

Annual 2008 Report

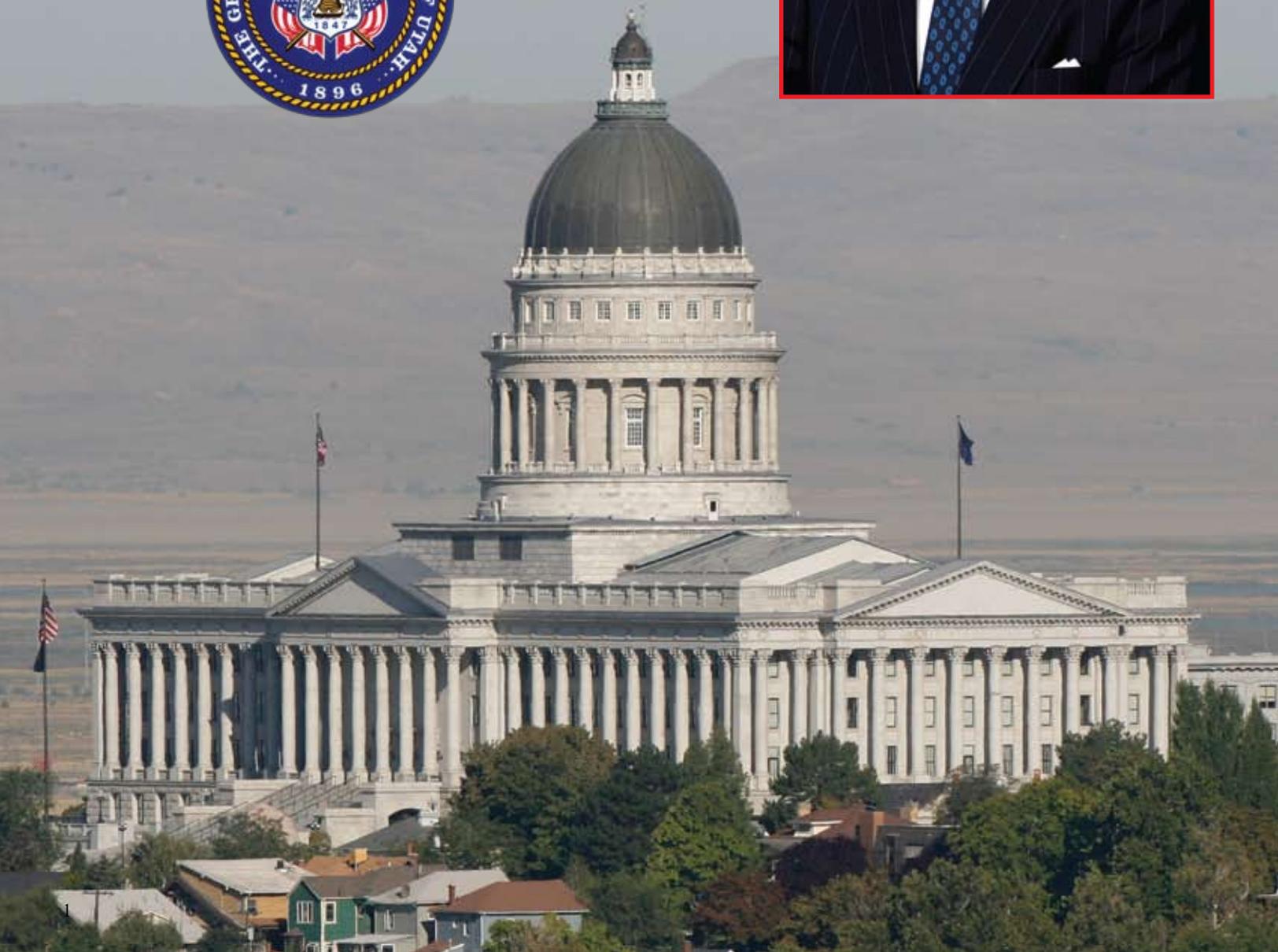
Utah National Guard

The Honorable Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.

Governor of Utah, Commander in Chief

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

The adjutant general, selected by the governor, oversees the day-to-day operations of the Utah National Guard and serves as a key member of the governor's cabinet and staff.





Major General Brian L. Tarbet

The Adjutant General, Utah National Guard

Vision- The Guard is America's Army. We are community based but with capabilities that stretch worldwide. The 372-year tradition that we enjoy as Guard members is, in every sense, as relevant today as during colonial times.

Mission- The Utah National Guard has a unique dual mission that encompasses support to our Nation and to the State of Utah as follows:

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

State Mission- Provide trained and disciplined forces for domestic emergencies or as otherwise required by state law.

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



The Adjutant General's Introduction to the Fiscal Year 2008 Annual Report



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

As we look back on 2008, our Guardsmen, their families, their employers and the citizens of Utah can take great pride in the accomplishments of the members of the Utah National Guard over the past year. The world, the Nation and Utah are all the better for the efforts of our Soldiers and Airmen.

In the deployments the Utah National Guard has undertaken, significant contributions to the Global War on Terrorism have been made. In the major combatant commands around the world, members of the UTNG have been at the forefront of our Nation's effort to secure itself and its allies. This has come at a tremendous personal cost to our troops and their families, and we are in their debt.

The roll call of units who have served and are still serving is extensive. On the Army side, the 1-145th Field Artillery, 141st Military Intelligence and 116th SECFOR have returned from deployment in Iraq, and Soldiers from the 300th Military Intelligence Brigade and 640th Regional Training Institute served in Bosnia and Kosovo. Remaining on duty in the Central Command area of operations are the 2-211th Aviation Battalion, 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion, 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment and the Embedded Training Team.

In the Air National Guard, the 151st Air Refueling Wing and the 109th Air Control Squadron performed admirably in Kyrgyzstan and Qatar, respectively, the 151st Civil Engineer

Squadron served in Kuwait and the 151st Security Force Squadron deployed for six months to Saudi Arabia. The 169th Intelligence Squadron continued its relentless pace of operations in theaters around the world. Additionally, countless Airmen and Soldiers have served individually as augmentees wherever they have been called to serve.

Our units have also carried out an extensive schedule of training both here at home and overseas. We continue to enjoy a maturing of our close relationship with our state partner, Morocco, and many of our Soldiers, Airmen and their children benefitted from that relationship.

At home, our Aviation units and Civil Support Team have been active in assisting in fighting the California wildfires and in dealing with the consequences of the Gulf Coast hurricanes. We are in the process of building new facilities at Camp Williams and North Salt Lake, which will greatly enhance our training and readiness.

At the national level, we clearly face an environment of change. All of our Guard senior leadership is in transition. General McKinley has been confirmed to his new position as the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, leaving a vacancy at director of the Air National Guard. Lieutenant General Vaughn, director of the Air National Guard will be retiring in the coming year. We must continue to drive our important issues as never before and prepare our Soldiers, Airmen, our equipment and facilities for the future.

As to that future, I am convinced that we as Guardsmen are members of the finest and most seasoned fighting force in the world today. There has never been a better or prouder moment to be a Citizen-Soldier. I say that with confidence based upon all our Soldiers and Airmen have done and will continue to do. 



Utah Guard Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet, left, administers the oath of reenlistment to Sgt. Shana Henline, left, of Tooele, and Sgt. Whit Houston, of Cedar City, both of the 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, July 22 in Baghdad during Tarbet's visit to Iraq.

National Guard



Utah Army and Air Senior Leadership

LEFT TO RIGHT: Command Chief Master Sgt. Robert Hill, Air; Brig. Gen. Scott Harrison, Deputy Commander, Joint Forces Headquarters; Brig. Gen. David Hooper, Assistant Adjutant General, Air; Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet, Adjutant General; Brig. Gen. Jefferson Burton, Assistant Adjutant General, Army; Col. Lawrence Schmidt, Chief of the Joint Staff; Command Sgt. Maj. Bruce Summers, Army.



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Utah National Guard Unit Locations

Utah Army National Guard

American Fork

FSC, 1457th Engineer Bn
HHC, 1457th Engineer Bn

Beaver

C Btry (-), 2-222 Field Artillery Bn

Blanding

Det 1, 1457th Sapper Co

Brigham City

Det 1, A Btry, 1-145th Field Artillery Bn

Cedar City

HHC, 2-222 Field Artillery Bn

Draper

Joint Forces Headquarters - Utah
Recruiting and Retention Command
97th Troop Command
128th Mobile Public Affairs Det
115th Maintenance Co (Gs)
1993 Contingency Contracting Team
HHC, 1-19th Special Forces Gp
HHC, 300th Military Intelligence Bde
A Co, 141st Military Intelligence Bn
HHC, 142nd Military Intelligence Bn
A Co, 142nd Military Intelligence Bn
C Co, 142nd Military Intelligence Bn

Fillmore

Det 1, C Btry, 2-222th Field Artillery Bn

Fort Douglas

Fort Douglas Military Museum

Lehi

85th Civil Support Team (WMD)

Logan

A Btry (-), 1-145th Field Artillery
B Co (-), 141 Military Intelligence Bn
D Co, 142nd Military Intelligence Bn

Manti

B Btry, 1-145th Field Artillery Bn

Mt. Pleasant

Det 1, 116th Engineer Co (Horizontal)
Det 1, D Co, 141 Military Intelligence Bn

Ogden

197th Special Troops Company
B Co, 142nd Military Intelligence Bn

Orem

HHC, 141 Military Intelligence Bn
B Co, 141 Military Intelligence Bn
C Co, 141 Military Intelligence Bn

Price

Det 1, 624th Engineer Co (Vertical)

Richfield

A Btry, 2-222 Field Artillery Bn

Riverton

1457th Sapper Co (-)
115th Engineer Facilities Det
HHC, 115th Maneuver Enhancement Bde
HHD, 489th Brigade Support Bn
B Co, 489th Maintenance Co
217th Signal Co
HHB, 65th Fires Bde
HHB, 1-145th Field Artillery Bn
HHD (-), 1-19th Special Forces Gp (Abn)
REC, 1-19th Special Forces Gp (Abn)
BSC, 1-19th Special Forces Bn (Abn)
B Co, 1-19th Special Forces Bn (Abn)
C Co, 1-19th Special Forces Bn (Abn)
Spt Co, 1-19th Special Forces Bn (Abn)
Training Site Command - Utah
640th Regiment-Regional Training Institute
Medical Command
144th Area Support Medical Co

Salt Lake City

Det 50, Opns Spt Airlift Agency

Spanish Fork

116th Engineer Co (-) (Horizontal)
A Co, 489th Distribution Co
C Btry, 1-145th Field Artillery Bn

Springville

624th Engineer Co (-) (Vertical)

St. George

D Co, 141 Military Intelligence Bn (-)
B Btry, 2-222 Field Artillery Bn
213th Forward Support Co

Tooele

214th Forward Support Co

Vernal

Det 2, 624th Engineer Co (Vertical)

West Jordan

23rd Army Band
97th Aviation Troop Command
HHC, 1-211th Aviation Bn
A Co, 1-211th Aviation Bn
B Co, 1-211th Aviation Bn
C Co, 1-211th Aviation Bn
D Co, 1-211th Aviation Bn
E Co, 1-211th Aviation Bn
HHC, 2-211th Aviation Bn (GSAB)
A Co, 2-211th Aviation Bn (GSAB)
D Co, 2-211th Aviation Bn (GSAB)
E Co, 2-211th Aviation Bn (GSAB)
Det 3, HHC, 2-285th Aviation Assault Bn
Det 1, C Co, 2-285th Aviation Assault Bn
Det 3, D Co, 2-285th Aviation Assault Bn
Det 3, E Co, 2-285th Aviation Assault Bn

Utah Air National Guard

Hill Air Force Base

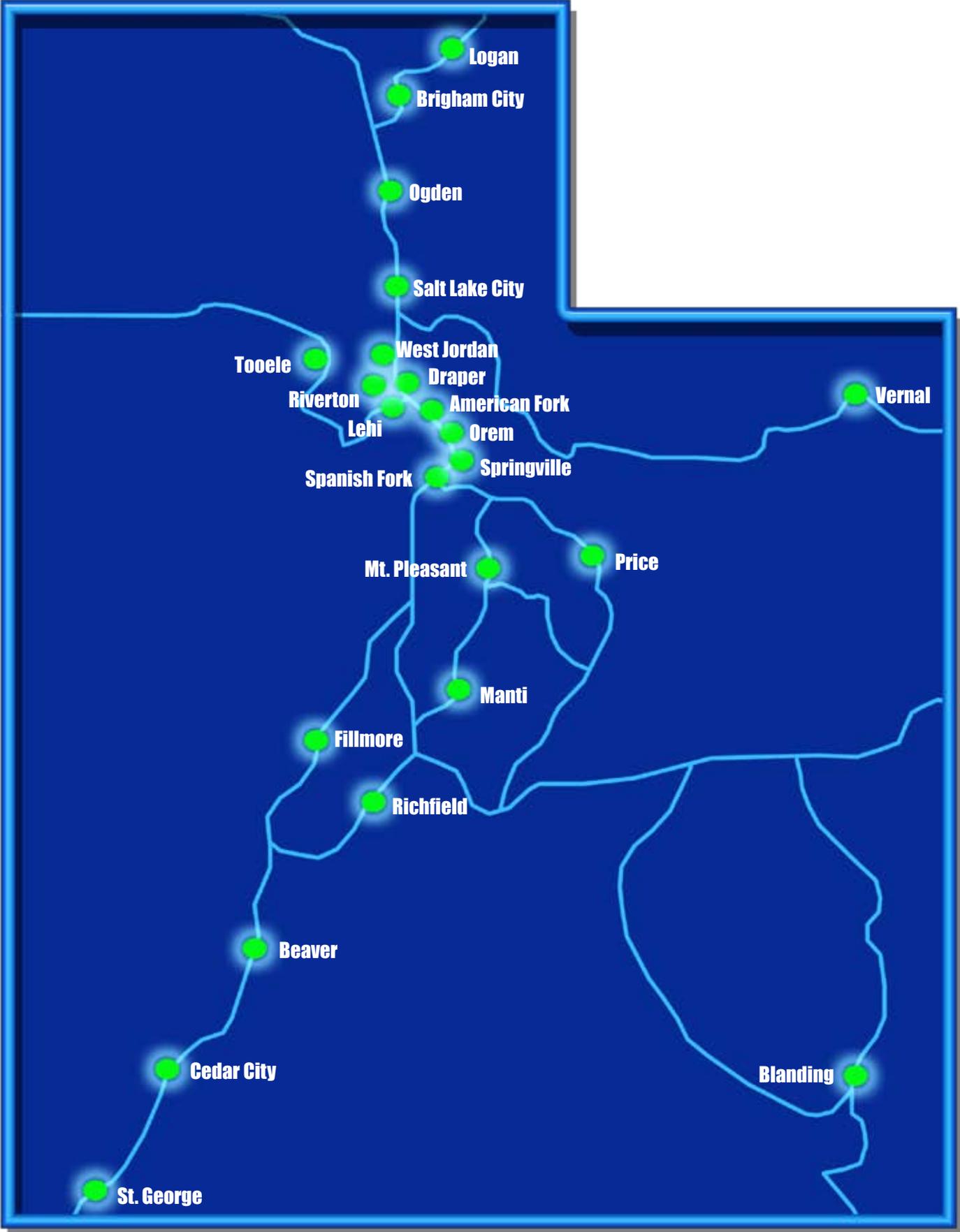
299th Range Control Squadron

Salt Lake City

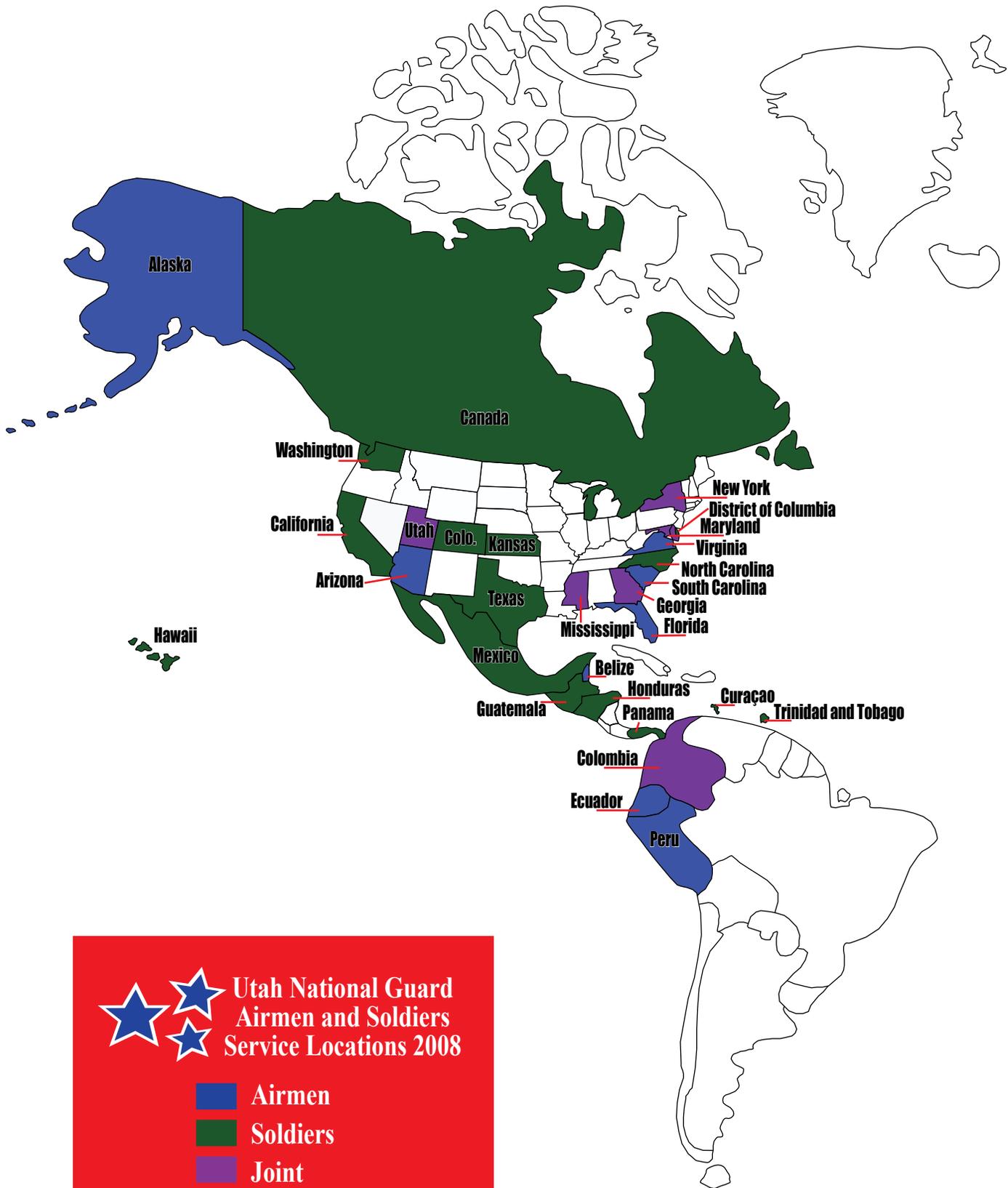
HQ, Utah Air National Guard
101st Information Warfare Flight
109th Air Control Squadron
130th Engineer Installation Squadron
169th Intelligence Squadron
HQ, 151st Air Refueling Wing
151st Operations Group
151st Operations Support Flight
191st Air Refueling Squadron
151st Maintenance Group
151st Maintenance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



Utah National Guard Armory Locations



Utah National Guard Airmen and Soldiers



Serving their Country Around the World



Utah National Guard Economic Impact Statement



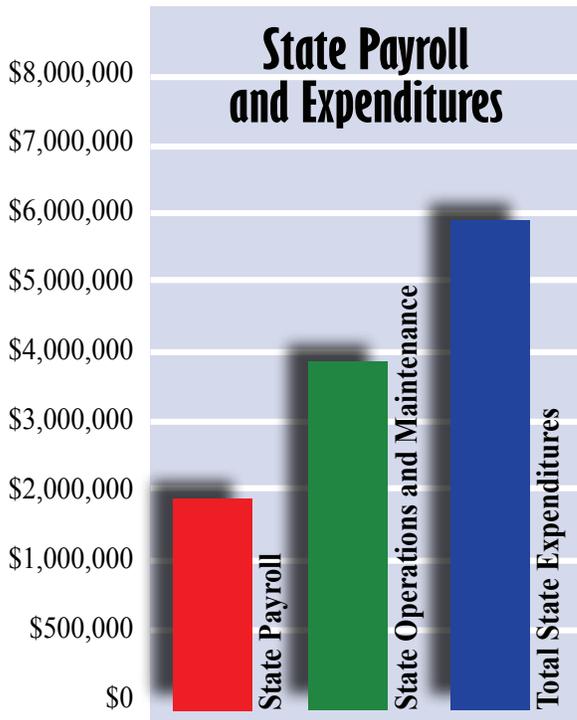
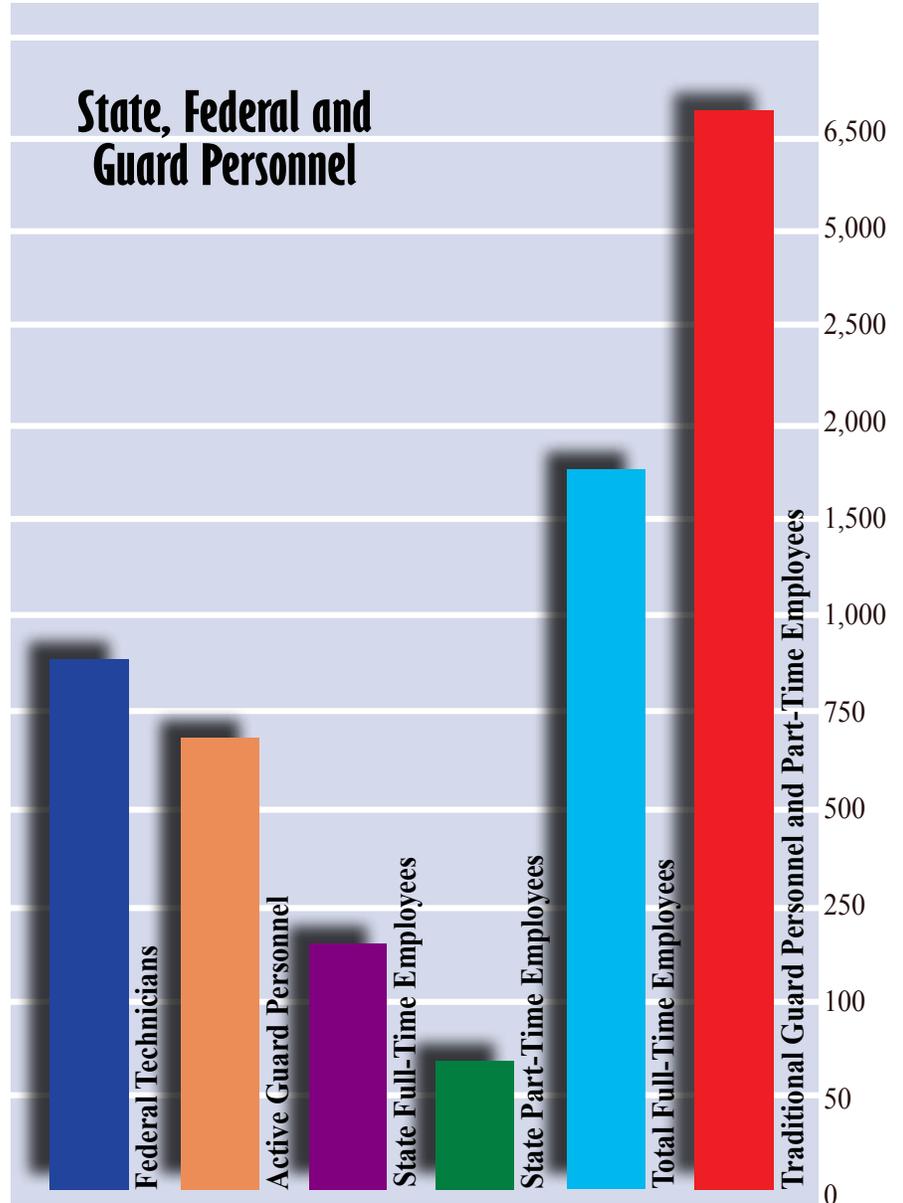
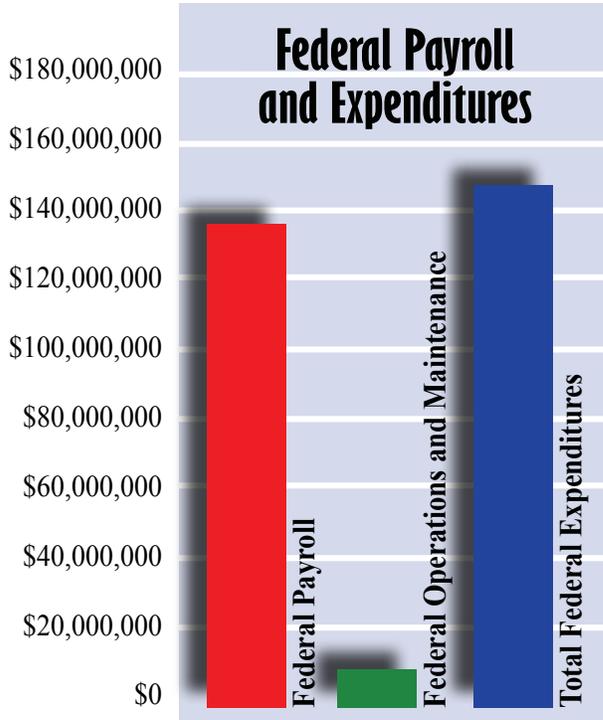
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CITY	COUNTY	UTAH SENATE DISTRICT	UTAH HOUSE DISTRICT	CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT - U.S.	FEDERAL TECHNICIANS	ACTIVE GUARD PERSONNEL	STATE FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES	STATE PART-TIME EMPLOYEES	TOTAL FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES	TRADITIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL & PART-TIME EMPLOYEES	FEDERAL CONSTRUCTION
American Fork	Utah	14	58	3	4	11	--	1	16	152	\$114,000
Beaver	Beaver	28	73	1	2	5	--	1	8	80	\$26,562
Blanding	San Juan	27	69	3	--	2	--	1	3	56	--
Brigham City	Box Elder	24	2	1	--	--	--	1	1	56	--
Cedar City	Iron	29	72	1	5	10	--	1	16	100	--
Draper	Salt Lake	5	51	2	310	233	60	3	586	650	\$672,120
Dugway	Tooele	13	21	1	--	--	1	--	--	--	\$477,168
Fillmore	Millard	28	68	2	--	--	--	1	1	50	\$4,320
Fort Douglas	Salt Lake	3	28	2	--	--	2	3	5	6,377	\$129,633
Lehi	Utah	13	56	3	--	18	--	1	19	25	--
Logan	Cache	24	5	1	2	5	--	1	8	140	--
Manti	Sanpete	28	69	3	3	4	--	1	8	120	--
Mt. Pleasant	Sanpete	28	69	3	--	2	--	1	2	60	--
Ogden	Weber	18	10	1	12	9	--	1	21	145	\$932,000
Orem	Utah	27	58	3	1	19	--	1	21	186	--
Price	Carbon	27	67	3	--	2	--	1	3	60	\$109,000
Richfield	Sevier	28	70	3	4	3	--	1	8	90	--
Riverton	Salt Lake	5	47	3	48	126	98	31	177	1,970	\$6,102,315
Salt Lake City	Salt Lake	3	27	2	--	3	--	--	3	--	\$12,094,613
Salt Lake Airport	Salt Lake	2	22	2	310	161	44	13	492	1,456	--
Spanish Fork	Utah	17	66	3	15	12	--	1	28	330	\$71,660
Springville	Utah	17	66	3	--	--	--	--	--	50	\$55,622
St. George	Washington	29	75	1	3	8	--	2	13	236	\$25,046
Tooele	Tooele	13	1	3	2	2	--	1	4	70	--
Vernal	Uintah	26	55	3	2	1	--	1	4	53	\$55,622
West Jordan	Salt Lake	6	42	3	117	50	13	--	170	695	\$1,048,461
	TOTALS				840	686	218	69	1,617	6,836	\$21,918,142

Fiscal Year 2008 (Oct. 1, 2007 - Sept. 30, 2008)

	FEDERAL PAYROLL	FEDERAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	TOTAL FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	STATE PAYROLL	STATE OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	TOTAL STATE EXPENDITURES	TOTAL STATE & FEDERAL EXPENDITURES
	\$1,053,298	\$75,858	\$1,129,156	\$1,690	\$62,100	\$63,790	\$1,192,946
	\$803,082	\$64,883	\$867,965	\$1,460	\$61,550	\$63,010	\$930,975
	\$80,307	\$84,973	\$165,280	\$1,460	\$63,810	\$65,270	\$230,550
	\$105,321	\$62,879	\$168,200	\$1,025	\$26,820	\$28,345	\$28,345
	\$1,124,315	\$868,331	\$1,992,646	\$1,460	\$78,135	\$79,595	\$2,072,241
	\$60,135,472	\$310,608	\$60,446,080	\$1,420,050	\$2,027,550	\$3,447,600	\$63,893,680
	\$47,215.29	\$98,243	\$145,458	--	--	\$9,473	\$9,473
	\$85,383.85	\$84,973	\$170,357	\$1,460	\$25,650	\$27,110	\$197,467
	--	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$163,600	\$53,700	\$216,300	\$216,300
	\$806,431	\$63,898	\$870,329	\$1,525	\$120,930	\$122,455	\$992,784
	\$321,232	\$97,680	\$418,912	\$2,135	\$38,625	\$40,760	\$459,672
	\$401,540	\$65,380	\$466,920	\$2,135	\$87,150	\$89,285	\$556,205
	\$401,540.67	\$82,637	\$484,178	\$2,135	\$56,650	\$58,785	\$542,963
	\$1,284,932	\$97,597	\$1,382,529	--	\$42,840	\$42,840	\$1,425,369
	\$722,774	\$559,386	\$782,160	\$2,135	\$109,000	\$111,135	\$893,295
	\$82,416	\$84,973	\$167,389	\$2,135	\$42,650	\$44,785	\$212,174
	\$497,156	\$52,934	\$550,090	\$1,460	\$26,634	\$28,094	\$578,184
	\$10,821,120	\$1,062,401	\$11,883,521	\$53,175	\$235,630	\$288,805	\$12,172,326
	\$80,307	\$184,562	\$264,869	--	--	--	\$264,869
	\$37,584,284	--	\$37,584,284	\$262,390	\$356,175	\$618,565	\$38,202,849
	\$1,766,782	\$180,722	\$1,947,504	\$6,775	\$59,608	\$66,383	\$2,013,887
	\$481,849	\$64,973	\$546,822	--	\$29,450	\$29,450	\$576,272
	\$1,044,007	\$81,335	\$1,125,342	\$3,365	\$5,590	\$8,955	\$1,134,297
	\$240,924	\$91,681	\$332,605	--	\$26,290	\$26,290	\$358,895
	\$240,924	\$57,940	\$298,864	\$1,525	\$36,680	\$38,205	\$337,069
	\$18,821,735	\$1,491,011	\$20,312,746	\$61,850	\$290,375	\$352,225	\$20,664,971
	\$139,034,348	\$5,485,858	\$144,520,206	\$1,995,445	\$3,962,592	\$5,967,510	\$150,158,058

Payroll, Expenditures and Personnel



2008 Highlights

Local Service

- The 85th Civil Support Team continues to work with first responders statewide to prepare for HAZMAT incidents, and recently renewed its federal certification to respond to real-world incidents in support of local authorities.
- Numerous Engineer projects (Road grading, monument building)
- Scouting for Food
- Great Utah Road Tour
- Freedom Academy
- Governor's Day
- 23rd Army Band concerts statewide to include Veterans Day Concert

Nationwide

- The 85th Civil Support Team served in Beaumont, Texas, to assist local authorities with hazardous materials detection, assessment and mitigation in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike.
- Members of the 211th Aviation supported firefighting efforts in California in the summer of 2008
- Soldiers and Airmen from the Utah National Guard recently concluded their service as part of Operation Jump Start along the U.S.-Mexico border in support of the Customs and Border Protection agency. They provided logistical, administrative and other support of federal agencies

Worldwide

- State Partnership Program with Morocco
- Overseas training opportunities: Afghanistan, Australia, Azerbaijan, Belize, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Columbia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Guam, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Kosovo, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Nepal, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Spain, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine
- Governor Jon Huntsman, Utah National Guard commander in chief, visited Iraq

Units Returned from Overseas

- 1-145th Field Artillery – OIF Iraq (Military Police mission, Camp Bucca)
- 116th Convoy Security Company – OIF Iraq (Convoy Security)
- 151st Air Refueling Wing – OEF Afghanistan

Currently Deployed

(Approximately 100 Air, 500 Army)

- 151st Air Refueling Wing – OIF Kuwait
- 169th Intelligence Squadron – Europe
- 151st Security Forces Squadron – OIF Saudi Arabia
- 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion — OEF Afghanistan
- 2nd Battalion, 211th Aviation — OIF Iraq
- 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment — OIF Iraq
- Embedded Training Team — OEF Afghanistan
- Others supporting Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and Noble Eagle stateside and overseas

Individual Accomplishments

- Sergeant Shauna Rohbock, JFHQ, 2006 Women's Bobsled silver medalist, training for 2010 Winter Olympics
- Sergeant Jill Stevens, 211th Aviation, recently concluded her reign as Miss Utah 2007
- Specialist Jeremy Whipple, First Battalion, 211th Aviation, National Guard Soldier of the Year

Unit Accomplishments

AIR

- Airman of the Year, Senior Airman Michael Crosby, 169th Intelligence Squadron

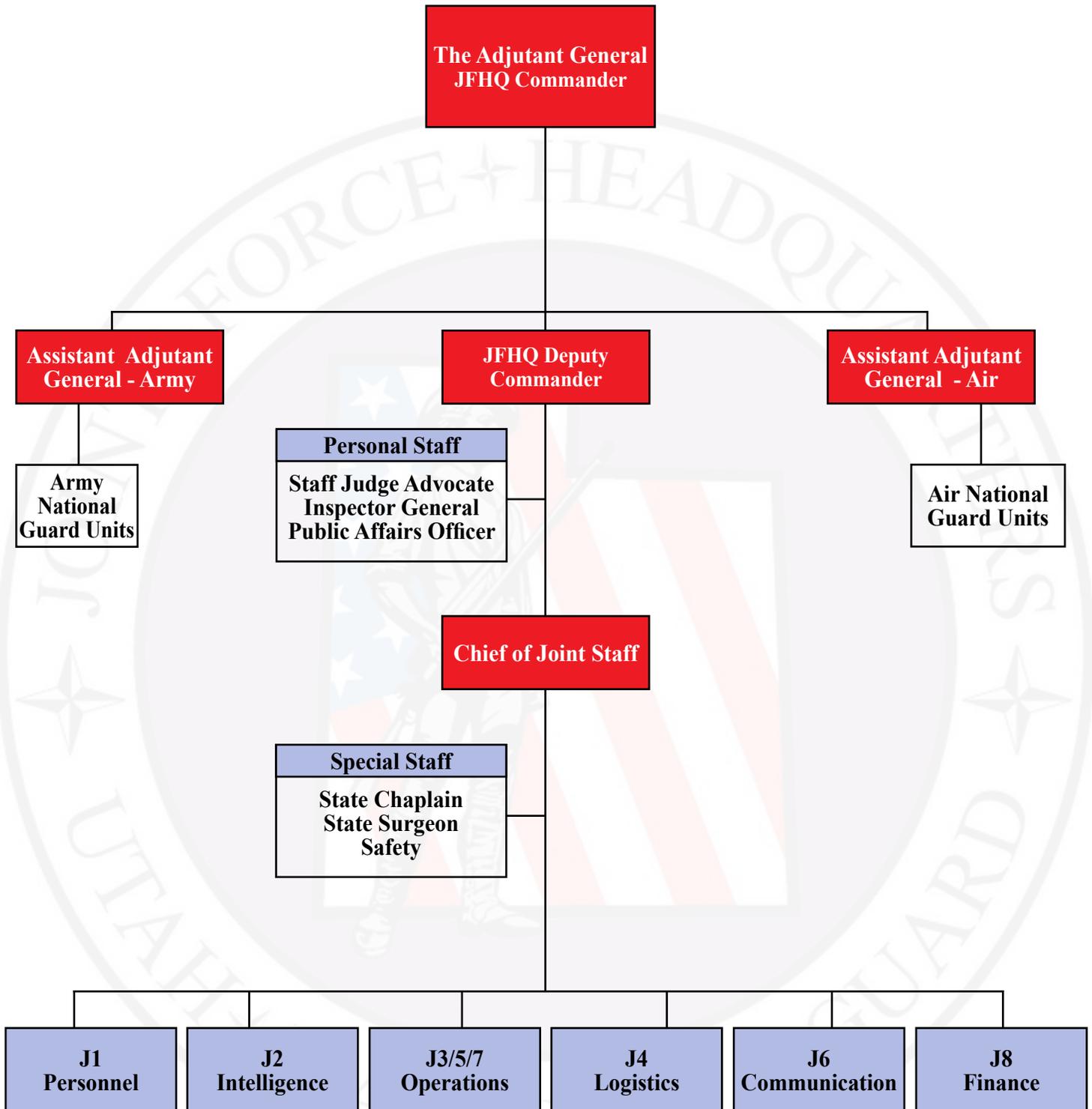
- Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Technical Sergeant Ben Lauritzen, 169th Intelligence Squadron
- Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Master Sergeant Regina Campbell, 151st OSF
- First Sergeant of the Year, Senior Master Sergeant Steven Schiele, 151st Mission Support Group

ARMY

- National and Utah Soldier of the Year, Specialist Jeremy Whipple, First Battalion, 211th Aviation
- Utah Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Sergeant First Class Jennifer Butler, 640th Regional Training Institute
- Utah First Sergeant of the Year, First Sergeant Eric Anderson, Headquarters, 141st Military Intelligence Battalion
- Chief Warrant Officer Paul Holton, 300th MI, founder of Operation Give



Joint Forces Headquarters Organizational Chart



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

Joint Forces Headquarters - Utah



Joint Forces Headquarters (JFHQ) acts as a standing joint-force headquarters, within the state of Utah. 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 adjutant general (TAG), the deputy commander, the 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 adjutant general, as commander, directs the efforts of the Utah National Guard worldwide. The deputy commander, appointed by TAG, may be designated to act as commander in his absence. The chief of joint staff is the principal staff officer, assistant and advisor to TAG, and is the full-time supervisor responsible for the personal, special and joint staffs.

The personal staff is directly responsible to TAG. The personal staff includes the staff judge advocate, inspector general and public affairs officer.

The special staff is directly responsible to the chief of joint staff. The special staff includes the state surgeon, state chaplain and safety offices.

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. The Joint Operations Center provides

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 eight 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 Partnership for Peace Program, key members of the JFHQ coordinated with officials from the Departments of Homeland Security, Public Safety and 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. Morocco also hosted a field artillery exchange with Utah National Guard troops. 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. 



Governor's Day 2008 Hosted at Rice-Eccles Stadium

A sea of military uniforms-filled the University of Utah's football field Sept. 13 as thousands of Soldiers and Airmen marched into Rice-Eccles Stadium for the 2008 Governor's Day parade of the Utah National Guard.

With AH-64 Apache helicopter and KC-135 Stratotanker flyovers, the 23rd Army Band and cannon fire provided by I Corps Artillery, the audience cheered as members of the Utah Army and Air National Guard paraded around the stadium for the annual event.

Since World War I, the Utah Guard has held Governor's Day to provide an annual forum for the commander in chief to fulfill his statutory requirement to review his troops. For decades this parade has been held at Camp Williams, but due to construction along Redwood Road, the event was moved this year, to the the University of Utah campus.



PHOTO LEFT: An Army and Air color guard march before the governor, generals and troops.

PHOTOS BELOW: The forces of the Utah National Guard are arrayed on the field at Rice-Eccles Stadium Sept. 13 for Governor's Day.

PHOTOS OPPOSITE PAGE LEFT TO RIGHT: Soldiers of the Utah Army National Guard present the guidons of their units at Governor's Day. Soldiers of the Utah Army Guard's Recruiting and Retention Battalion show family and friends equipment from various Guard units.



As one who has seen dozens of Governor's Days at Camp Williams, Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet, adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, thought the change in location for this year was a good move.

"I think it worked out great [at Rice-Eccles]," he said. "It's a great venue and was easy to get to. With the road construction out at Camp Williams it was very problematic to get out there."

While Governor's Day was originally organized to kick off the Utah National Guard's Summer Camp, as Annual Training was known decades ago, it has evolved into a family event to recognize the dedication of Utah military members and their families.

During his speech to the troops, Utah Governor Jon Huntsman expressed his appreciation for Guard members and their loved ones.

"Today is your day; this is your family's day," he said. "This is the reminder of the price we pay for freedom and liberty. You are very special people with very remarkable families and we are reminded of them this day."

"You are called upon locally, you are called upon nationally, and you are called

upon internationally," Huntsman continued. "You have great versatility in terms of what you offer. It is from humanitarian work to combat, from fighting fires to literally being the great role models in your individual communities."

Although the governor himself typically figures prominently in the day's events as presiding officer and speaker, it's not the reason Huntsman enjoys the festivities.

"I love Governor's Day, not because it's named for the governor . . . but because it is a day where we recognize all of our Soldiers and their families," said Huntsman. "Life's greatest honor is to serve with the men and women in uniform."

In his remarks Huntsman indicated that the Guard has achieved many milestones this past year, including one Silver Star, 21 Bronze Stars, 10 Purple Hearts, and currently has more than 600 members deployed around the world.

During the ceremony Huntsman presented unit and individual service awards and decorations, and he recognized the top Airmen and Soldiers of the year.

Sergeant 1st Class Jennifer Butler was selected for Utah NCO of the Year for the Utah Army Guard and was very

humbled by the selection.

"I've been in the Guard for 18 years. I love serving in the military and serving my country," she said. "Receiving this award is a humbling experience. I never expected it."

Senior Master Sgt. Steven Schiele, who has been in the military for nearly 30 years, currently serving as the 151st Mission Support Group's first sergeant, received the award for the Utah Air Guard's First Sergeant of the Year.

"This award is really a combination of serving as a first sergeant and being noted for taking care of people," he explained. The first sergeant's main purpose is taking care of the unit's enlisted personnel.

When announcer Master Sgt. Sterling Poulson declared the formal end to the parade, Guard members and their families were able to enjoy the many activities, booths, equipment displays, food court and music provided by Family Programs and local vendors as a thank-you for all the hard work and effort put forth by Airmen, Soldiers and families.

"[Governor's Day] was pulled off with military precision," said Huntsman, summing up the day's events. "I was very impressed." 🇺🇸



Museum and Historical Services

The mission of Fort Douglas Military Museum is to collect, preserve and interpret Utah military heritage. The focus is on the history of Fort Douglas, the Utah National Guard (UTNG), and Utah Veterans.

In addition to support from the UTNG, the Fort Douglas Military Museum Association (a nonprofit organization) also provides financial and legislative support to the Museum.

The Museum received \$600,000 from the governor's budget for capital improvements. The UTNG allocated an additional \$129,000 from end-of-year federal funds. This money will be used to completely upgrade the electrical, heating and cooling systems of the Museum.

Major events for the year included a U.S. Cavalry exhibit; hosting the annual Council on America's Military Past, partnering with This Is the Place Heritage Park for Army/Flag Day activities, and providing a series of lectures on topics ranging from the Utah Expedition of 1857-1858, Utah During the Civil War, the Bear River Massacre, and Frontier Army Life. Field trips included Wendover Army Air Base, Camp Floyd, Hill Air Force Base, Fort Douglas

and Fort Bridger.

Programs that directly supported the UTNG and other military organizations in the State included a Legislator Appreciation Reception, lectures and field trips for the University of Utah ROTC program and Governor's Day at Rice-Eccles Stadium.

Improvements to the Museum included the repositioning of the Museum's tanks and helicopters by the UTNG, remodeling and realigning available office space, repainting the front porches and updating the Museum's internet service.

With visitation up from last year, the Museum is seeing an increase in public awareness of its military history programs. The Museum is located at 32 Potter Street on historic Fort Douglas. Visiting hours are noon to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. 🇺🇸



PHOTOS TOP DOWN: Fort Douglas Military Museum, a National Historic Landmark and Utah Military History Center. The 10th U.S. Cavalry (Buffalo Soldiers) reenactors at Fort Douglas Day. PHOTO LEFT: The 2nd U.S. Dragoons, Fort Douglas Museum, U.S. Cavalry exhibit.

Veterans Day Concert – Heroes, Then and Now

The Utah National Guard celebrated its 52nd Annual Veterans Day Concert Nov. 10, 2007, at the University of Utah's Huntsman Center. The 23rd Army Band and the Granite School District's Combined High School Choir performed in an outstanding manner in honor of our Nation and its Veterans. The theme was "Heroes, Then and Now." Some of the favorite musical numbers included "Do You Hear the People Sing," "Taps," "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "The Star-Spangled Banner." These and many other selections allowed all in attendance to reflect on their freedoms and on the sacrifices required to enjoy them. The concert recognized all Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors and Marines and honored each of them for their service, many paying the ultimate sacrifice while answering our Nation's call.

Master Sgt. Sterling Poulson served as the master of ceremonies. He provided a perfect mix of both serious and lighthearted narration and commentary throughout the performance. Major General Peter S. Cooke was the concert's keynote speaker. In discussing current military operations, he emphasized the strength, dedication and commitment of both our military and their families in support of our Nation. 🇺🇸

The 23rd Army Band and the combined choirs of 12 high schools from Granite School District perform before a crowd of 3,000 at the Huntsman Center during the 2007 Veterans Day concert.



Community Support

Utah National Guard Soldiers and Airmen respond to hundreds of requests each year for community support. Local Guard units are a valuable asset to the community and have assisted with projects to improve, serve and protect Utah.

Guard members have supported local community memorial dedications, parades, and community events by firing artillery, displaying military trucks, helicopters, climbing walls and equipment. Communities across the state have enjoyed the 23rd Army Band performances and concerts as well as seeing AH-64 Apache helicopters, UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters and KC-135R Stratotanker

refuelers fly over parade routes and other special events.

Many lives have been touched by the Guard's annual involvement in Scouting for Food, Olympics for high school languages, concerts, Minuteman 5K Run/Walk and Freedom Academy.

Youth and adults were challenged on our climbing walls, leadership-reaction course, rappel towers, obstacle and ropes courses. Utah citizens were able to build teamwork and leadership skills as taught by the Utah National Guard and emulated by our Soldiers and Airmen.

Guard members trained with local

responders for hazardous cleanup, supported engineer projects to improve cities and the environment, translated documents and participated in community events throughout the entire State.

When the Guard supports an event, they respond as well-trained professionals with commitment and dedication to the community, state and nation. The Utah National Guard has a positive impact on local communities and the citizens of Utah. Guard members volunteer and serve in Utah communities where they live and work, creating a vested interest as a valuable asset to the State of Utah. 🇺🇸



Honorary Colonels Corps of Utah

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

During June, the Corps sponsored the 47th Annual Minuteman Awards Banquet. The banquet honored local citizens who have distinguished themselves through service to the community in civic, religious, business, humanitarian or military capacities.

This year's recipients included the Right Reverend Michael Kouremetis, Ms. Kaziah Hancock, Chief Warrant Officer Layne S. Pace, Mr. Kevin Head, Ms. Hesther Rippy, Master Sgt. Sterling Poulson and Honorary Colonel Robert L. Stayner. Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. was also a recipient of the Minuteman Award, but was in Washington, D.C. at the time. Officials were able to communicate with him and present this award to him via a teleconference from Washington.

In August, the Corps helped sponsor the 46th Annual Freedom Academy. This is a weeklong event that hosts high school student leaders from throughout the State in an unforgettable freedom-education experience. Held at Camp Williams, the Academy acquaints students to prisoners, the military,

civic and religious leaders and encourages each student to be an ambassador of freedom at their own school.

Another area in which the Corps is involved is the Boss Lift program. In cooperation with the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve organization, the Corps helps to organize and support joint civilian-military flights across the country. Influential civilians, particularly employers of Guard members, benefit greatly by observing firsthand the critical missions performed by their employee Guard members.

Members of the Corps are involved, in one way or another, in most significant events in the Utah National Guard. Sometimes it is through financial assistance for a special project such as the annual Veterans Day Concert; at other times they may be a liaison between the Guard and less-involved community members. Whatever their participation, the Honorary Colonels Corps is a valuable and supportive part of the Guard community in Utah.

Retired Brig. Gen. E. J. "Jake" Garn is commander of the Honorary Colonels Corps. Below is a current list of the Honorary Colonels Corps of Utah. Each member adds value and strengthens the Utah National Guard. 🇺🇸



Hesther Rippy (center) receives a Minuteman award presented by Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet (left) and retired Brig. Gen. E.J. "Jake" Garn for the Lehi Literacy Center, which she founded.

Hon Col Dorothy Anderson
 Hon Col Fred S. Ball
 Honorable Norman H. Bangerter
 Hon Col Eugene W. Banks
 Hon Col Warren Barnes
 Hon Col Lane Beattie
 Hon Col Lewis Billings
 Hon Col Rodney H. Brady
 Hon Col Dorothy Brockbank
 Hon Col Mark Buchi
 Hon Col Kenneth Burton
 Hon Col Patrick Byrne
 Hon Col James E. Charnholm
 BG (Ret) Ronald E. Chytraus*
 Hon Col Howard S. Clark
 Hon Col Charles W. Dahlquist, II
 Hon Col Victoria Davison
 Hon Col Gerald "Skip" Daynes
 Hon Col Thomas D. Dee
 BG (Ret) Ralph L. Dewsnup
 Hon Col Ezekiel Dumke, Jr.
 Hon Col Dan R. Eastman
 Hon Col Jim Ellsworth
 Hon Col Rex Falkenrath
 Hon Col David P. Felt
 Hon Col Tage I. Flint
 BG Bruce C. Frandsen
 BG (Ret) Melvin V. Frandsen
 Hon Col Michael J. Frodsham

Hon Col Robert H. Garff
 BG (Ret) E.J. "Jake" Garn*
 Hon Col Jake W. Garn
 Hon Col Mary Ann Garner
 Hon Col John B. Goddard
 Hon Col William Godwin
 BG (Ret) Stanley J. Gordon
 BG (Ret) Parry Greenwood, Jr.
 Hon Col George Gregersen
 Hon Col Myrna Griffone
 Hon Col David F. Gunn
 MG (Ret) John M. Hafen
 Hon Col James V. Hansen
 BG Scott B. Harrison
 BG (Ret) Jon C. Heaton
 Hon Col Ronald E. Henriksen
 Hon Col A. Lawrence Higgins
 Hon Col Duane C. Hill
 Hon Col Jerald D. Holyoak*
 BG David Hooper
 Hon Col Henry A. Huish
 Honorable Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.
 BG (Ret) Gil H. Iker
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 Hon Col B. Z. Kastler
 Hon Col Ross E. Kendall
 Hon Col Richard W. Kieffer
 Hon Col Linda Kruse
 Hon Col Fred P. Lampropoulos

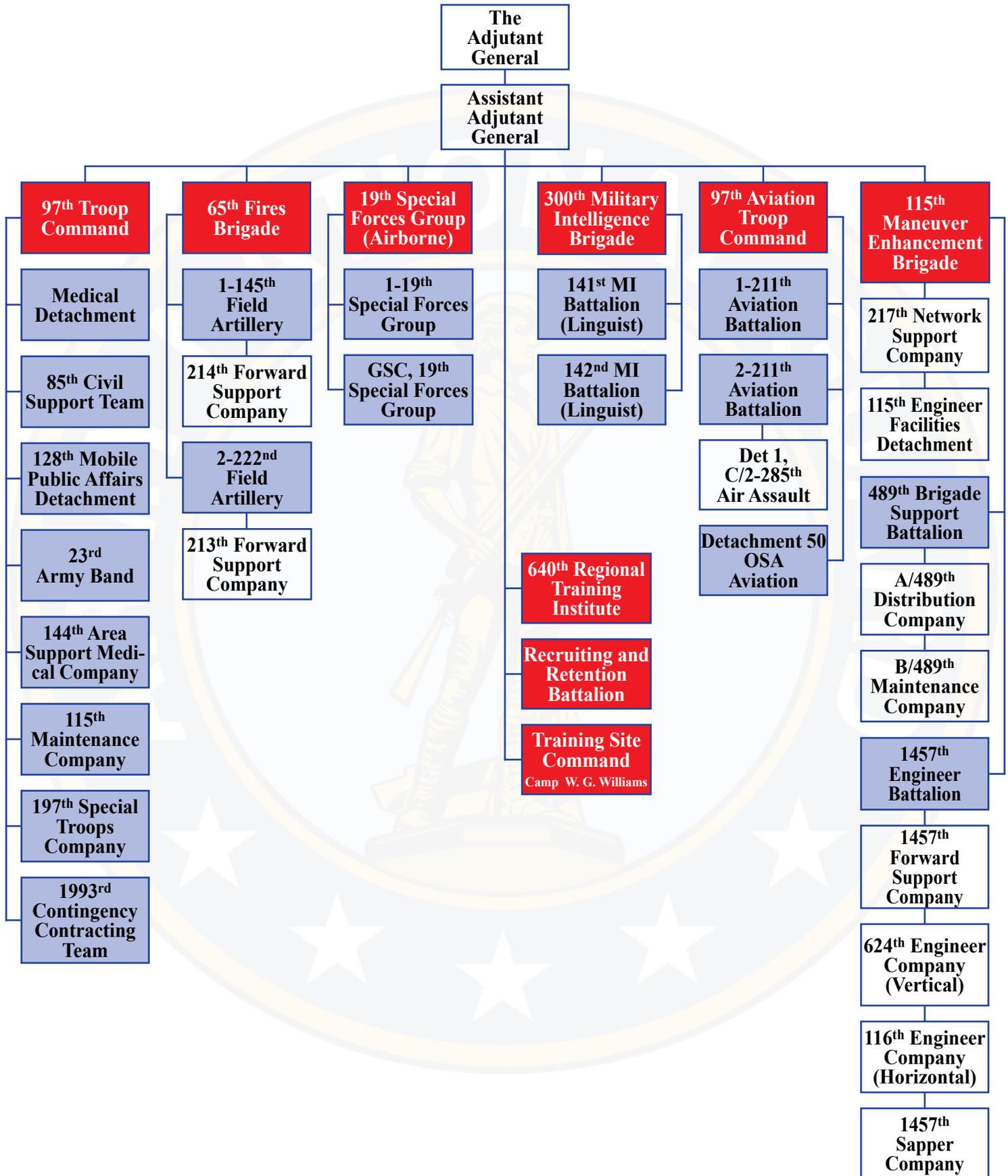
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 BG Michael R. Liechty
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 Hon Col Allan M. Lipman, Jr.
 BG (Ret) Larry Lunt
 Hon Col P. William Madsen
 BG (Ret) James G. Martin
 MG (Ret) John L. Matthews
 Hon Col Vickie L. McCall
 MG (Ret) James M. Miller
 Hon Col June M. Morris
 Hon Col Robert D. Myrick
 Hon Col Richard L. Nelson
 Hon Col William H. Nelson
 BG (Ret) David W. Noall
 Hon Col Robert S. Pembroke*
 Hon Col Raymond Peterson
 Hon Col Keith O. Rattie
 Hon Col Lynn Richard Raybould
 Hon Col Lynelle "Nell" Raymond*
 Hon Col Bruce Reading
 BG (Ret) Lyle M. Rich
 Hon Col Lon R. Richardson, Jr.
 Hon Col Wallace H. Ring
 Hon Col Antonio L. Savoca

Hon Col Harris H. Simmons
 Hon Col Daniel Snarr
 Hon Col Roy Souder
 Hon Col David Spafford
 Hon Col Robert L. Stayner*
 Hon Col Michael G. Sullivan
 Hon Col Paul Swenson
 MG Brian L. Tarbet*
 Hon Col Reudiger Tillman, DDS
 Hon Col Rex Thornton
 Hon Col J. Howard VanBoerum
 BG Robert S. Voyles
 Hon Col Kip Wadsworth
 Hon Col M. Walker Wallace
 Hon Col Paul M. Warner
 Hon Col Dolores Wheeler
 Hon Col Don M. Wheeler
 Hon Col Paul Whitehead, M.D.
 Hon Col Richard Workman
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Utah Army National Guard

Organizational Chart



Utah Army National Guard



The Utah Army National Guard is an organization rich in heritage, tradition and service. Formally organized in the spring of 1894, the first service in defense of life and property was actually rendered under the banner of the Nauvoo Legion in the 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. Individual units, ranging from the 144th Area Support Medical Company to the 300th Military Intelligence Brigade, receive recognition for excellence in everything from medical support to intelligence 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 the governor, units and Guard members support civil authorities in protecting life and property. They are also called upon to help preserve peace, order, and public safety, which are integrated into the Homeland Defense mission.

The second mission of the Utah Army National Guard is to the people of the United States. When called upon by the president, the 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.

In 2008, the Utah National Guard responded to the call to support disaster recovery operations in Texas following Hurricane Ike.

The Utah Army Guard has many different types of units. Administered by Joint Forces HQ, Artillery, Aviation, Maneuver Enhancement, 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 shops, 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, activating 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 Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet, the Adjutant General; Brig. Gen. Jefferson Burton, Assistant Adjutant General—Army; and Command Sgt. Maj. Bruce Summers; the Utah Army National Guard continues its long tradition of distinguished service to the State and Nation. 



65th Fires Brigade



Artillery units in the Utah Army National Guard completed another tough and demanding training cycle throughout 2008. Beginning with the deployment of 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and culminating in the transformation of the command from I Corps Artillery to the 65th Fires Brigade, artillery Soldiers in the State of Utah continued a long tradition of superb performance and extraordinary adaptability.

I Corps Artillery maintained their vigorous training tempo in 2008, performing multiple exercises and training events. The unit conducted joint training with the Japanese Army during Yama Sukura in December, took part in two separate exercises with counterparts from the Navy and Marine Corps during FST-J in February and August and participated in the 40th ID Warfighter Exercise in July. The command also completed the transformation of the unit to the 65th Fires Brigade in September, stood-up two Forward Support Companies (the 213th FSC, St. George, and the 214th FSC, Tooele), and coordinated the transformation of 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery, and 2nd Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery, to Fires Battalions.

The 1-145th FA deployed to Iraq in May 2007, and performed in lieu of a military police mission. The unit was assigned detainee operation missions throughout Iraq. Regardless if the unit was conducting compound operations, overseeing the construction of future detention facilities or conducting critical information operations missions, the 1-145th FA Soldiers executed their duties and responsibilities with professionalism and beyond expectations. The unit returned from Iraq in May 2008 with the fanfare and esteem typical of all Utah National Guard units for a job well done.

The Army has implemented several postmobilization programs to assist Soldiers and their families to stabilize and successfully transition after performing deployment missions. The unit completed the remainder of the training year conducting these programs.

The 2-222nd FA executed a challenging training plan in 2008 culminating in the Battalion's annual training conducted at Dugway Proving Ground. Soldiers

of the Triple Deuce got back to the basics, concentrating on individual and collective artillery tasks while maintaining proficiency on warrior tasks and battle drills. Additionally, select Soldiers from the 2-222nd FA were presented with the chance to interface with the artillery officers and soldiers from the Moroccan Army. The Soldiers were part of the Utah National Guard's State Partnership Program and provided training to members of the Moroccan

Army in basic field artillery operations, field artillery battalion roles and responsibilities and fire support coordination measures.

Additionally, several artillery Soldiers from every unit in the command were presented an exciting opportunity to serve as ambassadors of the Utah National Guard while training in Bulgaria executing tasks and drills with the Bulgarian Army. This training was conducted in two iterations and afforded Soldiers the opportunity to perform missions beyond their normal Field Artillery tasks. The exercise was a great success and provided all participants a positive experience in international relations.

Although the command is no longer known as I Corps Artillery, Soldiers of the 65th FiB, along with Soldiers of 1-145th FA and 2-222nd FA, stand ready to continue the legacy and tradition of

Utah artillery units of the past. Colonel Richard Miller and Command Sgt. Maj. James Liechty lead the outstanding officers, noncommissioned officers, and Soldiers of the 65th FiB. 



TOP DOWN: Brigadier Gen. Michael Liechty, Command Sgt. Maj. James Liechty and Spc. Michael McGonigal case the I Corps Artillery colors. Col. Richard Miller, Command Sgt. Maj. James Liechty and Sgt. Spenser Pantone uncase the 65th Fires Brigade colors. Soldiers from the new 65th FiB pose for a group photo.



97th Troop Command



The Headquarters of 97th Troop Command started the year off with a change-of-command and retirement ceremony. Colonel Linda Higgins relinquished command to Col. Ed Gundersen and retired after 30 years of outstanding service to the Utah Army National Guard.

Colonel Gundersen and Command Sgt. Maj. Raelynn Oman provide brigade and battalion level command and control for nine separate units: Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 97th Troop Command; Utah Army National Guard Medical Detachment; 85th Civil Support Team; 128th Public Affairs Detachment (Mobile); 144th Area Support Medical Company; 197th Special Troops Company (Special Operations Airborne); 1993rd Contingency Contracting Team; 115th Maintenance Component Repair Company; and 23rd Army Band.

The mission of 97th Troop Command is to provide subordinate units with administrative support, logistical support and training guidance necessary to maintain a high level of readiness and complete their separate unique missions.

The Headquarters also oversees the Soldier Readiness Processing and home station mobilization of the subordinate units. This past year the 128th MPAD was mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Gundersen and Oman were able to visit the 128th during their predeployment training at Fort Dix, N.J.

This year, two new units have been added to the inventory of the Utah Army National Guard under 97th Troop Command: they are the 197th Special Troops Company (Special Operations Airborne) Ogden, and the 1993rd Contingency Contracting Team, Draper. Both units bring new assets and capabilities to the Utah Army National Guard. The 97th Troop Command will help these two new units become viable assets to Utah and to the Army.

Providing command and control and staff support to the nine separate units is a challenging mission, but the Soldiers of 97th Troop Command find it very rewarding. It is the professionalism and experience of the 97th Troop Command that makes it all possible with nine separate units and nine unique missions. 

97th Troop Command

A brigade-level command-and-control headquarters, providing subordinate units with necessary administrative support and training guidance to complete their respective missions.



128th Mobile Public Affairs

Currently deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, where they provide command information through written stories with still and video photography in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. They also interact with the civilian media in order to tell the Guard's story to the general public.

Medical Detachment

Provides medical support to Utah Army National Guard units to be prepared for mobilization and State emergencies.



1993rd Acquisition Contingency Contracting Team

Recently activated into the Utah Army National Guard, it is a small unit of only four Soldiers. Its mission is to plan for and coordinate all contracting functions at the Brigade Combat Team level as well as supporting the United States Property and Fiscal Office with contracting functions during State emergencies.

23rd Army Band

Performs at many community and military events from Logan to St. George, including Governor's Day, Veterans Day Concert, parades, special events, and memorial dedications.



197th Special Troops Company

A rapidly deployable logistical support unit that supports all deployed Army Special Operations forces throughout the world with combat service support and Level II Combat Health Support. The unit's diverse composition makes it a great asset during state emergencies.

85th Civil Support Team

Continues to train on a regular basis with local, State, and federal entities to maintain their readiness to respond to hazardous-materials incidents.



115th Maintenance Company

Provides general support maintenance to the various units of the Utah National Guard.



144th Area Support Medical Company

Provides emergency medical support for combat operations, sick call and medical treatment care in both Troop Medical Clinic and Combat Support Hospital settings.



300th Military Intelligence Brigade

The 300th Military Intelligence Brigade (Linguist) is headquartered in Draper, Utah. It provides command and control of two Military Intelligence (MI) Battalions totaling approximately 800 Soldiers within the State of Utah. Four additional military intelligence battalions, approximately 1,200 Soldiers, in the States of Washington, California, Louisiana and Florida, fall under the Brigade for training and guidance. The mission of the 300th is to provide linguist, human intelligence (HUMINT), and signals intelligence (SIGINT) support to the Army for multiple contingencies.

The 300th Military Intelligence Brigade is the only linguist-designated military intelligence organization in the Department of Defense. Soldiers of the Brigade maintain proficiency in more than 36 foreign languages, and a high percentage of these Soldiers maintain proficiency in more than one foreign language. During FY08, Soldiers of the 300th deployed to 14 different countries to provide critical language support, enhance their language and utilize their individual MI skills to support real-world intelligence operations. This continues the Brigade's proud and distinguished support to the Army's combined and joint commands, most of the Army's major commands and to many of the nation's intelligence agencies operating throughout the world.



The Brigade has been continuously engaged in the Global War on Terrorism since September 2001. This year the Brigade deployed more than 305 Soldiers to Iraq, Afghanistan and Kosovo. Nearly all military intelligence Soldiers within the Utah Army National Guard have been deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan and made very significant contributions to the war. Many of these Soldiers continue to provide full-time and part-time support as linguists in virtual document exploitation operations from home station. Other MI Soldiers continue to use their HUMINT and SIGINT skills to virtually support several national intelligence agencies and military organizations throughout the world.

In March, the Brigade hosted its 19th annual language conference. Lieutenant Gen. John Kimmons, the keynote speaker, was among many distinguished guests that attend this annual event.

The 300th Military Intelligence Brigade is commanded by Col. Val Peterson, and Command Sgt. Maj. James Sproul serves as the Brigade command sergeant major. 🇺🇸

Soldiers from the 300th MI BDE conduct a meeting with Afghan National Police and Afghan civilians.





19th Special Forces Group (Airborne)



First Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) conducted its Annual Training, Operation Mammoth Glacier, at Fort Harrison, Mont., Aug. 11-23, 2008. This training event mobilized the Battalion to a distant location, tested all communication nodes and logistical muscle and also tested the Battalion staff through Battle Command exercises in Special Operations Task Force skill sets. This was the Battalion's first Annual Training since returning from Operation Enduring Freedom – Philippines in 2007 and was one of the most challenging and rewarding events in our recent history. Our primary staff and commander were new to the Battalion since returning from the Philippines.

The Commander utilized the Battle Command Exercise Division (BCED) from the John F. Kennedy United States Army Special Warfare Center and School in giving our staff a crawl-phase simulation in preparation for our next deployment. The initial planning through the entire completion of the Annual Training went smoothly.

The training's after-action review yielded valuable insights, such as pertinent updates of our Standard Operational Procedures in all staff sections, and no-kidding, hard-battle tracking and configuration suggestions for the Operations Center to enable us to respond rapidly to troops in contact.

In talking with participants of Mammoth Glacier, they all agreed this was the best, most realistic Annual Training any had experienced. The Special Warfare Center's BCED presented us with scenarios which occurred in theater literally just days prior to our exercise. This short exercise did more for the Battalion staff than previous Joint Readiness Training Center rotations. Even with the new staff, our collective combat experience was obvious to the BCED facilitators, and by the end of the short exercise our centers (Operation Center, Support Center and Signal Center) were neither crawling nor walking; instead, they were running. Lieutenant Col. Watts' warrior-centered guidance gave the staff clear avenues to train and execute. In the end, the BCED stated emphatically that ours was one of the best staffs they have evaluated in the 18 exercises they have conducted to date—most staffs being Active Duty, including Group level.

All good things must come to an end, but with this Annual Training, the end was in keeping with the entire experience. Our Headquarters Support Company exercised its new Family Readiness Group (FRG) led by Kristina Skarstedt and our new chaplain, Capt. David Jones. They simply knocked the ball out of the park! Spending every penny they could find, they put together a feast and activities second to none for all family members of the Annual Training participants. We served over 300 meals and hosted everything from a weapons display to poolside water balloon fights at the Camp Williams Officer Club. Here again, we heard nothing but how this was the most remarkable FRG event in memory. 🇺🇸



Members of the 1-19th SF Group jump over drop zone Ashau, south of Camp Williams, during a training exercise.

115th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade



The 115th Engineer Group reorganized in August as the 115th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (MEB). The unit, commanded by Col. Don Summit, was relocated from Draper to Camp Williams. Command Sgt. Maj. Craig Haskell continues to serve in the unit's highest enlisted position. The Engineer Group accomplished much in its last year in existence, and the Soldiers and officers of the Group look forward to many productive years in the new organization.

In November 2007, the Group participated in a staff exercise called "Torgau '07" in Grafenwoehr, Germany. Torgau '07 was a combined exercise involving the U.S. Army and Russian Ground Forces. The exercise was designed to improve coalition planning, to gain mutual understanding and to enhance interoperability training and skills at the Soldier level. The Group staff served exceptionally well in every part of the exercise, from the supporting cells to the response brigades.

Early in 2008, the Engineer Group deployed 14 Soldiers to Panama, Guatemala and Belize on a humanitarian and civic assistance operation sponsored by U.S. Southern Command. The operation, dubbed "Beyond the Horizons," was a follow-on mission from the U.S. Army's "New Horizons" project. The focus of the mission was to spread goodwill and build relationships with partner nations throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. The team successfully completed over 40 missions, winning the hearts and minds in each community they visited.

This year our subordinate units completed several community support construction projects. These projects included expanding accessibility to campsites in East Canyon and constructing a community pavilion in the town of Altamont.

We welcomed home the 116th Security Forces Company (SECFOR) from a very successful mission in Iraq. The Company performed exceptionally well by providing armed escorts to logistical convoys delivering supplies to Coalition forces in Northern Iraq.

On Aug. 15, 2008, as the 23rd Army Band played Essayons (the Engineer regimental song), the 115th Engineer Group and the 115th Engineer Battalion stood on the Army Garrison Camp Williams parade field for the last time. These two honored and distinguished units cased their unit colors, while the 1457th Engineer Battalion reorganized into a modular Engineer Battalion with five subordinate companies. Attendees also witnessed the creation of five new units as they unfurled their flags for the first time. The 115th Engineer Battalion became the 489th Brigade Support Battalion, which will serve under the MEB and will provide command and control to two subordinate companies. Two other brand-new units were created that day: the 217th Network Support Company and the 115th Facilities Engineer Detachment. 



TOP DOWN: The new flag for the 115th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade. Soldiers stand in formation at the 115th Engineer Group transformation ceremony Aug. 15, 2008. Deployed with Beyond the Horizons, SGT Kamron Stewart and SPC Jamal Crew frame a ceiling in Belize. SGT Phillip McClure and SGT Ryan Grassley form a cement trench in Panama during Operation Beyond the Horizons. In Germany, Lt. Col. Vasily Baldygyn, of the Russian army, left, discusses military strategy with Capt. Jason Elphick of the Utah National Guard. American and Russian Soldiers confer with the help of an interpreter during the Torgau 2007 exercise.



97th Aviation Troop Command



The 97th Aviation Troop Command (formerly 211th Aviation Group) is now in its third 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.

The HHC, 2-211th General Support Aviation Battalion (GSAB), deployed to Kuwait to support Operation Iraqi Freedom last spring. The planning and training of the battalion was a long time in coming with the 97th ATC providing support during Annual Training, mobilization, and finally their departure.

The 97th ATC staff has also sent Soldiers to support the 1-211th Attack Recon Battalion during their drills and Annual Training. Helicopter Aerial Gunnery is a major part of their training and our staff operated the Hornet Tower complex at the gunnery ranges near Lakeside, Utah. These are Air Force ranges that provide the best aerial gunnery training and qualification in the country. Hornet Tower staff provides tracking, liaison, deconfliction and safety services to the helicopters as they fly and train in an environment that closely resembles Afghanistan and Iraq.

Two members of our staff were also trained by the JFHQ-DOMS to be liaison officers to civil authorities in the event of natural disasters or national emergencies. Chief Warrant Officer Gary Wallin, along with other Soldiers from Utah, were dispatched to Carson City, Nev., to assist the Nevada National Guard in their version of Vigilant Guard 2008. It was excellent training and reinforced what we had learned in the classroom.

A room at the Army Aviation Support Facility in West Jordan dedicated to be part of an Emergency Operations Center was remodeled and work was completed. This has been an ongoing project in conjunction with the AASF to fully integrate our facility and staff into a functioning emergency operations center that will support JFHQ and other authorities in the event of a natural disaster or national emergency.

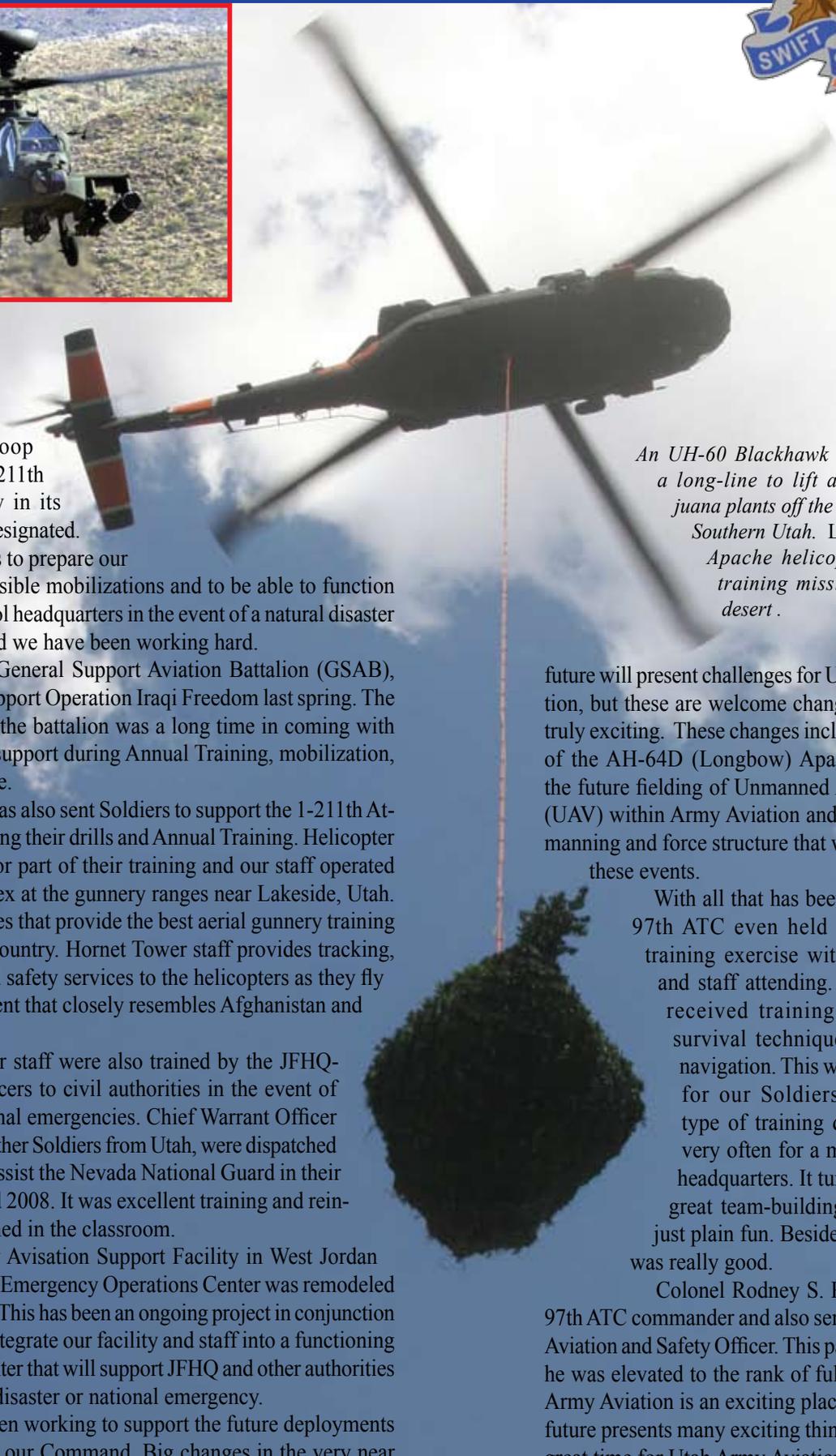
Our staff has also been working to support the future deployments of the remaining units in our Command. Big changes in the very near

An UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter uses a long-line to lift a load of marijuana plants off the mountainside in Southern Utah. LEFT: An AH-64 Apache helicopter conducts a training mission in the west desert.

future will present challenges for Utah Army Aviation, but these are welcome changes that will be truly exciting. These changes include the fielding of the AH-64D (Longbow) Apache helicopter, the future fielding of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) within Army Aviation and the changes to manning and force structure that will accompany these events.

With all that has been going on, the 97th ATC even held its own field-training exercise with all members and staff attending. All our troops received training in overwater survival techniques and in land navigation. This was a great event for our Soldiers because this type of training doesn't happen very often for a major command headquarters. It turned out to be a great team-building tool and was just plain fun. Besides that, the food was really good.

Colonel Rodney S. Robinson is the 97th ATC commander and also serves as the State Aviation and Safety Officer. This past training year he was elevated to the rank of full colonel. Utah Army Aviation is an exciting place to be, and the future presents many exciting things for us. It is a great time for Utah Army Aviation. 



640th Regional Training Institute



The 640th Regiment (RTI) works in conjunction with National Guard Bureau and Training and Doctrine Command-proponent schools to provide combat arms, leadership, military occupational specialty reclassification, noncommissioned officer education system and general studies training for the Army National Guard, Army Reserve and active-duty Soldiers. The RTI monitors and coordinates academic instruction, facilities, food service and lodging for Soldiers participating in scheduled training. The RTI consists of four Battalions and a regimental headquarters which also contains the Subject Matter Expert Cell of Military Intelligence for the National Guard nationwide.

First Battalion, 640th Regiment (NCOA), is one of six full-time noncommissioned officer academies within the Army National Guard. First Battalion, conducts noncommissioned officer training for junior and senior NCOs. Courses taught include Warrior Leader, Basic Noncommissioned Officer, First Sergeant and Battle Staff Noncommissioned Officer Courses. First Battalion also has the responsibility of oversight for all states in the western region that conduct NCOES.

Second Battalion, 640th Regiment (Modular), conducts all state-directed courses to include Ground Combat Course, Bus Driver Training Course, Officer Candidate School Phase Zero and any other adjutant general-directed training.

Third Battalion, 640th Regiment Field Artillery trains the majority of all Field Artillery military occupational specialty reclassification and Noncommissioned Officer technical tracks. Courses taught include 13B Cannon Crewmember, 13D Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data Specialist, 13F Fire Support Specialist and 13S Field Artillery Surveyor.

Fourth Battalion, 640th Regiment is currently the only National Guard School accredited to conduct Military Intelligence reclassification training. Courses taught include 35M Human Intelligence Collector, 35F Intelligence Analyst and 35L Counter Intelligence Agent.

Headquarters 640th RTI contains the Military Intelligence Subject Matter Expert Cell which provides National Guard Bureau with an expanded capability nationwide. Duties and responsibilities include oversight for all National Guard institutional training for Military Intelligence, advising commanders on Military Intelligence training, training allocations for quota managers, review of Course Management Plans and Programs of Instruction, designated representative for all National Guard Bureau Military Intelligence training and limited command and control for institutional training.

During FY08, the RTI trained more than 7,000 Soldiers in various courses to include mobilization requirements, deployment needs and transformation needs. The RTI has been nationally recognized for its ability to be adaptive and responsive to the needs of the warfighter.

The RTI is in the process of building a new training complex with federal funding of over 19 million dollars. This facility, when completed in December 2008, will be a state-of-the-art training center which will greatly improve Soldier training and billeting. The RTI also helped to design and build a new Forward Operating Base on Camp Williams which will replicate living conditions in both Iraq and Afghanistan. This base will greatly enhance field training exercises and allow today's warfighter to "train as they fight." 



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PHOTO ABOVE: *Warrior Leader Course training at Camp Williams.*
PHOTO LEFT: *Military Intelligence training.*

Army Garrison Camp Williams

Range Control

Fiscal Year 2008 was another busy year for Range Control at Camp Williams. Army Garrison Camp Williams (AGCW) witnessed an increase in the number of Soldiers, civilians and law enforcement officers trained there. Camp Williams hosted 732 training days for Airmen, 197,246 training days for National Guard Soldiers, 10,497 training days for Army Reserve Soldiers, 6,259 training days for Marines, 66 training days for Sailors, 6,661 training days for law enforcement officers and 15,664 training days for civilians and youth groups.

Range Control oversaw the overhaul of the Combat Pistol Range and the Infantry Squad Battle Course. They also participated in two MEDEVAC rehearsals with Life Flight and AirMed. The wildfire-suppression program trained 70 new wildland firefighters and hosted three wildland fire rehearsals. Also, this year for the first time Camp Williams hired a full-time Fire Management officer, Lance Wollebaek.

One major event in FY08 was Operation February Storm. AGCW witnessed record amounts of snowfall in January and February 2008. Because of the large amounts of snowfall, keeping parking lots, main roads and ranges clear of snow became increasingly difficult.

The weekend of Feb. 1-3, turned out to be a pivotal weekend for snow removal. This weekend fell in the middle of the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion Mobilization CERTEX. The 142nd Military Intelligence Soldiers needed access to ranges and training areas on AGCW to complete important premobilization training. The AGCW was looking at another snowstorm set to deliver up to an inch of snow right in the middle of this crucial training period. In an effort to support the 142nd MI's important training, the UT-G3 launched Operation February Storm.

Under OP FEB STORM, the 115th Engineer Group provided equipment and 15 Soldiers to meet the emergency snow removal needs of AGCW. Soldiers from the 116th and 624th Engineer Companies, and the 1457th Engineer Combat Battalion responded quickly and professionally to the call for help. By 9:00 a.m. Feb. 1, Engineers were employed using five-yard loaders and 20-Ton dump trucks to remove accumulated snow piles from parking lots throughout AGCW. Engineers operated graders, 2.5-yard loaders, five-ton dump trucks and a D-7 bulldozer to remove snow from Watts Road and live-fire ranges under the direction of Range Control, Facilities Engineering and Facilities Maintenance.

By Saturday, Feb. 2, AGCW was operating normally with minimal disruptions to the 142nd MI's training. AGCW was able to rest between storms, but Sunday, Feb. 3, brought the largest storm of the season and it was back to work for AGCW.

Logistics

The AGCW Logistics provides support for all branches of the military (Active Duty, National Guard and Reserves), federal and state government agencies, and civilian groups (to include youth organizations, family, church groups and businesses). Logistics provides support to Chang Industries, a defense contractor that uses Camp Williams ranges for Department of Defense testing.

AGCW- L provides support for ammunition storage, issues, and turn-in. Organizations can draw linens and other supplies from the logistics building with prior notification and authorization. Camp Williams has a Troop Issue Subsistence Activity (TISA). Authorized organizations can request meals and rations for training activities. There is a fuel point located on the installation that is capable of storing 50,000 gallons of diesel, unleaded and propane fuels.

The TISA has supported an average of 15 units per month during the year. This includes ordering, receiving, proper storage and issuing to units. Units can draw rations for weekend drills as well as Annual Training activities. Arrangements can be made to have rations delivered to other installations, such as to Fort Helena, Mont.

The Ammunition Supply Point supports an average of 15 units per month with ammunition issues turn-ins and shipments. During the FY08, the ASP received 1,637,314 pieces of ammunition to include small arms, artillery, and demolition; 1,933,313 were issued from the magazines to units, 656,710 were returned to the ASP and 17,253 items were shipped to other locations.

During Governor's Day activities at the University of Utah, Logistics provided setup of the food court, exhibition booths and the commissary case-lot sale.

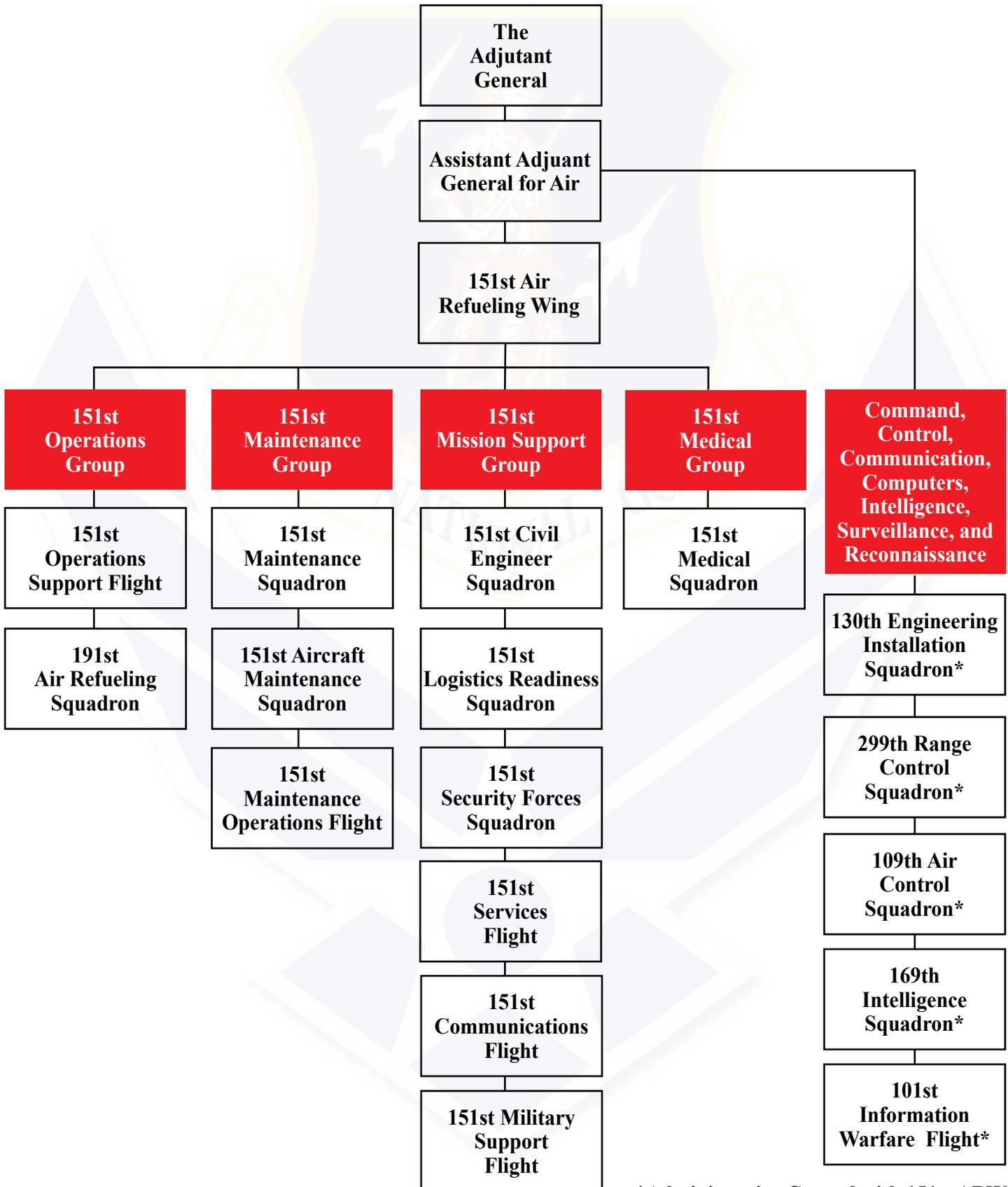
The case-lot sale provided Soldiers and retirees an opportunity to preorder quantities of food items at discount prices. This year was a record breaking year with only the preorder sale. Logistics filled nearly 200 orders with sales totaling over \$100,000.

Facilities Engineer

Several major projects started or continued in FY08 include the Total Army School System building which will house the Regional Training Institute and will be completed by early November 2008. This new facility will provide administrative offices, classrooms and billets for students. Building 5030 (Pier 503) underwent major renovation, increasing its capacity to provide meals for Soldiers. The Non-commissioned Club was demolished and construction of a new Service Club initiated on the existing site with a completion date of spring 2009. 

Utah Air National Guard

Organizational Chart



*Administrative Control with 151st ARW

Utah Air National Guard



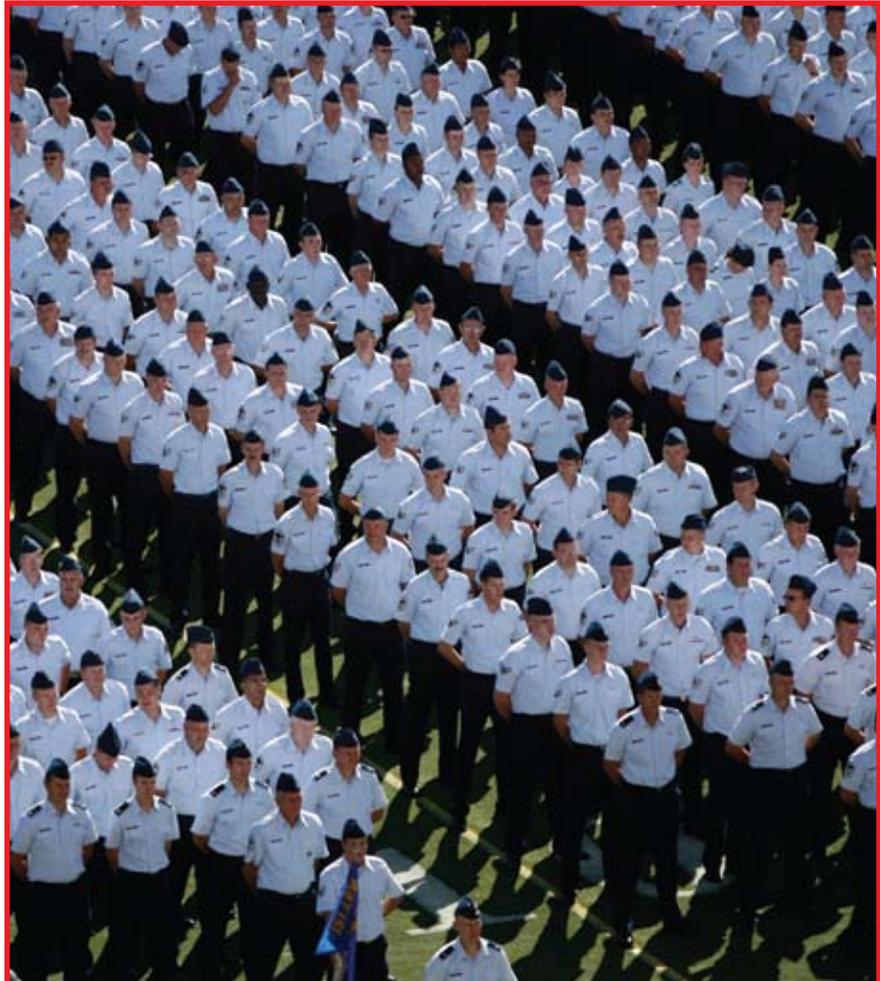
Founded on Nov. 18, 1946, the Utah Air National Guard (UTANG) is located on over 82 acres of the northeast corner of the Salt Lake International Airport. Over 1,450 trained and dedicated men and women serve in the UTANG to defend the United States of America. Commanded by Brig. Gen. David M. Hooper, 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. The units are the 130th Engineering Installation Squadron, commanded by Lt. Col. Jack Wall; the 169th Intelligence Squadron, commanded by Lt. Col. Mitchell Hall; the 109th Air Control Squadron, commanded by Lt. Col. Mark Lyon; the 299th Range Control Squadron (located at Hill Air Force Base, Utah), commanded by Lt. Col. John Teter; and the 101st Information Warfare Flight, commanded by Lt. Col. Lance Whipple.

The UTANG began as a fighter/bomber unit, and its mission has changed three times since 1946. 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 transportations 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, UTANG members were some 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 in Bosnia, Kosovo and Southwest Asia.



Airmen stand in formation at Governor's Day held at Rice-Eccles Stadium on the University of Utah campus.

Additionally, members of the UTANG supported the Salt Lake 2002 Winter Olympics in various capacities.

The UTANG continued distinctive federal service during 2008 with missions around the globe in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and Noble Eagle. The UTANG also supported numerous NATO operations, Operation Jump Start for border security and Air Expeditionary Forces (AEF) 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, Freedom Academy, the Adopt-a-School program, Scouting for Food and highway cleanup projects. The UTANG also maintained its state of readiness should the State of Utah need support during an earthquake, flood, civil disturbance or major disaster. 

151st Air Refueling Wing



The 151st Air Refueling Wing had a very eventful year in 2008 with deployments, inspections and other events. The Airmen of the 151st, with their can-do attitude, meet every challenge with enthusiasm and efficiency.

The fiscal year started in heavy preparation for an Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) in November and an Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) in February. Approximately 300 Airmen deployed to the Gulfport Combat Readiness Training Center, Miss., to participate in the ORI from Jan. 27 to Feb. 1, 2008. During that time, the Wing was tested in several areas including initial response (generating aircraft, processing people and cargo, etc.), employment, mission support and the ability to survive and operate.

The Wing received an "Excellent" rating in 19 functional areas and an overall grade of "Satisfactory" on the inspection, with several teams receiving special "Team" recognition from the inspectors, to include the Civil Engineer Damage and Repair Team, Financial Management Team, Security Forces Flight Leadership Team and Security Forces Generation Area Close Boundary Team.

"I'm absolutely tickled by our performance in all the areas," said Col. Kelvin Findlay, 151st ARW commander. "This is the first ORI our Wing has done as a whole in over 11 years, so I'm so proud of the teamwork and dedication of everyone who contributed to this inspection."

After recovering from the high tempo of the inspections it was time to reflect on the Wing's past with the retirement of some of our older model tankers. Three of four KC-135 "E" model Stratotanker aircraft in the Utah Air National Guard were officially delivered to their final resting place at the 309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group in April of this year. This aircraft was flown by the Utah ANG for over 20 years, supporting the Cold War, Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Operations Deny Flight, Decisive Endeavor, Joint Forge, Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. In October 2005, the 151st ARW received the first of its eight current KC-135 "R" model aircraft to continue its long tradition of extending the reach of American airpower to the State, Nation and the world. The newer "R" model can offload more fuel, is more efficient, more powerful and environmentally friendly.

The Air base hosted a visit by President George W. Bush to include Air Force One, Marine One and the presidential motorcade for a two-day visit. In the midst of hosting the visit, the base was also tagged with providing support for the arrival of more than 200 incoming Utah Army National Guard Soldiers redeploying from year-long deployments. Ceremonies for the troops' friends and families were held for each of the redeploying groups.

From June through August Airmen deployed to Manas AB, Kyrgyz Republic. This is the first time Utah has deployed to this location and only the second Air National Guard unit to deploy to Manas. More than 130 Airmen and four aircraft directly contributed to the refueling mission at Manas, twice breaking its single-day fuel offload record and number of aircraft launched. All four 151st ARW KC-135s flew July 8, when the Wing launched a total of 15 aircraft and offloaded 975,000 pounds of fuel to a variety of Coalition aircraft operating in the skies over Afghanistan.

The summer brought several other deployments. The Security Forces and Civil Engineering Squadrons



both deployed 25 Airmen each for several months to Central Command in support of the War on Terrorism. The 151st Medical Group deployed about 20 Airmen this summer to the Kingdom of Morocco where they joined other military units to perform a unique humanitarian mission. Several other smaller but important deployments took place throughout the year.

Other key events include the following:

- This year brought new leadership to several units. A few of the Squadrons and Flights in the Wing were assigned new commanders in an effort to build diversity at the leadership level.
- The Utah Air National Guard Dining-Out hosted by Brig. Gen. David Hooper, Assistant Adjutant General for Air and the Utah Air National Guard Top 3.
- Utah Air National Guard hosted a Freedom Ride motorcycle ride for members and their families.
- 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 bound for the Crandall Canyon Mine in Carbon County, where six miners had been trapped in a cave-in. 🇺🇸



Two KC-135R fly over Rice-Eccles Stadium at the University of Utah during Governor's Day.

Our Heroes

Utah National Guard Airmen and Soldiers



