assumed responsibilities for the Engineer Group.

The 115th Group's wartime mission is to provide command and control for engineer units and to provide engineering design and construction management support to U.S. and allied forces in a theater of combat operations such as Operation Iraqi Freedom or in military operations other than war, such as Bosnia and Kosovo.

During the past year, the 115th Group was responsible for providing oversight to Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) missions across the state. These are congressionally funded community support missions that allow Engineer-Soldiers the

opportunity to hone their military skills while providing a service to local communities.

Engineers completed a motocross track in Eureka, a community park and ball field in Minersville, and a river crossing and expanded campsites at the Potters Pond Campground.

In addition to IRT missions, Engineer units also completed many projects at Camp Williams to support Soldier training. Those projects included building renovations to create a unit TOC facility, road improvements throughout the training site, and grading at the Veteran's Cemetery in order to expand their capacity.

The Engineer Command deployed 176 soldiers in support of Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. One of their first missions was to recover burial vaults displaced by flooding during the hurricane. The Engineers provided security patrols, cleared debris from the roadways and helped to restore utilities.

They also prepared the 115th Engineer Battalion for mobilization in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Battalion will complete post-mobilization training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and then deploy to Baghdad.

The Engineers in Utah are scheduled to begin transformation during the next year. This will be an exciting time and bring many changes to the state. This transformation will allow Utah National Guard units to better align with their Active Duty counterparts. The Engineers will remain a dynamic force in the service to the citizens of Utah.

## 1457th Engineer Combat Battalion

The 1457th Engineer Combat Battalion is headquartered in American Fork, Utah, with its subordinate units located in 7 additional cities throughout Utah. The 528 man battalion has proudly represented the Utah Army National Guard in a wide variety of missions this year.

Mid-way through the year, the Battalion changed commanders. Lt. Col. Jefferson S. Burton passed the guidon to Lt. Col. Robert T. Dunton. Both commanders served tours of duty in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Command Sgt. Maj. Steven L. Thornton also moved on to new responsibility, which allowed Command Sgt. Maj. Randall G. Bowden to take the role of Senior NCO.

From March to May, 2005, the 1457th Engineer Combat Battalion sent multiple rotations of soldiers to support a goodwill mission in Nicaragua called New Horizons. The Battalion employed both standard and non-standard Combat Engineer tasks to the construction of schools and clinics to the impoverished communities near Chinandega.

The Battalion also completed a community support mission at Potter's Pond campground in Central Utah, spearheaded by A Company, 1457th Engineer Combat Battalion. This Innovative Readiness Training project expanded accessibility to camp sites at Potter's Pond by increasing the number of available sites per night.

The 1457th also deployed over 100 soldiers in support of Hurricane Katrina relief efforts in the Vermillion Parish of southern



*Members of the 1457th Bn cleaning up after Hurricane Rita*

Louisiana. Task Force Sapper was led by Lt. Col. Dunton and his staff of the 1457th Battalion. The three smaller Task Forces underneath were comprised of Soldiers from the 1457th Battalion, the 115th Engineer Team, the 116th Engineer Company, the 489th Engineer Detachment and the 115th Engineer Group.

This unique Engineer Task Force was a sneak preview of the re-structuring of the Engineer community slated for 2007.

Task Force Sapper accomplished numerous missions to support the victims of the hurricane, including debris removal, carpentry, electrical and plumbing work, security patrols and assisting with food and water distribution. They also completed unique missions such as locating and recovering coffins and burial crypts displaced from numerous cemeteries. Some coffins had moved several miles due to the

storm. The Engineers also removed mud and debris from the interiors of fire stations and schools to aid in the restoration of these services in the storm-ravaged communities of the Parish.

The 1457th Engineer Combat Battalion proudly upheld its standard of excellence in 2005 and looks forward to the upcoming challenges of the coming year.



*Members of the 1457th Engineer Battalion cleaned caskets in Louisiana. They performed varied associated tasks.*

## 115<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion



*Operation New Horizons in Nicaragua where the 115th Engineer Battalion provided Command and Control and was able to use their basic construction skills to help build schools and medical facilities*

During fiscal year 2005 the 115<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion welcomed home the 115<sup>th</sup> Engineer Group and the 116<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company as they returned from a successful and safe tour of duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. For several months the 115<sup>th</sup> Battalion performed command and control operations for the Engineer Command during the deployment of their higher headquarters. It was a great experience that was in line with their Mission Essential Task List, it exercised a young staff and enhanced their skills for current and future operations.

The 115<sup>th</sup> Battalion also played a role in this year's New Horizons operation. They were able to take a role in Command and Control (C2) Operations in country; they assisted

with projects on the ground and with the initial planning. Collective training tasks were met through out the command from C2 to basic construction skills for the subordinate units. Soldiers were able to see a new part of the world, gain an appreciation for all that we have as Americans and all of us felt a sense of pride knowing that we had positively impacted the lives of many Nicaraguans. The efforts of 115<sup>th</sup> Battalion Soldiers who contributed to the building of schools and clinics.

During June 2005 the 115<sup>th</sup> Battalion and its subordinate units also planned and executed Junior Patriots' Day. It was their second year as the lead element and the number of participants more than doubled. Though final numbers were not provided,

it is the 115<sup>th</sup> Battalion's hope that they contributed to the Utah Army National Guard through recruiting leads, enlistments and, most importantly, a positive reflection of the skills and professionalism of the Soldiers of the 115<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

The 115<sup>th</sup> Battalion is now preparing for their mobilization in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2005-2007. In August, they successfully validated with the 91<sup>st</sup> on Military Decision Making Process (MDMP), incorporating the real life skills and training of their Battalion. At the time of this writing the Soldiers of this unit are loading supplies, completing Home Station Training and preparing to hand over their armory to an incoming unit.

## 300th Military Intelligence Brigade (Linguist)



*Members of the Military Intelligence command helping set up military intelligence courses at Camp Williams*

The 300 Military Intelligence Brigade (Linguist), headquartered in Draper, Utah, provides command and control of two Military Intelligence Battalions totaling around 800 soldiers within the state of Utah and guidance and training for an additional 1,200 soldiers in the Army National Guard throughout the United States. The brigade mission is to provide military intelligence and linguist support to the Army in many different contingencies.

The Brigade Language Conference was another great success this year as leaders brought linguist assets and policy-makers from around the country together to discuss the direction to take with the Army Language Master Plan. One important proposal they pushed was Regional Language Coding which seems to have gained widespread approval in the language community.

In addition, they hosted two

Commanders' Conferences to discuss Force Design Update recommendations for the future of the Brigade.

Recent deployments continued to support Army Contracting Office with its contracting of language assets in Iraq, Afghanistan and Guantanamo. This mission is an



*The Utah National Guard help out with evacuees from New Orleans from Hurricane Katrina*



*Joint Task Force Utah supporting the Hurricane Rita disaster.*

ongoing requirement for personnel each year. We also supplied medical support to Nicaragua in support of the New Horizons mission.

Operation September Storm came to provide relief to the Hurricane Rita victims. The Task Force, commanded by Col. Mitchell, combined multi-command troops into a cohesive relief-response team where they also ran security missions throughout Vermilion Parish, as well as coffin recovery missions in the local cemeteries.

We are proud of the service our Soldiers give throughout the world and at home.

## 141st Military Intelligence Battalion (Linguist)



*Members of the 141st Military Intelligence Battalion training for one of their many missions throughout the world*

The 141st Military Intelligence Battalion (Linguist) enjoyed another successful year. Commanded by Lt. Col. Val L. Peterson with Command Sgt. Maj. James Sproul, the Battalion welcomed home two mobilized groups: Forward 4, which deployed with 28 soldiers, came home after a 14 month deployment in Iraq; and Forward 5, a 17 man group, returned after spending 18 months abroad in Afghanistan. Forward 5 was one of the first groups to mobilize through the Mob, Train, and Deploy program initiated by the Military Intelligence Corps. These soldiers did an exemplary job receiving numerous awards for their sacrifices.

Not only did the Battalion welcome home mobilized soldiers, we also proudly sent more out to perform intelligence missions in Iraq. Forward 6, with 21 personnel,

left home for Iraq in November of 2004. Their sacrifice is greatly appreciated.

The 141st Military Intelligence Battalion (Linguist) saw a significant change as it brought another company, D Company, on-line in October of 2004. It is headed by Maj. Warr, who has stepped up to the plate admirably.

Company B saw a change of command this year. Maj. Tyler Craner assumed command from Maj. Matt Price who was an outstanding leader and well respected by the command and the Soldiers. Maj. Craner also brings experience, credibility, and professionalism to B Company.

Those Soldiers not mobilized this year, completed missions throughout the world in various exercises. These missions took place through Asia, Europe, and the United States.

Overseas travel for soldiers is a benefit of being in the 141st MI Battalion. Missions ranged from personal language development and humanitarian service to providing intelligence and/or linguistic support to military and civilian agencies.

The Battalion was also able to supplement the 142nd Military Battalion (Linguist) on missions in Europe. This gave the Soldiers in the 141st the opportunity to increase their world travel as well as their military intelligence knowledge.

Aside from the "typical" missions expected here at home, such as the Remote Language Support Program, and the Joint Language Training Center; the unit received new opportunities state-side.

A large group went to Camp Blanding, Florida to perform in Panther Strike, a 2-week program in which our Soldiers aided training based on real-world missions. This training utilized knowledge gained while our Soldiers were deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom during 2003 and 2004.

Company D was called to state active duty to help the state when St. George and surrounding areas suffered floods in March. They took the lead in the state support for the disaster. Without their help, those affected by the flood would have had a much more difficult time getting back on their feet.

The 141st received awards and recognition this year from the 300th MI Brigade. The Brigade named Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Victor Gonzales NCO of the Year for the third year in a row, and HHC was named Headquarters Company of the year.

## 142<sup>nd</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion (Linguist)

The 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion federal mission is to provide prisoners of war interrogation, counterintelligence, signals, intelligence/analytical support, and foreign language support for all Army echelons.

During 2005 the Battalion continued to distinguish itself in its military intelligence role.

During 2005, Battalion Soldiers deployed under 11 different Derivative Unit Identification Codes in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Soldiers were assigned to Tactical Human Intelligence Teams, Signals Intelligence Prophet Platoons, Mobile Document Exploitation Teams, home-station signal intelligence support, home-station document exploitation support, and as theater-level linguist managers. All of whom are serving with distinction in their varied roles and locations.

The Battalion also participated in multiple overseas deployment training missions operations. These included Flintlock, New Horizons, TMDEX, Guardian Shield, Layman Teacher, MED Flag, African Lion, and Silent Warrior.

The 142nd MI Battalion continues to provide many Soldiers in support of the National Guard's Counter Drug Program, the Reach Language Support Program, and special projects at Draper, Camp Williams, Orem, and Ogden, Utah. These Soldiers work fulltime as linguists or in a variety of other jobs in support of all levels of military and government agencies.

The Battalion was heavily



*Members of the 142nd MI Bn serving in Iraq*

involved in the new Military Intelligence branch established at the 640th Regional Training Institute. Courses offered were the Counterintelligence Agent (MOS 97B) and the Human Intelligence Collector (MOS 97E) formerly known as the Interrogator Course.

The Battalion sent 10 students and nine instructors to participate. The two courses were conducted from June to August at Army Garrison Camp Williams, Utah.

Staff Sergeant Marco E. Briones, Company C, 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion (Linguist) received the 2005 Colonel Carl F. Eifler Reserve Award. This award is presented annually to one reserve component leader.

Staff Sergeant Briones was recognized for his hard work while deployed as the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of a Tactical Human Intelligence Team of the 1st Cavalry Division in Iraq.

In September, 2005, the 142nd MI Battalion was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation by

Major General Keith Dayton.

The award read as follows: "During the period of 7 April 2003 to 20 March 2004, the Soldiers of the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion (Forward) displayed exceptionally meritorious conduct, demonstrated dynamic leadership, and exceptional foresight in providing outstanding support to assigned and attached personnel of the Iraq Survey Group.

In realizing the importance of their mission, the unit selflessly sacrificed untold time and materials through unrelenting perseverance and reacted swiftly in response to the needs of the Iraq Survey Group. The remarkable actions of the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion (Forward) are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon the unit and the Armed Forces of the United States."

Battalion Commander Lieutenant Colonel Stephen L. Thorsted received the award on behalf of the unit.

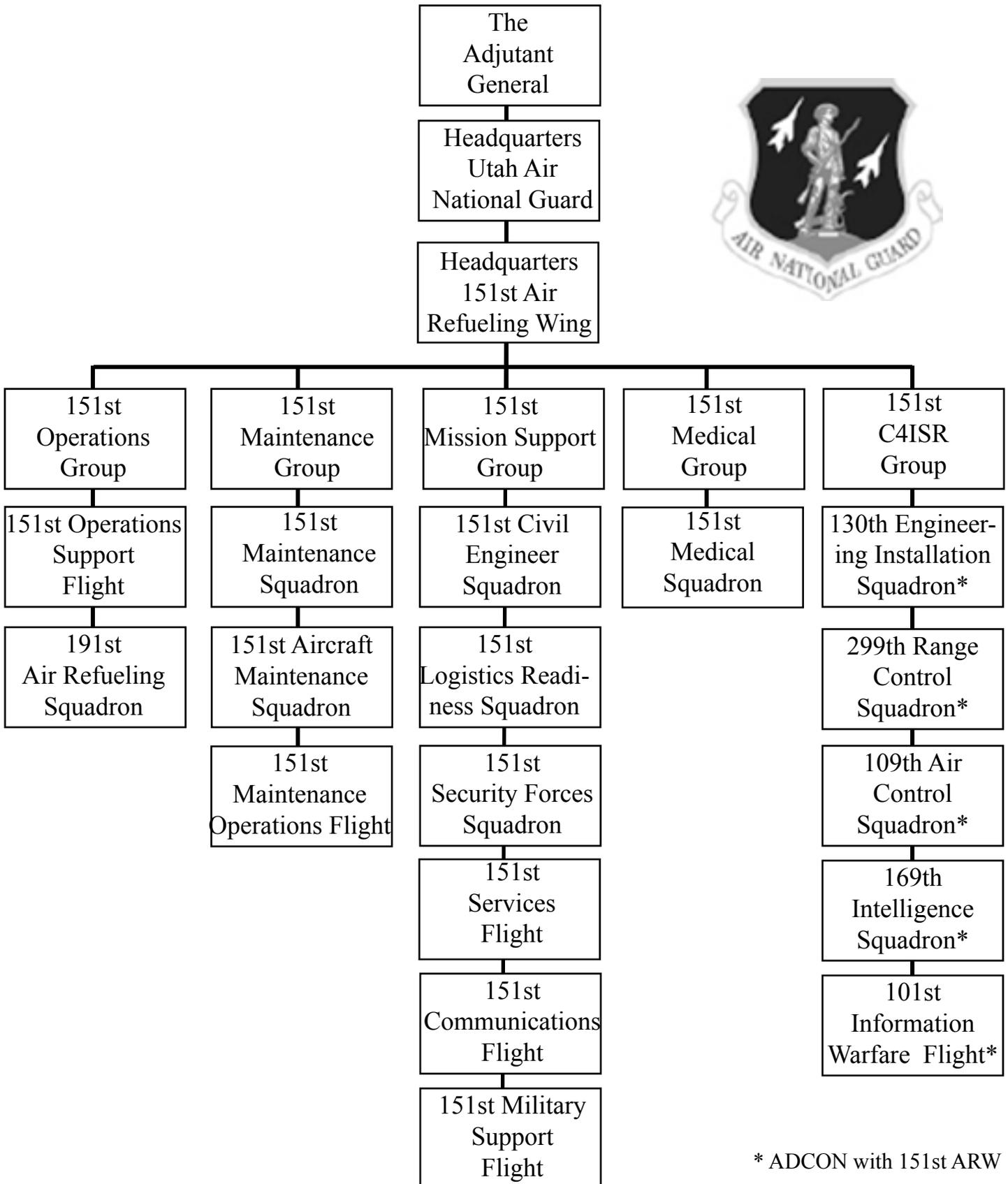


# Utah Air National Guard



*A Utah Air National Guard KC-135 Tanker refueling an A-10 Aircraft*

**UTAH AIR NATIONAL GUARD ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**



\* ADCON with 151st ARW

## Headquarters Utah Air National Guard



*A Utah Air Guard KC-135 doing a low level fly over at Governor's Day*

Headquarters Utah Air National Guard has both a federal and a state mission. The state responsibilities encompass the administration and integration of Air National Guard personnel into a state militia. Federal responsibilities are command of and training of assigned units to effectively perform their wartime mission.

Founded on November 18, 1946, the Utah Air National Guard (UTANG) is located on over 82 acres of the northeast corner of the Salt Lake International Airport. Nearly 1,400 trained and dedicated men and women serve in the UTANG and defend the United States of America. Commanded by Brigadier General Brent E. Winget, State Air National Guard Commander, the UTANG assignments include real world military operations and daily activities that are necessary to support state and federal missions, and training requirements.

The UTANG's largest component is the 151st Air Refueling Wing

(ARW) commanded by Col. Denise O. Schofield. Unit Commanders, along with members, are committed to building excellent organizations within the wing. Associate units, those assigned to the UTANG but not part of the 151st ARW, provide critical mission services. The units are: the 130th Engineering Installation Squadron (EIS), commanded by Lt. Col. Jack M. Wall; the 169th Intelligence Squadron (IS), commanded by Lt. Col. William G. Siddoway; the 109th Air Control Squadron (ACS), commanded by Lt. Col. Kenneth L. Gammon; the 299th Range Control Squadron (RCS) (located at Hill Air Force Base, Utah), commanded by Lt. Col. John R. Teter; 101st Information Warfare Flight, commanded by Lt. Col. Lance J. Whipple.

The Utah Air National Guard began as a fighter/bomber unit and its mission has changed three times. The type of aircraft flown by the wing has changed seven times. The Wing

is currently in conversion to KC-135R from the KC-135E aerial refuelers, which were assigned to Utah in 1978 when the 151st ARW became part of the Strategic Air Command. The Wing transferred to the Air Mobility Command in June, 1992. Since then, the aircraft's cargo and personnel transportation capabilities have been more frequently utilized.

Historical examples of federal services are numerous. Many UTANG members were called to serve 21 months during the Korean Conflict. Flying F-86 fighter aircraft, 10 pilots flew over 100 missions each. One UTANG pilot, Capt. Cliff Jolley, shot down seven Soviet made MIG-15 aircraft and became the first Air Guard "Ace" of the Korean Conflict. Two Utah pilots were killed during this conflict.

The UTANG continued distinctive federal service during 2005 with missions around the globe in support of Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom in response to terrorism. Numerous NATO operations and Air Expeditionary Forces (AEF) missions were also supported. Significant support has been provided during the recent Gulf Coast hurricanes to include airlift of displaced evacuees to Utah and liaison support in the devastated region.

Local communities also saw continuing benefits from the UTANG. Activities included: Sub-for-Santa, blood drives, Invest in Futures, Adopt-a School Program, and Highway cleanup. The UTANG also maintained its state of readiness should the state of Utah need support during an earthquake, flood, civil disturbance, or major disaster

## 151<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Wing

In March 2005, as Col. Larry T. Johnson approached retirement, Col. Denise O. Schofield was named to command the 151<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Wing (ARW). Throughout this past year, 151<sup>st</sup> ARW continued its proud tradition of outstanding service to the nation and state by participating in numerous missions both at home and abroad.

In the continued support of the global war on terrorism, over 200 personnel and associated equipment were deployed in December to Incirlik AB, Turkey for 6 weeks. The 151<sup>st</sup> ARW was the lead unit, with Col. Kelvin G. Findlay as the 385<sup>th</sup> AEG Commander. Deploying 4 aircraft and 6 crews plus staff, the 151st supported an 8 plane, 10 crew package. Approximately 5 million pounds of fuel was offloaded to U.S. and allied aircraft flying missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Many 151<sup>st</sup> ARW aircrew, maintainers and support personnel were an integral part of the success of these operations.

The 151<sup>st</sup> ARW aircraft flew over 2,600 hours in support of real world contingencies, exercises and training requirements. Throughout the year the wing has maintained a commitment to homeland defense and Operation Noble Eagle by maintaining a "C" alert line. In addition to the numerous real world taskings, the wing served at the lead tanker unit in the NATO "Clean Hunter 2005" exercise held in the Netherlands as well as extended air refueling missions in Germany and Iceland. The wing also had support personnel deployed to France, Qatar, Jordan,



*German Tornado refuels from a KC-135E from the 151 ARW during the Lear Hunter 2005 Exercise in Europe this year*

Saudi Arabia, Niger and Germany.

The 151<sup>st</sup> ARW members were heavily involved with Hurricane Katrina and Rita relief efforts in Louisiana. Several flights were made taking Utah ANG and Utah and Oregon ARNG troops to the New Orleans area to assist in the relief efforts. The 151<sup>st</sup> also hosted the arrival of approximately 600 evacuees from the New Orleans area, 130 of which were flown to Utah on our KC-135's.

The 151<sup>st</sup> ARW members were also deeply involved with the local community, collecting food for the local food bank, computer support to the Navajo School at Teec Nos Pos, Arizona, working closely with the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, the United Way and their Home Front program for families of deployed guardsmen and the Family Support program. The Wing demonstrated the "total force" concept to several civilian community leaders

on orientation refueling flights.

The Wing had a SATAF visit in the spring in which they were graded "green" in all areas as they prepare for the conversion from the KC-135E model to the KC-135R model in early FY 06.

The 151<sup>st</sup> ARW looks forward to another busy year with many challenges and opportunities. The professionalism of our aircrews, the expertise of the maintainers and the excellent personnel support provided to our members ensures that we will continue our unmatched service to state and nation for years to come.



*151st members returning home from deployment to Turkey*

## 151st Operations Group



*The view from the cockpit of the KC-135E Stratotanker*

The 151st Operations Group (OG), consisting of just over 100 personnel and 10 KC-135E Stratotanker aircraft, supports the mission, vision, and goals of the 151st Air Refueling Wing. The 151st OG includes the 191st Air Refueling Squadron (ARS) and the 151st Operations Support Flight (OSF).

The 191st ARS personnel are comprised of pilots, navigators, boom operators, and life support specialists. The 151st OSF consists of a variety of operational mission support specialists including airfield and flight management, training, scheduling, current operations, combat aircrew communications, and intelligence.

There were several personnel changes within the 151st OG throughout the fiscal year 2005. Lt. Col. Sam Ramsay assumed command of the 151st OG and Lt. Col. Peter Snowball assumed command of the 151st OSF. Maj. Lisa Berente was

appointed the Chief of Training, Maj. Chris Hawkins was made Chief of Standardization/Evaluation, and Chief Master Sgt. David Herrscher became the acting first sergeant.

The 151st OG mission is aligned with Air Mobility Command to include being prepared to air refuel long range strategic bombers, fighters, and transport aircraft employed in strategic and/or regional conflicts. The exceptional skill, dedication, and experience of the 151st OG personnel are a critical part of the 151st ARW. Their efforts aggressively extend global reach, power, and humanitarian support to both the State of Utah and the Nation.

Fiscal year 2005 was characterized by an increase in operational tempo over the previous year. The unit continued to maintain its Charlie Alert line in support of Operation Noble Eagle, homeland defense, and the test program for the FA-22 fighter aircraft. The Operation Noble Eagle missions included high

priority flights supporting national security in the western states.

In October, aircrews and operational support personnel completed a short notice Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) deployment to Anderson Air Force Base, Guam supporting PACAF missions in the western Pacific area. Shortly after returning home the unit was again deployed, this time to Keflavik Air Base, Iceland providing air defense alert, search and rescue support, and F-15 currency training.

In December, the 151st OG along with the 151st Maintenance Group deployed to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey in support of the AEF, providing air refueling for Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom to a variety of aircraft operating into and out of the areas of responsibility. The 151st OG partnered with aircraft and aircrews from Mildenhall Air Base, England and Tinker AFB, Oklahoma provided a total of eight aircraft that conducted non stop refueling in the AOR for the month of January and maintained the highest operational tempo in recent memory.

In March, the unit deployed to Geilenkirchen Air Base, Germany in support of NATO airborne warning and control aircraft operating over northern Europe. June found the 151st OG in northern Europe at Eindhoven Air Base, Netherlands in support of Exercise Cold Hunter, the largest NATO air exercise of the year. This exercise provided aircrews the opportunity to work with crews from many of the NATO member nations and refueling training with the full range of NATO



*The 151st ARW conducting an air refueling mission*

aircraft.

On several occasions this year, the 151st OG was able to provide support to soldiers returning from the war in Iraq. Aircrews flew to Alexandria, Louisiana, picking up Utah Army National Guard members who were returning from lengthy deployments overseas.

In September, hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated the Gulf coast and provided the 151st OG with the opportunity to perform humanitarian assistance to the region. Aircrews generated airlift missions on short notice to deploy the 19th Special Forces for search and rescue operations, as well as a command element to New Orleans Naval Air Station. Follow-on missions moved

additional troops and equipment into the theater and provided airlift from the stricken area for evacuees. In addition, 151st OSF airfield management and current operations personnel worked hand in hand with logistics plans coordinating the entire military and civilian airlift that came through the Utah Air National Guard Base. Evacuees were welcomed to Utah by members of the Utah Air National Guard and volunteer family members.

The 151st OG continued its outstanding safety record of more than 133,000 hours without a "Class A" mishap. The unit also supported the education of Boy Scouts and ROTC cadets through incentive and

orientation flights. As part of the Employer's Support of the Guard and Reserve program, the 151st OG took employers of guard members to several bases throughout the U.S. to view what their employees were doing in support of the National Guard.

Although 2005 was a challenging year, the 151st Operations Group looks forward to 2006 and its conversion from the KC-135E to the upgraded KC-135R Block 40 aircraft. The upgraded aircraft will improve the 151st ARW's capability to operate in more diverse airfields throughout the world and support national command initiatives well into the future.

## 151st Medical Group



*Members of the 151st Medical Group participating in Exercise African Lion 2005, a humanitarian care service exercise in Morocco*

The 151st Medical Group is an Air Mobility Command gained unit which serves approximately 1,500 Air National Guard members in 17 different units. The Medical Group provides the medical services and training necessary to maintain the highest degree of medical readiness for armed conflicts and mass casualty scenarios due to man made or natural disasters. The Medical Group supports the readiness missions of the 151st Air Refueling Wing and Utah Air National Guard (ANG).

In January 2005, Master Sgt. Joseph Guimond completed 6 years as the unit's First Sergeant. Sgt. Guimond was the initial First Sergeant for the 151st Medical Group, establishing a stellar precedent. Master Sgt. Bryan Hammonds is the new First Sergeant.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency Region VIII Planning Seminar was held in January 2005

in Denver, Colorado. Col. Jack Davis and Senior Master Sgt. Merlin Tomshack attended. During this meeting, the manning of the Medical Group was restructured and positions decreased from 65 to 57. New positions created were: Orthopedic surgeon, general surgeon, anesthesiologist, emergency physician, internist, operating room nurse, and critical care nurse. These changes brought into alignment the Homeland Security requirements placed on the Air National Guard.

Lt. Col. Paul Byrd served as a psychologist for approximately seven months at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Capt. Trent Borden, a trauma nurse, served three months in Qatar and three months in Afghanistan. Both officers were recognized for their superior accomplishments and contributions.

Senior Airman Wendy Recksiek, mental health technician, served four

months in Afghanistan. She trained many Sexual Assault Victim Support Liaison team members and significantly improved the team's effectiveness. She demonstrated superb team spirit, volunteering 300% above the base standard, accomplishing all mission tasks.

Fourteen medical personnel deployed for humanitarian care service to Morocco April 1 to 15, with Exercise African Lion. Lt. Col. Paul Blackburn served as the deployment commander.

As part of the ongoing State Partnership Program Utah has with Morocco, two Moroccan military physicians visited Utah from August 13 to 20. The Medical Group provided four officers that served as official escorts for this delegation. Included in this week long experience was a two day training program on Crisis Intervention by Lt. Col. Paul Byrd.

Annual training was at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. This was the first occasion the Medical Group attended training at Air Mobility Command Headquarters. Additionally, 14 members were assigned to the Center for Sustainment of Trauma and Readiness Skills, St. Louis University Hospital, Missouri. This hands-on trauma training helped these clinicians further develop their own skills necessary to manage severe trauma patients. Personnel were assigned to ground ambulances, air ambulances, the emergency department and intensive care units.

Retirements this year included: Col. John K. Hayes, Jr., Lt. Col. Terri A. Lebegue, Maj. John E. Gledhill, Maj. Gary K. Stroud; and Master Sgt. Denis Dimond.

## 151st Maintenance Group

The men and women of the 151st Maintenance Group have once again shown their willingness to serve and live by the Air Force core values: Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence In All We Do. This year has shown how the Maintenance Group, comprised of the 151st Maintenance Squadron, 151st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and the 151st Maintenance Operations Flight, have taken team work to a new height.

As we come to the end of the Utah Air National Guard's 59th year of service and prepare for the celebration of 60 years of service to the great state of Utah, we look back on a year of great changes and advances in our communities, state, nation and the world. In fiscal year 2005 our Airmen served in many countries like Norway, Iceland, Turkey and a new Air Expeditionary stop for our unit, Guam. In October 2004, Anderson Air Force Base on the Island of Guam was our home away from home as we participated in a show of global strength and global reach to any part of the world. From Guam, our air refueling reach and influence stretched the length and breadth of the Pacific. In January, the Group supported CENTCOM by deploying to Incirlik Air Force Base near Adana, Turkey. Both these deployments demonstrated the pride and capability of the 151st Maintenance Group.

Late in the year, the 151st gave their whole hearts and a lot of sweat when Hurricane Katrina roared into the gulf coast. Many maintenance personnel volunteered to help prepare and load our KC-135E



*The Maintenance Group has a high mission capable rating*

aircraft to assist in the humanitarian efforts, delivering needed supplies to the Gulf coast from our local communities. Our crew chiefs also flew and assisted on the flights that brought many of the hurricane refugees to safety in Utah, where our Army National Guard Soldiers gave aid and shelter to all the refugees. Again this year the 151st crews and Crew Chiefs assisted the deployed Utah Army National Guard units in coming home in style by flying them home from Fort Carson, Colorado to their waiting families in Salt Lake City. Here, the 151st opened its ramps to return the soldiers to their excited families.

The year was full of change as we made ready to convert to the KC-135 "R" model air frame. Many preparations have been made to include sending maintenance personnel to Field Training Detachments and other Air Force Bases across the nation to gather the information and experience the "hands on" training on this new airframe. The new "R" model

engines will burn less fuel, run much quieter, and allow longer flights.

The 151st has become the lead unit for KC-135 landing gear worldwide. This includes the new carbon brake system which lowers operating costs by greatly multiplying the time between brake changes from 100 landings per brake change to almost 1000 landings per brake change.

Our new "R" model aircraft will also be upgraded to the "Block 40 Global Air Traffic Management" configuration. Our personnel are training and preparing for this upgrade and will be ready for our first "R" model sorties. This will be a great step for the 151st. We will have the most fully prepared, modified, and upgraded KC-135R aircraft in the Air Force inventory. WE WILL LEAD THE FLEET!

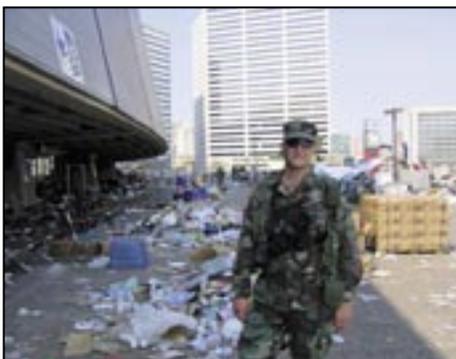
The past year has shown how any contingency or natural disaster, here or abroad, can be handled by our maintainers and their leadership. The 151st MXG is Proud, Professional and Prepared.

## 151st Mission Support Group



*Master Sgt. Burke Baker goes through his gear in the desert near Tan Tan, Morocco during a deployment for Exercise African Lion.*

The 151st Mission Support Group, commanded by Col. Scott B. Harrison, had a very successful and productive year. The Group participated in joint exercises with the Utah Army National Guard, conducted unit deployments to Alaska and Hawaii, and supported the Global War on Terror with many personnel deployments. The Group also provided continuous humanitarian support to Louisiana, Texas and Mississippi in the



*The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, Louisiana*

aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. All of this while maintaining our unflagging support of the 151st Air Refueling Wing and all its tenant units.

The 151st Mission Support Group is a diverse organization with Bio-Environmental, Communications, Logistics Readiness, Personnel, Civil Engineering, Security and Services Squadrons and Flights. The Group motto is 'we do it all' and they mean every word of it.

It is the Group's privilege to support the excellent flying and maintenance groups of the 151st Air Refueling Wing along with the Wing staff, State Air Guard Headquarters and the various associate units at the Utah Air National Guard Base.

Many group personnel deployed this year to Afghanistan, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Germany, Alaska, Hawaii, Kyrgyzstan, Diego Garcia, Venezuela, Honduras,

Spain and many other locations both CONUS and OCONUS. Civil Engineering Squadron and Services Flight accomplished their periodic recertification at Silver Flag and did very well in the process. Security Forces Squadron deployed 13 of their Airmen for pre-Iraq training at Creech Air Force Base, Nevada.

The Group is proud to have teamed with the Utah Army National Guard in numerous joint exercises and operations. Several of the Group's commanders hold Joint Staff positions in the J-1, J-3, J-4 and J-6 areas of the Joint Forces Headquarters of the Utah National Guard. Cooperation has never been better between the 151st Mission Support Group and the other Joint Forces of the Utah National Guard.

During the tragic aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the Airmen of the 151st Mission Support Group and their families partnered with other Air and Army National Guard personnel, civilian relief agencies, Utah State Emergency personnel, many medical and police agencies and local churches to provide transportation, food, shelter, clothing and comfort to the victims of these natural disasters. The organizational, procedural and interpersonal skills of Group personnel were much in evidence as we rapidly responded to the needs of those whose desperate situations could bear no delay. The Group looks forward to greater accomplishments in the future. The mission is to provide the best possible support to every agency the Group serves with. The Group Airmen are highly trained and intensely motivated and it shows.

## 151st Mission Support Flight



*The Governor and the Adjutant General review members of the Utah Air Guard*

The mission of the 151<sup>st</sup> Mission Support Flight is to provide support of all personnel programs to the over 1,350 Utah Air National Guard members. Fiscal year 2005 brought National Guard Bureau directed reorganization for all Air National Guard Mission Support Flights.

The new structure designates three main branches: Force Development, Force Sustainment and Readiness Management. The Force Development branch is tasked with providing the education and training programs. Force Sustainment manages personnel actions associated with manning control, customer service, enlistments, promotions and all other day- to- day personnel programs. Readiness Management is a new branch that was created to encompass the ever increasing deployment functions that take place within the personnel arena.

The 151<sup>st</sup> Mission Personnel Flight also had the opportunity to execute our wartime mission by deploying two of our Personnel Support for Contingency Operations team members to Moron Airbase, Spain for a 45 day Air Expeditionary Force rotation.

With 26 assigned members, 50% of whom are traditional Guard members, the

151<sup>st</sup> Mission Support Flight takes great pride in providing crucial personnel support to the Utah Air National Guard.



*President Bush shake hands with members of the Utah Air Guard*

## 151<sup>st</sup> Security Forces Squadron



*Members of the 151st Security Forces Squadron*

Fiscal Year 2005 was yet another high tempo year for the 151<sup>st</sup> Security Forces Squadron. The defenders again proved they can endure any challenge. Understaffed and over tasked, they accepted the challenge head on with hard work and dedication. The 151<sup>st</sup> Security Forces Squadron conducted ongoing Air Base Defense training incorporated with security forces and law enforcement training providing troops with the most current and applicable instruction and hands-on training available for the required tasks and potential threats.

With the New Year, 14 Security Forces personnel deployed to Moron Air Base, Spain. There they worked 12 hour shifts providing twenty four hour a day flight line security. The 151<sup>st</sup> Security Forces Personnel were responsible for anywhere between 15 to 40 aircraft and any given time. Being the only security for the flight line, they quickly developed sched-

ules to provide adequate security at all times. During this 60 day deployment, traditional guardsmen stepped up and filled in to provide the necessary requirements of home station security.

The troops deployed to Spain returned in late March only to rotate full force back into schedule as they sent 10 Security Forces personnel to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. While at Hickam, Security Forces Personnel worked with their active duty counterparts to learn their systems and processes in preparation for our upcoming UCI. The deployment team experienced valuable training and retrieved useful information to supplement the 151<sup>st</sup> SFS programs.

July brought another group deployment to Eielson AFB, Alaska. Ten Security Forces troops worked with the active duty personnel to gain further knowledge of their plans and programs. The deployed team returned with information and

experience to assist in the upcoming UCI. August brought more excitement with the visit of President Bush. Security Forces planned, prepared, and executed a flawless Presidential visit.

With the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, 13 Security Forces Personnel deployed to Belle Chase Naval Air Station, Louisiana. While there they provided base security as well as performed security and convoy missions. On the home front, Security Forces worked around the clock pulling extra shifts and working days off to receive and process several hundred hurricane victims. Their diligence and professionalism provided for the safe, secure, and humane transition of the civilian victims to Camp Williams, Utah.

Amidst all the hustle and bustle, Security Forces prepared to deploy 13 personnel to Iraq. In September, the team deployed to ExpeRT training in Nevada. Here, the team received intensive training in Air Base Defense, weapons and convoy training to prepare them for the challenges they will face in Iraq. The team will continue to participate in home station training until their deployment date.

Throughout this fiscal year, Security Forces has continued to hold the standard of excellence. Both home and abroad, they have excelled in training and support of all missions presented. They continue to provide professional military service despite devastating odds. The 151<sup>st</sup> Security Forces Squadron has displayed an extraordinary level of dedication, commitment, and integrity in performing all tasks required despite any obstacle presented. Always ready to protect, defend, and serve.

## 151st Civil Engineering Squadron



*Members of the 151st Civil Engineering Squadron deployed for Iraqi Freedom*

The mission of the 151st Civil Engineers is to program, design and construct new facilities as well as to provide operation and maintenance support for facilities at the 151st Air Refueling Wing and at five associate units. The Civil Engineers train to meet a wartime requirement of constructing airbases using pre stored bare base equipment (Harvest Eagle), and to provide battle damage repair of facilities and runways. Also, to support the flying mission during wartime, the engineers furnish fire protection, explosive ordnance disposal, and airbase operability management.

Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom resulted in the Civil Engineers deploying several members to many diverse worldwide locations including Iraq, Afghanistan, Honduras, Columbia, and Diego Garcia.

To prepare for the war time mission, the engineers rely on an extensive home station training program. This training program is

supervised by a cadre of one-third of the unit's personnel, who are in turn Air Force certified at the Silver Flag Training Site, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. These individuals occupy a critical skill and are required to certify every 45 months. This was accomplished in January. The entire week at Silver Flag is spent in both the classroom and the field, ending with a two day bed down and base recovery exercise. This year torrential downpours and even a few waterspouts dampened everything except the spirits of the engineers, completing the mission for certification.

In addition to Silver Flag, the unit participated in other deployments for training. The Engineers spent two weeks in April at Camp San Luis Obispo, California, providing construction and engineering skills. Major projects included construction of new and renovation of an existing Urban Warfare Course, GPS surveying of the somewhat rugged and remote camp

boundary and reestablishment of benchmarks, roadway and parking lot construction, and numerous building and utility remodel efforts. The firefighters also completed a two-week deployment to Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas for local fire, crash and rescue support. The Utah firefighters backfilled the Little Rock Air Force Base firefighters so they could deploy to the desert. The Explosive Ordnance Disposal Section seemed to be in high demand with numerous artillery firing range clearances throughout the nation, training with local law enforcement agencies, and a tasking for presidential visit support.

On the home front, the 151st Civil Engineering Squadron completed a busy year with base modernization, maintenance, and the programming for a new Fire Station and Mobility Processing Center. Using construction, repair and maintenance accounts under the auspices of Civil Engineering, the base is nearing the end of a remarkable transformation.

## 151st Logistics Readiness Squadron



*Pres. George W. Bush greets Capt. Andrea Vanleeuwen during his visit to Salt Lake City.*

Lt. Col. Julie A. Anderson commands the 151st Logistics Readiness Squadron. Its mission is to provide supplies, equipment, fuel, transportation, vehicle operations and maintenance, contracting and logistics readiness support to the 151st Air Refueling Wing and five associate units. These functional areas consist of a professional, dedicated team providing quality service in support of mission accomplishments. In addition, a number of squadron personnel have extra duties within mobility work centers assisting in deployments to help mobilize people and cargo to various locations.

The squadron is currently 86% manned with 88 Guard members who, throughout the past year, have shown great pride and support in the efforts to defend and protect our nation. With the increase in military operations and challenges our nation faces today, recruiting and retention is critical in ensuring our unit continues to be effective in accomplishing our mission and that of the 151st

Air Refueling Wing. Numerous squadron personnel deployed and participated in missions in Alaska, California, Florida, Chad, Germany, Guam, Hawaii, Iraq, Niger, United Kingdom, Turkey, and the United Arab Emirates.

During fiscal year 2005, the Contracting Office purchased over \$2.4 million dollars of supplies, equipment and services for 168 contracts. The Government Purchase Card (GPC) accounted for over \$1.4 million dollars in items and services. These GPC credit cards are for buying local purchase items and services under \$2,500. The GPC card continues to benefit the customers and mission because of the expeditious time in receiving the items.

Base Supply averaged over 18,741 transactions per month and managed 16,958 item record details. Base supply also managed a stock fund account of over 2.2 million dollars. Base Fuels delivered an average of 419,755 gallons of JP8 and 3,833 gallons of ground fuel per month.

The Readiness Spares Package independent aircraft parts storage kit is currently at 95% complete.

Transportation operates and maintains 131 registered vehicles and 10 non registered vehicles. Keeping the vehicle in an operational rate of 93.1% this year has been one of the accomplishments for the crew of 8 full-time technicians and 13 traditional Guard members. The Vehicle Operations Section was tasked with over 396 vehicle dispatches this year. Traffic Management Office purchased 1454 airline tickets for passengers at a value of over \$735,057.80. They completed 2,897 total shipments in the movement of cargo.

Logistics Plans plays an integral part in deploying and redeploying all personnel and cargo for the 151st ARW. During this fiscal year, they deployed 539 personnel and 90 Short Tons of cargo to various locations in support of Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and various Air Expeditionary Forces Missions, Hurricane Katrina and support of various units.

The squadron is dedicated to the needs of the community, state, and nation. Members have stayed involved with community events such as ANG Honor Guard, NCO Graduates Association, Enlisted Association, Freedom Academy, Sub-for-Santa and Public Television Telethon, blood drives and Combined Federal Campaign. The 151st Logistics Readiness Squadron will continue to be an effective and efficient defender of freedom for our community, state, and nation.

## 151st Services Flight

The mission of the 151st Services Flight is to contribute to the readiness of Utah Air National Guard personnel and provide support to community, State and Nation through food service, lodging, mortuary affairs, and Morale Welfare and Recreation programs.

The Service Flight is a 30-member team in which each member is assigned to one of the main areas of Service's responsibility: food services, lodging, readiness, mortuary affairs, and fitness and recreation. At the heart of the Services career field is the Prime RIBS (Readiness in Base Services) program. The Air Force Prime RIBS program deals with the training required to support basic human needs anywhere in the world on a moment's notice. As a dual role, unit members are prepared to respond to any peacetime emergency that requires military assistance. The Services Flight met its annual home station training requirements by creating and implementing a new, challenging unit training plan

During fiscal year 2005, the 151st Services Flight was tasked with several significant taskings. In January, members attended Services Combat training at Tyndall AFB, Florida, the pass rate of the 151st Services Flight was 100%. Services Personnel also deployed to Kyrgyzstan for 120-days working in lodging, fitness and food service. This deployment supported the Global War on Terror in Afghanistan. Services personnel performed in an excellent manner and received praise and accolades from the local command.

During fiscal year 2005, the 151st Services Flight had the opportunity to provide support to all units on the



*151st Services Flight members load cargo for a deployment to Hawaii.*

Utah Air National Guard base at one time or another. Included in the base support this past year, Services Flight members provided food services for several of the base associate units during their annual training at Wendover, Utah. Services Flight also provided food service for the annual Utah National Guard Freedom Academy during August. This activity was fun for our unit members and

we are proud to support them.

During the past year, the food service section provided approximately 13,000 meals to Air National Guard members. The lodging section realized an annual savings of approximately \$20,000 to the ANG through its efficient utilization of the on base lodging facility and off base contract quarters.



*151st Services Flight members take a break after preparing meals at Wendover, Utah during fielded training exercises*

## 109th Air Control Squadron



*Lt. Col. Ken Gammon and Chief Master Sgt. Dave Colton accept the Meritorious Unit Award from Gov. Jon Huntsman and Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet at Governor's Day*

The mission of the 109th Air Control Squadron (ACS) is "to provide reliable and secure command, control, communications, computer, and intelligence anytime, anywhere."

This year the 109th ACS deployed to Wendover, Utah to participate in Joint Red Flag 2005, the Air Force's largest integrated training exercise involving live and virtual simulations. Joint Red Flag is the United

States Air Force's premier combat training exercise designed to subject airmen to the most extreme environments imaginable. The mission of Joint Red Flag 2005 was to defend friendly territory and destroy the enemy's long-term ability to wage war. The 109th ACS provided higher headquarters with a real-time air picture for both offensive and defensive operations.

This air picture is critical to battle management activities and to the warfighter's decision making process. The 109th ACS supplies this air picture by using long range surveillance radar coupled with a robust suite of HF, UHF, and VHF radios complemented with satellite and microwave communications capabilities. The squadron operates and maintains this equipment plus tactical data link and voice communications as directed by the Air Operations Center. This includes

integrating capabilities with all service components.

Approximately 75 members of the 109th ACS who deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004 received the Meritorious Unit Award for their exceptionally meritorious conduct in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force as members of the 332d Air Expeditionary Wing.

During the past year unit members were tasked to support Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq, Continental North America Region Air Defense support for the President of the United States, Counter Drug operations along United States borders, and National Capital Region support in Washington, D.C.

The Squadron was also tasked with providing equipment and training to other Air Control Squadrons. They provided equipment and personnel for training to assist in the 729th ACS preparation for deployment to Iraq. The 109th ACS unit members were sent to work with the 603rd ACS in Italy. They provided training and conduct evaluations to assist in preparation for an Operation Enduring Freedom deployment.

Equipment was prepared and deployed with short notice to assist the 116th ACS with its Operation Noble Eagle mission. Unit members were also sent to help the 133rd ACS test a weapons system upgrade. Operations members augmented 12th Air Force Standards and Evaluations team on their inspection of the 729th ACS.

Hurricane Katrina called for the use of 109th ACS equipment which was quickly mobilized and deployed.



## 130<sup>th</sup> Engineering Installation Squadron



*Members of the 130th Engineering Installation Squadron in Kunsan, South Korea*

The mission of the 130<sup>th</sup> Engineering Installation Squadron is to install, repair, remove, and relocate ground based voice and data communications, computer, and ground radio systems equipment. Personnel are constantly training for worldwide deployment on short notice, while providing stateside telecommunications infrastructure maintenance and community service.

This year marked a significant change as we have undergone a Major Command conversion from the Air Force Materiel Control to the Air Combat Command. Our Commander Lt Col. Jack Wall and CMSgt Ron Messinger have been instrumental

in representing the Engineering and Installation community through this change. The 130<sup>th</sup> is excited to bring its unique mission to the Air Combat Command.

Continuing a 58 year history of service, the 130<sup>th</sup> Engineering Installation Squadron was tasked to be the lead unit for the Lightning Force Exercise in Kunsan South Korea. The 130<sup>th</sup> showed exemplary leadership in communications engineering, drafting, and installations while leading this six unit Engineering and Installation community exercise.

The 130<sup>th</sup> also provided Systems Telecommunications Engineering Management to Air Force installa-

tions in the western United States, including Gowen Field in Idaho, Buckley Air National Guard Base and Airburst Range in Colorado, Sky Harbor Air National Guard Base in Arizona, and the Utah Air National Guard.

Continuing a long legacy of community service, the 130<sup>th</sup> provided vehicles and drivers to the annual Boy Scouts Food Drive and the Marines Corps Toys for Tots program. As a unit, we were able to raise more donations for these causes than all other units combined. The 130<sup>th</sup> is proud of its contributions to state and nation.

## 169th Intelligence Squadron



*Members of the 169th in front of their EC-130 Senior Scout platform*

The 169th Intelligence Squadron (IS) provides sole source EC-130 Senior Scout Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance support to Theater Combatant Commanders Worldwide. The Squadron also provides dedicated operator support to RC-135 Rivet Joint and to the Distributed Common Ground System, participating in three combat sorties per week in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Fiscal year 2005 was a noteworthy year for the 169th IS. The squadron was selected for the Jerome F. O'Malley Award for the best reconnaissance crew in the Air Force for 2005. The squadron provided direct support to the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) in Afghanistan which alerted supported ground elements of an impending ambush by a vastly larger force and provided Intelligence Preparation of the Battlespace while reinforcements were assembled. The squadron then directly supported the counter attack which resulted in 80 insurgents killed and more than 100 captured with no U.S. fatalities. The year 2005 marks the first time this prestigious award has ever been given to a reserve

component element.

Additionally, squadron members received the following awards for their actions during the year: Bronze Star (Master Sgt. Farshid Dailami) for support to DIA field operations in Afghanistan to find and destroy anti-coalition weapons caches and narcotics trafficking operations. The Henry E. "Red" Irwin Award, for the outstanding enlisted aircrew member, went to Senior Airman May Ann Overfelt. The Air Intelligence Agency Information Systems Security Manager (ISSM) of the year (Senior Master Sgt. James Haggen). The 8th Air Force Reserve Component Intelligence Member of the Year in the Airman Category (Senior Airman Jacob Scheid), Senior NCO Category (Senior Master Sgt. James Ickes), Company Grade Officer Capt. (now Maj.) Todd Meyer, and Field Grade Officer (Maj. Mitchell Hall).

The squadron deployed to Uzbekistan for 45 days, flying Operation Enduring Freedom Combat Support sorties in Afghanistan. This marks the squadron's 5th deployment to the U.S. Central Command Area of Responsibility since the attacks on the World Trade Center and

the Pentagon in 2001. Operations support a variety of missions conducted by Combined Joint Task Force 76 and Combined Special Operations Task Force missions throughout Afghanistan.

The 169th also continued its support to coalition operations in the U.S. Southern Command Area of Operation (AOR). The Southern Command AOR is home to three Tier One terrorist organizations. The 169th has been supporting operations against these organizations and narcotics trafficking organizations for over a decade. This support included 150 days of operational deployment to the AOR during Fiscal Year 2005. Operations were staged from a new Forward Operating Station, colocated with a Host Nation Air Base. Overcoming the logistical challenges have been rewarded with increased operational efficiency and dramatically improved military-to-military exchanges including Host Nation Operator participation in operational sorties and mission recovery operations.

Squadron members also provided unprecedented support to the FOAL EAGLE exercise on the Korean Peninsula and were requested, by name, to return in support of next year's exercise.

Squadron members volunteered their free time in support to community activities including participation in the Lori Hacking search, Habitat for Humanity, and sponsoring a Sub-for-Santa family. Members also supported the Hurricane Katrina evacuee relocation to Camp Williams.

## 299th Range Control Squadron

The 299th Range Control Squadron, also known as “Clover Control”, continued to fulfill its unit mission, which is to provide a safe and efficient environment for the warfighter to achieve maximum combat readiness. During 2005, the unit has been involved in numerous Utah Test and Training Range missions which support national defense.

The 299th participated in three Weapons System Evaluation Program missions that allowed personnel to drop live bombs and shoot live missiles on the range. Clover also supported three 388th Fighter Wing and three 419th Fighter Wing Operational Readiness Exercises. Additionally, the unit assisted testing the ability to drop Joint Direct Attack Munitions and performed the first ever air-to-air refueling of an F/A-22 on the Utah Test and Training Range. The 299th also supported Air Launched Cruise Missile tests and various other bomb and missile tests. Many of these missiles and bombs are being employed today in highly volatile operations around the globe.

Clover Control is, by far, the Air National Guard’s busiest military radar facility. Traffic count for 2005 will exceed 130,000 operations. The combination of restricted airspace and Department of Defense land make the Utah Test and Training Range a prime training range for pilots to hone these skills. Additionally, as an Air Traffic Control facility, civilian air traffic may transit through the range when their flights won’t interfere with military activities. The professional manner in which Clover controllers accomplish this

difficult task makes the Utah Test and Training Range an example that many other Department of Defense ranges try to emulate.

We continue to be impacted by activations brought on by current world events and Aerospace Expeditionary Force tasking to support worldwide deployments. Most taskings support Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. However, unit personnel also supported Operation Joint Forge in Bosnia and augmented Security Forces personnel at Vandenburg Air Force Base, California and at the Salt Lake City, Utah Air National Guard Base. Due to the unique mission of the 299th and the subsequent multifaceted capabilities of the unit’s members, approximately 15 percent of unit personnel were called upon to support various missions worldwide.

In maintenance, we have had numerous opportunities to improve our monitoring, diagnostic, and analysis capability, along with upgrades at our remote facilities. One highlight is that Clover hosted the 218th Engineering Installations Squadron from St. Louis to do an upgrade of the Wendover Field communications backbone. The project involved trenching, repairing the conduit, removing the old cabling, and installing the new cable. In addition, two Clover technicians conducted on the job and skills enhancement for two of the 218th radio technicians. Feedback received from the 218th commander has been to build a long-term relationship to support



*The 299th doing their job*

the 299th and Utah Training Test Range (UTTR) for future projects.

Another major project in conjunction with Operations is a common radio communications plan with the 388th Fighter Wing and 419th Fighter Wing. This has required extensive research, coordination, and relocation of radios and antennas to improve capability and service to the UTTR. This is the first major change in the plan since the early 1990’s.

Maintenance is preparing for the installation of a new FACTS radar tracker in the fall of 2005. This system uses the latest technology and has expanded capability to receive additional radar inputs, thus improving the “air picture” that is distributed to the flying units and local headquarters for exercise support and situational awareness.

Involvement of the 299th in Utah National Guard and the Utah Civil Response Team is integral to implementing a statewide communications network. This network will service civilian state agencies, Joint Force Headquarters, and State Area Command, with the 299th providing access and facilities to key locations for repeater and communications sites.

## 101st Information Warfare Flight



*101st Information Warfare Flight's building ribbon cutting ceremony, left-to-right: Lt. Col. Lance Whipple, Brig. Gen. Brent Winget, Brig. Gen. Ralph Dewsnap and Brig. Gen. Marcel Duval.*

"You guys are a national treasure, and I need to help you get that word out." said the Joint Forces Air Component Commander (JFACC) of Air Defense of the Continental NORAD Region and commander, First Air Force, Maj. Gen. M. Scott Mayes, about the 101st Information Warfare Flight (IWF).

Fiscal year 2005 has been a very busy year for the fledgling 101st IWF, and this is reflected in the JFACC's words. The mission of the 101st is to plan, coordinate, execute, monitor and assess full-spectrum, integrated information operations and other related activities to achieve assigned

commander's objectives. JFACCs prior to Gen. Mayes have indicated that combat air patrols and associated air defense activities are the last line of defense in our Nation's efforts to prevent another 9/11, Al Qaeda-type attack. In light of this, the 101 IWF adopted as its motto, "First Line of Defense."

Information operations (IO) professionals give combatant commanders non-kinetic options and capabilities to influence the electromagnetic, network, and cognitive domains of our Nation's adversaries. If planned and executed well, information operations, can increase the deterrent

effect of military operations while protecting our forces from adversaries' information operations. The objective of information operations is to gain and maintain information superiority.

Earlier this year, the unit enjoyed a visit from Brig. Gen. Marcel Duval, Deputy Commander of the Continental NORAD Region, who officiated at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the 101st's state-of-the-art building for information operations training, IO Watch and distributed IO planning. This Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF) gives the 101st IWF the ability to support NORAD with IO watch and IO planning products on a 24/7 basis when required.

Operational employment of the 101st IWF is the flight's day-to-day forte. Of note this year, the 101st provided timely IO plans and IO Watch support to 1AF in support of both Hurricanes Katrina and Rita disaster recovery operations. Defense Support to Civil Authority missions are a particular strength of the 101st IWF because of unit members' civilian, National Guard and recent National Special Security Event experience. Hurricane Katrina provided a first-time opportunity to provide similar IO planning capabilities for use in a State role, as Camp Williams became host to Utah state run relief operations for several hundred displaced Americans evacuated from New Orleans.

As busy as 2005 has been, the 101st IWF looks forward to an increased operations tempo in order to fulfill all of its local, state and national defense roles.

The Utah National Guard pays the highest tribute to those dedicated National Guard soldiers and airmen who have gone to their eternal rest in the past year. They served their country, state, and community with distinction as professionals in one of the finest organizations in the United States. They are missed by their families and by the men and women with whom they faithfully served.

#### **Killed in Action**

**Sgt. 1st Class Ronald Tanner Wood, B 1/148th FA, 16 July 2005, Iraq**

#### **Duty Deaths**

**Chief Warrant Officer Theodore Cotro-Manes, A 1/211th Avn Bn, 28 Sept 2005, Utah**

**Sgt. 1st Class Alan Rogers, HHB TCA, 29 Sept 2004, Iraq**

**Maj. Dina A. Newhouse, 299th Range Control Squadron, 10 July 2005, Utah**

**Tech. Sgt. Stan Syphus, 151st Maintenance Opns Flight, 31 Dec 2004, Utah**

#### **Non-Duty Deaths**

**Sgt. Travis Randall Neil, B 1/148th FA, 9 Sept 2005, Utah**

**Pvt. Scott Reiser, Spt Co 1/19th SFG (Abn), 30 June 2005, Utah**

**Sgt. Brandon Thomas, C 1/19th SFG (Abn), 7 May 2005, Iraq**

**Sgt. 1st Class Gordon C Youngblood, HHD 1/19th SFG (Abn), 26 Dec 2004, Utah**

**Senior Airman Brandon S. Steele, 151st Maint Squadron, 7 Aug 2005, Utah**

**The Utah Veterans' Memorial Cemetery**



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