

History Report 2007

Utah National Guard

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Joint Forces Headquarters (JFHQ) 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 JFHQ-UT consists of the TAG, deputy commander, assistant adjutants general 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 joint chief of staff is the principal staff officer, assistant and advisor 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 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 aide-de-camp, staff judge advocate, state surgeon, state chaplain, inspector general, senior army advisor, state enlisted advisor, the United States property and fiscal officer and public affairs officer.

The special staff is comprised of full-time Army and Air National Guard commissioned and noncommissioned 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 Counterdrug, Joint Civil-Military Relations, Joint Construction Facilities and Maintenance, 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 provide command and control during emergencies and/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" function 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.

The JFHQ is engaged in a myriad of activities to maintain proficiency in support of homeland defense and homeland security activities. The Operational Tempo is high, and over the past year, activities have included joint exercises with the State of Utah Interagency to develop Emergency Support Function packages for response to natural and man-made disasters. In June, supporting the State Partnership Program, key members of the JFHQ coordinated with officials from the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Public Safety, and the Department of Health to share information and ideas with visiting officials from the Kingdom of Morocco.

In August, staff members, along with representatives from the Utah Department of Public Safety, traveled to Morocco to assist them in developing a natural disaster earthquake-response plan. Additionally, in September, the JFHQ participated in Operation Sphere, an interagency exercise with the Governor's Pandemic Influenza Task Force. These exercises and exchanges with international, national and state agencies are key elements in the continued development and training of the JFHQ staff to effectively respond to future emergencies and disasters.

Joint Forces Headquarters, Draper, Utah.



Utah Army and Air National Guard



Senior Leadership

From Left to Right: Command Chief Master Sgt. Robert Hill, Air; Brig. Gen. Scott Harrison, Deputy Commander, Joint Forces Headquarters; Brig. Gen. David Hooper, Commander, Air; MG Brian Tarbet, The Adjutant General; COL Jefferson Burton, Assistant Adjutant General, Army; COL Paul Harrell, Joint Chief of Staff; COL Lawrence Schmidt, Chief of Staff, Army; CSM Bruce Summers, Army.

J1 Manpower Personnel



Fiscal Year 2007 provided J1 with ample opportunity to perfect their skills in the demanding and fast-moving world of Manpower Personnel and Human Resources. The J1 and staff were anxiously engaged in executing their responsibilities to support contingency operations in conjunction with the Global War on Terrorism. This did not preclude responsible execution of critical staff action associated with enlistments, retention, promotions, line-of-duty medical care, education benefits, retirement counseling, awards, morale welfare and recreation support, management and archiving of personnel records and Family Support operations.

When Family Programs became part of the J1 in September of 2006, they brought with them an experienced, well-trained and dedicated staff of professionals ready and able to maintain operations in Family Assistance Centers located in 10 communities scattered through the State.

During FY 07, Family Programs was proactive in working with Service members and their families and with community, church, and other outside organizations to increase awareness of resources available to family members in often overlooked outlying geographical locations.

In FY 07, the J1 continued to provide outstanding support to Soldiers and Airmen wishing to further their civilian education. During FY 07 the State Education Office disbursed more than \$2,800,000 in Federal and State monies to provide civilian education to approximately 1,900 Soldiers and Airmen attending 50 public and private universities, colleges, and technical institutes nationwide. Also, the State Tuition Waiver Program granted 145 tuition waivers to qualified Soldiers and Airmen equaling more than \$455,000. In addition, the Education Office touches all members of the Utah Army National Guard by providing services for the Montgomery GI Bill and the Soldier Incentive Program.



Members of the Utah National Guard Youth Council help install a sprinkling system as one of their service projects.

As evidenced above, the office of the J1 functions as a well-defined, multifaceted organization of dedicated career and part-time Soldiers and Airmen operating and maintaining complex personnel systems designed to provide service and support to the Soldier and his/her family from the day of enlistment to discharge and beyond. As the operational tempo and the demand for Citizen-Soldiers increases, the J1 will continue to meet, exceed, and adapt to the challenges of a "Real-World" mission.

J2 Intelligence



In recognition of his efforts in support of a U.S. Navy exercise in Thailand, Special Agent Christopher Green is commissioned an honorary Lieutenant Colonel in the Royal Thai Police.

In Fiscal Year 2007, the J2 continued to provide support to Federal and State initiatives under the leadership of COL Edward Gundersen, the senior intelligence officer for the State. Also assisting in this endeavor were LTC Russell Long, MAJ Joseph Green, CW4 Kelvin Green, and SGT Matt Hicken. These individuals made great strides in improving and standardizing security policies, consolidating and coordinating Intelligence efforts, and providing input and assistance to units, the Joint Staff, Utah legislature members, and governor of the State of Utah.

The J2 personnel security division has consistently led the Nation in security investigation efficiency and low rejection percentage. They seamlessly transferred to the online e-QIP personnel security system and digital fingerprint machines, training unit security managers in the State and the Western Region. Their expertise and initiative has led to improvements in other states and at the National Guard Bureau.

During the past year, the J2 has spearheaded an increasing partnership with the wider intelligence community. The Utah Regional Language Center, a unique element of the Department of

Defense Intelligence Agency, increased its operational and logistical presence with the Utah National Guard. This has created a symbiotic relationship that has resulted in training and operational opportunities for Soldiers and Airmen in the intelligence disciplines.

In conjunction with the 300th Military Intelligence Brigade, the J2 submitted a proposal to become a project FOUNDRY node. This new Military Intelligence program attempts to fulfill the requirement of the Chairman, Joint Chief of Staff for Military Intelligence professionals to stay permanently engaged with the enemy. In doing so, multi-discipline intelligence training and operational facilities must become the center of gravity in providing the capabilities and opportunities for advanced skills training and live environment engagement. Through years of partnership with the wider intelligence community, Utah is uniquely positioned to become a FOUNDRY center of excellence.

As always, the professional and experienced Intelligence Soldiers and Airmen of the Utah National Guard continue to lead the way in providing support to a number of missions critical to national-defense priorities. More than 600 Guard members participated in this effort in either a full-time or part-time capacity on multiple secure networks and platforms in a reach-back capacity. Utah National Guard Intelligence professionals also supported the Global War on Terrorism in a deployed status to Afghanistan, Iraq, the Philippines, and other locations. Additionally, the J2 provided real-time support to the State during the Neola Fire, ensuring situational awareness to the joint command.

During a time of sustained asymmetric operations in several theaters around the world, preparing a corps of capable Intelligence professionals, is more critical than ever to defeat terrorism and other threats to national security. The Utah National Guard continues to take the lead on critical intelligence issues that resonate at both the neighborhood and national level, ensuring a trained force that is equal to the challenges of the future.

Major Directorates Merge to Meet Modern Challenges

The year 2007 was a watershed year for the J3 Directorate. In April of this year – and in addition to maintaining a high operations tempo in support of the Global War on Terrorism, transforming units into modern fighting forces, and training troops at home and abroad – the J3 welcomed the J5 and J7 shops into its organization to become the J3/5/7. The change was timely. The new organizational structure strengthens the Utah National Guard’s (UTNG) ability to meet the demands of the Nation and State within today’s challenging operational environment.

To better meet these demands, the J3/5/7 was organized into six divisions with interrelated and reinforcing missions:

- J33 Current Operations
- J3 Division of Military Support (DOMS)
- J35 Strategic Plans and Policies
- J37 Joint Training and Force Development
- G3 Army Operations Administration/Orders & Budget

The divisions play pivotal roles in conducting, facilitating, or overseeing the programs that allow units to train and deploy, as well as support operations here at home. From preparing Soldiers for urban combat to assisting with fire-fighting efforts in the mountains, the J3/5/7 is integrally involved in the UTNG mission success.



J33 CURRENT OPERATIONS. The J33 is responsible for coordinating the day-to-day operations involving joint (Army and Air) forces, including manning the UTNG Emergency Operations Center and Joint Message Center. In 2007, the busy summer fire season kept the Directorate engaged. In July, more than 150 Soldiers from the 115th Engineer Group and 300th Military Intelligence Battalion were dispatched on State Active Duty to the High Uintah Mountains to help local law enforcement staff critical checkpoints for the deadly 67,000-acre Neola Fire. During the same time, a dozen Soldiers from the 2-211th Aviation and 116th Horizontal Construction Company fought small, but persistent fires in the parched ranges of Camp Williams. When activities involve support to the State, the J33 works closely with the J3-DOMS.

J3 MILITARY SUPPORT (DOMS). The J3-DOMS is responsible for interagency coordination between local and State civil authorities and the UTNG. The division’s busy agenda this year included participation in the Governor’s Pandemic Influenza Task Force, State Fire meetings, monthly Homeland Security Council meetings, and monthly Counterterrorism Coordination Council. In June, in support of the State Partnership Program, J3-DOMS coordinated with officials from the Division of Homeland Security, Department of Public Safety and Department of Health to share information with visiting homeland security officials from Morocco. In August, staff members, along with a representative from Utah Department of Public Safety, traveled to Morocco to assist them with developing a natural disaster earthquake exercise. In addition, assisting the J33 during emergency operations, the division works closely with the J35 and J37 shops on planning and exercises involving the State.

J35 STRATEGIC PLANS AND POLICIES. The J35 plans, conducts, and facilitates strategic planning required to prepare the UTNG for the future. This includes meeting to develop and codify the Joint Operations Plan, Joint Training Plan (JTP), and Joint Planning Group. The JTP was finalized for FY 08-12 and input into Joint Training Information Management System. The J35 also conducts planning and analysis for future force-structure activities including capabilities, unit stationing, demographic information and ongoing transformation planning for out-year activities. Army units are going through a major transformation process with every Major Command feeling its effects largely in FY 08. In preparation, stationing meetings were held, and courses of action were developed and staffed by Army staff and Recruiting Command. A stationing plan was approved by the adjutant general on February 22, 2007. The first restationing was conducted between February and August of this year.

J37 JOINT TRAINING AND FORCE DEVELOPMENT. The J37 develops, plans and evaluates joint training, Joint Professional Military Education and exercise programs. This year, activities centered on a pandemic influenza outbreak, a focus for Utah Department of Health, Homeland Security/Homeland Defense and Public Safety. Key multiagency events included a Consequence Management Workshop in February, a pandemic influenza tabletop in April, and a Statewide Public Health Emergency Response Exercise and CSEPP response to pandemic influenza outbreak in the State of Utah during September.

G3 ARMY OPERATIONS. The G3 arm retained its traditional responsibilities in planning, training, oversight and mobilizing of Army units. For the sixth straight year, wartime operations were a priority. During 2007, 965 Soldiers – 18 percent of Utah’s Army force – served overseas for Operations Iraqi Freedom or Enduring Freedom. Another 59 Soldiers supported OIF and OEF at various duty stations stateside. The missions of those serving overseas ranged widely with Soldiers serving with their units or as augmentees to the active Army.

In July, seven Soldiers of the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion returned to Utah after service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The group deployed in November 2005 and was due home this spring, but their tour was extended by 120 days as a result of the troop surge called for by President Bush. The Soldiers provided intelligence support to the 1/34th Brigade Combat Team of the Minnesota National Guard.

Alpha Co, 2-211th General Support Aviation Battalion returned to Utah in August after an 18-month deployment: six months at Fort Hood, Texas, for training followed by a year in Iraq. The UH-60 Blackhawk company was fully engaged in theater with numerous Combat Service Support missions, delivering “beans and bullets” to every corner of Iraq and 111 air assault missions conducted primarily at night.

First Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group, deployed in the summer of 2006 to provide training and support to Filipino military forces in combating terrorist activities in various locations throughout the Philippines. The unit returned in May 2007.

In June 2006, I Corps Artillery deployed to Afghanistan to provide mission preparation and mission execution training for Afghan Army forces. Tragically, 2nd Lt. Scott Lundell was killed in action in November 2007. The unit returned home in August 2007 – relieved to rejoin their families and friends but solemn at the loss of their fallen comrade.

In May 2007, the 116th Convoy Security Company traveled to Camp Shelby for several weeks of specialized training before heading overseas. Their mission will be to provide convoy security for Coalition forces in their assigned area of operations.

In June 2007, 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery departed to Fort Bliss, Texas, for several weeks of specialized training before deploying in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Their assignment will be to fulfill military police duties at the Camp Bucca detention facility in their assigned area of operations.

Requirements for deploying units changed significantly in 2007. In January, the Secretary of Defense enacted a policy that restricted the deployments of National Guard members and Reservists to 365 days away from home. As a result, the G3 implemented a program that assists units in conducting pre-mobilization training while at their home station in lieu of lengthy train-ups at active military posts prior to shipping overseas.

The G3 also supported unit training with real-world effects such as Operation Southwest Border in Douglas, Ariz., where the 116th Horizontal Construction Company performed its Annual Training, and road reconstruction at Strawberry Reservoir was completed by the 115th Engineer Group. Finally, the G3-sponsored UTNG Competitive Events program included the annual Marksmanship Area Competition Region VII Championships at Camp Williams in June and UTNG Biathlon Team. After training throughout the winter, the team competed in the Guard National Biathlon Competition in February where they team finished second in the Nation.

ADMINISTRATION, ORDERS & BUDGET. This division continues its mission of administering the complex budget and orders procedures inherent to the National Guard program.



TOP DOWN: In May 2007, the 116th Horizontal Construction Company traveled to Douglas, Ariz., to support Operation Southwest Border for their Annual Training. SFC Gerald Robinson launches into the race at the Western Regional trial at West Yellowstone, Idaho, in November 2007. Army and Air National Guard Soldiers compete in the annual Marksmanship Area Competition Region VII Championships at Camp Williams, Utah, in June.

J4 Logistics



The Utah National Guard J4 is responsible for all areas of tactical logistics including supply, maintenance, food service and transportation. The J4, LTC Michael Norton, is also the Utah Army National Guard (UTARNG) G4. The Deputy J4, Lt. Col. Julie Anderson, also serves as the 151st Logistics Readiness Squadron Commander. The J4 team is part of the UTNG Joint Staff, standing ready to support the Governor in emergency operations.

The UTARNG G4 Mission is to provide and sustain the highest level of logistical readiness and fully mission-capable equipment for the UTARNG. The G4 works closely with major command logistics personnel and the United States Property and Fiscal Office for Utah to accomplish this mission.

The Logistics Management Office (LMO) provides logistics support to numerous mobilizing and demobilizing units. The LMO, MAJ Ron Jonas was mobilized with I Corps Artillery. CW2 Blayde Hamilton, SGM Dave Hamilton, and SGM (ret.) Steve Peterson have stepped up to continue providing support to units. The LMO personnel make extensive coordination with mobilization stations, equipment demobilization sites, and port managers to ensure effective equipment support for mobilizing and returning units.

The Combat Service Support Automation Management Office, CW3 Cameron Nielson and CW2 Eric Whiting, provide support to all units and organizations on logistical automation systems.

Under the direction of Surface Maintenance Manager (SMM) MAJ Scott Burnhope, the Surface Maintenance community completed equipment reconstitution for all UTARNG units that returned from deployment in FY 07. The SMM provides guidance and supervision to 14 maintenance shops and work sites throughout Utah.

Field Maintenance Shop (FMS) 1 in Logan and FMS 1a in Ogden, are supervised by MSG John Duncan. FMS 1 supports Military Intelligence and Field Artillery units.

FMS 2, located in West Jordan is supervised CW4 Michael Bullock. FMS 2 supports Aviation units and the 23rd Army Band stationed at West Jordan.

FMS 3 in Spanish Fork, FMS 3a in Tooele, and FMS 3b in American Fork, are supervised by 1SG Anthony Shaw. FMS 3 supports Engineer, Artillery, and Military Intelligence, stationed in Spanish Fork, Springville, Orem, American Fork, and Blanding.

FMS 4 in Manti and FMS 4a in Vernal are supervised by WO1 Robert Thomson, supporting Engineer and Artillery units in Manti, Mount Pleasant, Price, and Vernal.

FMS 5 in Beaver, FMS 5a in Richfield, and FMS 5b in St. George, are supervised by MSG Ronald Greenhalgh. These shops support Artillery and Military Intelligence units in Cedar City, Richfield, St. George, Fillmore and Beaver.

The Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS)



in Draper, is supervised by CPT Budd Vogrinec. The CSMS provides support maintenance (direct support and general support) for UTARNG units. The CSMS is a well-equipped, efficient, and modern shop with the capability to rebuild or replace most components of military equipment.

The Unit Training Equipment Site (UTES) at Camp Williams, is supervised by CW2 Dave Adamson. The UTES provides 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.

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.



TOP DOWN: MSG Mike Hopkins steam-cleans the undercarriage of an M998 at UTES. SPC 4 Matthew Wilde at UTES replaces a valve-cover gasket.

J6 Command, Control, Communications, Computers



The J-6, Chief Information Officer (CIO) is the principal advisor to the Joint Force Commander for Communications, Computers and Information Management services. This includes development and integration of information technology 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. The CIO establishes information technology policies and standards, coordinates and integrates information technology efforts in the Army and Air Guard Directorates, as well as Joint Staff offices. The CIO ensures interoperability, reduces duplication and redundancy, and enhances the performance of the mission of the Utah National Guard.

In support of domestic emergencies, the CIO was tasked to provide mobile communication kits to various units. These kits provide units with critical interoperable communication services to support State emergencies. These capabilities include: cell phone, Internet and e-mail connectivity and non-tactical radios in support of controlling operational requirements.

The J6 is comprised of the Network Control Center (NCC) and Information Management. The NCC focus is on information assurance and securing the network from external and internal threats. The Information Management department is comprised of several support areas: Help Desk, Distance Learning, Visual Information, web page management, publication management and mailing services. The Help Desk continues to improve troubleshooting techniques to provide for more efficient and quicker service to customers. Our help desk customer/business service center 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 (HTLC) remains one of the most popular training facilities for training large groups using computer applications and requiring Internet access. Family Support Video Teleconferences are conducted throughout the year to allow deployed Soldiers around the world the opportunity to see and talk with their family members here at home. Conducting training of Soldiers and full-time employees of the UTARNG remains the primary mission of the HTLC. Please visit the Utah Army National Guard Public Web site at www.ut.ngb.army.mil.



TOP DOWN: Chad Marden and SFC Collin Johnson at J6 Help Desk. J6 Resource Manager Doug Larkin ensures accountability of IT equipment. Ray Carsey and Debbie Lund review J6 projects.

J8 Resources and Assessment



Part of the Joint Forces Headquarters organization of the Utah National Guard, the J8 (Finance) department consists of both Army and Air National Guard comptroller divisions. The day-to-day supervision of the J8 is provided by the United States Property and Fiscal Office. In addition to accounting for federal funds used for operations of the National Guard, the J8 processes payroll and travel vouchers for military and full-time support personnel and makes payments to vendors.

The J8 is also responsible for the Government Travel Card program which allows Soldiers and government employees to charge travel expenses while on official duty.

The J8 is critical for successful mobilizations and demobilizations of National Guard Soldiers and Airmen. While units are deployed, J8 personnel assist families with pay inquiries, thus lessening the burden on deployed Soldiers and Airmen. The J8 works hard to minimize disruptions in pay and benefits for our Utah National Guard members.

The J8 is also very active in responding to emergencies and disasters, such as the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and more recently, the Neola, Utah, fire. Response to the Neola fire was complicated by the legalities of the use of federal funds, as well as state funds in the response effort. The J8 personnel ensured the appropriate funds were used for firefighting efforts. The J8 was also responsible for tracking expenses incurred by the Utah National Guard during the fire and assisting in getting reimbursement from federal and state agencies.

The J8 is also responsible for supporting financial operations on Air Expeditionary Force rotations to various bases all over the world. The Utah Air National Guard financial management office supported financial operations in Al Udeid, Qatar, and other remote locations around the globe.

The financial workload supporting Global War On Terrorism operations has significantly increased the workload of the Financial Management Office this year.

Joint United States Property and Fiscal Office



The Joint United States Property and Fiscal Office (USPFO) for Utah is committed to ensure all units of the Utah Army and Air National Guard are properly trained, equipped and ready to perform their role in support of national defense or other contingency operations.

The USPFO consists of five divisions: Resource Management, Supply and Services, Purchasing and Contracting, Data Processing and Internal Review. Additionally, the USPFO has appointed three Assistant USPFOs in the Utah Air National Guard for Fiscal, Property and Real Property. These divisions ensure that the adjutant general and subordinate commanders are postured to successfully accomplish their federal and state mission.

The Resource Management Division is responsible for the formulation, disbursement and execution of the annual federal budget. The Fiscal/Accounting Branch managed more than \$125,200,000 in support of Soldier and Airman pay, commercial and federal acquisitions, full-time employees' pay and mobilization-related requirements, such as medical and dental care. The Pay and Examination Branch supported deploying Soldiers and Airmen by ensuring that all pay documentation was complete and accurate, conducting family support briefings and ensuring accurate and timely pay and travel reimbursements.

The Supply and Services Division receives, distributes and accounts for all federal property and equipment to Utah National Guard units. This past year this division directed the allocation of equipment throughout the State to ensure that unit readiness was achieved for deploying units. The division acquired and distributed all organizational and individual equipment and clothing necessary to meet mission requirements. The combined Transportation Branches shipped 640 commercial loads of equipment and transported 13,688 personnel by commercial air and bus. The Warehouse Branch was actively receiving and issuing supplies for deploying units.

The Purchasing and Contracting Division procured goods and services not available within the federal wholesale and standard base supply system. During the past year these purchases included housing and meals for deploying Soldiers and Airmen, commercial shipping and storage equipment for deploying units, and nonstandard items required for training and mobilization. They also awarded numerous large and small contracts in support of small and minority-owned businesses.

The Data Processing Division manages and maintains automation equipment and systems that support the USPFO and other staff functions. This support includes writing, programming, installing, updating and troubleshooting new and existing programs. Many new automation security procedures and processes were implemented. Data Processing improved systems support to deploying commanders, ensuring their mobilization requirements were conducted as efficiently and accurately as possible.

The Internal Review Division provides professional audit services to all directorates and units within the Utah National Guard. Audits during the past year included reviews of sensitive items, the Recycling Program, Ammunition Management and many more.

The men and women of the USPFO stand ready and willing to meet priorities of the adjutant general and the chief of National Guard Bureau, and serve the great Soldiers and Airmen of the Utah National Guard.

Inspector General's Office



The mission of the Utah National Guard Inspectors General Office (IG) is to serve the adjutant general and the Utah National Guard by executing the four IG functions: teach and train, inspections, assistance and investigations.

Inspectors General have the responsibility to serve as the eyes, ears, voice, and conscience of the adjutant general. Their role is to provide a continuous assessment of readiness, state of economy, efficiency, moral, esprit de corps, and discipline of the Utah National Guard.

Submitting a complaint, an allegation, or a request for assistance can be done by anyone. The broad experience of the IG staff has proven invaluable in assisting Guard members in resolving a myriad of issues.

Service members are encouraged to use their chain of command to resolve issues; this allows units the first opportunity to solve problems. If the chain of command is unable to solve the issue, the IG has the ability to work issues where standard methods have been unsuccessful.

A truly Joint office, the IG staff includes an Active Army officer, two Army National Guard members and one Air National Guard member. The staff brings with them a diverse background and extensive experience in Aviation, Engineering, Intelligence, Administration and Recruiting.

The Utah National Guard IG team is made up of the State Inspector General, COL Grant Webb; Deputy Inspector General for Army MAJ Tyler Smith; Deputy Inspector General for Air MAJ Todd Meyer; and Assistant Inspector General, SFC Angela Street.

As Fiscal Year 2007 comes to an end, the IG office is undergoing a significant transition. COL Webb is deploying to Iraq, MAJ Smith is deploying to Afghanistan, and SFC Angela Street is transferring to a new assignment after completing three years in the IG office. The office will be joined by a new Assistant Inspector General, SFC Jacqueline Peterson. SFC Peterson brings with her 22 years of military experience, including eight years in Recruiting.

The IG office is also responsible for the Intelligence Oversight program. The program provides oversight of Intelligence organizations and activities within the Utah National Guard. The program is in place to ensure that all procedures and regulations governing DoD Intelligence activities are followed to protect the rights of U.S. citizens.

The Utah National Guard IG's office will continue to provide the very best service in all IG functions, teach and train, inspect, assist, and investigate. Our purpose is to assist in ensuring the warfighters of the Utah National Guard are mission capable.



**Inspector General's staff (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT):
COL Grant Webb, SFC Jacqueline Peterson, Maj. Todd Meyer, MAJ Tyler Smith**

Joint Human Resources Office



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, bases, 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 HRO continues to provide hiring, staffing, benefit services, position management/classification, on-the-job injury services, full-time employee training, equal-employment 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 met in order to maintain maximum efficiency and the highest possible morale.

During Fiscal Year 2007 the HRO focused on supporting both the Army and Air National Guard in the Air Force "Right Sizing" and Army "Transformation" processes. These programs have brought about numerous mission changes, which in turn have significantly affected the makeup of the full-time force.

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 HRO is to continue to improve the support and assistance we provide to these most valuable assets.

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 fifth year.

In April 2007, the Moroccan military hosted a delegation of 10 Utah National Guard military officers, including The Adjutant General, MG Brian L. Tarbet. The week-long visit included meetings with top generals and leaders of the Moroccan Armed Forces.

MG Tarbet also took time to visit Utah National Guard Soldiers and Airmen deployed in southern Morocco. More than 40 Utah Guard Soldiers and Airmen, along with U.S. Marines, Navy and Air Force Reserves, joined forces with the Moroccan military during the last two weeks of April in the southern part of the African nation for a variety of training exercises dubbed Operation African Lion 07.

The Moroccan military, U.S. Marines and Sailors conducted bilateral unit-level training and live-fire exercises. Medical personnel from the Utah National Guard teamed up with their Moroccan military counterparts to provide primary health care to thousands of patients in rural areas of Morocco inhabited by Berber tribesmen and other nomadic people in and around the city of Tan Tan.

There were numerous other visits to Morocco and Utah by members of the State Partnership Program throughout the year. In December, members of the Moroccan Army visited the Regional Training Institute at Camp Williams and the Airmen's Leadership School at Hill AFB on a noncommissioned officer training familiarization visit.

In February, two traveling concept teams traveled to Morocco. Members of the 211th Aviation Group visited the 1st BAFRA in Rabat, briefing them on rotary-wing aviation concepts and procedures, while members of the 151st Air Refueling Wing visited the 3rd BAFRA in Kenitra, briefing them on air refueling concepts and procedures. The 151st ARW hosted a reciprocal visit of Royal Moroccan Air Force officers in July, where they had the opportunity to go on a local air-refueling mission.

In June, I Corps Artillery hosted a group of Artillery officers from Morocco. They were briefed on the structure, roles and responsibilities of an artillery battery and visited Guernsey, Wyo., for a live-fire exercise.

In July, Utah National Guard families hosted 10 Moroccan youth visiting Utah for two weeks where they participated in the "Great Utah Road Tour" and visited local attractions. The cross-culture experience was continued in August when eight youth from Utah National Guard families had the opportunity to spend two weeks visiting Morocco and staying with host Moroccan military families.

In August, Utah National Guard leaders, Utah Department of Homeland Security and Department of Health officials visited Morocco and briefed them on Homeland Security and public health issues. In September, a group of Moroccan military health professionals visited Utah to observe the state pandemic flu exercise Operation SPHERE.

In the future, Utah and the Kingdom of Morocco look forward to continued development and exchange of both concept and culture in their partnership.



TOP DOWN: (Left to right) Mrs. Nancy Riley, U.S. Ambassador to Morocco; Thomas T. Riley, General Corps d' Arme Abdelaziz BENNANI (Inspector General); MG Brian L. Tarbet (TAG); Brig. Gen. David Hooper (Assistant AG for Air); and others observe U.S. Marine and Moroccan Army military maneuver in southern Morocco. During the humanitarian deployment COL Peter Taillac gives a shot to a Moroccan patient while a Moroccan doctor observes. Lt. Col. Paul Byrd briefs MG Tarbet and the U.S. delegation visiting the health clinic in Tan Tan, Morocco.

Joint Utah Counterdrug Program



Under the leadership of COL Neil Hansen, the Utah National Guard Counterdrug Program completed another successful year of providing quality support to the war on drugs both within the State of Utah and nationally. Because of the Utah National Guard's (UTNG) unique linguistic assets and reputation for quality Soldiers, the UTNG now has the third largest Counterdrug Program in the Nation.

Over 200 Soldiers and Airmen representing most UTNG units are serving in one of two programs: the Governor's State Plan

and the Joint Language Training Center (JLTC). Soldiers and Airmen serving in the Counterdrug Program improve the readiness of their units by exercising their military skills on a full-time basis. Additionally, the JLTC has over 80 state employees who contribute significantly to the mission.

The Utah National Guard Counterdrug State Plans Program (UT-CD-SP) is a vital member of a coalition made up of National Guard members and families, state employees, law enforcement agencies (LEAs), and local communities, which are involved in a multifront battle against drugs and drug-related violence in Utah. The mission of the program is to provide high-quality military personnel and equipment to support federal, state, and local drug LEAs, as well as military families and community-based organizations that work to reduce the supply and demand for drugs. All of these efforts support Governor Huntsman's plan to counter the negative effects that illegal drugs have on our quality of life.

Our primary focus is on supporting and reducing the risks to families of deployed military members from the dangers of substance abuse. The second emphasis is on community mobilization and assistance to neighborhood groups. Action planning assists these groups in setting goals and objectives and building neighborhood strength and resiliency to provide alternatives to drugs and reduce drug-related crime. The program sponsors a number of programs itself and also provides resources as a force multiplier to current federal and state drug education and prevention programs. In Fiscal Year 2007, UTNG Soldiers reached an audience of 30,175 individuals in Utah with a drug prevention message of which over 90 percent were children or teens.

Our supply reduction activities help stem the flow of illegal drugs into the United States. The program acts as a force-multiplier for law enforcement agencies, focusing primarily on investigative and interdiction efforts. For Fiscal Year 2007 the UT-CD-SP supported the locating and seizing of 498 pounds of cultivated marijuana, two large marijuana cultivations, 88 pounds of methamphetamine, 244 pounds of cocaine, and other drugs for a total street value of \$5.7 million dollars. Our supply interdiction efforts also aided in 1,357 cases, which resulted in 851 drug-related arrests in Fiscal Year 2007.

The Joint Language Training Center celebrated its 17-year anniversary in operation and continued to provide quality language



TOP THREE PHOTOS: After completing the Counterdrug Reduction Program, students get to reach for a natural high by experiencing the climbing walls and rappel tower. **BELOW:** SFC Jason Wiscott provides drug awareness assistance to local schools.



support to a variety of federal and state agencies across the Nation. This year's language support missions were accomplished in 24 languages and the efforts of our Soldiers, Airmen, and state employees maintained JLTC's long-standing reputation for quality translation products critical to curtailing illegal drug activities. This program has proven to be a successful model in developing operationally-capable linguists in critical languages. Because of their commitment to the mission, these Utah Soldiers and Airmen are among DoD's finest linguists and a boon to the readiness of our linguist units in the Utah National Guard.

Construction and Facilities Management Office



The Construction and Facilities Management Office (CFMO) is tasked with ensuring that all Utah Army National Guard facilities meet the ever-expanding needs of today's military forces. COL Scot Olson as the director of the CFMO oversees the planning, programming, budget, building and maintenance of National Guard facilities throughout the State. He and his staff constantly strive to provide quality facilities that enable our Utah Army National Guard forces to train and survive on the modern battlefield. The CFMO works with state/federal offices and legislative committees to ensure the funding of new projects and to ensure a high level of readiness throughout the State. During Fiscal Year 2007, State representatives, legislators, and other state dignitaries were given special tours to educate them on facility construction and upgrading needs.

This year our focus is on the adjutant general's strategic vision of "preparing to meet the challenges of future deployments and the impacts of the Army Transformation I on our plans for current and future facilities, training areas and ranges as critical elements in our overall success." 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 Army National Guard, the mission of the CFMO will set the tone for a productive Guard in the upcoming year.

The first priority of the CFMO is to maximize taxpayer resources when planning for new construction and building maintenance. The CFMO provides various support and supervision of facilities throughout the State of Utah. It oversees major and minor construction, budget items and building maintenance. The CFMO works with State officials, including the governor

and members of the State Legislature, on topics that include budget items for new construction, land acquisition, leases and property sales. It is important to the CFMO that all Soldiers can be proud of their units and training facilities.

Keeping Utah Army National Guard facilities and armories in top condition is becoming a challenge. We must maintain the appearance of each of our buildings in order to portray a positive image within the community. This year the Tooele Armory was renovated, giving it a new look and it is now a showpiece of 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.

Fiscal Year 2007 saw a variety of projects completed. They include the new 144th Medical Company Readiness Center (\$3,300,000), Joint Language Training Center (\$700,000), Utah Regional Language Center expansion (\$730,000), Camp Williams Buildings 6200 and 8100 remodel, and AASF remodel. Projects that started this year include TASS Phase I (\$13,600,000),





**LEFT: The new Artillery facility at Tooele, Utah, army.
BELOW: Construction site at Camp Williams .**

OPPOSITE PAGE TOP DOWN: MG Brian Tarbet, COL Linda Higgins and Gov. Jon Huntsman participate in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly remodeled 144th Medical Company Readiness Center at Camp Williams.

RTI Mess Hall renovation (\$1,200,000), Noncommissioned Officers Club renovation (\$300,000), and new CSMS access road and running track (\$150,000). Upcoming projects include the construction of the new North Salt Lake Readiness Center (\$14,000,000), a new Ammunition Supply Point (\$4,700,000) and major renovations of five armories (\$1,000,000). Our goal and commitment is to provide the most modern, usable facilities for the finest National Guard units in the Nation.



Utah National Guard's Annual Military Ball

The Utah National Guard held its forty-second annual Military Ball on March 31, 2007, with Honorary Colonels, VIPs, Soldiers, Airmen, spouses, and friends in attendance. The ball was held in the ballroom at Utah Valley State College in Orem, Utah.

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

The university catered refreshments in the ballroom to make the evening more enjoyable. To remember the evening, many couples had their pictures taken by a professional photographer.

The Military Ball is an annual event held to celebrate the hard work, enthusiasm, and devotion of 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.



Guard members relax with their partners for an enjoyable evening of dancing.

Governor's Day at Camp Williams

Governor's Day is the one opportunity that the commander in chief of the Utah National Guard has, each year, to review the troops and speak directly to Airmen, Soldiers and their families.

At this year's event Sept. 8, visitors saw the traditional pass and review, cannon salute and aircraft flyovers; but there were also additional activities that made this day at Camp Williams more memorable than most.

Special guests at the parade included Jeanine Lundell, Melinda Barnes and Melinda Linder, the wives of 2nd Lt. Scott Lundell, Chief Warrant Officer Clayton Barnes and Chief Warrant Officer James Linder, respectively, who lost their lives while serving our State and Nation this past year.

Lundell, as a member of I Corps Artillery (Forward), was killed in action during a firefight with enemy forces in Afghanistan in November 2006. Linder and Barnes, both of First Battalion, 211th Aviation, died in August 2007 when their AH-64 Apache helicopter crashed during a local training flight.





As announcer Master Sgt. Sterling Poulson introduced the three families, four Apache helicopters flew in an impressive missing-man formation over the parade field as Guard members saluted and Gov. Jon Huntsman presented bouquets of flowers to the wives of the fallen heroes.

“We mourn the loss of three of our best who were with us a year ago,” Huntsman said during his remarks. “To the Barneses, the Linders, and the Lundells, [we offer] our love, respect and admiration.”

And to Airmen and Soldiers Huntsman added, “I convey the love, respect and best wishes of all the citizens of this State. As you serve and as you deploy, we will always be with you.”

Two other landmark events also took place during Governor’s Day ceremonies: the deactivation of the 120th Quartermaster Detachment (Water Purification) and the transfer of state sergeant major responsibilities from outgoing CSM Dell Smith to incoming CSM Bruce Summers.



Rounding out a busy day at Camp Williams, Huntsman and MG Brian Tarbet also presided over separate ribbon cuttings of a new Post Exchange (PX) and readiness center for the 144th Area Support Medical Company.





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 1840s.

It was from the members of the Nauvoo Legion and the veterans of the Mormon Battalion of the Mexican War (1846-48) 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 threats and challenges.

As the Nation grew and the Utah Territory approached statehood, the Utah National Guard was federally organized and the first units were chartered in March 1894.

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 its 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 23rd Army Band to I Corps Artillery, receive recognition for excellence in everything from music concerts to mission readiness.

The Utah Army National Guard has two primary missions. The first is to support the people of the State of Utah. When called upon by Governor Jon Huntsman, 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 are integrated into the Homeland Defense mission. In 2007, the Utah Guard responded to Gov. Huntsman's call to support local, State, and federal authorities during the Neola, Utah fire in Duchesne and Uintah Counties.

The second mission of the Utah Army National Guard is to the people of the United States. When called upon by the president, the Guard provides well-trained and fully equipped military units to serve as part of the total force in times of war or other national emergencies. The Guard fulfilled this mission overseas for Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, as well as by serving on

the U.S.-Mexico border as part of Operation Jump Start providing Engineer support to the Customs and Border Protection Agency.

The Utah Army Guard has many different types of units. Administered by Joint Forces HQ, Artillery, Aviation, Engineer, Military Intelligence, and Special Forces units carry out their local missions and prepare for overseas service.

The largest Army training center in Utah is Camp W.G. Williams, located at the south end of 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 the 640th Regimental Regional Training Institute, which trains National Guard Soldiers from 13 western states and Guam.

The headquarters of the Utah National Guard is located in Draper next to I-15 in the southern end of Salt Lake Valley. This sprawling 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 and 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.

In the past few years the Utah Army Guard has supported the largest mobilizations in their history, mobilizing units and individuals for the war against terrorism and other federal worldwide missions, currently providing support in 33 different countries. The success of our mobilization efforts are 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 are all designed to provide assistance to families.

Under the capable leadership of MG Brian Tabet, the Adjutant General; COL Jefferson Burton, Assistant Adjutant General—Army; and CSM Bruce Summers; the Utah Army National Guard continues its long tradition of distinguished service to the State and Nation.



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

This year saw changes in the command section of HHD. CPT Mikel Archibeque handed command of the Detachment to CPT Branden Clark. CPT Clark looks forward to further serving the Soldiers and staff in HHD. As MSG Olson transferred to the Engineers, SFC Morse coming from the Engineers became the new Operations and Training NCO.

Last but not least, after serving as first sergeant for three years, 1SG Robert Lloyd released the "weight" of HHD to 1SG Peter West.

One of the changes to HHD was a two-day Annual Training. While this doesn't compare to the traditional 15-to 20-day AT most units in the State hold annually, this was a big step for the HHD. During this time, HHD conducted training on various warrior leader skills and weapons qualification.

Soldiers from the HHD saw opportunities for further service not only to their country, but to their State as well. As it was a record summer for fires in Utah, Soldiers from HHD were activated in support of the Neola Fire. Communication assets, as well as operations and training directorate, provided 24-hour support and assistance to firefighters and other organizations working to contain the fires. As fires and other disasters occur, Soldiers in the National Guard get called into action by order of the Governor. This is what separates the National Guard from other military assets.

In the course of the last year, a wealth of experience of members with Joint Forces Headquarters have retired. These leaders and Soldiers will all be missed by those whose lives they have touched throughout the Utah Army National Guard.

HHD will continue to show support to Soldiers serving in all units in the Utah Army National Guard. While a good percentage of our Soldiers work full-time in one of the directorates that support the entire State, we have a good supply of expertise from our part-time Soldiers as well. This combination of knowledge and experience helps the HHD to provide the best support to everyone.



Recruiting and Retention Battalion, commanded by MAJ Mark Drown with SGM's Brett Johnson (Acting CSM) and Grant Watkins (Production), completed one of our best years to date. The state exceeded National Guard Bureau's goal of 5,200 Soldiers, and finished fifth out of 54 states and territories.

Recruiting and Retention Command hosted the driver of NASCAR's National Guard car 25, Casey Mears. He and crew were given the opportunity to experience a taste of the Utah National Guard. Mears flew in an AH-64 Apache attack helicopter and was introduced to various small-arms weapons hosted by the Special Forces.

The Marketing Office has been very busy supporting over 100 recruiting and PR events starting in March and continuing with ongoing events. We have utilized our climbing walls, ropes course and Mini-V to support events all throughout the State. From bull-riding in St. George to the Peach Festival in Logan, the Utah Army National Guard has been there.



TOP DOWN; MAJ Mark Drown and assistant giving out Utah Army National Guard T-shirts and caps to the high school National Championship Rugby Team. Utah Guard climbing wall at the Red Bull Air Race in beautiful Monument Valley

Guard Recruiter Assistant Program (G-RAP) continued to assist the Guard's ability to achieve its accessions mission for 2007. G-RAP provides an opportunity for traditional Guard members to earn \$2,000 if they assist recruiters in enlisting personnel into the Army National Guard. It allows us to return to community-based recruiting and reduces the cost of recruiting new Soldiers. It is easy to enroll by visiting www.guardrecruitingassistant.com.

Every Soldier a Recruiter (ESAR) is the pilot referral bonus program of the Active, Reserve and National Guard components of the Army that provides selected Soldiers and retired members of the U.S. military the opportunity to assist with recruiting efforts and rewards those efforts with referral bonuses up to \$1,000. The ESAR program was established to instill in all Soldiers and leaders that every Soldier is a recruiter. ESAR is open to individuals in the ARNG, including AGR Soldiers on Active Duty, Military Technicians, Active Duty for Special Work personnel and also retirees. Eligible participants who make a qualifying referral may receive a bonus of up to \$1,000. Referrals must be non-prior service and may not be a member of the referring participant's immediate family.

The **GED Plus** program is designed to assist potential enlistees with an opportunity to complete their secondary education requirement. They can enlist in the National Guard and then will be sent to the National Guard Professional Education Center for a two-week period to complete their GED. They will be paid and will receive compensation for all their travel costs.

The **College First** program will allow a new enlistee the option of attending college without the risk of deployment for up to two years. The new Soldier must be enrolled in an accredited post-secondary education program and maintain good standing in the National Guard.



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

Our occupational health nurse, LTC Fran

Marcus-Madsen, has been extremely busy this year taking care of the myriad of programs that make up the Occupational Health program. She continues to monitor the baseline health data of all full-time Utah National Guard employees. She has worked hard to improve the State's hearing loss-prevention program by procuring numerous computers that monitor hearing tests, stores the results and can then diagnose individual hearing loss, as well as identify hearing-loss trends and concerns. Working under a National Guard Bureau initiative, Marcus has ensured the placement of blood pressure-monitoring kiosks throughout the State's armories to raise our awareness of the concerns with hypertension.

Marcus invested considerable time to support the recertification of the State's medics by participating in their semiannual emergency medical technician recertification. In the vein of preventative programs, Marcus has sponsored aerobic and yoga programs, Weight Watchers and performed as the Utah National Guard's representative for the Utah Corporate Games again this year. Under Marcus's watchful eye the Occupational Health program has firmly meet the diverse and demanding needs of the Utah Army National Guard.

The Ground Maintenance program has seen a few changes this year. CW3 Andrew Jensen deployed, leaving WOC Joe Galbraith

in charge of the Ground Safety Office. By August, Joe had also departed to attend flight school at Fort Rucker Ala. These events led to the hiring of COL Dana Yetton to pick up the ground-safety responsibilities ahead of his retirement as an Active Guard and Reserve officer. With all this change, the office has maintained a full load of safety assistance visits, inspections and motorcycle safety classes. The section has continued to drive the State Headquarters' Safety Program to include our quarterly safety meetings and monitoring the State's hazards log.

The AASF has also experienced a busy year. The AASF has ramped up its flying-hour program in support of the upcoming deployment of the 2nd Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment, as well as the future transition of 1st Battalion 211th Aviation Regiment's transition from AH-64A Apaches to AH-64D Longbow Apache aircraft. Second Battalion required many flight periods to get their Aviators progressed in the aircraft in preparation for deployment. First Battalion required as much training for the many new Aviators they have been getting back from flight school. The AASF continues to work diligently to meet the Aviation needs of other Utah National Guard units and the community. These efforts include everything from air-movement training to static displays.

As a community, Utah National Guard Aviation was excited by the safe return of A Company, 2nd Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment. Their safe return after a year of duty in Iraq was surely a high point of the year.

With this excitement, we also experienced a great tragedy in the deaths of two of our great Utah National Guard Aviators: Clayton Barnes and James Linder during a training accident in August.

It has certainly been a tumultuous year for the DAS as we have worked to keep pace with the change and needs of our community. This year has been a great challenge.

Camp W.G. Williams is "The Premier Training Center of Choice." Our mission is to create a quality training environment for military units, individual Service members and other DOD, federal, state, law enforcement and civilian organizations by providing facilities, logistical support and personnel assistance to set the stage for top-quality training. Our unique location provides access to mountain, desert, water and river training areas.

This year Governor Huntsman cut the ribbon on the new 144th Armory and to the newly renovated building 2200, opening up as the new Post Exchange. Ground was broken and construction began on the new TASS building which will become the home of the Regional Training Institute. Several other improvements took place underground, keeping Camp Williams' infrastructure current and capable of supporting the increased demand.



Gov. Jon Huntsman address those assembled for the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new 144th Armory at Camp Williams.



The full-time staff at Camp Williams is the nucleus of the wildland firefighting capability allowing units to conduct mandatory training year-round and still provide for the security and safety of our neighbors. The Juniper Ridge fire (lightning-caused) was the only major fire on Camp Williams this year, despite its being one of the driest and hottest summers on record. A quick, unified effort with Northern Utah Interagency Fire Center and Camp Williams personnel kept the fire from causing severe damage to crops and private property off post.

Camp Williams staff is continually seeking ways to improve and enhance training facilities, ranges and courses in order to make a Soldier's 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 citizens of the State of Utah.

Governor Huntsman, MG Tarbet and other military leadership participate in the opening of the newest building at Camp Williams.

640th Regiment (Regional Training Institute)

Training Year 2007 continued the 640th Regiment Regional Training Institute (RTI) high OPTEMPO and tradition of providing quality Soldier training to all three Army Components. Under COL Ed Willis's command and CSM Don Ray Alger's leadership, the Regiment trained over 5,500 Soldiers throughout the year. Soldiers reported from all across the country, which included students returning and reporting to mobilization stations in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

The 640th Regiment continues to lead the way with the utmost in military doctrine, both on an individual and collective training basis. Significant accomplishments this year included SSG Rentschler's selection as the Utah Army National Guard (UTARNG) Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) of the Year; participation with the Moroccan Delegation State Partnership Program; the U.S. Army Fort Sill accreditation of the Field Artillery Battalion; and passage of the Joint Forces Headquarter Command Maintenance Inspection.

The Noncommissioned Education System (NCOES) Battalion trained over 2,500 Soldiers over 15 course cycles in the Warrior Leadership Course. This training provides the initial phase of Army leadership and professional development introduction for our future junior NCOs Corps. In the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course (BNCOC), the Regiment attained a graduation rate of greater than 96 percent. The high rate of graduation is a testament to the quality of the instructors and the professionalism of the Soldiers that attend our courses. In addition, the Regiment accepted the new National mission for the conduct of the Battle Staff Noncommissioned Officer Course. This functional course will commence in TY08 and prepare noncommissioned officers, staff sergeant through sergeant major for duty as NCOs for battalion and higher-level staff positions. Graduates of this 28-day course will be eligible for the award of the 2S Additional Skill Identifier.

The 2-640th Battalion trained over 500 Soldiers in 36 different Artillery Courses that included cannon crew member, fire direction specialist, forward observer and surveyor. The RTI is one of two training locations that instruct the 13D10 Transition Course which streamlines 13E's MOSQ to 12 versus 32 days. The Battalion trains the "Fast Track" Officer Candidate School (OCS), Ground Combat, Non Prior Service Personnel Training, Total Army Instructor Training, Small Group Instructor Training and Bus Driver Training courses.

The OCS Company trained 25 officer candidates, graduating five who received their commissions as second lieutenants. The company continued to move forward on the Ground Combat Course that prepares Soldiers' pre-deployment and provides sustainment post-deployment in critical battle and survivability tasks. The program of instruction includes convoy operations, close-quarters marksmanship and MOUT training. Additionally, the RTI conducted 12 Non Prior Service Personnel Training courses that prepared over 500 new recruits for Basic Training.

The RTI's Military Intelligence Battalion completed its first full year of training to Military Intelligence Soldiers. The MI Battalion trained 56 counterintelligence agents, 76 human intelligence collectors and 104 tactical intelligence analysts. The 640th MI Battalion's future will include training for the 96D and 98G MOSs and possible MI BNCOC and ANCO. Additionally, this past year, we conducted the first pilot course for the 98G MOS to 18 Soldiers. Furthermore, MI Instructors were cross-trained to serve as NCOES instructors to provide more value-added training to our instructor base. The RTI continues to serve as the Subject Matter-Expert Brigade for all MI training in National Guard Bureau.

TY 2007 was marked with significant 640th Regiment accomplishments. The unit looks forward to TY 2008 training mission execution to support the UTARNG, other states and territories, and Active and Reserve Component Soldiers. We will continue to provide challenging and realistic training to all Soldiers who pass through our doors to ensure the best possible training for our future United States Army leaders.

Environmental Resources Management (ERM) continued efforts to support and ensure Utah Army National Guard mission continuity through innovative and effective environmental management.

ERM reviewed the Department of Defense (DoD) Integrated Natural Resource Management Plans (INRMP) for Camp Williams in cooperation with training-site staff, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The intent of Camp Williams INRMP is to conserve the natural training area in order to meet current and future training missions and needs. The INRMP supports training directly, such as through direction for training-area restoration and configuration, as well as indirectly such as through wildfire mitigation. Conservation of the training environment enables Camp Williams to support a wide variety of wildlife and habitats, essentially functioning as a de facto wildlife preserve. Because federal courts ruled that federal agencies and the DoD in particular must comply with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, additional emphasis in the new INRMP was given to avian protection without compromising mission completion or training-area development.

ERM also started development of the St. George Armory INRMP because of the presence of an endangered species, the dwarf bearclaw poppy. Endangered and other protected species can have serious implications for military training. ERM conducted surveys to confirm that several other locally known, protected species were not on the site, thus clearing most armory lands for training. The INRMP will reflect the need for maneuver training by the 222nd Field Artillery with protection of the poppy.

ERM conducted archaeological test excavations in portions of Tickville Gulch to gain a better understanding of how prehistoric people used the area. Results of the excavations suggest significant seasonal occupation of the area occurred during the Fremont Period (A.D. 500 to 1300) and Late Prehistoric Period (post-1300). Artifacts recovered suggest family groups likely moved into the Traverse Mountains to gather and process wild plants and to hunt. Additional archaeological surveys were completed on almost 2,400 acres at Camp Williams, primarily in the Tickville Gulch area, resulting in the documentation of 14 previously unknown archaeological sites. Smaller cultural-resource surveys were conducted by ERM around the State as well in support of proposed Innovative Readiness Training and community-support projects.

In 2007, ERM coordinated with the Plate Boundary Observatory to place a Global Positioning System (GPS) reference station operating on Camp Williams. This reference station is composed of a monument and GPS receiver cemented into bedrock atop Latimer Peak. The reference station is used to increase the accuracy of ERM mapping GPS units and survey work in the Camp Williams area. The Plate Boundary Observatory in turn uses the GPS collected data to measure tectonic plate movement in Western United States.

ERM provided several studies and plans to support Camp Williams public water system. Combined, these plans will assist water system operators in improving system safety and delivering an improved product. A Water System Vulnerability Assessment identified potential security problems with the system and corrective actions to improve consumer safety. An Emergency Response Plan was prepared which identifies existing and alternative water supplies in the event of a disaster. A Cross-Connection Control Plan was also developed. This plan identifies potential for contaminating the water supply system through inadvertent actions and specifies a number of system upgrades to reduce contamination risks. A Water Conservation Plan examines historical water usage and identifies opportunities to reduce water consumption. Also developed was a System Flushing Plan which studies the physical layout of the water treatment and distribution system and identifies areas that might be subject to poor water quality, and provides a plan for maximizing water quality

Camp Williams Black Ridge Fire (Sept. 2006) originated in the Impact Area and was stopped by a goat-grazed/browsed fire-break, reinforced by firefighters.



The dwarf bearclaw poppy at the St. George Armory is an endangered and protected species.

throughout the system.

ERM was instrumental in improving the performance and reducing the maintenance costs of the Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS) paint booth. ERM staff designed and built a new pre-filter system. The new system tripled the amount of airflow through the paint booth, providing a safer and cleaner work environment while also reducing air particulates. In addition, the old system required frequent and costly filter replacement. Prior to the newly installed system, filters were replaced every three months. Now with the new system in place, the filters only need replacing once a year. This significantly reduces CSMS paint booth operational costs.

Golden eagles, protected by federal law, have several very successful nests within the Camp Williams training area.



I Corps Artillery



During the busy year of 2007, I Corps Artillery (Forward) completed a very successful deployment to Afghanistan. During Corps Forward's deployment, officers and Soldiers conducted a host of missions that ranged from teaching,

coaching and mentoring the Afghanistan National Army to more humanitarian relief efforts. Members of Corps Forward were tasked out and fragmented as soon as they arrived in country. As the unit hit the ground running it was obvious that they had a daunting task in front of them.



MAJ Adam Robinson, CPT Toby Adamson, CPT Adam Ashworth with Afghan soldiers and police in Southern Afghanistan.



Members of ICA in Afghanistan



ABOVE and BELOW: Soviet D-30 122MM towed Artillery piece



Forward Operating Base Masoud in Afghanistan where MAJ O'Hara (Arty), 1SG Starr (Arty), CPT Taylor (Inf), SFC Brown (Arty) are doing a re-supply.



Back at Camp Williams, Headquarters Battery, I Corps Artillery recently sent members to Japan and Korea to participate in the annual Yama Sakura and Ulchi Focus Lens Exercise. Other Soldiers traveled to Fort Lewis, Wash., for the exercise. Unit leadership is working hard to provide the Soldiers remaining at Headquarters Battery with quality training. They are also participating in the annual I Corps Artillery training exercises, and making sure they deliver outstanding support to the Corps Forward deployed Soldiers.

This year, I Corps Artillery truly finds itself amidst a sea of change. Since the Korean Conflict, I Corps Artillery has sent all of its subordinate commands into combat zones, but has never been deployed itself except for the Winter Olympics in 2002. Now the leadership of I Corps Artillery is in the combat zone as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. I Corps Artillery is currently preparing to undergo a massive change as they transition to the 65th Fires Brigade.

Driving a humvee looking over a 50 Cal Gunner during a snowstorm in Afghanistan.





The past year has been historic for the 145th Field Artillery. The unit certified late in the training year of 2006 on the new M109A6 Paladin weapon system. Training schedules were published for TY 2007 and preparations to conduct Annual Training at Fort Guernsey, Wyo., were set in place.

The anticipation of a possible Operation Iraqi Freedom rotation in spring 2008 was the talk among the Batteries that make up the unit. Members of the Battalion were mentally prepared and realized that it was not *if* the Battalion would be deployed but *when*.

In February 2007 the 145th FA conducted a change-of-command ceremony at Dugway Proving Ground. The outgoing commander, LTC Dallen Atack, reflected on the progress and accomplishments the Soldiers of the BIG RED Battalion had achieved. LTC Wright took command of the unit and within weeks of assuming command the 145th FA received an alert notice. Preparations for an alternate mission began immediately. Manning rosters were scrubbed and the official Mobilization order was received in April 2007. The 145th received information

that their mission would be a security/detainee operations mission, with the most probable area of operation in southern Iraq providing security for detainees at a large detention facility.

In a professional military manner and in a short amount of time the unit mobilized, conducted all the Soldier readiness procedures, and family support briefings to help prepare for the mobilization and the separation of loved ones. The call to federal service required a new structure for the alternate mission. The fine Batteries of B Battery, Manti, Utah and Service Battery, Ogden, Utah cased their colors and were redesignated as D Company. Alpha Battery (Brigham City/Logan), and C Battery (Spanish Fork/Fillmore) have cased their colors and were redesignated as E Company. All of this was done to facilitate the new mission.

By June 2007 the 145th FA had mobilized to the training platform at Fort Bliss, Texas, for predeployment training, specifically designed to prepare Soldiers for their tour of duty. The training sites at Fort Bliss looked all-too familiar to many within the ranks of the 145th FA, as some of Soldiers were here less than three years ago preparing for an OIF-III deployment. The dedication and sacrifice of all Soldiers and families of this great unit are examples of the selfless sacrifices that reflect the Army Values.

The 145th FA continues to be recognized by its peers for setting the standard during their predeployment training. At this time final team, squad, platoon and company certification requirements are being completed, as the 145th FA focuses on mission-specific training at the MOB site. This process validates that Soldiers are trained and prepared for Stability and Support Operations wherever the unit may be assigned in the theater of operations. By the end of TY 2007 the Soldiers of the 145th FA will be, as we say, boots on the ground in a hostile area in defense of our values. Like their predecessors of past conflicts willing to sacrifice their time, talents and all that they have in the cause of freedom. The 145th FA guidon with its honored colors will once again deploy to a foreign land in combat operations. GO BIG RED.



TOP DOWN: Sergeant Thomas Payeur of Kearns, and PFC Trevor Barney of Richfield, both of 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery, Utah National Guard, received the Joint Service Achievement Medal Nov. 27 for their role in the discovery of escape tunnels dug by enemy prisoners at Camp Bucca, Iraq.

General David Petraeus, Commanding General of Multinational Forces-Iraq, presented the medals personally to the two Soldiers at a combined awards ceremony.

The Joint Service Achievement Medal is awarded to those members of the United States Armed Forces who have distinguished themselves by outstanding performance of duty or meritorious achievement while assigned to a joint activity.

The 450 Soldiers of the 1-145th deployed in June 2007 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit is providing support to detention operations at the camp in southern Iraq, which has the capacity to hold up to 6,000 prisoners.

According to the globalsecurity.org Web site, Camp Bucca is the Coalition's primary facility for enemy prisoners of war.

"The Soldiers of the 1-145th are doing an outstanding job here at Camp Bucca," said Payeur and Barney's commander, 1st Lt. Justin Christensen, of Lehi, "And their diligence is being noticed."





September was the first mandatory drill for 2nd Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery, following our deployment to Iraq. This drill

was focused on awards to not only Soldiers but to families and other community supporters. Major General Brian Tarbet, the adjutant general, and Brigadier General Wilson, the I Corps Artillery commander, were both present. They gave out deployment awards and helped present community awards in each Battery's town. They had some great comments and gave out some great awards. It was a final step in welcoming the unit home for families and National Guard leaders.

Following the awards ceremony several change of commands were conducted. First Sergeant Les Roberts retired and 1SG Galen Allred took over for B Battery.



Also, CPT Dustin Ray moved to Battalion as the assistant S-3, and CPT Collin Wallace took over his second command. Charlie Battery also had two changes, 1SG Bart Whatcott stepped down and later retired and 1SG Terry Wilde stepped up with his new commander 1LT Daniel Ekker who replaced CPT Chad Williams as he took over the S-2 slot.

Headquarters was the final double swap with 1SG Rick Bonzo and CPT Jared Jensen leaving. They were replaced by 1SG Tyler



RIGHT: Excess gun powder burned at the end of Annual Training. BELOW (Clockwise from left): SSG Ken E. Black, SPC Zachary White, SGT Robby Sorensen and SPC Justin Zufelt, Gun 6, C Battery, 2/222 FA inside a howitzer.

Cowan and 1LT Charles Triplett. Service and Alpha only had one change each with CPT Travis Bringham taking command of SVC from Wallace and 1SG Bret Colvin replacing 1SG Michael Miller. This was the start of many other changes of old veterans moving on or retiring and the younger vets moving up throughout the 222nd.

October drill was filled with more administrative work including briefings from the VA. A diagnostic Physical Training test was given and we saw more of our equipment return from reset.

November and December saw a return to normal drills and a change of command and responsibilities of LTC Richard Miller and CSM Bruce Summers. As LTC Scot Fuller and CSM Rick Brown took the reins, the focus was to reset the 222nd. At the Battery level, sections began to work on their crew drills again and rotated through CTT/Warrior Task. Gun Crews had to share because not all of the Paladins were back and running yet.

January and February was focused on Safety Certifications. Most Crews finished their written test in January and finished the Crew test in February. It went smooth for the most part, and Battalion wide the only challenge was a bad ANCD fill that caused a lot of communication issues between FDC and the Guns.

March was more section-focused training to prepare for the Battalion Live Fire. Packing and loading for the live-fire exercise was also completed.

April was the Battalion Live Fire. The Battalion commander's intent was to focus on the Artillery Tables and put all other training on the back burner. That focus paid off and the firing Batteries exceeded the Battalion commander's expectations. There was still work to be done to complete the Battalion's reset, but the Battalion seemed to be ahead of schedule. The focus for the upcoming Annual Training would be to meet the fire mission time standards and improve resupply operations.

May drill was preparation for Annual Training in Guernsey, Wyo. A record PT test was also conducted.

June was Annual Training. The first week was setup in three lanes through which the firing Batteries rotated. The three lanes were crew-serve weapons range, Direct Fire/Convoy engagement range and Paladin Fire Tables. The second week was focused on working with Brigade and firing as many different types of fire missions as possible with the rounds we had available. The Battalion performed well above what was expected for a reset year.

At the end of Annual Training, two change of commands were conducted. CPT Shawn Fuelenbach in A Battery was replaced by 1LT Clayton Anderson and Wallace of B Battery switched out with 1LT Michael Kjar.

Members of A Battery are briefed by 1LT Clayton Anderson prior to the mission.



97th Aviation Troop Command



The 97th Aviation Troop Command (formerly 211th Aviation Group) is now in its second year since being redesignated.

Our mission focus now is to prepare our subordinate units for possible mobilizations and to be able to function as a command-and-control headquarters in the event of a natural

disaster or emergency. To that end we have been working hard.

Alpha Company, 2-211 General Support Aviation Battalion (GSAB), deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom and has now returned. Preparations for that return began in the spring and continued right up until the time they came home. Personnel were sent

to Fort Carson, Colo., to assist when the



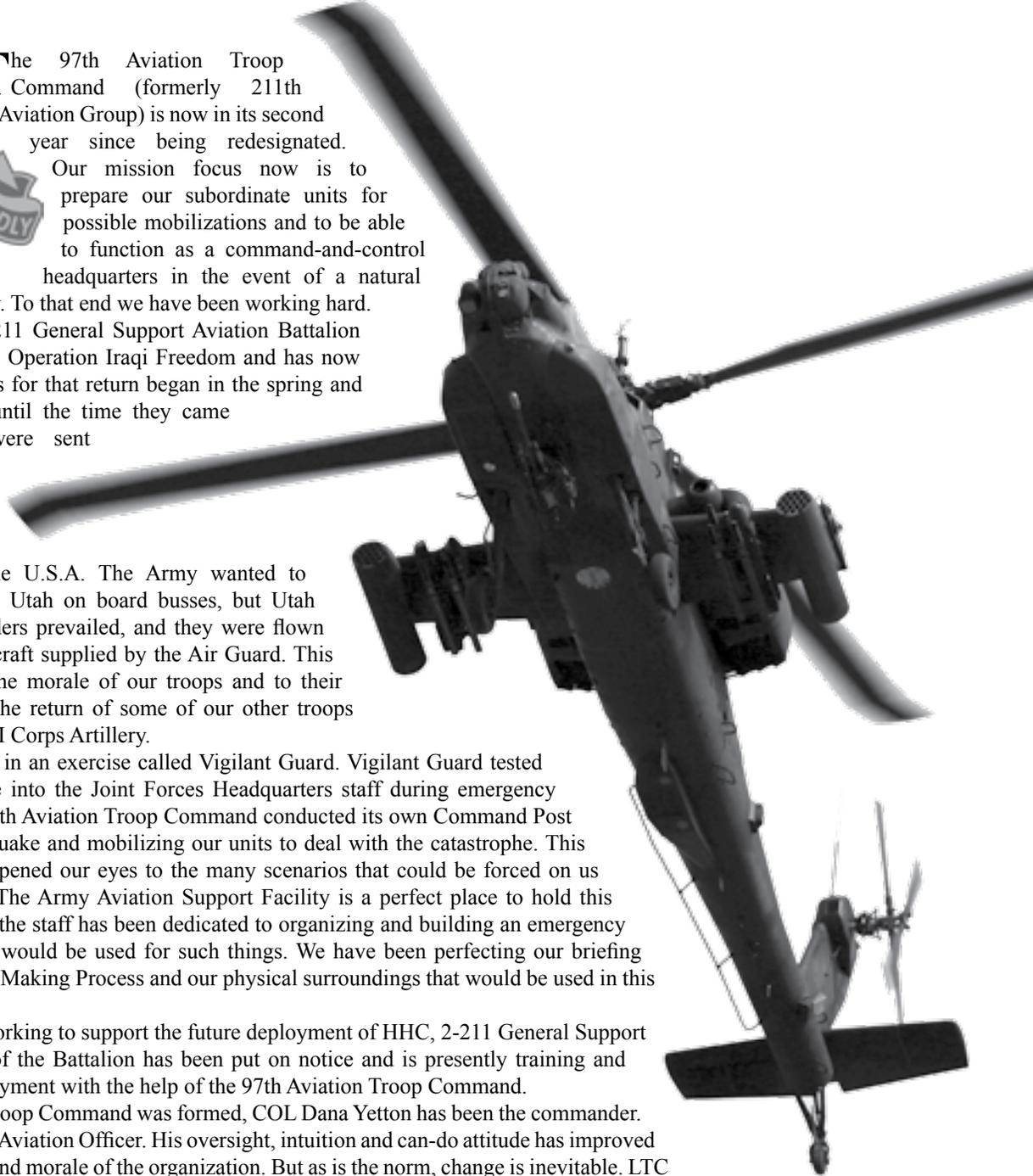
Company came back to the U.S.A. The Army wanted to transport them to Utah on board busses, but Utah

Guard senior leaders prevailed, and they were flown home on board a KC-135 aircraft supplied by the Air Guard. This was a tremendous boost to the morale of our troops and to their families. We also supported the return of some of our other troops deployed to Afghanistan with I Corps Artillery.

Last fall our staff trained in an exercise called Vigilant Guard. Vigilant Guard tested our staff's ability to integrate into the Joint Forces Headquarters staff during emergency operations. In February the 97th Aviation Troop Command conducted its own Command Post Exercise simulating an earthquake and mobilizing our units to deal with the catastrophe. This proved very interesting and opened our eyes to the many scenarios that could be forced on us during an actual emergency. The Army Aviation Support Facility is a perfect place to hold this type of event. Since that time the staff has been dedicated to organizing and building an emergency operations center (EOC) that would be used for such things. We have been perfecting our briefing techniques, Military Decision-Making Process and our physical surroundings that would be used in this EOC.

Our staff has also been working to support the future deployment of HHC, 2-211 General Support Aviation Battalion. The rest of the Battalion has been put on notice and is presently training and preparing for that future deployment with the help of the 97th Aviation Troop Command.

Since the 97th Aviation Troop Command was formed, COL Dana Yetton has been the commander. He also has served as the State Aviation Officer. His oversight, intuition and can-do attitude has improved the overall training readiness and morale of the organization. But as is the norm, change is inevitable. LTC Rodney Robinson is now the new State Aviation Officer and 97th Aviation Troop Command commander. COL Yetton will be missed greatly, and we wish him well in his retirement.



Apache helicopter flies over Camp Williams during Governor's Day 2007.

Detachment 50, Operational Support Airlift C12T1 (Fixed Wing)



During Fiscal Year 2007, Detachment 50 (Operational Support Airlift) continued to support missions throughout the continental U.S. directed by Joint Operational Support Airlift Center (JOSAC). During FY 07 our C-12U flew 607 hours, exceeding the flying-hour program. Detachment personnel completed 94 operational missions and 37 training missions carrying 533 passengers and 2990 lbs. of cargo. Detachment 50 welcomed one new C-12 Aviator this FY. He completed the Army's Fixed Wing Qualification Course in September. We also had one former Aviator return to fly the aircraft from flying AH-64's. Detachment 50 performed a deployment to South America to support Operation Palmetto Ghost Oct. 30 to Dec. 2, 2006. During this operation Detachment 50 provided on-demand, secure transportation for DoD personnel assigned to the SOUTHCOM theater of operations. Upon returning from this operation, Detachment 50 continued to provide cost-effective transportation to DoD Personnel and training for unit aircrews in support of their global mission.

1st Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment



Federal Mission Statement:

On order, 1st Attack/Reconnaissance Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment mobilizes and deploys to theater to conduct attack operations, reconnaissance operations and security operations in support of the Division's efforts.

State Mission Statement:

On order and as directed by the adjutant general and the governor of the State of Utah, the 1st Attack/Reconnaissance Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment provides trained and disciplined forces for domestic emergencies in order to protect and safeguard the lives and property of the residents of Utah.

Members of 1-211th ARB, B Company and elements of D Company, E Company and HHC conducted attack and reconnaissance missions with Air Force, Navy, Marine and Coalition forces at Nellis Air Force Base as part of operation Red Flag in January 2007. We spent two weeks planning, executing and reviewing missions in the Nevada desert as part of a very fast-paced and intense training exercise. We conducted live-fire exercises with Joint

Tactical Air Controllers as part of several missions. We also made some contacts there and were invited to participate in Operation Iron Dagger with British Joint Tactical Air Controllers and U.S. Air Force B-1 bombers during a week-long exercise at the Utah Test and Training Range in March 2007.

1-211th ARB conducted aerial gunnery and individual weapons qualifications during Annual Training in July 2007. We qualified seven aircrews in Table VII and Table VIII gunnery and shot 72 Hellfire missiles, 8,000 rounds of 30mm ammo and 2,100 rockets.

1-211th ARB not only conducted flight missions during drill weekends but also conducted flight-training missions during the week. We routinely conducted static displays throughout the State during the week and on weekends as part of the recruiting and community-relations effort. We flew more than 3,000 hours in Fiscal Year 2007.



ABOVE: Apache helicopters from 1-211th Attack/Recon Battalion participate in aerial gunnery at Lakeside Range west of the Great Salt Lake. **BELOW:** Soldiers from 1-211th Attack/Recon Battalion at the end of the Red Flag exercise at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada.



2nd Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment



In only its second year as a unit, 2nd Battalion, 211th Aviation General Support Aviation Battalion (GASB), has made significant strides. Two years ago the Battalion formed from the core of a Blackhawk Aviation company. Eighteen months ago, that core flight company deployed, taking all the aircraft and almost all the experienced aviators in the Battalion. For those who remained, it is hard to believe the progress that has been made. From extremely low manning where it seemed like more Soldiers were attending Initial Entry Training than participating in drills to an almost fully staffed Battalion actively preparing for a near-term deployment, the Battalion has come a long way.

Significant training events include D Company, the aviation intermediate element, participating in a three-week Annual Training event at Corpus Christi Depot. Soldiers were able to participate in extensive hands-on MOS training not normally available during drill weekends, which significantly enhanced Soldiers' capabilities and confidence. The remainder of the Battalion participated in an Annual Training event which included a significant movement to Wendover, Utah, where operations and training were conducted in an isolated and austere environment. Additionally, the Battalion participated in a disaster exercise which resulted in significant improvements in unit disaster planning, as well as a beneficial opportunity for the staff to collaborate and practice using the Military Decision Making Process. Additional MDMP training was provided to the staff on a separate occasion, improving staff capabilities.

Several notable Aviator retirements, including CW4 Patrick Harrison and CW5 Grant Pearsoll, both with over 30 years in Army Aviation, were also conducted. Both

SPC Justin Petersen and SPC Jacqueline Fowles unpack an engine to mount subassemblies before it is installed on an aircraft.



SGT Russell Allred works on a UH-60 "five pack," the transmission and rotor assembly.

received water-cannon salutes following their last flights ending at Airport # 2. The bulk of the pilots remaining in the Battalion are junior officers as well as junior pilots. They have been actively working on their readiness-level progression despite a shortage of aircraft, instructor pilots, and crew chiefs. The efforts of the available instructor pilots and crew chiefs are commendable.

On August 23, 2007, Alpha Company returned from overseas deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom on a KC-135 and were warmly greeted by family and fellow Service members at the Salt Lake Air Base. The remainder of the Battalion is actively conducting validation training as part of new Reserve Component mobilization model, intended to minimize training at mobilization sites, and anticipates deployment in early 2008.



19th Special Forces Group (Airborne)



The year 2007 turned out to be challenging and rewarding as the 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) was again called upon to provide trained and ready forces in support of two diverse Geographic Combatant Commanders in their prosecution of the Global

War on Terrorism, while continuing to execute demanding and important training to prepare all of their Soldiers for the same.

The training year began with the completion of a very successful premobilization training cycle, which culminated in an equally successful Joint Readiness Training Center rotation, as they prepared for their deployment to the Philippine Islands of Jolo and Davao in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. This element established a Forward Operating Base and employed an Operational Detachment Bravo

and seven Operational Detachment Alpha (ODA), which would spend the next seven months working by, with and through the Armed Forces of the Philippines as they conducted combat operations against various Islamic fundamentalist and separatist movements which threaten that country.

Soldiers of 1st Battalion were lauded for their outstanding contribution to multiple successful operations and the detention or elimination of four high-value targets, and the subsequent enhancement of the security and sovereignty of the Republic of the Philippines.

Later in the year, Headquarters, 19th SFG(A), deployed a 19-man command-and-control element to Central Command to provide the framework for the establishment of the Counterterrorism Command-Iraq. This command-and-control element continues to execute this critical mission and is anticipated to return home in early 2008. Additionally, the 19th provided a number of individual augmentees to I Corps Artillery in support of their Afghan National Army training mission.

The sobering realities of the inherent dangers associated with uniformed military service reverberated profoundly throughout the ranks of this command with the arrival of the tragic news that one of our own, 2nd Lt. Scott Lundell, had been killed during a combat operation in Afghanistan. Our heartfelt sorrow and condolences continue to go out to the family and friends of this noble and selfless officer.

Despite the operational commitment of many key personnel, the remaining elements of the command continued to execute crucially important individual and company-level training. The 19th Group's Support Company executed two very challenging and successful training events this year. The first was an iteration of the Special Forces Basic Combat Course for Support (SFBCS-S), which provided critical crew-served and individual weapons, convoy and urban-combat training for the men and women of that company, as well as a highly successful Static Line Jumpmaster Course.





The 1-19th SFG(A)'s Battalion Support Company and Readiness Enhancement Company deployed by fixed-wing aircraft and jumped into Fort Henry Harrison, Mont. While there, they also conducted a highly successful iteration of SFBCC-S in conjunction with a challenging Small-Unit Tactics course.

Additionally, C/1/19th SFGA deployed an ODA to Korea to participate in Exercise Foal Eagle in March, and conducted a military freefall and scuba sustainment and a Special Forces Advanced Urban Combat course. This command looks forward to the coming training year as we continue to train our Soldiers, leaders and staff to meet the demands of organizational growth and to always stand ready to serve the needs of citizens of Utah and the Nation. De Oppresso Liber.



OPPOSITE and CURRENT PAGES: Members of 19th SF show their versatility in the air and on the ground in sustaining a broad spectrum of military operations.



97th Troop Command



The 97th Troop Command, a command-and-control headquarters, provides both Battalion and Brigade-level support to the State Medical Command, 85th Civil Support Team, 128th Public Affairs Detachment, 115th Maintenance Company, 144th Medical Company (Area Support), 23rd Army Band and 120th Quartermaster (Water Purification). Under the command of COL Linda P. Higgins, and CSM Raelynn Oman, 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 (SRP) program, Troop Command returned three of its units from the Middle East in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Units activated for service were the 144th Medical Company, 120th Quartermaster, 115th Maintenance Company. Representatives from Troop Command

visited the 144th Medical Company and the 120th Quartermaster at Fort Bliss, Texas, and observed their training. While there, COL Higgins, LTC Ottesen and CSM Oman participated with the units in exercises as OPFOR (opposing forces). Individual members of Troop Command have also served active-duty time in Iraq, Afghanistan, Ecuador and Morocco.

Troop Command had a change-of-command ceremony during this year. Detachment commander, CPT DeAnne Trauba, assumed command from CPT Camille Sanford in October 2006. 1SG Randall Smith assumed responsibility of the Detachment from 1SG Pete Stalliviere.

Preparing units for mobilization, assignments and new endeavors is a time-consuming process; however, the professionalism and experience of the Soldiers in Troop Command make events run smoothly. The average Troop Command Soldier has over 15 years of service. Retiring members of the 97th Troop Command included LTC John Cockrell, SGM Duane Dudley and 1SG Pete Stalliviere. Troop Command is going to 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.

23rd Army Band



The federal mission of Army Bands is to provide music throughout the full spectrum of military operations and instill in our Soldiers the will to fight and win, foster the support of our citizens and promote our national interests at home and abroad.

Utah's 23rd Army Band has expanded

their capabilities to respond to requests to support local military installation activities and the adjutant general's ongoing community relations program throughout the State of Utah.

The main performing component of the band is the professional-level full concert band. The concert band trains to perform at community concerts and provide music to inspire, educate and entertain. In addition to the traditional concert band the Army Bands around the world are fielding smaller Musical Support Teams to provide music for ceremonies, formal concerts, popular music and chamber music to meet the needs of the function and venue.

Musical Support Teams are training to independently provide all of the necessary musical protocol functions to support military events and perform at ceremonies.

During the 2007 training year the traditional concert band provided support for events such as the annual Veterans' Day Concert, the Dixie Rotary Concert and community concerts in Springville, Draper, Murray Salt Lake City and to the communities of Heber City, Roosevelt and Vernal during a summer concert tour.

The ceremonial and parade functions are filled through the Marching Band. By varying the instrumentation from the concert band for outdoor performances, the marching band is a familiar sight representing the Utah National Guard in parades, ceremonies and troop arrivals.

The Jazz Band and Rock Band share in performance at the military ball and community events where popular music and jazz



The 23rd Army Band Brass Quintet



The 23rd Army Band Jazz Combo



The Combined 23rd and 25th Army Bands perform at the Salt Lake Tabernacle.

standards are the appropriate entertainment. Performances included county fairs, civic concerts and the annual Military Intelligence military ball.

Other Musical Support Teams include brass and woodwind quintets an early music group and percussion and Jazz ensembles. On occasion during the year the Band joined with other performing organizations. A highlight this year was a joint patriotic concert with the 25th Army Band from the Idaho National Guard, on June

30 in the Salt Lake Tabernacle. The combined concert matched the 100 Soldiers of two Army Bands with the 10,000 pipes of the Tabernacle organ to provide a memorable and stirring evening for all who were in attendance.

The Soldiers in the band continue to maintain military standards in common task, fitness and marksmanship training. Through completion of professional-development courses during the year, unit members also increased their skills as musicians, and leaders.

144th Area Support Medical Company



This year has been one of new beginnings for the 144th Area Support Medical Company. New Soldiers, a new commander, and a new building all contributed to the ongoing, successful development of the prospering unit. The 144th returned from their deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2006. Families and friends of the 144th waited at the Salt Lake Air Base to have their own special Veterans Day celebration as they welcomed their loved ones home. Although the weather was dark and bleak, nothing could inhibit the excitement of the returning unit. Tiffany Stefl was extremely proud of her husband CPT David Stefl and his mission in Iraq.



“I’ve seen what it is like to be in a third-world country without a government,” Stefl said. “I’m very proud to have him go and help better their standards of living. It’s a good sacrifice, but it really isn’t a sacrifice to have him help other people better their lives.” For SGT Donald Ferguson, this had been his second tour to Iraq. Coming home to his family the second time, however, was still just as special. “It was great. There really is no way to describe that feeling,” Ferguson said. “To wake up at home is the best feeling in the world.”

144th ASMC Readiness Center





LEFT TO RIGHT: 144th ASMC Change of Command (From left to right) CPT David P. Stefl, COL Linda P. Higgins, CPT Robert A. Dent; SPC Aron Konery serves as the guidon bearer. 144th ASMC Soldiers stand at attention as the change of command is executed. LEFT: Families of the 144th ASMC welcome home their Soldiers.

After a three-month recovery period, the 144th began their new year by participating in the Army National Guard's Freedom Salute Campaign. Friends and families watched as each member of the 144th that deployed to Iraq was recognized for their service and commitment to their country.

In May the 144th said goodbye to their commander, CPT Robert Dent, who led the company through a safe and successful deployment. CPT David Stefl accepted the role as the 144th's new commander. The change of command which occurred while the 144th was conducting field exercises gives rise to the dynamic leadership approach of the new command group as they plan to take the company to new heights.

Training during drill has consisted of reestablishing and training on the 144th's mission; providing Echelon I and II health service support to units within the Area of Operation. Deployed Soldiers assisted rear-detachment Soldiers as experiences and

knowledge were shared with the purpose of standardizing the medical proficiency of the company.

August highlighted the Mess Section, a special section of the 144th. SFC Jason Talcott led the food service and preventive-medicine groups through the Philip A. Connelly Food Service competition. A panel of expert judges evaluated the 144th Mess Section in a field environment as the cooks prepared and served cuisine meals with the mobile kitchen trailer resulting in attaining the title of "Best in the State" during field operations.

With the integration of new Soldiers and introduction of a new commander, it seemed only fitting the 144th should celebrate with the dedication of a new armory. The 144th Medical Company (Area Support) readiness center ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house on Governor's Day marked the beginning of a new phase for the 144th as they will use the new facility to enhance medical training and improve methods for integrating the 144th's slogan: Courage, Commitment, Compassion.

115th Maintenance Company



A lot has happened within the 115th Maintenance Company since its return from deployment in Iraq. Twelve unit members volunteered to return to Iraq with the 116th SECFOR, while two other unit members volunteered to deploy with the 145th Field Artillery.

The unit recently celebrated the one-year anniversary of its return from Iraq. It has been quite an adjustment in many aspects: parting company with our Missouri and Montana Platoons, reuniting the Utah unit once again, reintegrating back into family life, the civilian work environment and the National Guard lifestyle. After returning from Iraq, CPT Budd Vogrinec

relinquished command to CPT Mikel Archibeque.

The 115th Maintenance Company is proud to announce it was awarded the Meritorious Unit Citation for exceptional service while serving under the 485th Corps Support Battalion, 16th Corps Support Group. The unit was instrumental in cutting maintenance backlogs in half and helping bring the overall operational readiness of supported units within the area of operation from an average of 60 percent to over 94 percent. Teamwork and commitment to excellence were defined by the willingness and selfless service of all unit members serving under the 485th CSB. Every Soldier and family member contributed to the unit's success and the success of the mission.

Unit members were presented the Meritorious Unit Citation Ribbon in a



recent ceremony, by CPT Budd Vogrinec, who commanded the 115th Maintenance Company during its deployment. CPT Budd Vogrinec and 1SG Wesley Glenn were able to travel to Montana to present the award to the two Platoons from the 3669th Maintenance Company that helped comprise the 220 man 115th and helped us Get "U M M" Done.

CPT Budd Vogrinec presents the Meritorious Unit Citation to SSG John Williams, Montana National Guard. (Left to Right) FACING FORWARD: SFC Perry Schultz, SSG John (Stubby) Williams, SGT Steven Fiske all Montana National Guard members. (Left to Right) BACK TO CAMERA: 1SG Wesley Glenn and CPT Budd Vogrinec.

85th Civil Support Team



The 85th Civil Support Team Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) is currently garrisoned in Lehi, Utah. The team is manned with twenty-two full-time personnel made up of both Army and Air National Guard members with 14 specialties. The 85th accumulated over 7,000 hours of individual training during 2007. It goes without saying that Fiscal Year 2007 has been a challenging, yet rewarding year.

With the task of completing Department of Defense certification, the 85th plotted a course to make history. With a new commander, Lt. Col. Kevin Nuccitelli, the 85th worked hard toward and achieved this goal on May 30, 2007.

In October 2006, the 85th completed a one-week collective lanes training in preparation for the upcoming external evaluation. The training was provided by the U.S. Army North Civil Support Readiness Group (ARNORTH) and proved to be very challenging. Later that month, the 85th traveled to Emery County to participate in a Mock terrorist scenario with the Emery County Sheriff's Office, Hunter Power Plant personnel, Castlevue Hospital, Region Six hazardous material technicians, Emery County Fire Department, Emery County Emergency Medical Service, Southeastern Department of Health and the Department of Public Safety Division of Homeland Security at the Hunter Power Plant. November was highlighted by an external evaluation from the Army North team with over 1,500 individual and collective tasks to be completed in a single-day scenario. The 85th successfully completed the external evaluation with a 99.9 percent pass rate.

Not unlike other quarters, the second quarter was full of intense training and exercise opportunities for the 85th. In January the survey and analytical sections completed a two-week fire

RIGHT: As members of the advance team, SSG Richard Brusik dons personal protective equipment in preparation to investigate the chemical spill on a civilian aircraft at the Wendover Airport. BELOW: CPT Richard Shuck conducts a pre-entry briefing to members of the 85th CST at the Army North exercise lanes.



Members of the 85th CST train on a commercial aircraft in Utah's West Desert at Wendover Airport

chemistry course with the Midvale Fire Department. This was a great educational experience and gave the team the opportunity to hone their interagency coordination skills. Also in January, five members of the team traveled to Fairbanks, Alaska, to receive training in cold-weather decontamination procedures. A very likely process that will be used in Utah's cold winter months.

The 85th has a great relationship with other CSTs in the country. This was demonstrated by a call from the 93rd CST (Nevada) to work with them in preparation for their upcoming external evaluation. The 85th deployed to Las Vegas, Nev., and set up an intensive scenario at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. The commander of the 93rd CST stated that it was probably the most realistic scenario they had seen in a training exercise.

The third quarter was punctuated by three significant events. First the Team deployed to Wendover, Utah, to participate in a week-long exercise hosted by the Joint Operational, Training and Testing Division at Dugway Proving Ground. Second, on May 30, 2007 the 85th was recognized by the Secretary of Defense as having completed all requirements to become a federally certified Civil Support Team. Finally, the 85th co-hosted the 2007 Radiation Round-up in conjunction with the Department of Energy Radiological Assistance Program.



The busy pace of the 85th continued through the fourth quarter. In July the team participated in a large-scale exercise hosted by ARNORTH. The exercise involved eight CSTs operating from two main operating areas: Denver, Colo., and Rapid City, S.D. July was also the month the team held an open house in honor of their Federal Certification. The event was attended by Governor Jon Huntsman, the Adjutant General MG Brian Tarbet and other military and local government officials.

The remainder of the quarter was filled with radiation training from the Department of Energy, numerous local exercises and an interagency WMD exercise at Utah State University.

The 85th is excited about their new certification status and commitment to remain ready as Utah's premier Weapons of Mass Destruction response force.



The Utah Army National Guard's Medical Command (MEDCOM) has had a productive year assisting and performing medical operations for the Utah Guard. The unit's primary mission is to prepare and oversee units' medical readiness to ensure they are prepared for deployments within U.S. borders and overseas. During this past year they have supported over 2,000 Utah National Guard Soldiers during mobilizations and demobilizations. Services rendered to these Soldiers to ensure complete medical readiness included medical records reviews, MEDPROS data-entry, physical exams, comprehensive medical screenings, hearing tests, dental exams, immunizations and various blood draws. MEDCOM has processed over 800 physical examinations for mobilization, special schools, enlistment and regular retention physicals. MAJ David Furuta certified over 400 Soldiers as Combat Lifesavers, to ensure Soldiers were prepared for contingency operations.

Various personnel from MEDCOM were afforded the opportunity to participate in two Medical Readiness Training Exercises (MEDRETE) during the past year. MEDRETEs incorporate U.S. Forces with a host-nation military unit to work jointly in providing humanitarian assistance for the local population of a given region. Forty-seven Soldiers from MEDCOM provided medical services in Morocco and Ecuador this past year. Fifteen Soldiers provided medical services to Moroccans during the African Lion Exercise in April 2007. They worked jointly with the 151st Medical Squadron from the Utah Air National Guard to provide 4,200 medical services to 2,516 Moroccans. In August, 32 personnel from MEDCOM visited Ecuador and provided 29,456 medical services to 6,739 patients. MEDRETEs provide Soldiers an opportunity to utilize their medical skills and knowledge in real-world settings. They also create an excellent opportunity for both U.S. and host-nation Soldiers to learn from each other.

MEDCOM as a whole has done a remarkable job within the last year. They welcomed home eight medics who deployed to Iraq in 2005. They have supported multiple mobilizations, demobilizations, and medical support missions for various units within the National Guard, and provided invaluable medical services to Moroccans and Ecuadorians.

MEDCOM has been tasked with some very difficult missions. They will be undergoing some significant changes with both transformation and medical readiness criteria. MEDCOM welcomes the challenge! MEDCOM would like to thank MSG Chuck Rackham for his untiring effort to make the MEDCOM what it is today. "Semper Gumby!"

He will be missed; best wishes to him as the Operations NCO for 97th Troop Command.



TOP DOWN: MAJ Furuta (right), physician assistant, cleans a Moroccan fisherman's finger from an infection that developed from a penetrating fish bone in Tan Tan, Morocco. 2LT Kendall (top), SGT Crane (left), and SSG Mabey taking a break to play Frisbee with the local children in Ecuador. Dr. Coates provides dental services for local nationals in Ecuador.

128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment



Fiscal Year 2007 was very busy for members of the 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment (MPAD) with many members being involved with various activities all over the world. The MPAD also found the year to be filled with changes on the home front as well.

At the beginning of the year SSG Cavett Ishihara, SGT Jody Metzger and SPC Sylvia O'Hara went to Germany to interact with Soldiers being deployed to Iraq. This was to help Soldiers get familiarized with the media during their deployment. Later in the year SSG Faddis and SPC Samantha Xanthos also traveled to Germany to assist with the same mission.

Major Chris Patterson, the commander of the MPAD, traveled to Morocco for Operation African Lion. The Moroccan medical personnel and the National Guard medical personnel worked in conjunction with each other and traveled to the outlying areas of the country to bring medical assistance to the inhabitants of the region.

Many MPAD Soldiers were involved with Freedom Academy at the end of July. During Freedom Academy students from Utah and Colorado learned about the Utah Army and Air National Guard by participating in a variety of workshops and touring different facilities. Soldiers from the MPAD created a video production commemorating the activities. Soldiers also created mementos for the students involved through a photo history.

In the month of August, SGT Kelly Collett found himself in Morocco for the National Guard Youth Exchange program. Children of Utah National Guard members traveled to Morocco and stayed with host families over a two-week period. During this time they learned how their Moroccan counterparts live and much about the culture. SGT Collett was there to document the valuable learning experiences the youth encountered during this program.

Throughout the year the MPAD also saw the departure of some and the influx of many new Soldiers. SFC Gordon Hyde retired in August, and the MPAD was sad to see him go but wish him luck in his future endeavors. Several new members spent quite a bit of time in schools and upon their return spent a lot of time training during drills. The MPAD has been training hard on soldiering skills as well as covering events throughout the State.

In the coming year the MPAD will be slotted to become a full unit of twenty members-double the current amount. Many in the MPAD are excited about this development and the addition of good Soldiers to the unit. There is no doubt that with this development 2008 will be even busier than the previous year. Meanwhile the MPAD will continue to train and grow with the professionalism and enthusiasm with which



Members of the 128th MPAD at work during Governor's Day at Camp Williams, Utah. TOP DOWN: SSG Cavett Ishihara, SGT Brock Jones, Cadet Casey Stahel, and SFC Jonathan Woods. SGT Frame. SGT Kelly Collett and SGT Frame talk with MAJ Chris Patterson, commander of the 128th MPAD. BELOW LEFT TO RIGHT: SSG Cavett Ishihara, PFC Johathan Woods pictured twice, SPC Shauna Henline, SSG Cavett Ishihara.



120th Quartermaster Detachment



After returning from a 16-month deployment to Iraq in 2006 the 120th Quartermaster Detachment enjoyed some well-earned down time getting reacquainted with friends and family. Many Soldiers returned to their civilian occupations and many started pursuing their education with their GI Bill benefits. After a three-month rest the unit began drilling again in Springville.

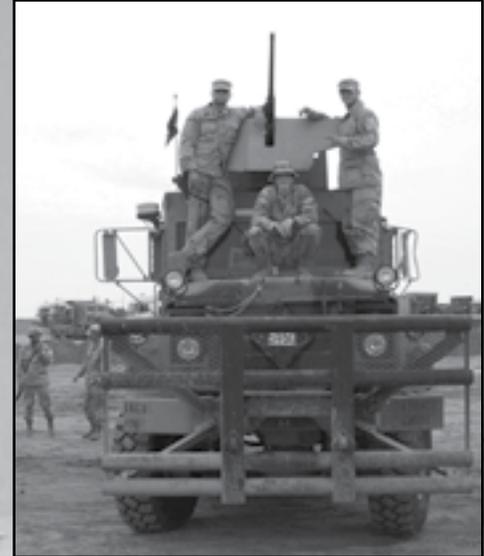
In March, the Soldiers were recognized for their service during a Freedom-Salute ceremony. MG Tarbet thanked the Soldiers and families for their sacrifices and support during the past year. Soldiers received many awards that they earned while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Emily Churchtown was also recognized for her support of the Family Readiness Group.

During the summer of 2006, the unit received word that they were to be deactivated in 2007. The news was difficult to hear for many in the Detachment. The small unit had developed very close ties while deployed together. Soldiers began the task of getting their three Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Units (ROWPU) vehicles ready for turn-in. Soldiers washed and inventoried the equipment before turning it in and

shipping it to California for refitting. As the unit's shipping containers arrived from Iraq the Soldiers began unloading and accounting for all unit equipment at Camp Williams.

Several unit members were finally able to attend military schools that were previously unavailable during deployment. Soldiers also began getting back into a regular drill schedule and conducting training such as PT tests. In September, final inventories were conducted and all remaining equipment was turned in for the last time.

During Governor's Day a deactivation ceremony was held with many of the unit's past members in attendance. The unit marched to the center of the parade field and the 120th Quartermaster gideon was cased for the last time. It was a sad moment for many of the Soldiers to leave the unit behind, but many were excited to take on new challenges elsewhere in the Utah National Guard.



TOP DOWN: Atop a gun truck in Tallil, Iraq (from left to right) SGT Jakob Bradford, PC Jessica Hyde and SPC Tyler DeCapot. Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Units are checked by 120th Soldiers. **BELOW:** SSG David Churchtown, SPC Carl Ballow, SPC David Bingham. (On the ladder from right to left) SPC William Hyde and SPC Tyler DeCapot completed building a maintenance shed at the water site in Scania, Iraq.



115th Engineer Group



The 115th Engineer Group is headquartered in Draper and has over 900 Soldiers located in ten communities throughout the State. The Group is commanded by COL Don Summit, and his sergeant major is CSM Randy Bowden.

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 or Kosovo.

The Engineer Command deployed the 116th Horizontal Company to the Southwest Border for their Annual Training this spring. The unit completed almost two miles of border perimeter road, half a mile of border fence, and installed supports for electrical lighting.

The 489th and 115th Utilities detachments performed Annual Training in Germany, completing construction of a cement-block, three-story building that will be used for training in a simulated

urban environment. They worked alongside units from two other states and outshined the other units with the high quality of work they produced.

The 1457th Engineer Battalion also sent its subordinate companies on rotations to Germany to support units training on the ground at Hohenfels. Our companies assisted units preparing for deployment in Iraq and Afghanistan and completed all missions assigned to them. This included Operations in an Urban Environment training, the Infantry Squad Battle Course, range training, vehicle protective-position construction, survivability missions, Force on Force, and Opposing Force.

The Group welcomed home the 115th Engineer Battalion from a very successful mission in Iraq. The Battalion functioned as the Explosive Hazards Coordination Cell in Baghdad. They tracked placement of improvised explosive devices and conducted training for coalition forces on mine detection.

This year the 115th Group stood up the 116th Security Forces Company (SECFOR), a unit staffed by Soldiers from every command in the Utah Army National Guard. The SECFOR had six months to train for deployment, and is now performing exceptionally well providing armed escort to logistical convoys delivering supplies to coalition forces in Northern Iraq.



ABOVE: 489th and 115th Utilities Detachment Soldiers construct cement-block buildings in Germany for Annual Training.

TOP LEFT: 116th Engineer Soldiers work at the border between Arizona and Mexico.

BOTTOM LEFT: 1457th Engineer Battalion Soldiers train in Hohenfels, Germany.



The 1457th Engineer Combat Battalion's Fiscal Year 2007 started out with Inactive Duty Training (IDT) as usual. Significant training events during IDT periods and other times included the following:

- C Co. River crossing and Military Operations in Urban Environment (MOUT) training with paintball guns at Green River.
- B Co. Air OPS, Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) training and extensive Infantry Squad Battle Course training.
- A Co Conducted SAPPER Stakes.
- Support to Freedom Academy, ran the Modified Record-Fire range.
- Equipment transport missions, or 'Gun Haul,' of artillery pieces.
- Battalion and Company Field Training Exercises
 - Setup of the Trolley Trooper for Governor's Day.
 - Community improvement support operations, such as city cleanup, in various communities
 - Culvert and other horizontal projects throughout the year
- Completed a change of command, where LTC William French will serve as the new Battalion commander. Many thanks and appreciation to LTC Robert Dunton who served an outstanding term as commander of the 1457th ECB.

The 1457th ECB was mobilized in support of the Neola Fire. In early July, LTC Dunton led 100 Soldiers from the 1457th ECB, as well as Soldiers from the other Utah Engineer units. The Soldiers provided additional support in manning 14 checkpoints, which the U.S. Forest Service could not organically maintain on a 24-hour operation, just north of the little town of Neola, Utah.

The command post set up headquarters and operations in Neola on the elementary softball field. School staff, town leadership and more than five different government agencies provided support to our Soldiers.

The mission was to support the local Forest Service rangers and man checkpoints, denying access to the fire danger area. This included restricting residents, ranchers concerned with their cattle, media personnel and curious civilians wanting to take pictures. These checkpoints were manned 24/7. Coordination with all the affiliated government agencies was completed on a daily basis.

The ability for the 1457th to react on a moment's notice was again put to the test with outstanding results. The call for this mission came to the company commander on a Sunday night. The 1457th began calling for volunteers, and within 24 hours, they had mobilized personnel, set up Tactical Operations Center operations, received the mission, conducted appropriate training, briefings and began manning 14 checkpoints. After a week of operation the 1457th conducted and coordinated a reduction of 14 checkpoints to six and a relief in place operation with the 300th Military Intelligence in order to practice sustained operations in a State disaster.

Annual Training 2007 was conducted in Hohenfels, Germany, supporting the 1-4 INF: B Company supported from February 17 to March 10, C Company from Mar. 24 to Apr. 14, and A Company from Aug. 18 to Sept. 8. This training included Operations in an Urban Environment training, Infantry Squad Battle Course, range training, vehicle protective-position construction, survivability missions, MOUT operations, Force on Force, and Opposing Force,



Members of the 1457th Engineer Combat Battalion conduct MOUT operations in a simulated urban environment in Hohenfels, Germany.

to train active-duty units deploying to Iraq and Afghanistan. Each company was able to conduct valuable training in Hohenfels, Germany, and completed all missions and tasks assigned with the same professionalism and quality the 1457th ECB is famous for providing. All Soldiers involved in the training received valuable experience which will benefit them throughout their military career.

The 1457th ran a trail-qualification program to prepare Soldiers for the Sapper Leader Course by providing personnel to the 19th Special Forces. The consolidation of training provides the best possible experience in demolitions, knot-tying, patrolling and operations orders for the Soldiers attempting to complete and receive the coveted Sapper Tab.

On Aug. 4, 2007, the 1457th conducted a change of command ceremony at Camp Williams. LTC Dunton relinquished command to LTC French.

The 1457th is currently transforming, moving our units to be more mobile and self-contained, with the ability to give the United States Army a more mobile force. The majority of this transformation will be completed during the next year.

The 1457th is looking forward to future State and Active-Duty missions.



During the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2007, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment (HHD), 115th Engineer Battalion, demobilized from Camp Victory, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Battalion operated directly under the Multi-National Corps Iraq (MNC-I) C-7 as the Explosive Hazards Coordination Cell. On Dec. 2, 2006, the unit departed Fort Carson, Colo., in order to resume duties as a Battalion Headquarters within the State of Utah.

During the second and third quarters of the FY, the Battalion resumed command and control of the 489th Utilities Team, 115th Utilities Team, 116th Construction Support Equipment (CSE) Company, as well as the 116th Security Force (SECFOR). From January to June, the Battalion coordinated the melding of the 115th and 489th into the new 624th Engineer Company (Vertical Construction), and coordinated the transformation of the 116th CSE Company into the new 116th Engineer Company (Horizontal Construction). During this time the Battalion also mobilized 172 Soldiers from across the State and multiple major commands to prepare the 116th SECFOR for their Operation Iraqi Freedom deployment.

Despite the many changes in personnel that took place following the deployment, the Battalion held a reunion ceremony at the Camp Williams Officers Club on July 15, 2007. Within that ceremony, previous members of the unit were invited to return and receive Freedom-Salute awards. In addition, special volunteers, including Stacey Kenworthy as the unit Family Readiness Group Leader, were recognized for their valued service to the men and women of the Battalion.



Award presented by SGM Gregory (middle) to SGT Mark Simondi and SGT Brett Harrison for outstanding support to the C7 Multinational Corps in Iraq.

During the third and fourth quarters of the FY the Battalion worked extensively on future operations to include Innovative Readiness Training projects at Utah Lake, East Canyon Reservoir, Starvation Reservoir, Springville City and Wendover Air Base. In addition, the Battalion worked on organizing the new Distribution and Signal companies as part of the transformation of the HHD Battalion into a Brigade Support Battalion and the transformation of the 115th Group into a Combat Support Brigade.

The Battalion, under the direction of LTC Milada Copeland, has hit the ground running since redeployment and continues to be a vital part of both the 115th Engineer Group and the Utah National Guard.

HHD, 115th Engineer Battalion Freedom Salute at Camp Williams.



116th Horizontal Construction Company



This has been a year of transition for the 116th from a Construction Support Equipment Company (CSE) to a Horizontal Construction Company (HCC.) The slight name change belies the dramatic change to equipment, personnel and mission. The Company has negotiated these changes with the flexibility, work ethic and enthusiasm they are known for.

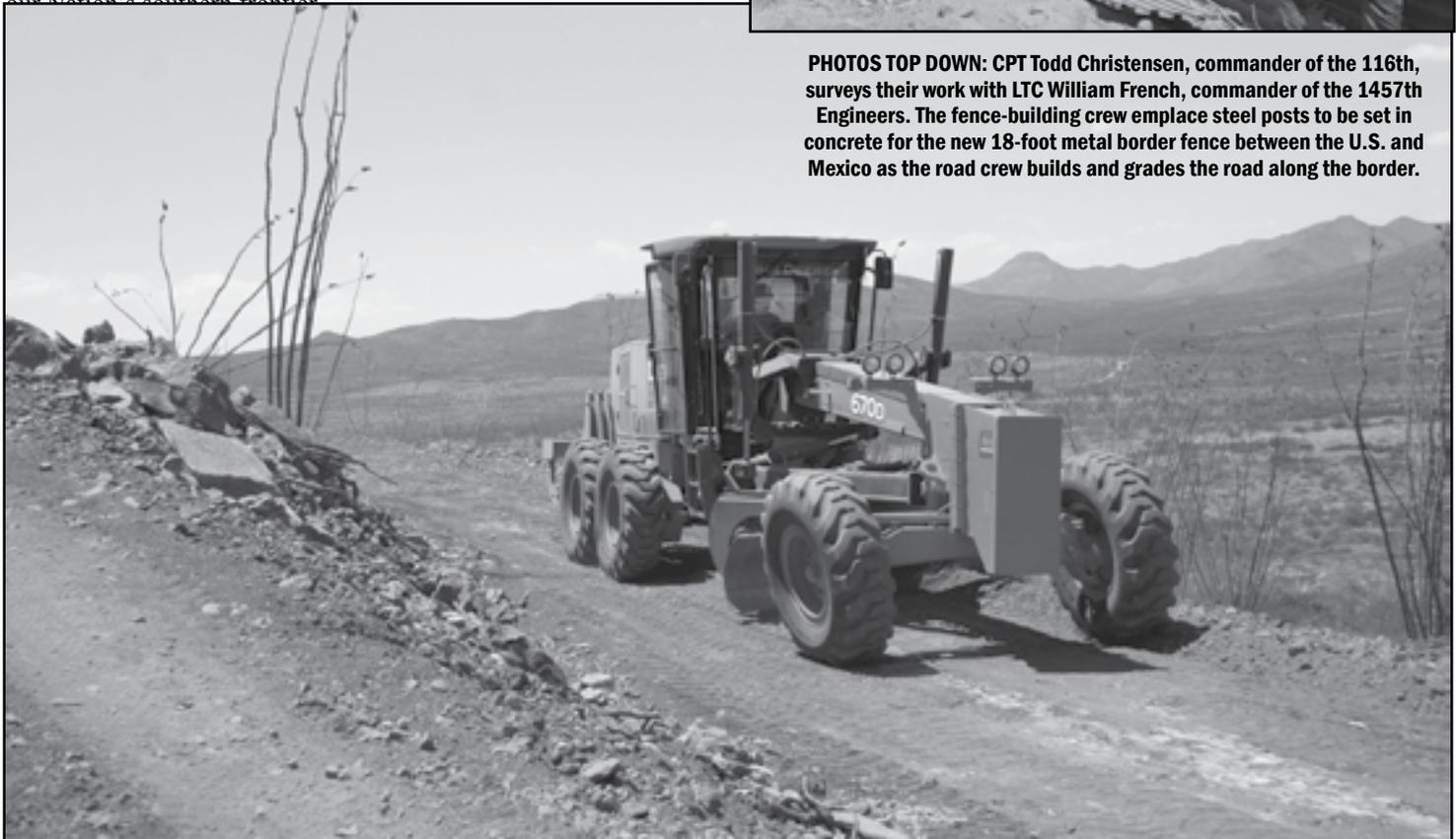
In addition to changes to the unit, the 116th hosted an exchange NCO from Great Britain and sent one of theirs to Britain and Germany. Staff Sgt. Peter Rogers, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineer, serves with the 73rd Engineer Regiment, Territorial (British) Army. Rogers' service record includes 17 years of distinguished service with his regiment, and he currently awaits his selection to sergeant major. Rogers provided the 116th Company with a wealth of knowledge in maintenance and troop-leading procedures gained through his military experience and civilian employment with Nissan, Peugeot, Land Rover and Carter and Carter Group PLC. SGT Tina Frame, who hosted Rogers while he was in Arizona, traveled to the U.K. and Paderborn, Germany, June 28-July 14, 2007, completing her portion of the NCO exchange.

While many of the faces were the same, change was the name of the game for the 116th Company during their three-week Annual Training in the Sonoran Desert between May 4 and May 27, 2007. During FY 06, with the full attention of the world focused on nearly their every move, the Soldiers from the 116th Company built fences and roads and emplaced lights in the blistering heat near Yuma, Ariz. This year, with a new unit name, commander, work location and a big focus on training, the Soldiers of the 116th Company gained valuable experience and learned skills which will benefit them in supporting statewide missions or in an overseas combat role as needed.

The "Freedom Builders" of the 116th constructed patrol roads, built border fence and conducted maintenance operations along the U.S.-Mexico Border. They received citations from the Douglas and Naco, Ariz., Border Patrol Stations for their significant contributions to Operation Jump Start. This initiative, called for by President George W. Bush last year, will continue through June 2008 and has seen thousands of Guard members from all over the Nation provide support to Customs and Border Protection agents in securing our Nation's southern frontier.



PHOTOS TOP DOWN: CPT Todd Christensen, commander of the 116th, surveys their work with LTC William French, commander of the 1457th Engineers. The fence-building crew emplace steel posts to be set in concrete for the new 18-foot metal border fence between the U.S. and Mexico as the road crew builds and grades the road along the border.



489th Utilities Team

The past fiscal year of 2007 has been a very exciting and interesting year for the 489th Engineer Team. With transformation on the horizon and the 489th Utilities Team (TM) flag being folded, the unit decided to make it a year to remember.

The first quarter started off with convoy operation training, annual briefings, Class A inspections and the annual Christmas party. Heading into the second quarter, the annual Soldier Readiness Program (SRP) event prepared the unit for future contingencies with medical and administrative preparation. The quarter finished with a “bang” with weapons qualification at Camp Williams and preparation for the upcoming Annual Training with a recon to Hohenfels, Germany.

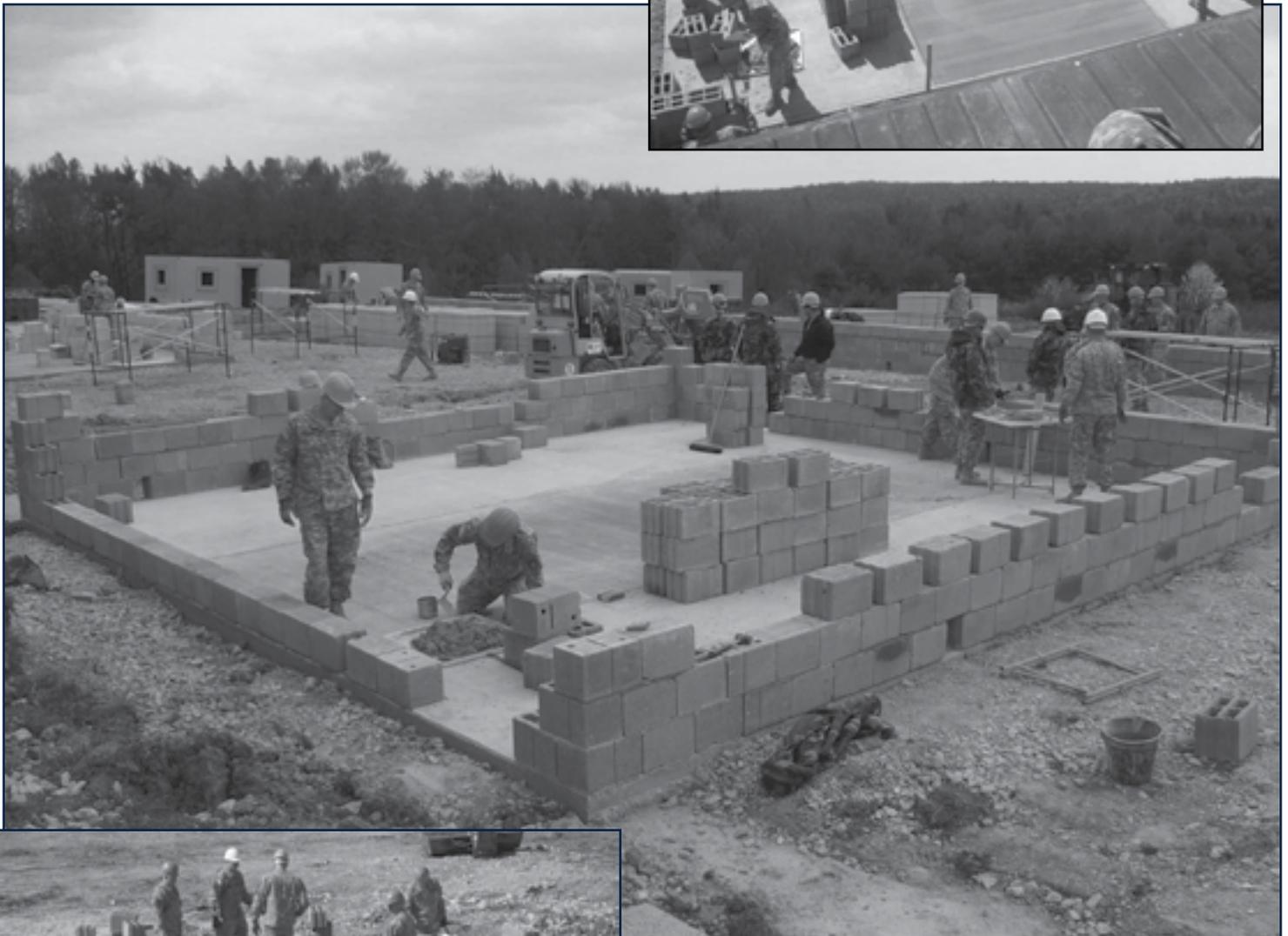
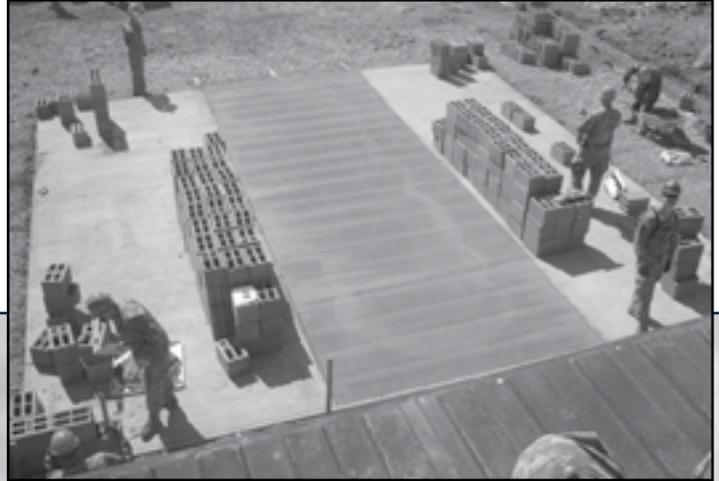
The third quarter brought Annual Training in Germany and the opportunity to work with the 115th Engineer Team. The combined teams set a new standard in construction in Germany by building an infantry training center (MOUT Site) for deploying troops and brought the combined talents of both units to bear. We lost a great commander in CPT Wolff, who moved on to a new position in the Battalion, and we gained an enthusiastic new commander with the arrival of CPT Neville coming to us from the 1457th Engineer Combat Battalion.

The fourth quarter brought new construction operations giving

the unit the opportunity to maintain their MOS skills with projects such as two 20' x 60' park pavilions in Springville, remodeling Bldg. 6080 at Camp Williams, building a compressor shed at Range Control for the EST weapons trainer, as well as planking for the new wilderness view area at Utah lake.

This quarter also saw the completion of the unit consolidation of the 489th and 115th Teams in the same armory. The new unit, the 624th Engineer Company (Vertical Construction), held a change-of-command ceremony during this quarter to celebrate the new unit designation. The Soldiers of the 489th enjoyed the last year of training and, with the addition of new teammates, look forward to setting new standards and reaching new heights in the future.

Members of the 489th construct cement block buildings in Hohenfels, Germany, in the spring of 2007.





The mission of the 300th Military Intelligence Brigade (Linguist) is to provide linguist, human intelligence (HUMINT), and signals intelligence (SIGINT) support to the Army for multiple contingencies.

During 2007, the Brigade completed its 19th anniversary as a recognized Military Intelligence command within the National Guard force structure. The 300th is the only linguist-designated Military Intelligence organization in the Department of Defense. Soldiers of the 300th maintain proficiency in more than 36 different foreign languages, and a very high percentage of these Soldiers maintain proficiency in more than one foreign language. The 300th has been continuously engaged in the Global War on Terrorism since September 2001. During FY 2007, the 300th continued to have Soldiers involved in multiple deployments

to provide critical language support and to utilize their individual MI skills to support real-world intelligence operations. The 300th has become known throughout the United States Military and the Department of Defense as a go-to unit. The missions assigned to Soldiers of the 300th have been filled and served with much-higher-than-standard results.

Current missions of the 300th include the Army Contracting Office Representative (ACOR), Joint Detention and Interrogation Centers (JDIC), HUMINT Collection Teams (HCTs), the Reach Language Support Program (RLSP), SIGINT support worldwide, and numerous other augmentations for intelligence support. The ACOR mission has been continuous since its inception in 2003. The ACOR contingency is responsible for the coordination of all linguist contractors in the current areas of military operation. They oversee over 6,000 linguists.

The JDIC mission is the administration of an interrogation facility where thousands of enemy prisoners of war are held and interrogated. The 300th provided the Headquarters Battalion for the current JDIC in Iraq during FY07. This is a highly sensitive mission, politically, which must be handled correctly in every situation.

The Brigade teams have provided support for intelligence collection during all parts of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. These individual teams provide all areas of collection gathering and reporting.

For the past several years RLSP has been a mission. Thousands of real-world documents are being translated by our nonmobilized linguists during monthly drills and extra duty. The Brigade SIGINT assets continue to support several national intelligence agencies and military organizations throughout the world. One of our Prophet Platoons returned this year from a lengthy 21-month deployment to Iraq.

Most Soldiers from the 300th have been through at least one deployment or are scheduled for an upcoming mobilization. The Battalions under the 300th continue to provide valuable training on basic soldiering skills and intelligence operations. The caliber of the Soldiers in the 300th is very high. This year's Utah Soldier of the Year, Noncommissioned Officer of the Year and First Sergeant of the Year are all products of the 300th. The 300th is commanded by LTC(P) Val Peterson with CSM James Sproul as the senior noncommissioned officer in the Brigade.



Members of the 300th MI Brigade participate in training.

HUMINT Collection Team member, Daryl Hall, meets with government official in Afghanistan.



141st Military Intelligence Battalion (Linguist)



The 141st Military Intelligence Battalion (Linguist) enjoyed yet another busy and productive year. In September 2006, 34 members from the Battalion, including the Battalion commander, LTC Greg Hadfield, CSM Steve Vogl, and the entire primary staff were mobilized to Iraq to run the Theater Joint Interrogation and Debriefing Center in Baghdad. They have been extremely busy and have been visited by VIPs from General David Petraeus and FBI Director Robert Mueller to Senators John McCain and Lindsey Graham.



Under the leadership of MAJ Mark Hult, who is serving as the rear Battalion Commander, and 1SG Eric Anderson, who is serving as the Battalion CSM, the Battalion's

primary training focus for this year was company-level Field Training Exercises (FTX) which were conducted at various locations around the State. These capstone exercises focused on Human Collection Team (HCT) operations which provided Soldiers an arena to hone real-world skills acquired during recent deployments while aiding to train new Soldiers.

The Battalion sent over 200 Soldiers on overseas Annual Training, other AT events and real-world missions in support

of the Global War on Terrorism to various states and countries around the world. In addition, the Battalion sent 30 Soldiers on Language Enrichment Activities Programs (LEAPs) to China, Korea, Japan, Thailand, Russia, Germany, France and Portugal.

The 141st saw 1SG Victor Gonzales from A Company selected as the 1SG of the Year for the Utah National Guard and SPC Colby Wallis from D Company selected as Soldier of the Year for the Utah National Guard. Congratulations to both of them.



RIGHT: SSG Chris Green after being commissioned as an honorary Lieutenant Colonel in the Royal Thai Police Special Branch Police. BELOW: JIDC Staff and Soldiers from the 141st MI Battalion.





The year 2007 began with LTC Derek Tolman taking command of the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion (Linguist). It has been a fast-paced year with training exercises in Africa, France, Germany, Japan, Korea and throughout the United States.

In June, the 142nd hosted Panther Strike 2007, the Brigades' annual, multiunit Military Intelligence training exercise conducted at Army Garrison Camp Williams and Dugway Proving Ground. Participants from the 141st Military Intelligence Battalion (Utah), 260th Military Intelligence Battalion (Florida), 415th Military Intelligence Battalion (Louisiana), HHC, 300th Military Intelligence Brigade and the 341st Military Intelligence Battalion (Washington and Illinois) joined the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion for this realistic, train-as-you-fight Military Intelligence exercise.

This was Utah's first opportunity to host the annual Panther Strike training exercise.

Panther Strike 2007 provided an authentic scenario-based environment for leaders to train, evaluate their Soldiers and provide feedback in preparation for upcoming deployments.

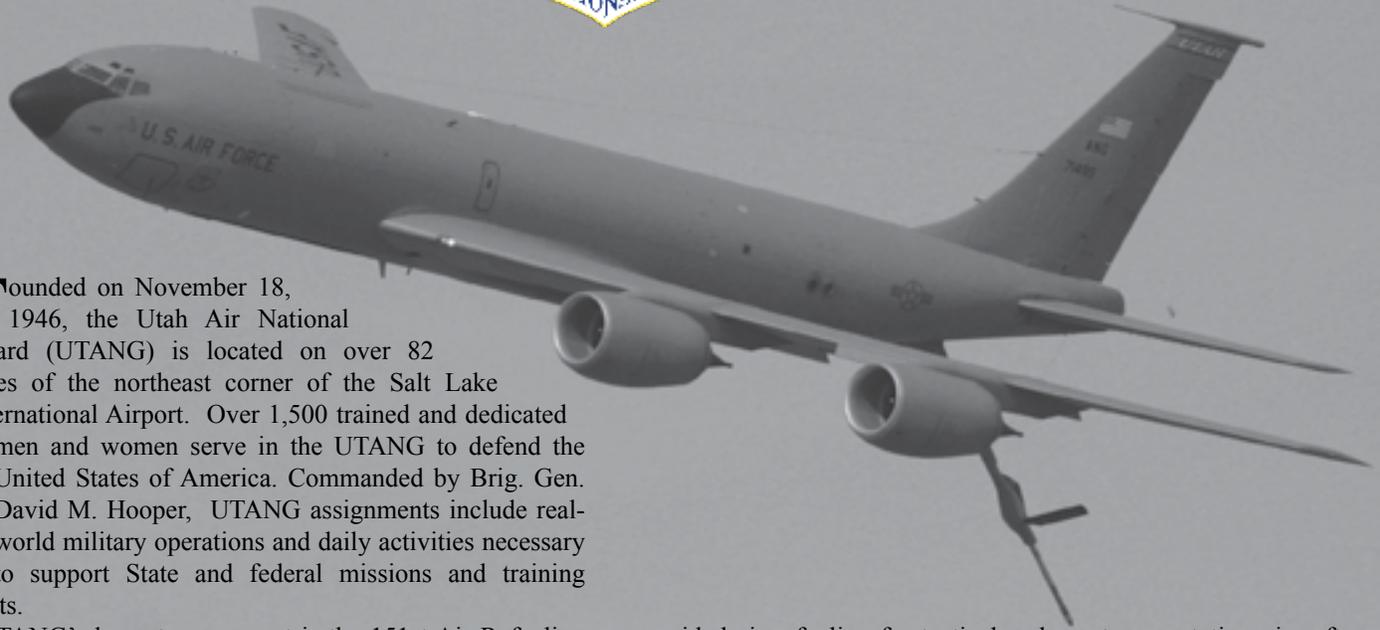
Soldiers returned from deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan over the past year. One such team was the Prophet Platoon from Company C that spent a lengthy 21-month deployment to Iraq. The Prophet Platoon provided base defense support in Balad, Iraq.

In addition to LTC Tolman taking command, CPT Scoubes took command of HHC; MAJ Montoya took command of A Company; MAJ Green took command of C Company; and MAJ Wood took command of D Company.

Soldiers from the 142nd are currently preparing to mobilize for a deployment to Afghanistan in 2008. The 142nd will provide multisource intelligence collection, processing and analysis support throughout the Afghanistan Theater of Operations.

Soldiers of the 142nd MI Battalion participate in Panther Strike 2007.





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. Over 1,500 trained and dedicated men and women serve in the UTANG to defend the United States of America. Commanded by Brig. Gen. David M. Hooper, UTANG assignments include real-world military operations and daily activities 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. Kelvin G. Findlay. Unit commanders, along with their 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. These units include the 130th Engineering Installation Squadron, commanded by Lt. Col. Jack M. Wall; the 169th Intelligence Squadron, commanded by Lt. Col. William G. Siddoway; the 109th Air Control Squadron, commanded by Lt. Col. M. Scott Lyon; the 299th Range Control Squadron (located at Hill Air Force Base, Utah), commanded by Lt. Col. John R. Teter; and the 101st Information Warfare Flight, commanded by Lt. Col. Lance J. Whipple.

The UTANG began as a fighter /bomber unit. Its mission has changed three times since 1946, and the type of aircraft flown by the Wing has changed seven times. The current aircraft are KC-135R 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.

During the Middle East crisis in August 1990, Utah was one of the first to volunteer in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm. UTANG's support of this operation continued well into 1991. More recently, members have supported national drug interdiction activities and have

provided air refueling for tactical and transportation aircraft supporting military activities involving Bosnia, Southwest Asia and Kosovo. Additionally, members of the UTANG supported the Salt Lake 2002 Winter Olympics in various capacities.

The UTANG continued distinctive federal service during 2007 with missions around the globe in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. The UTANG also supported numerous NATO operations, Operation Jump Start for border security and Air Expeditionary Forces missions. Critical personnel resources, needed to accomplish these and other UTANG missions, were supported through recruiting, retention, workforce diversity and family-readiness programs directed by headquarters leaders.

Local communities also saw continuing benefits from the UTANG. Activities included Sub-for-Santa, blood drives, Invest in Futures, the 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.



TOP: A Utah Air National Guard KC-135R performing a low-level flyover at Governor's Day. ABOVE: Airmen march in formation at Camp Williams during Governor's Day.

151st Air Refueling Wing



Fiscal Year 2007 was filled with commendation, challenge and change for the 151st Air Refueling Wing. In November 2006 the 151st Security Forces Squadron was honored for their service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom earlier in the year.

At the ceremony, Airmen received awards that few in the Air Force ever receive. Senior Master Sgt. Eric Redd was awarded the Bronze Star, and six others received the Army Achievement Medal. All of the Airmen also received the 101st Airborne "Screaming Eagle" combat patch for serving in a designated hostile area.

In a separate ceremony, Maj. Jonathan Boyd of the 151st ARW Judge Advocate General's office and SMSgt. William Westfall, 151st Civil Engineering Squadron, also received the Bronze Star for bravery and their hard work while serving overseas.

"Our [Airmen] went into Iraq and set a standard that was far beyond what was asked of them," said Col. Denise Schofield, commander of the 151st ARW. "This is why they deserve to be honored. It's always great as a commander to see our Airmen excel and go beyond what is asked of them."

In December and January, the 151st ARW deployed to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit provided aerial refueling support to aircraft deploying to and from their area of responsibility (AOR).

"We provided critical air-refueling support to deploying and redeploying aircraft from the AOR who were delivering vital support to the troops," said Lt. Col. Mike Cragun, 90th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron commander.

"The mission was truly a team concept," added Cragun. "Aircrews could not perform their mission without the maintainers and support personnel who made the mission possible."

In January, the Utah Air National Guard State Headquarters Director of Operations assumed his new post as Assistant Adjutant General—Air in a change-of-command ceremony. In the same ceremony, new commander David M. Hooper was promoted to brigadier general as the outgoing commander, Brig. Gen. Brent E. Winget, retired after 32 years of distinguished service.

Also in early 2007, Col. Kelvin Findlay took over for the retiring Col. Denise Schofield as commander of the 151st ARW, and Col. Scot W. Johnson, commander of the 151st Mission Support Group, relinquished command to Lt. Col. Kenneth Gammon, most recently the commander of the 109th Air Control Squadron.

Other key happenings involving the 151st ARW this year included the following:

- Refueling the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds en route from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., to Miami, where they were to perform for the Super Bowl.
- Sending medical specialists to Morocco to provide humanitarian service in remote areas of Morocco as part of joint exercise African Lion.
- Capt. Todd Lobato was honored by the Federal Aviation Administration as the FAA Safety Team Representative of the Year. Lobato received the award for his role as the top aviation safety counselor in the Utah region.
- Members of the 151st ARW Explosives Ordnance Disposal team carried out an in-place disposal of a World War II-vintage unexploded artillery round which was discovered in the area of Camp Williams' northern boundary above Rose Canyon.
- Airmen from the 151st ARW assisted with the transport of specialized search equipment from Kansas which was bound for the Crandall Canyon Mine in Carbon County, where six miners had been trapped in a cave-in.

TOP DOWN: A KC-135R flies over Governor's Day 2007 at Camp Williams. Members of the 151st Air Refuelling Wing march at Governor's Day



151st Operations Group



151st Operations Support Flight 191st Air Refueling Squadron



Fiscal Year 2007 resulted in another successful, high-paced year for the 151st Operations Group (OG). Comprising of a team of over 100 dedicated and professional personnel, and a ramp of eight KC-135R Stratotanker aircraft, the OG met their demands and tasks with unparalleled mission accomplishment.

The OG houses the 191st Air Refueling Squadron (ARS) which comprises pilots, navigators, boom operators and life-support specialists. It also houses the 151st Operations Support Flight (OSF) consisting of a variety of operational mission-support specialists, airfield and flight management, training, scheduling, current operations, combat aircrew communications and intelligence.

Personnel changes reflected the great experiences and opportunities for growth and increased leadership responsibility that comes from within the OG. Lt. Col. Dar Craig assumed command of the OG, with Lt. Col. Neal Wayment appointed as the OSF commander. The ARS commander role was assumed by Lt. Col. Steve Liimitta, with Lt. Col. Nate Nelson taking charge as the ARS Operations Officer. Maj. Brandon Taylor was appointed Chief of Training, with Lt. Col. Lisa Berente transitioning into Chief of Safety and Maj. Boyd Badali became Chief of Current Operations.

The 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 regional conflicts. The exceptional skill, dedication and experience of OG personnel are a critical part of the 151st Air Refueling Wing. Their efforts aggressively extended global reach, power, and humanitarian support to both the State of Utah and the federal government.

The year was represented by a robust operational tempo through many federal and state taskings. In January the OG, in combination with the 151st Maintenance Squadron, deployed to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey. Support for Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom provided numerous aircraft entering and exiting the Area Of Responsibility (AOR) hot zones. Secretary of Defense support and various

media and government officials were also supported in and out of the conflict. Upon redeployment home, over 4.4 million pounds of fuel was off-loaded during the month of December 2006 and a total of 362 flight hours.

Further taskings included Northern Edge, numerous business efforts, NATO support and continued efficiency sorties. These missions sent the unit to Geilenkirchen, Germany; Cairo, Egypt; and Mildenhall, England, among other international locations. Many members were voluntarily assisting the efforts in the desert and combat/tactical operations in the AOR. Closer to home, support ranged from Guard Bureau requests and State government taskings taking the unit from coast to coast. Additionally, through the Nation's War on Terrorism initiatives, the OG maintained a poised position through our alert line in support of Homeland Defense, Operation Noble Eagle and support for the F-22 test program.

In March, the unit completed and became fully operational from the year-and-a-half KC-135R model conversion, giving the OG increased range, capability, and efficiency. This transition was closely followed by extensive training and preparation for our Operational Readiness Inspection slated for January 2008.

As in years past, the history written and future prepared for was and is the result of the fine individuals serving in the OG and OSF organizations. We anticipate and look forward to Fiscal Year 2008 to show our capability and well-rooted professionalism in another successful year.

TOP DOWN: Members of the 151st Operations Group at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey. A Utah Air National Guard KC-135R Stratotanker piloted by Brandon Taylor, arrived at Incirlik Air Base, Incirlik Turkey, December 2006.





Mission Statement: “The 151st Medical Group (MDG) is an Air Mobility Command-gained unit which serves approximately 1,500 Air National Guard members in 17 different units. The MDG 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 MDG supports the readiness missions of the 151st Air Refueling Wing and the Utah Air National Guard.”

The year began with the MDG serving as the lead agent for a large-scale mass casualty exercise that was to involve Air National Guard medical units from Utah, Wyoming, Montana, North and South Dakota, and Colorado (FEMA Region VIII). The exercise was dubbed “Salt Shaker.” Lt. Col. Wendy Cline was hired on a full-time basis as the action officer. Lt. Col. Paul Byrd and Capt. Todd Bingham, traditional Airmen, provided significant support. Excellent progress was made until February when Guard Bureau officially cancelled the project due to insufficient funds.

Clinic personnel filled several medical requirements for two overseas deployments. Flight surgeons Col. Andy Juergens and Lt. Col. James Nelson, along with medics, SMSgt. Rebecca Galo and TSgt. Jennifer Silva, deployed to Incerlik, Turkey. Flight surgeons Lt. Col. James Nelson and Maj. Steven Casos, along with medics SrA Micah Myers and SrA Brenda Moriarty-Dobson deployed to Guam.

Continuing the dedicated support for American forces in combat theaters, four medical personnel deployed to Iraq. Trauma nurse, Capt. Trent Borden, completed two tours. 1st Lt. Robert Cooks, also a trauma nurse, completed one tour. SMSgt. Michael Lagiglia, a laboratory technician, and SSgt. Erica Decker, medical administration technician, also served one tour each.

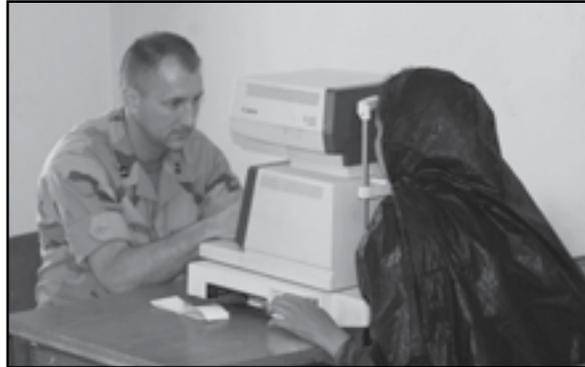
Another landmark event with our sister state, the Kingdom of Morocco, occurred Apr. 14-30, 2007. Three physicians specializing in obstetrics and gynecology, Lt. Cols. Jon Ahlstrom, James Nelson, and Walter Townson presented a detailed pediatric response and neonatal resuscitation seminar to physicians in the city of Tan Tan.

Staying on the cutting edge of training and readiness, unit members were able to

attend superb educational programs. The medics (4nOs) completed intense pre-hospital training on the streets of Las Vegas, Nev., with the Clark County Fire Department EMTs and paramedics. The Bioenvironmental Engineer Section, Public Health Section and Medical Readiness Section all attended the annual Readiness Frontiers Seminar in Phoenix, Ariz.

For the first time in the history of the MDG, a formal “Dining In” was held at the Hill Air Force Base museum. The special guest speaker was Jeffrey R. Chadwick, Ph.D, an expert in Middle East history, archeology and religion. A most delightful and rewarding evening was had by all.

And finally, Lt. Col. (Dr.) Clair Palmer, the unit’s optometrist, retired Dec. 2, 2006.



TOP DOWN: Pierson takes down information from a patient in Tan Tan, Morocco. DeLaRosa examines a Moroccan patient as a Moroccan doctor observes. Lt Col Townson with a Moroccan. Members of the 151st Medical Group in Casablanca, Morocco.



151st Maintenance Group



The 151st Maintenance Group planned on starting off slow this year. The Group had just become fully operational after a conversion from KC-135E model aircraft to KC-135R model aircraft with updated avionics systems just prior to the start of this year. After this conversion, along with passing an Maintenance Standardization and Evaluation Programs inspection in May of the prior year, we planned on one Aerospace Expeditionary Force (AEF) rotation and getting ready for an upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) in January 2008.

We prepared five pallets of equipment to support our first AEF to Incirlik Air Base in Turkey. Along with the equipment, we processed over 60 maintenance personnel from over 13 different aircraft maintenance specialties, loaded both on four of our KC-135R aircraft and flew halfway around the world.

While at the deployed location we set up a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week operation to fly real-world sorties in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

During this deployment the Maintenance Group continued to support the Air Force mission by logging over 361 flying hours while flying 90 sorties during the month of December.

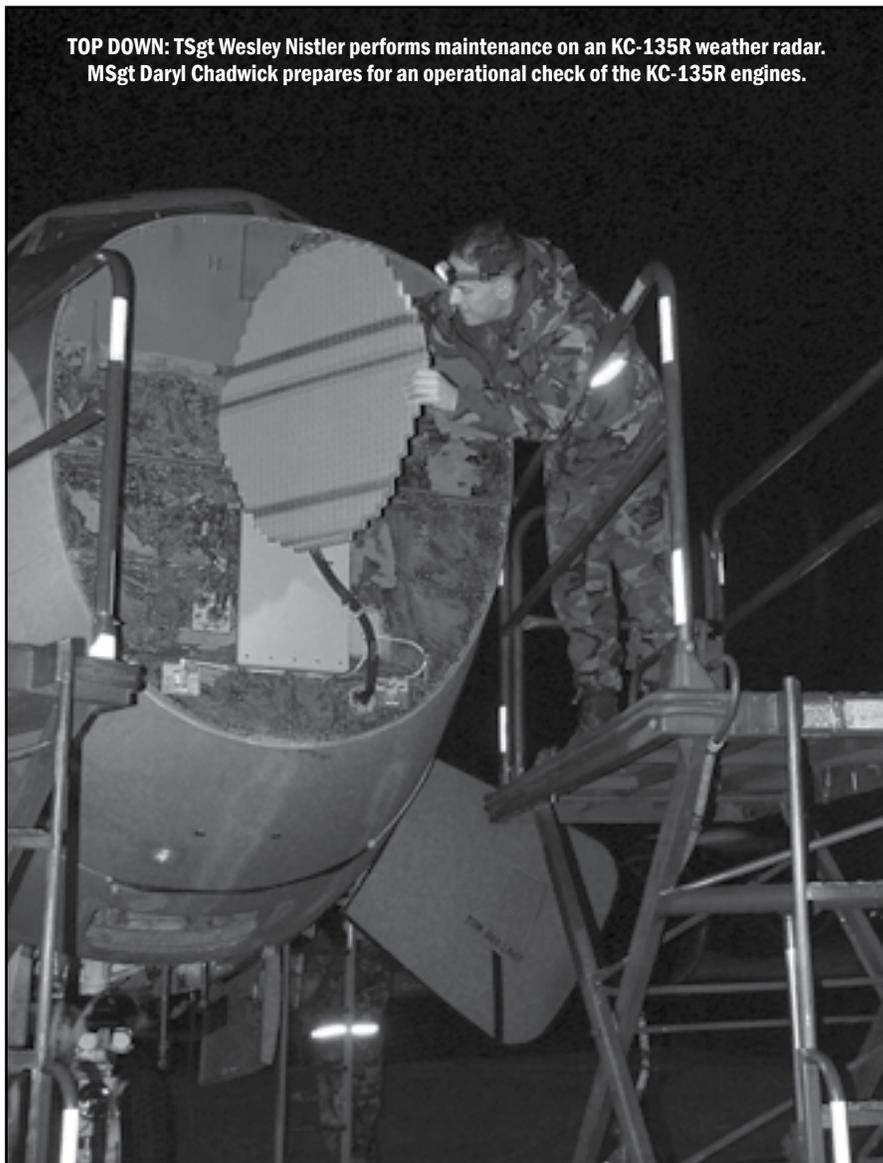
One of our ongoing commitments to the Air Force mission is the “Landing Gear Lead Wing.” Our maintenance personnel are providing Air Force units with technical assistance and Technical Data support for the landing-gear systems for all KC-135 aircraft. These landing-gear experts work very closely with the engineers at Hill AFB, Utah; Tinker AFB, Okla.; and the users in the field.

Towards the end of this year, we unexpectedly picked up the responsibility for another AEF, this time going to Andersen AFB, Guam. This was another contingent of over 60 maintenance personnel deployed to support a four-aircraft package. Again this called for a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week requirement to launch and recover aircraft in support of the Pacific Air Force. This very successful deployment covered the month of September while flying more than 40 sorties and involving over 210 flight hours.

We are now deeply involved in the training and preparation required to successfully complete the ORI coming up in a few months. Many of our traditional Guard members, as well as the technicians are spending many days to bring our ability to deploy, operate and survive in a combat scenario to a new level of excellence.

During this time period, we have had several personnel deployed to Iraq in support of the Air Force’s worldwide mission, as well as the mission of the ANG and the Maintenance Group. The examples listed above are just a few of many that show we are committed to our mission statement: “The Maintenance Group is committed to providing quality maintenance, resources, and service to accomplish mission requirements to State, Nation and the World.”

TOP DOWN: TSgt Wesley Nistler performs maintenance on an KC-135R weather radar. MSgt Daryl Chadwick prepares for an operational check of the KC-135R engines.



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SSgt Robert Day, 151st Maintenance Group, prepares an Aircraft to be towed.

Crew Chiefs from the 151st Air Refueling Wing recovering an aircraft at Incirlik Air Base Turkey.



151st Mission Support Flight



The 151st Mission Support Flight provides exceptional personnel support for the Utah Air National Guard. The MSF is tasked to provide assistance in military personnel affairs, records and programs management, personnel systems management, retention and recruiting management, professional training development, personnel readiness and personnel support for contingency operations.

Our primary focus for 2007 was to sustain world-class personnel support and diligently pursue achieving a 100 percent in our Recruiting and Retention efforts—while training for the 151st Air Refueling Wing Operational Readiness Inspection in January 2008. The efforts of our magnificent Recruiting and Retention team paid off. We are currently manned at

102 percent. These efforts culminated in recognition of TSgt. Ali Chamberlain as the Noncommissioned Officer of the Year for the Utah Air National Guard, Recruiting Rookie of the Year for the Western Region, as well as being named, along with TSgt. J. Russ Goble, as winners of the ANG Directors Challenge recruiting award.

During the year the MSF experienced several significant internal personnel changes. Two of our valued members MSgt. Diane Hart and MSgt. Alan Wall retired in June—they will be greatly missed. Furthermore, we changed commanders in November when Lt. Col. Mitch Hall assumed command from Lt. Col. Chris Burckle. Our superintendent, CMSgt. Raquel Ocana also assumed her new duty from CMSgt. Nan Oviatt in January. Additional changes include MSgt. Marlene Gray, who moved to the 169th Intelligence Squadron, and SSgt. David Shwalb, who transferred to the Arkansas ANG. One of our members, TSgt. Jeffrey Muniz, has been deployed in support of the Joint Air Defense Operations Center the entire year.

151st Mission Support Group



Col Scot Johnson, center, turns over command of the 151st Mission Support Group to Lt Col Kenneth Gammon.

The mission of the 151st Mission Support Group is to operate and maintain the Utah Air National Guard Base through providing base level support in communications, engineering, contracting, logistics readiness, billeting and food services, personnel career and education programs, fire protection, emergency readiness and mission support to Wing and tenant-unit operations.



In March 2007, the MSG honored Col. Scot W. Johnson as he retired after 24 years of distinguished military service. A Master Navigator, Col. Johnson acquired over 4,200 flying hours in KC-135E, EC-135A/G/C, and F-111A aircraft during his six years on active duty and subsequent 18 years in the Utah Air National

Guard. Prior to his assignment as Mission Support Group Commander, Col. Johnson served as commander of the 151st Maintenance Group. The men and women of the MSG offer our best wishes to Col. Johnson in his retirement.

Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth L. Gammon assumed command of the MSG upon Col. Johnson's retirement.

He challenged the MSG personnel to ensure the highest level of combat readiness by delivering world-class mission support services to the Utah Air National Guard through efficient, top quality operational support, customer service, security, personnel programs, services, communications, civil engineering, logistical and contracting support.

151st Security Forces Squadron



The 151st Security Forces Squadron is a structured force prepared to deliver measured response in neutralizing hostile incidents, natural disasters, and human conflict. Meeting mission requirements, with stringent security standards, and supporting the return and departure

of Army and Air Force personnel from overseas can cause for a chaotic and stressful situation. However, this Squadron has supported several of these events in the past year and never once thought twice about it.

In addition to the homecomings and departures, the Squadron is supporting the War on Terrorism as so many Guard members have been doing nationwide.

Twelve members have deployed around the world to support the war effort this past year. Some are still deployed and have recently been extended for an additional 90 days. All of these individuals have volunteered and have done so in good spirits. Their high level of dedication, integrity, and selfless service enables them to do their job day and night, rain or shine, 365 days a year.

This Squadron underwent a transformation in leadership this year. First Lt. Kevin K. Larsen assumed command of the Squadron in March following the retirement of Lt. Col. Paul B. Reutlinger. Reutlinger served as the commander during two different periods of his career, totaling over five years, and was instrumental in leading the organization through good times and bad. Senior Master Sergeant Eric W. Redd replaced Chief Master Sergeant Andrew J. Brunt as the Operations superintendent. Brunt was a member of Security Forces for over 27 years, the last two of which he served as Chief. Brunt and Reutlinger will be missed not only by Security Forces, but also by the entire Air National Guard family.

Training has and always will be a high priority. This Squadron takes training very seriously and has been working diligently in preparation for the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection and future deployments. The latest convoy and weapons training along with airbase defense was conducted in Wendover, Utah this year. The Squadron deployed for a week to practice the vital techniques necessary to accomplish their mission requirements and operate in the seamless fashion they do every day. The Squadron is prepared for the upcoming ORI. They will meet this and many future challenges with high standards and professionalism, as they have done so many times in the past, and will continue to do in the future. This Squadron is truly always ready, always there and always excelling at every task and challenge that comes their way. They will continue to protect, defend and serve this great State and Nation regardless of the circumstances that come their way.

SSgt Michael Paletta provides security during convoy training at the Wendover Military Training Site. SSgt Chad Hill challenges a suspected terrorist during training in Wendover. TSgt John Nicholas leads members of his squad on a combat patrol during training in Wendover. SrA Scott Kicker assists SrA Greg Barr with the ammo feed for his M-240B machine gun during training in May 2007. Members of the 151st Security Forces Squadron keeping watch during convoy training in Wendover.



151st Civil Engineering Squadron



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 prestored, bare-base equipment 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.

Operations Noble Eagle, Jump Start, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom resulted in the Civil Engineers deploying several members to many diverse statewide and worldwide locations including Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Kuwait, Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

To prepare for the wartime mission, the Engineers rely on an extensive home-station training program and deployments for training. The Engineers spent two weeks at Waterbeach Barracks, England, providing construction and engineering skills. Major projects included construction of a tools, parts, and high-value item storage building, outside storage facility, troop shelter for runway repair training operations, and excavation and site improvement.

The Firefighters had a unique deployment to Iraq where their primary mission was to provide airborne first response and medical evacuation to ground incidents "outside the wire."



LEFT: (far left) SSgt Cameron Hargis and MSgt Vincent Martinez (far right) with Carrie Underwood (Center) at a USO stop. BELOW: (far left) SSgt Cameron Hargis and MSgt Vincent Martinez with others assigned to Ali Base, Iraq.



151st Logistics Readiness Squadron



Lt. Col. Julie Anderson commands the 151st Logistics Readiness Squadron. Its mission is to provide supplies, equipment, fuel, transportation, vehicle operations and maintenance, 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 151st LRS is currently 100 percent manned with 106 Guard members who throughout the past year have shown great pride and support in the efforts to defend and protect our Nation. With the



SMSgt Willard Evans training SrA Casey Young

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 ARW. We had numerous personnel deploying and participating in missions in Germany, Turkey, Guam and Kyrgyzstan. Personnel also assisted with the offloading of rescue equipment in support of the Crandall Canyon Mine disaster.

Base Supply averaged over 20,614 transactions per month and managed 12,845 item-record details. Base Supply also managed a stock fund account of over 2 million dollars. Base Fuels delivered an average of 262,852 gallons of JP8 and 4,200 gallons of ground fuel per month. The Readiness Spares Package independent aircraft parts storage kit is currently 97 percent complete.

Transportation operates and maintains 117 registered vehicles and 14 nonregistered vehicles. Keeping the vehicle in an operational rate of 93.2 percent this year has been one of the accomplishments for the crew of eight full-time technicians and 22 traditional Guard members. The Vehicle Operations Section was tasked with over 464 vehicle dispatches this year. Traffic Management office purchased 1,373 airline tickets for passengers at a value of over \$805,364. They also completed 14,435 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 509 personnel and 25.3 short tons of cargo to various locations in support of Air Expeditionary Forces Missions.

The 151st LRS is dedicated to the needs of the community, State and Nation. Members have stayed involved with community events such as Air National Guard Honor Guard, Noncommissioned Officer Graduates Association, Enlisted Association, NGAUS, Freedom Academy, the Sub for Santa and public television telethon, blood drives and Combined Federal Campaign. The 151st LRS will continue to be an effective and efficient defender of freedom for our community, State, and Nation.



PHOTOS TOP DOWN: SrA Brenda Recksiek working on a vehicle. MSgt Todd Howey under da-hood

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 services, lodging, mortuary and Morale Welfare Recreation programs. The number-one goal of Services Flight is to improve the quality of life for military personnel and their families.

Services Flight is a 30-member unit in which each member is assigned to one of the main areas of Service's responsibility: Food Services, Lodging, Services Management, 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 State, peacetime or wartime emergency, which requires military assistance.

During Fiscal Year 2007, Services Flight successfully set up and completed a bare-base, bed-down exercise during annual training in Wendover, Utah. This exercise and training was done in conjunction with the 151st Security Forces Squadron. While in Wendover, Services Flight received training in essential services core areas to include Field Lodging, Field Mortuary, Field Fitness, Field Recreation, Library Services, Field Sanitation, Search and Recovery, Fuel-Fired Equipment, Field Feeding and Command and Control. Additional training that was received included Security Forces Augmentee Training, M-16 refresher training, and convoy training. For the Wendover deployment, Services Flight arranged for CMS William Butman, their functional manager at National Guard Bureau, to assist in training and oversee exercises. While attending, Butman shared his vast knowledge and experience in the Services Flight career field with Services personnel.

Services Flight supported many other base and community endeavors such as Freedom Academy, tenant-unit bivouacs, the Air Space and Range Conference, the retirees' breakfast and numerous other programs and activities. Services Flight provided support to all units in the UTANG. The Food Service Section provided approximately 16,000 meals to Air National Guard members. The lodging section realized an annual savings of approximately \$30,000 to the ANG through its efficient utilization of the on-base lodging facility and off-base contract quarters.

The 151st Services Flight consists almost entirely of traditional Guardsmen. Without many sacrifices from the members, their families, and their employers the mission could not be accomplished. Services Flight strives to always be ready, reliable, and relevant. We will never falter, and we will not fail.



PHOTOS TOP DOWN: 151st Services Flight at Wendover Air Base completing Annual Training. Left to Right: (Bottom) MSgt Aaron Lee, SSgt Brig Johnson, A1C Lane Pohlsander, SrA Tim Smith, SrA Fish Wilson, SrA Melissa Hook, MSgt Julie Nuccitelli, MSgt Ruth Vogel, A1C Dustin Baker, MSgt Eric McConahay, MSgt Dave Beaumont, CMSgt William Butman, (Top) SrA Nathan Pouillon, Capt Chris Buckner, SMSgt Steve Schiele, TSgt Ronald Ford, TSgt Greg Jensen, TSgt Donalin Martin, SSgt Makila Belnap, SSgt Sherri Weaver, SrA Nathan Pouillon, SrA Josh Gygi.

151st Services Flight members at Wendover Shooting Range with the 151st Security Forces. Left to Right: MSgt Eric McConahay, SrA Nathan Abejar, MSgt Aaron Lee, A1C Dustin Baker, A1C Lane Pohlsander, SrA Tim Smith.

PHOTO OPPOSITE PAGE: 151st Services Flight pose for picture after retirement party for MSgt Aaron Lee. Left to Right: Capt Chris Buckner, TSgt Greg Jensen, SMSgt Steve Schiele, SSgt Brig Johnson, SrA Josh Gygi, A1C Lane Pohlsander, MSgt Ruth Vogel, TSgt Ronald Ford, SrA Tim Smith, MSgt Dave Beaumont, MSgt Aaron Lee, SSgt Makila Belnap, SrA Nathan Abejar, MSgt Julie Nuccitelli, SSgt Sherri Weaver, A1C Dustin Baker, SrA Nathan Pouillon, CMSgt William Butman.



The 151st Communication and Information Flight mission is to provide secure, reliable, deployable communication systems and services through teamwork, technology and training. The goal is to provide this service to the customer, instilling confidence that their information will be available, confidential and effective in accomplishing their mission.

In support of the War Against Terrorism, and many other campaigns, the Communication Flight provided several personnel. Individuals were deployed to Turkey, Afghanistan and Qatar at different times throughout the past year. At home, local support of Utah Air National Guard Base resulted in personnel holding elected positions in the Chief's Council, Top 3 Council, and NCOAGA. They also have three personnel who are on their respective National Career Field Working Groups, who are also members of the Communications Force Development Working Group, committed to ensuring efficient and effective base communication.

The Wireless LAN installation for the Non-classified Routing Network (NIPRNET) side of the 151st Network was completed by the Network Control Center (NCC) Section. This enabled the aircraft maintainer real-time access to Publications and TOs. Ultimately, this improves efficiency which achieves more accurate and quicker turnaround time of aircraft repairs. The NCC completed phases I of II, converting the network backbone from ATM to Gig E resulting in faster, future performance in network-related applications. The NCC has done a tremendous job of continually

providing patches and network equipment to ensure that network connectivity is available anytime, anywhere.

The Information Transport Branch has installed a Voice Firewall System. This system was the last key component to fully secure the telephone switch from unauthorized access. It enables complete control of any incoming or outgoing telephone communication. The Information Transport Branch has been very active in joint exercises with the Utah Army National Guard in preparation for state emergencies. They have received a communication package that provides satellite broadband Internet, VHF/UHF Radio Communication and Satellite Telephone Service.

The implementation of the Air Force Standard Desktop Configuration was accomplished by the Information Assurance Branch. This provides the base with integrity on the local desktop to ensure standardization and confidentiality of information that is processed on the network. The Information Assurance Branch has also provided the Base with important updates on the desktop to ensure that every system is available for use and protected from unauthorized access.

The Base Multimedia Section provided continuous photographic, video, and graphic support for such activities as the National EANGUS Conference, the annual UTNG Freedom Academy and the National Western Classification Conference. One of its members, SSgt. Michael Ormond received first place in the National Guard Bureau Journalism Awards in the category of Graphic Illustrations in support of Base publications. The Multimedia section is continually moving into the forefront with an increased reputation in the ANG for pushing technological boundaries and limitations in the field of digital imaging and multimedia productions.



The 151st Communication Flight continues to demonstrate ability to support the Utah Air National Guard with outstanding service due to diligent efforts of their outstanding dedicated personnel. Effective July 2007, Captain Dan Peterson was selected as the 151st CFT Commander. The Flight continues to provide leading-edge communication by upgrading equipment, training personnel, attending seminars and staying ahead of the constantly changing technology world. This has enabled members of the Utah Air National Guard to accomplish their missions successfully with integrity, service before self and excellence in all they do.



Members of the 151st Communications Flight participate in Combat Stress Simulation Exercise at the Urban Warfare Center training facility in North Salt Lake, Utah.

TOP INSET PHOTO: (Top of photo) TSgt. Anthony Valdez returns from AEF Turkey deployment .

109th Air Control Squadron



In March 2007, the 109th Air Control Squadron “Warlocks,” honored Lt. Col. Kenneth Gammon for his seven years of 109th Squadron Command. Lt. Col. Gammon guided the 109th through the Squadron’s most turbulent years, including three mobilizations in support

of the Global War on Terrorism, culminating with the 109th’s deployment to Iraq in 2003-2004. Under his leadership, the 109th thrived despite Air Force-wide downsizing efforts and budget cuts within the Air Control community. The 109th gained a reputation within the Air Force and sister Services as the premier Ground Theater

Air Control platform to perform joint training tests and evaluations, and command and control joint exercises.

As a result of Lt. Col. Gammon’s efforts, 2007 marked the beginning of a modernization program that will result in a thirty percent increase in manpower and equipment. The 109th extends appreciation for Lt. Col. Gammon’s command service, congratulations on promotion to Colonel and best of success in his duties as 151st Air Refueling Wing Mission Support Group commander.

In a change of command ceremony, Lt. Col. Mark Lyon, former director of operations, assumed command of the 109th Air Control Squadron. Under Lyon’s leadership the 109th has continued their ongoing support of the Global War on Terrorism and defense of the Homeland.

Supporting Operation Noble Eagle, 15 members of the 109th rotated through key leadership positions at the Joint Defense Operations Center, National Capital Region, providing

integrated command and control, surveillance and identification of all aircraft in and around the Capital region as well as maintaining the integrated Air Picture to Department of Defense and other government agencies. The 109th also continued ongoing support of the Southwest Border and Operation Jump Start, as well as counterdrug programs with maintenance and logistic support for communications and radar systems.

In preparation for the 109th’s Aerospace Expeditionary Force AEF deployment to Southwest Asia, they participated in several Joint Force exercises, including the Navy’s Fleet Synthetic Joint Exercise, and the Joint Kill Chain event. Both deployments tied the 109th’s command-and-control platforms into a combination live/simulated environment, aimed at reducing the time for prosecuting high value, time sensitive targets in joint environments. Air Battle Managers, Weapons Directors, and Air Surveillance technicians conducted operations from the Distributed Mission Operations Center, New Mexico, while the rest of the Squadron deployed to the Utah Test and Training Range for annual field training exercises.

In August, the 109th again conducted Electronic Counter-Counter Measure training of Air Force Electronic Protection Technicians assigned to ground based radar units. The training utilized Big Crow jamming systems, deployed to the Utah Test and Training Range, pitted against the TPS-75 radar system deployed by the 109th. This is the only live jamming training currently available to train and certify Radar Electronic Protection Technicians in the Air Force.

In September 2007, 60 members of the 109th mobilized and deployed to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The unit will provide command-and-control platforms in support of CENTAF until early 2008. This marks the fourth mobilization for the 109th since Sept. 11, 2001.



TOP DOWN: TPS-75 radar at sunset in Southwest Asia; Members of Aircraft Generation Equipment (AGE) work center in Southwest Asia; Capt. Ferguson and MSgt. Castleton install antennas on operations modules.

130th Engineering Installation Squadron



The mission of the 130th Engineering Installation Squadron is to engineer, install, repair, remove and relocate ground-based voice and data communication, computer and ground radio systems worldwide. In addition, the unit constantly trains for worldwide deployment on short notice and serves both State and Nation by providing telecommunications infrastructure in times of crisis.

This year the 130th EIS has been part of many projects. The Defense Information System Agency requested the 130th to help with the transition of all DoD telecommunication systems from civilian networks over to a new military network. Members from the 130th are working together with the 216th EIS in Geographic Region 1 (all states west of Texas). They are upgrading and providing assistance in transitioning circuits, bringing DoD telecommunications into the digital age.

After being selected by National Guard Bureau, the 130th continues to participate as the ANG's lead engineering and installation unit for the initiation of the Predator Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Mission. They have installed fiber-optic cable and equipment,

which provides a viable operating environment for the command and control of the Predator intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance system. As a result, bases are able to control Predator in an operational theater.

In addition to the key missions provided above, the 130th's involvement with other units has been critical for mission-essential communication systems. The 130th engineered and installed equipment for the use of two different signals and did an interior telecommunications upgrade in a hangar for the 144th Fighter Wing, allowing mission-essential communications within their building. The 130th also performed antenna and tower Preventive Maintenance Inspections for the 460th Space Wing, ensuring that mission capabilities were not degraded in any way. In support of

Strategic Command, at Gowen Field, Idaho, the 130th has provided engineering and installation for towers and antennas to ensure that the land-mobile radios and air-to-ground communications were adequate to meet mission requirements.

Maintaining a long legacy of community service, members of the 130th made up 90 percent of the support for the Air National Guards pickup and delivery for the Scouting for Food drive, gathering donations from several drop locations and delivering it to five different food bank facilities. The unit also raised over \$1,000 for Sub for Santa and was able to distribute the donations to all members of five families and in addition, gave to multiple families for the holidays. The 130th has future plans to work with the Civil Air Patrol to upgrade radio systems, which will enable better communications for search-and-rescue operations.

It has been an outstanding year for the 130th and we have demonstrated our commitment to serving both State and Nation. We are proud to contribute!



SrA Casey Hamilton, from the 130th EIS, is conducting a test of the fiber-optic cable for the Predator system.

169th Intelligence Squadron



The 169th Intelligence Squadron, commanded by Lt. Col. William Siddoway, continued to grow, evolve and advance during 2007, which is the 20th anniversary of the unit's organization. On Apr. 27, 1987, the 169th stood up in a building barely standing with just nine assigned personnel. Later that same year, the unit relocated across Base, taking residence in the small, cramped offices on the second floor above the NCO club and Vern and Carol's Diner. Those eight months saw the manning increase almost three-fold to a total of 26 individuals, five of those working on a full-time basis.

Today the 169th Intelligence Squadron is an extensive network that spans an obligated Operations building, the Combined Analysis and Reporting Center and a dedicated Logistics Maintenance Facility with a dedicated Support Facility nearby. Current

authorization for the 169th is six officers and 203 enlisted troops. The unit is manned at 101 percent. With the highest optempo in the Air National Guard, and the demand for ISR support, the unit has additional members on Active Duty Special Work orders, Manpower Assistant Orders and Special Training days to support the Global War on Terrorism tasking. More than 40 of our unit members are in full-time student status, working their way through an extensive technical training pipeline and eventually returning to home station to attend the Senior Scout Formal Training Unit, also known as "The Schoolhouse."

In 2007, we bid farewell to our Director of Operations, Lt. Col. Mitch Hall, who assumed command of the 151st Military Personnel Flight and Assistant Director of Operations, Maj. David T. Meyer, was selected to be the Utah State Inspector General. Captain Troy Drennan was selected as the new Director of Operations with Capt. Darrin Ray as the Assistant Director of Operations.

The astonishing progress exhibited by the 169th over the last two decades can be attributed to the success of the high-demand low-density mission of the unit that remains in constant demand by commanders. In short, the 169th provided sole-source EC-130

Senior Scout Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance support to theater combatant commanders worldwide. The Squadron continues to provide dedicated and experienced operator support to the Distributed Common Ground System.

With no dedicated aircraft and limited resources, the unit was able to fight the Global War on Terrorism simultaneously on two fronts this year. Since Sept. 11, 2001, the unit has been in “surge” mode and continues today! Highly trained and knowledgeable members of the 169th efficiently carried out their tasks by demonstrating a high level of acquired expertise throughout the course of regularly scheduled deployments that keep the Squadron in a perpetual state of readiness. This year the 169th once again flew multiple missions in support of U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) making this the 13th consecutive year the unit has been tasked in this theater.

In conjunction with the South American deployment, a major fundraising and humanitarian effort was initiated and executed to collect clothes for infants and young children, and maternity clothes for expectant mothers in a remote South American village. Other supplies were eventually distributed to more than 100 indigent individuals living near the Squadron’s forward operating location. In addition to supporting the war efforts, 169th members took great pride in providing humanitarian efforts to those in need.

In April 2007 the unit deployed to support ISR needs in U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM). Due to outstanding team

Senior Scout success, by May 2007, the unit was drawn into a partial mobilization to support Operation Enduring Freedom for the second time. Since its inception in 1987, the 169th continues to answer the Nation’s call to fulfill a vital need in fighting the Global War on Terrorism. The unit has maintained a continued presence in Afghanistan in support of USCENTCOM and the International Security Assistance Force.

The year brought several key technological developments that vastly improved the Squadron’s ability to conduct and perform operations around the world. For the first time, a second satellite base was configured and implemented during the latest SOUTHCOM deployment; this technological feat provided connectivity to home stations from two deployed locations simultaneously. More importantly, Lockheed Martin upgraded the Senior Scout weapons system to the Base-Line 3 package which will significantly enhance our capability to support the warfighter.

Looking back over the last 20 years, it is truly remarkable what has been accomplished. The collective imaginations of those few original members who toiled in secondhand office space above a small diner, could not possibly have seen the amazing success the 169th Intelligence Squadron would achieve to this point. Today we dare not imagine what might be realized over the next 20 years, for it is certain our existing expectations for that anticipated future would fall to undeniable disappointment.

Members of the 169th Senior Scout crew supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.





The 299th Range Control Squadron, also known as “Clover Control,” continued to fulfill the unit’s mission “to provide a safe and efficient environment for the warfighter to achieve maximum combat readiness.” During 2007, the unit has been involved in numerous Utah Test and Training Range (UTTR) missions which support national defense, namely Weapon System Evaluation Program (WSEP) tests, Air Launched Cruise Missile tests and various other bomb and missile tests. These missions allow Aircrews to drop live bombs and shoot live missiles on the UTTR. Many of the missiles and bombs tested on the UTTR are being employed today in operations around the world. This year WSEP participants included A-10, F-16, F-22, F-15E, B-52, B-2, and the Reaper Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Aircraft.

Clover Control is the Air National Guard’s busiest military radar facility. Traffic count for 2007 will be approximately 125,000 operations, a number that is slightly below last years levels. Many pilots come to the UTTR to improve their combat skills prior to deployments. The combination of restricted airspace and Department of Defense land make the UTTR 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 UTTR an example that many other Department of Defense ranges try to emulate.

The unit continues to step up and voluntarily deploy in support of the Aerospace Expeditionary Forces wherever they are needed. Most volunteers support Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Noble Eagle. Due to the unique mission of the 299th and the subsequent multifaceted capabilities of the unit’s members, approximately 12 percent of unit personnel were called upon to support various missions worldwide.

Unit members diligently prepared for the Unit Compliance Inspection, which took place in late September. Additionally, Operations Standardizations and Evaluations (Stan/Eval) section was the subject of a formal inspection, conducted by 12AF in April. Maj. Smith, Chief of Stan/Eval, achieved an “Excellent” rating.

The unit continues to expand its relevance supporting Western Air Defense Sector and the NORAD mission with the Situational Awareness Data Link radio at Clover. Maintenance continues to be reliable in support of the UTTR and its equipment, and they took responsibility for certifying the Michael Army Airfield TACAN this year.



Cedar Mountain radar site maintained by the 299th RCS.



101st Information Warfare Flight



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The 101st Information Warfare Flight is highly involved in the defense of our Homeland. The newest unit in the Utah Air National Guard provides nonkinetic operational options to the Combined Forces Air Component Commander (CFACC), for AFNORTH and NORTHCOM.

When the CFACC calls, the 101st responds. The 30-member unit holds some of the keys in helping AFNORTH/NORAD shape the information environment: deter, reassure, educate and inform with themes and messages, images and actions. After assessing recent threats, the unit's operational planners, spearheaded the effort to use aircraft for Air Defense Deterrence Missions (ADDM) to create desired effect. These ADDM are carefully planned and closely controlled to ensure public safety while displaying NORAD's rapid-response capability. Continental NORAD Region, which is responsible for prosecuting NORAD's mission throughout continental North America, had conducted air patrols throughout the U.S. and Canada since the start of Operation Noble Eagle, the

command's response to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The 101st is fully manned with 18 officers, 12 enlisted and four Northrop Grumman Corporation contractors. The unit's first-ever Video Teleconferencing became operational this year.

The unit experienced its first deployments in support of Operations Iraq Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Highlights from this year's activity include participation in major NORAD/NORTHCOM exercises, the Super Bowl and Space Shuttle operations. In addition, the unit conducted deployed ancillary training at Nellis AFB, Nev., which included coordination and training with the Combined Air Operations Center.

The 101st IWF emblem uses the official colors of the United States Air Force. Ultramarine/reflex blue represents the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Air Force yellow denotes the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The patch features a magician and like the unit members that support 1st Air Force and the Continental NORAD region, the magician vigilantly guards the globe from dark forces. The four stars that encircle the wizard represent the four aircraft and the innocent souls lost on 9/11. Three of the stars are gold; the lone white star memorializes those Americans who took back their aircraft as the last line of defense.

With the hope that other Americans will never have to repeat that sacrifice, the unit's motto is prominently etched as the "First Line of Defense."



TOP ROW (left to right): 2nd Lt Brett Hale, SSgt Riley Packard, Maj John Richardson, SSgt Norman Neilson, 2nd Lt Brandon Smith, Capt Matthew Ocana, Capt Dustin Carroll, Maj Mary Enges, TSgt John Jurkowski, Capt Mark Viau, 2nd Lt Richard Snider, TSgt Richard Whitlock, Maj Jason Binks, Maj Mark Farmer. **BOTTOM ROW (left to right):** Maj Kevin Tobias, Lt Col Lance Whipple, SSgt Steven Dillingham, MSgt William Apple, MSgt William Hughes, 2nd Lt Keith Wade, SMSgt William Hauser, Maj Steven Burke.

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