

History Report 2009

Utah National Guard

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Cover: CSM James Sproul, 300th Military Intelligence,
at Pointe du Hoc, France, during Normandy staff ride.
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Joint Forces Headquarters - Utah

JOINT FORCES HEADQUARTERS (JFHQ) acts as the standing joint forces headquarters, for 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, primary staff and secondary staff with various duties and responsibilities. Each staff section provides expertise and recommendations to the command on important issues facing the Utah National Guard.

The JFHQ-UT command group consists of the adjutant general (TAG), deputy commander (JFHQ-DC), assistant adjutants general for Army (AAG-A) and Air (AAG-AF) and may be augmented by the chief of staff (CoS) 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.



As commander, the adjutant general 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 staff is the principal staff officer, assistant and advisor to TAG, and is the full-time supervisor responsible for the personal staff, primary staff and secondary staffs.

The personal staff reports directly to TAG. The personal staff includes the staff judge advocate, inspector general, state surgeon, state chaplain and senior army advisor.

The primary and secondary staffs make up the joint staff and report directly to the chief of staff. The Joint Staff (JStaff) 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 both during emergencies and large-scale operations. The JStaff is also responsible for service-component coordination with the capacity to coordinate and facilitate communications between Air and Army components.

The JStaff is comprised of eight principal functional divisions and secondary divisions as required; 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 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.

JFHQ engages in a myriad of functions to maintain proficiency in support of homeland defense and homeland security. Over the past year, activities have included interagency joint exercises with the State of Utah to develop Emergency Support Function packages for response to natural and man-made disasters. In support of the State Partnership Program, key members of the JFHQ regularly coordinate 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. Morocco regularly hosts UTNG subject-matter experts in exchanges with Utah National Guard troops. 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.

Utah National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters, Draper, Utah.



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; MG Brian Tarbet, Adjutant General; BG Jefferson Burton, Assistant Adjutant General, Army; COL Lawrence Schmidt, Chief of the Joint Staff; CSM Bruce Summers, Army.

J1 Manpower Personnel



THE J1 MANPOWER PERSONNEL Fiscal Year 2009 proved to be another very busy year providing much opportunity to refine our skills in the demanding and fast-moving world of Manpower Personnel and Human Resources. The combined staff of the J1 processed the mobilization and demobilization of hundreds of Soldiers and Airmen for mobilization and deployment. These activities did not preclude execution of critical staff actions associated with enlistments, retention, promotions, line-of-duty medical care, education benefits, retirements counseling, awards, morale, welfare and recreation support, management and archiving of personnel records, enlisted and officer files and family-support operations.

Soldier/Airman and Family Support Services (SFSS), formerly known as the Family Program office, is growing and is busier than ever. Many needed and long-awaited resources and services have come to our geographically dispersed families in the Guard and Reserve. Legislation passed in the 2008 National Defense Authorization Act enhanced all Soldier/Airman and Family Support Services. Air and Army contractors in the Yellow Ribbon program work side by side supporting Servicemembers and their families throughout the deployment cycle and provide reintegration resources for the entire family. Utah's Military leaders recently gave the Youth Program a building of its own at Camp Williams. Building 8050, the HUB, now

houses the Utah National Guard Youth Center. The wellness program for Servicemembers has made tremendous strides in finding military members in need and directing them to the needed resources. Solid networks in our Utah communities grow stronger every day meeting the needs of Utah's military and their families.

The J1 continues to provide outstanding support to our Soldiers and Airmen wishing to further their civilian education. During FY 09, the State Education Officer disbursed over \$3.5 million in federal and state monies to provide civilian education to approximately 2,750 Soldiers and Airmen attending 92 public and private universities, colleges and technical institutes nationwide. Additionally, 169 state-tuition waivers were granted to qualified Soldiers and Airmen equaling more than \$304,200. The total combined programs allowed Soldiers and Airmen to attend 9,000-plus courses. All this combined with the Montgomery GI Bill and the incentive programs make the J1 and the State Education officer very popular and very busy.

The J1 exercises its wartime mission every day. Training and maintaining a professional, dedicated staff to execute the many facets of manpower, personnel and human resources is both a demanding and rewarding endeavor. Each member of the J1 staff is dedicated to taking care of Soldiers, Airmen and their families. As the operational tempo and the demand for Citizen-Soldiers/Airmen increases, the J1 will continue to meet, exceed and adapt to the challenges of a real-world mission.



THE J2 INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE participated in many events and had many changes over the course of the 2009 Fiscal Year. After a long and distinguished career in Military Intelligence, COL Russell Long said farewell to the Utah National Guard. The J2 welcomes LTC Neil Glad at the helm.

The J2 also saw the retirement of MAJ Lori Robinette who was assigned to the Utah National Guard from the Defense Intelligence Agency as an operation officer in the Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF). MAJ Eltressa Spencer is now the JRIP operations officer assigned to our JRIP operations.

The Foundry Program began holding classes in a newly equipped classroom in the Draper SCIF. The ribbon cutting

ceremony by MG Tarbet formally launched the Utah's Foundry node into providing critical intelligence training for those Soldiers about to deploy. Jason Fraughton has been hired to coordinate Foundry training in Draper. In November 2009, Utah also hosted a nationwide foundry program manager's workshop for Foundry managers from across the nation.

The J2 is actively involved in the personnel security programs, information security programs, and special security programs, ensuring that critical information is protected and facilities are in place to train and access the necessary classified mission. Utah continues to participate in the Army Investigative Enterprise System (AIES). AIES is the Army pilot project to streamline and improve investigative processing times so that individuals can be appropriately cleared for training and deployments.



In many ways, 2009 was the calm before the next storm as the operational tempo for unit deployments reached their lowest levels since the terrorist attacks on 9/11. For nearly five months we had more Soldiers and Airmen deployed as individuals than those deployed with our operational units. However, Army Force Generation models predict that the Utah National Guard will once again experience an operational surge over the next three years in our support to combatant commanders and overseas contingency operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kosovo and the Horn of Africa. While the unit wartime OPTEMPO slowed, the J3/5/7 directorate continued to aggressively pursue training and development opportunities to help prepare our units to support the wartime missions for combatant commanders as well as our continuously evolving domestic mission. Training opportunities included JTF staff training, monthly exercises with state and local authorities, overseas deployment training opportunities in every theater around the world, and continued support for individual and unit training efforts to improve our readiness. In achieving these successes, the directorate managed a \$45.5 million budget.

G3 ARMY OPERATIONS. The G3 continued to focus on its traditional responsibilities for planning, training, oversight and mobilization of Army units. Our priority mission – unchanged after eight years of warfighting – remains to prepare our units, Soldiers, families and the employers of our Soldiers to support combatant commanders' wartime operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Horn of Africa. In Fiscal Year 2009, nearly 2,500 Utah Army National Guard Servicemembers participated in overseas exercises and training events in 27 countries around the world. Participating in global

missions and exercises improves our organizational readiness and plays a critical part in supporting combatant commanders. In addition to training and exercises, the UTARNG mobilized 102 Soldiers for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, while 537 Soldiers returned from the warfight.

TRANSFORMING THE FORCE. The transformation of Utah Army National Guard units increased in 2009 as new equipment arrived to support our modular fighting force. The new organization allows our units to mobilize and deploy in a fashion which provides tailored capabilities to combatant commanders. In 2009, our units used 3,401 man-days to field our new equipment valued around \$45 million, which included several new types of armored vehicles; sophisticated command, control and communications equipment; parachutes and other equipment to support our one-of-a-kind Special Troops Company. The state's transformation will grow the end-strength for the Utah Army National Guard from 5,474 to 5,806 Soldiers.

In addition, our remaining units are receiving new equipment and training, enhancing our ability to respond to operational missions. First Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (A), is undergoing extensive training to stand up a Tactical Unmanned Aircraft Systems platoon, the 300th Military Intelligence Brigade is consistently updating sensitive information-gathering equipment to keep ahead of the enemy on the battlefield, and the 1-211th Attack Helicopter Battalion received their first Apache Longbow helicopters.

J5 STRATEGIC PLANS AND POLICY. The J5 is responsible for planning, coordinating, and facilitating the strategic planning required to prepare the UTNG for the future, which includes domestic operations planning, organizational strategic planning and strategic policy. In 2009, the Joint State Partnership Program was integrated into the J5. Also, the UTNG conducted its first formal strategic-planning meeting and is nearing completion of a five-year strategic plan. More changes are expected in 2010 as the J5 coordinates the completion of the new strategic vision for the Utah National Guard, completes the rewrite of the Joint Operations Plan and develops contingency operations plans for our national level-directed homeland defense missions.



Utah National Guardsmen participate with state and federal agencies to plan for earthquake response.



Soldiers from Bravo Company, 141st MI Battalion, set up emergency communications during the June communications exercise.

J7 JOINT TRAINING. The J7 develops, plans, and evaluates joint training, Joint Professional Military Education and exercise programs. In 2009, per the Governor’s planning priorities, we focused our exercise activities around our ability to coordinate a National Guard response to an earthquake event. We planned and executed the JTF staff training course, as well as training on the National Incident Management System (NIMS), providing approximately 70 personnel with between 70 and 100 hours of training in support of our domestic operations mission.

THE JOINT DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY SUPPORT (JDOMS) is the umbrella that covers all Utah National Guard missions within the community and state. The National Guard is the military-response force that is primarily responsible for domestic emergencies.

Ty Bailey, community liaison for the Utah Division of Homeland Security said, “We must plan, train, and exercise together as a state team so our response will be efficient and effective. The National Guard is not only a state resource, but it is comprised of citizens. It must be a rewarding experience for Soldiers to train and work and then to assist their fellow citizens.”

Members of the Utah National Guard train and exercise to perform missions in their hometowns as well as overseas. This dual mission as domestic responders and federal Soldiers/Airmen sets the National Guard apart from any other group of people in the country.

“The domestic part of the National Guard’s mission is technically our ‘bread and butter.’ In Utah, we see our domestic role as essential to our joint operations. We train to be prepared to assist in any scenario. The Utah National Guard takes great pride in being on the cutting edge of jointness,” said Col Christine Burckle, the joint personnel officer (J1) for the Utah National Guard.

The Utah National Guard mission statement emphasizes the importance of our local-support mission: “The Utah National Guard is a constitutionally-based, dual-missioned organization of

military professionals that provides ready, reliable, and relevant units with command teams responsive to the needs of the state, our communities and the nation.”

“It is our first and most important mission: supporting the citizens of our state. They look to the Guard to support them and we need to be trained and ready to respond,” said COL Jerry Acton, the director of operations for the Utah National Guard.

Participation in planning and exercises is critical for the Utah National Guard. Recently, the Utah National Guard participated in a regional Federal Emergency Management Agency planning conference to develop response plans for a major earthquake along the Wasatch Fault. Planners from both state and federal agencies visited critical sites along the fault line, as well as observing the terrain from the air to analyze potential vulnerabilities from a seismic event.

Other disaster rehearsals included testing communication systems throughout the state to ensure that the National Guard can communicate with all other response agencies during an incident.

“Earthquakes, floods, and fires don’t give much if any warning. We must plan our response to various emergencies and then exercise those plans repeatedly. Every commander must know what the unit mission is if a natural or man-made disaster strikes Utah. Every Soldier must know his or her responsibility as well as have a plan for family members. We can only do that through constant training and exercises” said MAJ Reece Roberts, Utah National Guard Director of Military Support.

“Just like warfighting, the more we rehearse with our state and local partners, the better prepared we will be when the real event happens,” added Acton.

It is essential to work closely with state and federal agencies in an all-hazards approach to analyze and prepare for disasters, and to ensure Soldiers, Airmen and their families, are prepared to meet the demands of an emergency. The Joint Directorate of Military Support dedicates its personnel and resources to ensure that all members of the Utah National Guard family are ready to support the communities in which we live.

J4 Logistics



THE UTAH NATIONAL GUARD J4 is responsible for providing logistical support to Soldiers and Airmen in support of civilian authorities. Logistical support includes supplies, services, maintenance and transportation support. COL James Brown serves as the J4 with Lt Col Sue Melton as the Deputy J4 and SGM Dave Hamilton is the J4 sergeant major. The J4 team is also involved with the joint and strategic planning of the Utah National Guard as part of the Joint Staff.

The J4 is responsible for the overall logistics program management, policies and resources and ensuring the logistical readiness for all Army National Guard units.

The Logistics Management Office, supervised by LTC Ron Jonas, provides logistical support to all Utah Army National Guard mobilizing and demobilizing units. Logistics Management also provides extensive coordination with mobilization stations and port managers providing direct support to the mobilizing and demobilizing units. All units of the Utah Army National Guard receive defense-movement coordination, food service, property book and supply management support from the Logistics Management Office team.

The Surface Maintenance Management Office provides policy, guidance and direction to 13 Maintenance Shops throughout Utah. The Surface Maintenance manager, LTC Scott Burnhope, and his team are instrumental in ensuring unit equipment is maintained, ready for training, mobilization and support to civilian authorities.

The Combined Support Maintenance Shop is located in Draper and the Unit Training Equipment Site is a tenant of Camp Williams. The Field Maintenance shops are located in the following locations: Logan, Ogden, West Jordan, American Fork, Spanish Fork, Vernal, Manti, Richfield, Beaver, Cedar City and St. George.

The Combat Service Support Automation Management Office, operated by CW3 Cameron Nielson and CW2 Eric Whiting, provides support to all Army National Guard units with their logistics automation equipment and software.

Logisticians at all levels continue to be instrumental in providing resources, services, maintenance and transportation to keep the Utah National Guard the viable asset that it is in both domestic and overseas contingency operations.



Maintenance team members ensure that unit equipment is maintained and ready for training and mobilizations.



J6 Command, Control, Communications, Computers



THE J6, COL GREG CLUFF IS THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER (CIO) responsible for enabling communication in the state. This responsibility includes managing multiple communication systems for domestic emergency use. These communication systems include two trailer-mounted satellites and a permanent, roof-mounted satellite dish on the Draper Headquarters building. Satellite trailers are specifically maintained for emergency communication and are capable or being deployed around the state.

The 151st Communications Flight, commanded by Major Kevin Tobias and CMSgt Donald Johnson, has done an outstanding job this year providing management and training to the Joint Incident Site Communications

Capability (JISCC) team. Several members of the JISCC team have completed extensive training and have been outstanding in their performance of operating and maintaining this new capability. The JISCC is a modular communication package designed to establish communication bridges (interoperability) between first responders and other local, state and federal agencies in the event of an emergency.

Major Ben Morris, working with SGT Desmond Reymus and SGT Gino Lagiglia, has done an outstanding job this year preparing the National Guard for domestic-emergency responses. This team oversees JOC communication and connectivity support, JISCC coordination, VHF armory radio network, state repeaters, unit interoperability kit training and problem solving, and joint communications planning. Morris and Ileen Kennedy published the first joint UTNG *Emergency Communications Capabilities* brochure this summer.

The G4-CSMS CW4 Heber Hyde, SFC Heath Silcox and SGT

Anton Kuhlmann were instrumental in project planning and repairing multiple repeaters that were designed to increase aviation training area communication capabilities.

The J6 completed multiple projects this year. Mike Hansen, his extraordinary telecom section and the NCC changed the entire enterprise phone system from Tadiran to Cisco Unified Communication System, a next-generation VoIP based platform that accelerates reliable and secure voice and data services.

The J6 Resource Manager CW2 Rick Gardner implemented the TAG enterprise printer and imaging solution that is expected to save thousands of dollars annually in power, paper, maintenance and associated printing-support costs.

The J6 Help Desk Manager, CW2 Brent Robertson, working with COL Robert Dunton, Billeting Board, and Regional Training Institute, initiated an Morale, Welfare and Recreation Internet and wireless service for Soldiers, Airmen and Marines while training at Camp Williams. Also, the Help Desk has been working to transition all network computers to Windows Vista while continuing to improve troubleshooting techniques by providing more efficient and quicker service to customers.

G6 Project Managers Ray Carsey and Greg Cullis completed the Draper auditorium audio remodel and Military Intelligence conference rooms. They were engaged in multiple projects this year including Camp Williams Readiness Center auditorium, G3 conference room, TAG conference room, North Salt Lake Readiness Center and Camp Williams parade field sound system.



ABOVE: During Air Force Week, members of the J6 train on the interoperability kit at Pioneer Park, Salt Lake City.

BELOW: The Joint Incident Site Communications establishes communication bridges between first responders and other local, state and federal agencies in the event of an emergency. Members of the J6 set up an antenna mast.



J8 Resources and Assessment



THE J8 RESOURCES AND ASSESSMENT (FINANCE) is the principal advisor to the Joint Force commander dealing with fiscal issues. The J8 consists of both the Army and Air National Guard Comptroller and Procurement divisions. The day-to-day supervision of the J8 is provided by the United States Property and Fiscal Office. The J8 is responsible to account for all federal funds used for procurement, operations and training within the Utah National Guard. This office also processes payrolls, travel vouchers and makes vendor payments. The J8's responsibility for purchasing

and contracting ensures all applicable regulations and programs are adhered to when procuring services, supplies and equipment.

The J8 provides critical support to National Guard Soldiers and Airmen along with their families during pre-mobilization, mobilization and demobilization. The office works hard assisting families of deployed personnel with their financial issues relating to pay and benefits.

The J8 plays an active role in responding to emergencies and natural disasters. Emergency response becomes complicated with the use of federal and state funds and proper contracting procedures. This office is very involved making sure that the appropriate funds and contracting measures are used to support relief efforts.

Joint United States Property and Fiscal Office



THE MISSION OF THE JOINT UNITED STATES PROPERTY AND FISCAL OFFICE (USPFO) for Utah is "Support the Mission of The Adjutant General of Utah and the units, Soldiers, and Airmen of the Utah National Guard, by ensuring timely and accurate accountability and proper use of all federal resources."

We are committed to ensure all units of the Utah Army and Air National Guard are properly resourced and equipped to perform their role in support of National Defense or Contingency Operations.

The USPFO is divided into 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, Federal Property and Real Property.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DIVISION formulates, distributes, executes, accounts for and reports on the annual federal budget. The Fiscal/Accounting branches managed over \$184 million supporting Soldier and Airman pay, maintenance, supply, and operational support and mobilization-related requirements such as medical and dental care.

PAY AND EXAMINATION BRANCH supports deploying Soldiers and Airmen by ensuring all pay documentation is complete and accurate, conducting family support briefings and ensuring accurate and timely pay and travel reimbursements.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT BRANCH managed the 2009 budget with a 99.9 percent efficiency rate.

SUPPLY AND SERVICES DIVISION receives, distributes and accounts for all federal property and equipment of the Utah Army National Guard (UTARNG) units. In 2009, the UTARNG received a large influx of military equipment including \$500 million in attack helicopters, \$45 million in newly fielded unit equipment, and \$35 million in equipment from other Army agencies. This new equipment is essential to unit federal and state mission readiness.

PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING DIVISION procures commercial goods and services including housing and meals for Soldiers and Airmen, shipping and storage, construction and non-standard items required for training and mobilization. In 2009, Purchasing and Contracting surpassed the goals set by the National Guard Bureau for utilizing small businesses, women-owned businesses and small disadvantaged businesses. They also awarded contracts for a new Ammunition Supply Point at Camp Williams and a new Air National Guard fire station.

DATA PROCESSING DIVISION manages and maintains automation equipment and systems that support the USPFO and other staff functions. Data Processing, working with the UTNG J6, has planned and is completing the Continuity of Operations site in St. George in preparation for a natural disaster or emergency situation.

INTERNAL REVIEW DIVISION provides professional audit services to all directorates and units within the Utah National Guard. Audits during the past year included additional Flight Training Periods; Morale, Welfare, and Recreation program; Yellow Ribbon program; Communications Security; Incapacitation Pay and many more to ensure Soldiers and Airmen receive proper support and resources are protected.

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

Joint Human Resource Office



THE HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICE (HRO) had an extremely busy year hiring more than 70 new Army Active Guard Reservists, while still providing quality personnel support to the more than 1,600 full-time employees of the Utah National Guard.

The UTNG HRO encompasses a variety of services including hiring, staffing, benefits, position-management/classification, on-the-job injuries, full-time employee training, equal employment opportunity, labor relations, medical and pay administration, employee assistance programs, personnel computer data services and official-duty travel services.

Fiscal Year 2009 brought major personnel changes to the HRO, to include all-new Active Guard Reserve branch personnel and a new Deputy HRO. We also are fielding a new appraisal system for the technicians and have implemented numerous improvements and automation options to our personnel processes.

The HRO is committed to ensuring that all the basic work-related needs of the Utah National Guard employees are met in order to maintain maximum efficiency and the highest possible morale. During 2009, all Guard members, full-time and traditional, received critical mission-focused support. The HRO is proud of this contribution to all Utah's Soldiers and Airmen.



Members of HRO at the service-awards presentation at Camp Williams. Utah National Guard employees receive 20-year service awards.

Inspector General's Office



WE'RE HERE TO HELP! IS THE MOTTO OF THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL (IG), which truly characterizes its charge to the Utah National Guard, its Soldiers and Airmen.

The role of the IG is often misunderstood and should not be viewed as ominous or one of trepidation. We are, quite literally, here to help. Although Servicemembers are encouraged to use their chain of command to resolve issues first, the IG shop has the ability to work issues where standard methods have proven unsuccessful.

The mission of the Inspector General is to serve as the eyes, ears, voice and conscience of The Adjutant General of Utah. With that mission comes the responsibility to provide a continuous assessment as to the readiness, efficiency, morale, esprit de corps and discipline of the Utah National Guard. This is accomplished through four functions: Assistance (to commanders, Soldiers, and Airmen); Teach and Train; Inspections—including intelligence oversight, organizational inspection programs (OIP), and unit assistance visits; and Investigations.

Maintaining a truly Joint office, with over 81 years of combined experience, the IG includes the Inspector General, COL Mark Zodda, an Active-Army Officer; an Army Deputy IG, MAJ Branden Clark; an Air Force Deputy IG, Lt Col Julie Anderson; and an Assistant IG, SSG(P) James Ryan.

New to the office, Ryan was recommended for the Assistant IG position by MG Tarbet, the adjutant general, and ultimately was approved in August 2009 by LTG Whitcomb, Inspector General for Department of the Army. As a 35G Cryptologic Linguist Voice Intercept, and having served previously as an accounting technician in USPFO, Ryan is a welcome asset to the IG team.

With a wide array of knowledge and experience, the IG staff will continue to provide the very best service possible as they assist Utah Guard members in resolving a myriad of issues. Remember, we're here to help!



Inspector General staff (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT): SSG James Ryan, Lt Col Julie Anderson, COL Mark Zodda, MAJ Branden Clark

Joint State Partnership Program



THE STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM BETWEEN UTAH AND MOROCCO is one of the National Guard's 61 State Partnership Programs throughout the world. It is one of only seven in Africa and continues to be one of the most active partnerships on the continent. Since our partnership began in 2003 the number of annual events has grown from 5 to 15. The SPP staff consists of a director at the Draper headquarters and a Bilateral Affairs Officer who is stationed at the U.S. Embassy in Rabat, Morocco. Both actively engage with the Combatant Command-Africa Command through biannual planning conferences and ongoing discussions and will continue to meet mission needs based on campaign and mission plans.

Each year the program conducts up to 15 events consisting of either military-to-military, military-to-



Engineer Soldiers with the Utah National Guard and participants in the annual TAG visit during the Engineering Unit Level Exchange to Kenitra, Morocco.

civilian or civilian-to-civilian Exchanges. Mil-Mil events range from subject-matter expert exchanges of two to three people, to Unit-Level Exchanges (ULE), which may include up to 40 people. In 2008, Artillery conducted the ULE. In 2009, it was conducted by Engineering and the 19th Special Forces is scheduled for 2010. Each year a mil-to-civ disaster-response exchange is attached to the ULE, which enables both Utah and Morocco to better prepare

for a disaster. The pandemic flu exercise was the focus in 2008, response to a chemical fire in 2009 and earthquake response is scheduled for 2010. Medical exchanges are also a major focus of our SPP. A growing civ-to-civ focus allows the exchange of medical specialties ranging from physical therapy to psychiatry. In addition to these exchanges, each year medical providers from Air and Army participate in “African Lion,” providing medical and dental treatment to nearly 5,000 patients in a three-week period. Senior leader visits to and from Utah continue to be a critical part of our partnership with Morocco and have served to strengthen the bond between our two countries. The program also partners with Family Programs to conduct annual Youth Exchanges where youth from both countries participate in an exchange aimed at experiencing and appreciating each other’s cultures. These exchanges have become very popular and have been applauded at senior levels of

both governments.

The partnership between the State of Utah and the Kingdom of Morocco began in 2003, with the first official visit in December of that year. This was the first partnership in North Africa and the first between a state and a predominately Muslim nation.

In February 2004, Morocco suffered a devastating earthquake off its northern coast in Al Hociema. The Utah National Guard responded immediately with an offer of aid for the quake victims. Within 72 hours of the quake, a Utah Air National Guard KC-135 loaded with emergency-response supplies arrived in Morocco, building the foundation for what is now a very successful partnership and ongoing friendship with our oldest ally. Morocco was the first nation to recognize the independence of the U.S. from Great Britain in 1777 and we have had a Treaty of Friendship since 1787.



MG Brian Tarbet and CSM Bruce Summers review Moroccan soldiers during the annual adjutant general visit.



Utah group on 2009 adjutant general visit tour the Hassan II mosque.

Joint Utah Counterdrug Program



THE UTAH NATIONAL GUARD COUNTERDRUG PROGRAM had another successful year. In support of the governor’s Counterdrug state plan, the program provided quality support to the State’s Drug Demand and Supply Reduction programs. Our drug-demand reduction Soldiers were able to reach an audience of more than 25,000 of Utah’s youth in an effort to educate them on the benefits of leading a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. Additionally, our Soldiers implemented a new program, in one Utah school district, called “Stay on Track.” Stay on Track includes a 12-lesson curriculum for each middle-school grade level. Soldiers use this science-based program to teach our youth the skills they need to make positive life choices, including a commitment to stay in school and remain drug free.

The Supply Reduction Program supports five law enforcement task forces throughout the State of Utah; including operational-investigative support, ground-reconnaissance support, training support and intelligence-analysis support. The efforts of these well-trained Soldiers resulted in assisting local law enforcement in numerous arrests and the seizure of more than \$118 million in illicit drugs.

At the end of FY09, Counterdrug Coordinator COL Neil Hansen retired from the Utah National Guard after 34 years of dedicated service. COL Hansen retired after serving as one of the longest standing coordinators in the program’s 20-year history. The UTNG Counterdrug Program enjoyed unprecedented success during his six-year tenure as coordinator. The program became the largest CD program in the nation and continues to contribute to counterdrug and drug-demand reduction efforts at both the state and national level. During his tenure, COL Hansen leveraged the intelligence, information technology and linguistic strengths of the Utah National Guard to serve the interests of the law enforcement and intelligence communities at the state and national level. These programs include the Utah governor’s Counterdrug plan and the Joint Language Training Centers. COL Hansen paid the price to understand the details of each of the program, which enabled him to articulate the program needs with supported agencies at the state and national level. COL Hansen’s vision to support the President’s National Drug Control Strategy and using the CD program as a means to improve unit readiness and prepare Soldiers and Airmen to successfully deploy to a combat zone has been unparalleled. His efficient use of limited personnel has resulted in reaching an audience of more the 275,000 of Utah’s youth with drug-awareness training.



MSG Jason Wiscott teaches middle-school students the Stay on Track Program.

Under his leadership, the program has provided quality intelligence analysts, linguists and information technology personnel to support the law enforcement and intelligence communities, which has resulted in the arrest of thousands of illicit drug traffickers and the seizure of millions of dollars in illegal drugs, cash and property. He successfully planned and executed the first-ever language-acquisition program in the State of Utah in four low-density languages. This innovative program combined classroom instruction with on-the-job, real-world language production to achieve superior results. He expanded existing facilities to include a new Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility and a new campus of four buildings to house the Joint Language Training Center at Camp Williams, and made a number of improvements to existing

facilities. Through his dedicated leadership, the UTNG Counterdrug Program is poised to reach out to a greater number of Utah's youth through the expansion of the Stay on Track program and to increase the number of linguist and intelligence analyst opportunities for Soldiers, Airmen, and civilians to contribute to the nation's national security.

Construction and Facilities Management Office

THE CONSTRUCTION AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT OFFICE (CFMO), under the direction of COL Scot Olson, is responsible for alterations, repair, maintenance and construction of all Utah Army National Guard facilities. The CFMO organization structure works to achieve a common goal which is to design, build and maintain facilities that meet the ever-expanding needs of today's military forces.

As the Utah National Guard transforms, it is critical that the CFMO utilizes all resources necessary to meet the demands of growth and change. Oftentimes it is necessary to redesign existing facilities, allowing us to incorporate new technologies and capabilities. The CFMO works with state/federal offices and legislative committees to ensure the funding of projects to maintain a high level of readiness within the state.

This past year a new Servicemembers Club was built at Camp Williams. Originally constructed in 1942, the NCO Club was to be remodeled in 2007. During abatement and demolition of interior walls, it was apparent that this building would need extensive structural upgrades. A new building was designed in the most cost-effective way to meet current ADA accessibility codes and energy-efficiency policies. The open floor plan allows easy access through the entire facility and maximizes space. Careful placement of the building and its exterior windows allowed the design to take



The construction site for Forward Operating Base (FOB) at Camp Williams.

advantage of the breathtaking eastern view. The CFMO is certain that those who use this building will find it to be a pleasurable experience and an enjoyable place to relax in their off hours.

The Total Army School System (TASS) Phase I facilities were completed and the 640th Regional Training Institute moved in earlier this year. This facility will not only provide the latest technological advances but also provide a state-of-the-art training facility for Soldiers local to Utah and throughout the nation. The new facility will better facilitate the training of more than 5,000 Soldiers from the Western region who train here each year. Increasing the size and number of classrooms, adding battle laboratories and cutting-edge computer technology make it a center of excellence. The new

80,000-square foot facility cost approximately \$14 million dollars.

A new readiness center broke ground in July 2008, just northeast of Salt Lake International Airport. This project was programmed as part of the Military Construction plan for which federal and state funding is appropriated and the total cost was \$12 million. The new facility will be known as the North Salt Lake Readiness Center and will be completed in early 2010. The 54,000 square-foot facility will be home for the headquarters of the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion, 1457th Engineer Company and 85th Civil Support Team.



The administration building for the 640th RTI (TASS).

MODERNIZATION OF VARIOUS ARMORIES

The Utah Army National Guard received \$4 million from the State Legislature in January 2009. Due to transformation throughout the state, this money was to be used towards various armories for modernization to maximize functional use, as well as meeting the new state-mandated building codes and various energy-efficiency policies.

The Vernal Armory remodel is complete and is a showpiece for the community. The Springville Armory, as well as Building 517 at Camp Williams, are currently under construction and will meet federal and state-mandated building standards. CFMO has planned major structural repairs for American Fork and Price Armories this year. Other armories throughout the state will be under construction in the near future. The goal and commitment of CFMO is to provide the most modern, usable facilities for the Utah National Guard.

Annual Military Ball

THE UTAH NATIONAL GUARD HELD ITS 45TH ANNUAL MILITARY BALL on March 14, 2009, with Honorary Colonels, VIPs, Soldiers, Airmen, spouses and friends in attendance. The Ball was held in the Utah Capitol Rotunda in Salt Lake City. It was the first Ball held there since the Capitol's renovation.

As always, the Utah National Guard's 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. It was the last performance at the Military Ball for Mr. Cottam, so the Band was even more rousing than normal.

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

Attendance was high, and the evening was a huge success. Music and laughter resonated from the walls of the Capitol. Many students from local high schools attended and demonstrated their dance moves. Refreshments were served to make the evening more enjoyable and many couples had their pictures taken by a professional photographer. During the evening door prizes, which included television sets and other items, were awarded. We are thankful to Hutch's Home Furnishings for their gracious support of this event.



The 23rd Army Rock Band (above) played for military members from all branches of service (below) at the 45th annual Military Ball held at the Utah State Capitol.



Governor's Day at Rice-Eccles Stadium

DURING THE 56TH ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S DAY event, approximately 6,500 Utah Air and Army Guardsmen marched in a parade at Rice-Eccles Stadium at the University of Utah Sept. 19.

In observance of this time-honored military tradition, Air Force squadrons and Army battalions lined up across the football field for review and inspection by Utah Gov. Gary Herbert, MG Brian Tarbet and BG Michael Liechty.

In his address to the Troops, Gov. Herbert said the units were an awesome sight, and he felt honored to be at the event. He also extended his gratitude to the Utah National Guard.

"As Utahns and as Americans, we cannot, and we will not forget the sacrifice you and your families make to support the mission of the National Guard," said Herbert.

In a reception following the parade, the governor elaborated on this message.

"We can't thank you enough," said Herbert. "I know the importance of military service. It is something we as Utahns and as Americans appreciate, and sometimes take too much for granted. We need to make sure that you have the equipment, the training and the leadership to be successful wherever you are deployed."

Herbert, who served as a member of the Utah Army National Guard from 1970 to 1976 as staff sergeant, said he feels like a part of the group again.

"I feel like I've been activated again – now as commander in chief," said Herbert.



"It's an honor I don't take lightly. I know we have such wonderful men and women here serving, and to be numbered among their ranks is a terrific honor – really one of the greatest honors I've ever received."

Several outstanding Airmen, Soldiers and units were recognized at the Governor's Day celebration. Alyssa Brown, daughter of MSgt Mike Brown, 109th Air Control Squadron, was recognized for her 2009 Air National Guard Youth of the Year award. Additionally, the 299th Range Control Squadron "Clover Control" flag was ceremonially retired after 40 years of service in the Utah Air National Guard.

Following the parade and ceremony, Guard members and their families enjoyed several fun activities, static displays and food booths. Bill Dunlap of Sandy, Utah, an Army veteran of 42 years, expressed his gratitude to the National Guardsmen.

"I commanded a National Guard unit in Vietnam," said Dunlap. "I believe our strength and strong national defense would not be there without the Citizen-Soldier. We could not have withstood the assaults that we've had otherwise. It's that simple."

Two KC-135s fly with booms lowered over Rice-Eccles Stadium during the 2009 annual governor's Day event.





THE UTAH ARMY NATIONAL GUARD (UTARNG) had a banner year during 2009. As Soldiers were deployed in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, again and again they proved themselves to be an integral part of the warfight.

Supporting the post-9/11 mobilization of forces, the largest in our history, Soldiers from the UTARNG have played pivotal roles in the toppling of dictators and the capture and elimination of enemies to our citizens and threats to our national security.

Members of the UTARNG are currently providing support in more than 30 countries worldwide. Guardsmen are at the forefront of efforts to protect our citizens and our way of life. 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.

The UTARNG is all about service. This heritage was established at the Guard's inception in the spring of 1894. Prior to that, Utahns had rendered military service in the defense of life and property under the banner of the Nauvoo Legion since the 1840s.

Since its creation, units of the UTARNG have served countless missions both at home and on foreign soil. From its humble beginnings, the UTARNG has grown to be a nationally prominent organization, setting the standard for other states to follow. Utah units enjoy a tremendous reputation nationally for their character and performance of duty. Whether the mission is a combat operation or in response to a regional disaster, the Utah Army National Guard has demonstrated time and time again the attributes of professionalism and skill in the successful performance of the mission.

The UTARNG 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 UTARNG 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 continues to fulfill Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom missions overseas.

In 2009, the UTARNG continued to prepare for natural-disaster response by working closely with federal, state and local agencies by way of realistic training exercises and continuous improvement to existing contingency plans.

Soldiers with the 222nd Field Artillery wait atop their Paladins for an artillery exercise to begin at Camp Williams, Utah. SPC Guy Mellor, 1-145th Field Artillery, competes at the Army's Best Warrior Competition at Fort Lee, Va.



PFC Lyndsey Dransfield trains on interview techniques while at Fort Dix, N.J., prior to the 128th Mobile Public Affairs' deployment to Iraq.

In recent years, elements of the UTARNG have shown their flexibility and their amazing capability by responding effectively on short notice to support beleaguered citizens following Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Ike.

The UTARNG possesses a broad variety of units and capabilities. Administered by Joint Forces Headquarters, Artillery, Aviation, Maneuver Enhancement, Military Intelligence, Special Forces and Troop Command, 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 28,000 acres, Camp Williams serves not only as a major training site for UTARNG 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 UTARNG is located in Draper. 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 both in and out of uniform. With outstanding leaders, Soldiers, and seasoned combat Veterans, the UTARNG 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.

In December, we welcomed back the Embedded Training Team of 16 Soldiers from various units to Afghanistan. This unit was commanded by Major Tyler Smith. Their mission was to train and mentor the Afghan National Army. This team had great success in fulfilling their mission.

There have been numerous opportunities for Soldiers to experience training exercises. In April 2009, 25 Soldiers went to Azerbaijan in support of 97th Troop Command. Our food officers, led by CW5 Daryl Moss, had the task of ensuring that food for the U.S. troops on this mission was cooked in a safe and healthy manner. There were also Soldiers who supported the Rapid Trident mission in the Ukraine. There are also five Soldiers who supported Training Site Command on a training mission to the Republic of Georgia.

Over the course of the last year, there have been Soldiers with a wealth of experience from Joint Forces Headquarters who have retired. We wish them luck and thank them for their service as they transition and pursue further ambitions.

These leaders and Soldiers will all be missed by those throughout the Utah Army National Guard whose lives they have touched.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Captain Jonathan Kenworthy receives the Detachment Headquarters flag from BG Michael Liechty at the change-of-command ceremony.

To end the year, we saw changes in the command section of our Detachment Headquarters. Captain Patrick Haws handed over command of the Detachment to CPT Jonathan Kenworthy. Kenworthy looks forward to further serving the Soldiers and staff in our unit. This unit continues to serve the Soldiers working the various directorates that support the entire Utah National Guard.

Our unit will continue to show support to Soldiers serving in all units in the Utah Army National Guard. We have a great wealth of expertise in our part-time Soldiers as well. This combination of knowledge and experience helps us as a Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment provide the best support we can to anyone we can serve in any way.



RECRUITING AND RETENTION BATTALION, commanded by LTC Adam Robinson with SGM Brett Johnson and SGM Grant Watkins, completed our best year to date. Utah exceeded National Guard Bureau's assigned mission goal of 5,450 and ended the year at 5,503. By doing so we finished third out of 54 states and territories, achieving a "Green" status in all six measurable components of NGB strength-maintenance standards.

THE OPERATIONS AND MARKETING OFFICE has been at full OPTEMPO supporting community and recruiting events throughout the state. From bull riding in St. George to the Peach Festival



Recruiting and Retention's awards conference recognized members of the Battalion for their work and contributions to the Utah Army National Guard.

in Brigham City to the Wendover Air Show, the Utah Army National Guard has been there. Most notable was the RRB involvement in the Fish and Fun event which gave a first-time fishing trip for handicapped children in Southern Utah.

THE RECRUITING SUSTAINMENT PROGRAM (RSP) allows all newly enlisted Soldiers entering the Guard to be able to start their military training in becoming professional Soldiers long before entering

Basic Training. A new Soldier, because of the RSP program, enters Basic Training and is ready and well prepared to face the challenges that face them. Currently RSP strength is at 623 and continues to grow. It was a rare monopoly this last year, where Utah's RSP won honors for the number-one RSP in the nation for FY-09. We led the nation each month as the number-one RSP with only one exception, falling to number two in December 2008. Congratulations are due to SFCs Sanchez, Smethurst, Dixon and Portwood.

Officer Strength Management met their 2009 end-strength goal by accessing 30 warrant officers and 67 new commissioned officers into the Guard. Much of their time is spent working with professionals and ROTC programs to find potential UTARNG officers. Their hard work and dedication plays a vital role in the RRB mission.

GUARD RECRUITER ASSISTANT PROGRAM (G-RAP) continued to assist the Guard's ability to achieve its accessions mission for 2009 and has brought in millions of dollars to Utah Soldiers since its inception. 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 has allowed 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.

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 immediately go from there to their Basic Training site and become part of the force. The entire time they are paid members of the UTARNG.

THE ACTIVE FIRST PROGRAM allows new enlistees to choose which direction they want their careers to go. The enlistee can decide if they want to be a traditional Guard member or go active duty. If the new enlistee chooses to go active duty, they can choose from a two-year up to a four-year commitment and up to a \$40,000 enlistment bonus. Upon completion of active duty the Soldier will then return to the Guard to finish out their military obligation.

We look forward to the new year with retention back in the hands of the state's R&R NCOs, who are once again attending drills with their assigned units to provide support in extending Soldiers and other issues pertaining to strength-maintenance management. The RRB has assigned area NCOICs to each MACOM to assist in their strength-management issues:

Aviation:	MSG Harrison	Special Forces:	MSG Wilkinson
Artillery:	MSG Fallon	Military Intel:	MSG Anderson
Engineers:	MSG Rhinehart	State POC:	SFC Gregory
JFHQ:	MSG Sylvester		

SFC Logan Gregory assisted by Recruiting's Marketing NCO SFC Rob Cottle at the UFC Elite Fight Night, Salt Lake City 2009.





THE DIRECTOR OF AVIATION AND SAFETY encompasses the functions of Occupational Health, Ground and Aviation Safety and the Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF) with COL Scott Robinson as director and CW5 Lynn Higgins as deputy director of Aviation and Safety.

Lieutenant Colonel Fran Marcus, RN, manages the Occupational Health program. The mission of the occupational health nurse is to monitor health baseline data of Utah Guard employees through initial screening and periodic medical surveillance. The occupational health nurse conducts hearing-conservation monitoring, industrial-hygiene surveillance, radiation and respiratory-protection monitoring and vision-protection screening and monitoring to ensure healthful working conditions are maintained. Marcus has worked diligently this year at cleaning up our old indoor ranges so they can be safely used for other purposes. She continues to support the continuation training of our state medics, contracting trainers and weight-loss professionals and conducting medical screenings .

Chief Warrant Officer Andrew Jensen manages the Utah Army National Guard Ground Safety program. The mission of the safety office is to provide a safe environment to members of the Utah Guard. Through inspections, investigations and monitoring of historic data, the safety office ensures that safety awareness and prevention are foremost in the fight against accidental loss or injury. The section has inspected all National Guard armories and shops to determine compliance with OSHA and other regulatory requirements and to assist units in correcting any unsafe conditions or practices. They have rewritten the state safety regulation and have developed a state strategic safety

plan. The office has collected, reviewed, analyzed and investigated several accidents involving Guard personnel and property. The office then developed control measures and procedures by recommending changes and remedies to reduce accident rates and reverse trends. The Safety Office also purchases safety supplies such as personal protective equipment and lifting devices to help reduce injuries in maintenance activities. They provide training to Guard members to increase their knowledge and skills to conduct their operations in a safe manner and motorcycle safety courses to improve safety while riding.

The AASF provides a safe, quality aviation program for the Utah Army National Guard in support of its federal and state missions. Lieutenant Colonel James Bledsoe commands the aviation facility and its 90-plus employees. Major Greg Hartvigsen oversees the operations staff and CW3 Lewis Scovil directs maintenance operations. The AASF supports 24 AH-64D Apache helicopters, 12 UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters and one C-12 Beechcraft King Air fixed-wing aircraft. The AASF supports two battalions and more than 100 aviators and crewmembers. The AASF produced a strong flight program that ensured the readiness of all our 2-285th Detachment's flight crews. The AASF saw many improvements this year to include increased parking and added office space.

During Fiscal Year 2009, the AASF provided aircraft maintenance and aircrew training support to 97th Aviation Troop Command; 1st Battalion, 211th Aviation; Company A, 2-211th; Company C, 2-285th Air Assault; and Detachment 50, Operational Support Airlift. Aircraft support for training and emergency missions to include troop lifts, paradrops, external load transport and emergency lifts, and many other unit-support missions. Additionally, the AASF conducted 90 support missions to state, federal and civilian organizations within Utah. The variety of missions conducted include VIP flights, emergency-support training missions, search and rescue, recruiting static displays, flyovers, paradrops, external loads and firefighting.

ARMY GARRISON CAMP WILLIAMS IS "THE PREMIER TRAINING CENTER OF CHOICE." Our mission is to create a quality training environment for military units, individual Servicemembers and other DOD, federal, state, law enforcement and civilian organizations by providing quality facilities, excellent logistical support, and professional personnel assistance to set the stage for top-quality training.



Camp Williams' unique location provides access to mountain, desert, water and river training areas. The 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 make to the Soldiers of the Utah National Guard and to the citizens of the State of Utah.

Range Control oversees 28,000 acres of combat training areas resembling the same types of environments encountered by those currently serving in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. Primary training facilities include small-arms and crew-served weapons ranges, artillery firing points, demolition and grenade ranges. Urban training environments include the Military Operations in Urban Terrain shoothouse, dismounted/mounted maneuver areas, and the new forward operating base.

Camp Williams facilities directly supported more than 450 youth groups. Popular interests included the rappel tower and Leadership Reaction Course. The more notable youth activities are Freedom Academy and Astro Camp.

Other training highlights include support to the

MG Brian Tarbet receives the key to one of four new fire trucks to be stationed at Camp Williams.

222nd and 145th Field Artillery Battalions during their annual live-fire training exercise in June where they expended more than 1,700 howitzer rounds. Range Control worked closely with the 19th Special Forces Group throughout the year to conduct two sniper courses and a six-week urban combat course on Camp Williams ranges. These courses involved detailed planning with surface danger zones and range coordination and deconfliction.

LOGISTICS DIVISION AMMUNITION SUPPLY POINT (ASP) continues to provide support for all units of the Utah National Guard, numerous active-Army units, the Army and Marine Corps Reserve and ROTC classes from around the state. Deseret Chemical Depot uses the ASP to draw small-arms ammunition for training and security missions.

Currently, ammunition Categories II through IV can be drawn from the ASP. When completed in 2010, a new ASP will be able to accommodate all categories of ammunition for units to draw according to their authorizations. Artillery units will be able to draw shells from Camp Williams instead of traveling to Tooele Army Depot. Aviation units will be able to draw rockets from the new ASP as well, which will be a great asset to all units training at Camp Williams.

The Troop Issue Subsistence Activity (TISA) provides Class I supply to units in the state and to outside agencies as needed. The TISA typically provides support for all branches of the military that require feeding. With proper coordination, ingredients for meals can be ordered and delivered to the warehouse to be stored in refrigeration

units until pickup and preparation by unit cooks. The Logistics Section works with Range Control and Facilities Management to maintain the sleeping quarters for units needing open-bay quarters. The LOG Section also stocks and supplies dining facilities (DFAC) and runs and maintains the Qualified Recycling Program (QRP). Spent brass from firing ranges is gathered, deformed and sold to recycling centers. Future plans are to build a new QRP building to manage current operations and expand into larger paper and cardboard operations.

FACILITIES ENGINEER DIVISION is responsible for planning and coordinating installation construction and reconstruction projects, providing facility maintenance, managing federal and state lands and preserving historic holdings. During 2009, the construction of the 90,000-square-foot Total Army School System complex was completed. This state-of-the-art facility includes administrative offices for the Regional Training Institute (RTI) numerous classroom configurations, training facilities and billets for students.

Other major projects included the construction of a new Service Club, renovation of the main post DFAC (which more than doubled in size), remodeling of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Post Exchange facility, construction of a new tunnel to facilitate movement of equipment and troops downrange and renovation and upgrade of the two power-generation wind turbines. These have saved more than \$50,000 in electrical power costs.

AGCW also received new fire engines to manage and contain range fires.

640th Regiment (Regional Training Institute)

THE 640TH REGIMENT, REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE (RTI) works in conjunction with National Guard Bureau (NGB) and Training and Doctrine Command to provide schooling and training for Army National Guard, Army Reserve, and active-duty Soldiers in combat arms, military occupational specialization, leadership, noncommissioned officer education and general studies. The RTI monitors and regulates academic instruction, student dining and housing and Regiment facilities. The RTI headquarters oversees the Regiment's four battalions.

First Battalion, 640th Regiment, Noncommissioned Officer Academy, conducts training for senior NCOs and junior-enlisted Soldiers in all Army service branches. Noncommissioned Officer Education System (NCOES) courses include Warrior Leader Course (WLC), Basic and Advanced NCO Courses, First Sergeant and Battle Staff NCO Courses. The Battalion is one of six NCO academies within the Army National Guard.

Second Battalion, 640th Regiment (Modular) trains 25U Signal Support System Specialists and 25B Information Systems Specialists. In addition, it trains all state-directed courses including Bus Driver Training Course, Ground Combat Course, Officer Candidate School Phase Zero and any other training directed by the adjutant general.

Third Battalion, 640th Regiment Field Artillery, trains the majority of all MOS training and NCO technical tracks in Field Artillery. Courses include 13B Cannon Crew member, 13D Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data Specialist, 13F Fire Support Specialist and 13S Field Artillery Surveyor.

Fourth Battalion, 640th Regiment, is currently one of only two National Guard schools accredited to conduct Military Intelligence



LTC Clark Roberts (right) reviews plans with MG Brian Tarbet at the Secure Training Facility—Intelligence ribbon-cutting ceremony.

(MI) reclassification training. Courses taught include 35M Human Intelligence Collector, 35F Intelligence Analysts and 35L Counter Intelligence Agent.

Headquarters, 640th RTI, contains the MI subject-matter expert (SME) cell which is the liaison between the proponent and NGB. The MI SME cell oversees all National Guard institutional training for MI, training allocations for managers, reviews Course Management Plans and Programs of Instruction, is the designated representative for all NGB MI training and provides academic oversight and assistance for institutional training.

In Fiscal Year 2009, the RTI graduated almost 8,000 Soldiers in NCOES, FA, MI and modular courses which contributed to meeting national military deployment, mobilization, and transportation



COL Edward Willis (left) receives 640th RTI guidon from CSM Joseph Spencer during a change of responsibility at Camp Williams.

demands.

The 640th RTI dedicated its new Total Army Schooling System (TASS) complex in January to honor fallen Operation Iraqi Freedom Soldier and former WLC instructor SFC Ronald Tanner Wood. The \$19M complex is approximately 54,000 square feet and trains Soldiers in state-of-the-art classrooms with modern technology and equipment, which will greatly enhance students' NCOES education. The TASS Complex also serves as the RTI's headquarters.

Fourth Battalion unveiled its new and accredited Secure Training Facility – Intelligence (STF-I) building, which trains reclassification students in MI Military Occupational Specialties. The STF-I will allow connectivity with Fort Huachuca and other training sites to conduct real-time culmination exercises.

The 640th RTI honored the retirement of CSM Joseph Spencer for his positive contribution to the Regiment. Spencer had led the RTI since 2004 and contributed to the building and completion of the new TASS Complex, the 24,000 square-foot student billeting complex and a new student dining facility on Camp Williams. The Regiment welcomed newly selected 1SG Daryl Hall as the RTI's new command sergeant major.

Environmental Resources Management

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (ERM) was involved in many exciting activities during FY09 in support of the environmental stewardship of our military training resources.

Camp Williams offers a diversity of wildlife habitats that are quickly disappearing with the development of the surrounding nonmilitary lands. This training site is required by federal law to manage the land in regard to training and ecosystem by the Sikes Act. The key to managing the land is first to monitor, like military reconnaissance, to provide information. This information is then used to develop direction for action. For example, the 2008 estimate of the mule deer herd population has been reduced by half since 1996. A major reason for the decline may be due to deer-vehicle collisions on Redwood Road (aka Camp Williams Road or Utah Highway 68). As a result, ERM worked with the Utah Department of Transportation to install under-crossings and deer fence as part of the highway reconstruction plan. This simple change should benefit our Soldiers and improve deer populations by reducing the number of collisions.

Invasive plant species can physically impede training or cause other ill effects, such as increasing wildfire danger. ERM monitors these plants so that they can be prioritized and treated. Monitoring is performed using Geographic Information System (GIS) to map vegetation communities throughout Camp Williams. Due to the Department of Army (DA) mandate requiring a decrease in the application of chemical pesticides, ERM is experimenting with the use of nonchemical pesticides. Examples include a vinegar-citric acid mix that denatures quickly. When steam is sprayed at the right time, this non-chemical pesticide kills thistles and other weeds. ERM is also experimenting with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)-approved biocontrols including insects that are natural enemies of undesirable weeds.

AGCW is a productive 'source' for deer to the surrounding areas.



The ERM worked with the 222nd Field Artillery and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to protect the endangered dwarf bear-claw poppy at the St. George Armory and training area to ensure no impacts from training occurred. Although the poppy population had a rangewide decline during the early 2000s, it is now recovering on the St. George Armory property. ERM just completed a draft Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) for the armory. The intent of the INRMP is to accommodate concerns of the USFWS and Utah Division of Wildlife Resources with the training needs and requirements at the armory.

The Army Garrison Camp Williams (AGCW) water system has seen a lot of change over the years. These changes have produced cumulative effects requiring an added focus to bring the system back as a quality water conveyer. ERM is involved in assisting the AGCW Facility Maintenance Office and Construction Facility Maintenance Office (CFMO) in improving drinking water that is compliant with the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) standards. Projects include a new water system master plan, a general overhaul of the Hidden Valley springs system, restructuring well #4, a new water management system, and water storage tanks analysis.

During 2009 ERM coordinated the initiation of the Remedial Investigation phase of UTNG Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP). The MMRP is investigating the use of military munitions on properties not currently under the control of DoD. The sites of interest are associated with historical training at or near Camp Williams, involving a wide range of munitions, including artillery rounds.

Remedial Investigations are currently being executed for the Wood Hollow Training Area, Southeast Simulated Attack Area, Artillery Impact Area Buffer Zone and Rose Canyon Training Area. Additional actions will be contingent on the results of the Remedial Investigations; currently some remedial action is anticipated for all sites except the Southeast Simulated Attack Area. Additionally, two sites were added to the program during the Site Investigation phase. The Southwest Area and Southeast Area are properties that were transferred from Camp Williams' control in 1990.

The MMRP for these sites includes extensive public involvement actions, coordinated through the Public Affairs office, to include the formation of a Restoration Advisory Board, staffed, in part, by members of the affected communities. The current schedule calls for completion of the Remedial Investigations by mid-2011.

Knowledge of vegetation communities leads to monitoring for probable impacts and purposeful land management.



Archaeological surveys at AGCW continued in 2009, focusing primarily on areas near the firing ranges and the cantonment area. These surveys resulted in the documentation of several prehistoric sites and continue to demonstrate that the Traverse Mountains and Jordan Narrows were frequented by hunters and gatherers along the Wasatch Front for a period of 8,000 years or more. Additional analysis of a number of recovered artifacts may answer important questions regarding regional trade and prehistoric settlement.



This unusual artifact was recently discovered at Camp Williams.

A number of buildings were considered for their historic significance this year, including the Price Armory and a number of smaller structures at Camp Williams. To date, the Utah National Guard manages 27 buildings across the state which are considered historically significant. Additional historic documentation was completed for the Price and American Fork Armories in preparation for structural upgrade and renovation projects.

The Utah National Guard continues to foster positive relations with Utah's Native American tribes through participation in annual Native American Summit meetings, as well as meetings with the Division of Indian Affairs. ERM continues to participate and represent the UTNG as a member agency in Interagency Heritage Resources Work Group meetings to review state regulations regarding archaeological, historic and paleontological resources.

The scope of the Utah National Guard's Environmental Management System (EMS) pursuant to Executive Order 13423, "Strengthening the Federal Environmental, Energy and Transportation Management," was expanded in 2009. The Utah National Guard has fully implemented an EMS conforming to the ISO 14001 Standards. Working under the direction of the Environmental Quality Control Committee (EQCC), ERM developed an EMS that is mission focused and meets Army EMS policy. As a result, the UTNG increased the use of alternative-fuel vehicles and reduced petroleum consumption, improved energy efficiency resulting in a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, is reducing solid wastes transported to landfills by nearly 50 percent, is incorporating operational controls to reduce water consumption, expanded the purchases of environmentally-sound goods and services and bio-based products, and ensured that 95 percent of newly-purchased electronic products meet Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool standards. Additionally, 100 percent of electronic products no longer in service are reused, donated or recycled. The goals of the EMS are to promote mission sustainability while reducing environmental impacts. At the same time, the UTNG is positioned to meet those goals.



Golden eagles, protected by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, nest within 200 yards of the wind turbines at Camp Williams.

65th Fires Brigade



WITH THE TRANSFORMATION FROM I CORPS ARTILLERY INTO A FIRES BRIGADE (FiB), our personnel and units were very busy during 2009. In September 2008, BG Michael Liechty relinquished command of I Corps Artillery, and COL Richard Miller took command of the new 65th Fires Brigade. The ceremony was a somber moment for the Soldiers and leaders as they reflected on the history and experiences of the past 20 years as the Army's only Reserve Component Corps Field Artillery. However, the future looks bright for the 65th FiB as they began their team building and training with its new units for both peacetime and combat deployments.



In addition to the two organic Field Artillery battalions in Utah, the 65th FiB has a training relationship with units spread from coast to coast. The 65th FiB has units in California, Michigan, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Utah. With units so geographically dispersed, we are continually working to get them together for training and working on standardization and team building. We have great Soldiers and leaders in each of these units and we are slowly becoming a cohesive Fires Brigade.

We have found after conducting staff visits with these units, they are very happy to be associated with us and willing to take on their roll as a part of the 65th FiB. An additional benefit gleaned from our recent visits is that the units we are associated with have

also deployed and are very knowledgeable on what it takes to get prepared for a possible deployment in the foreseeable future.

Besides unit visits, the 65th FiB has conducted several military exercises during 2009. Our Soldiers have traveled to many foreign countries and stateside training areas in order to maintain training proficiency and meet the demanding training cycle of an Army Fires Brigade. In addition, the 65th FiB continues to train alongside other military services such as the Navy, Air Force and Marines in the quarterly FST-J exercise in San Diego, Calif. Several other training exercises were conducted with foreign military units to include training soldiers in Bulgaria, Germany, Japan, Australia, Azerbaijan and Singapore.

Our two in-state Field Artillery battalions, the 1-145th and 2-222nd FA, have also gone through transformations. Transformation brings many new positions that require additional equipment modernization and new training for our Soldiers. The 65th FiB's new equipment challenges have required Soldiers to certify in many unique low-density and technical Military Occupational Skills in order to support the unit's mission to mobilize and deploy to a theater of operation.

In addition to combat training, the 65th FiB has helped local communities with several projects such as freedom salutes, color guards, funerals and recruiting events. Our Soldiers supported Scouting for Food by transporting collected food from drop sites at various locations across the state to the Utah Food Bank.

Each of these training and supporting events provides our Soldiers with valuable experience needed to be successful as the 65th FiB. The Soldiers of the Brigade have accomplished their goals and training objectives for the year and have proven they are capable, ready and willing to serve, no matter what the mission may hold in the future.

In September 2009, the Institute of Heraldry approved the 65th FiB shoulder sleeve and distinctive unit insignia. The units and Soldiers look forward to wearing and showcasing the new patch.

A special thanks to our employers, families, UTARNG and communities for helping the 65th FiB stand up, equip and train. Good luck in 2010 and God Speed. "America's Thunder."

Georgian infantry soldier, interpreter, CPT Chad Williams, and LTC Dave Greer, both of the 65th Fires Brigade, oversee training operations at Hohenfels, Germany.



1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery



FIRST BATTALION, 145TH FIELD ARTILLERY (BIG RED) started the year with a change of command wherein the Battalion bid farewell to one commander and warmly welcomed another.

LTC Brent Stark assumed command of the Battalion from LTC Karl Wright Feb. 21, 2009, after

his two years of service to the unit. Special thanks were provided to LTC Wright for his leadership and sacrifice to the Soldiers under his command by the Land Component Commander, BG Michael Liechty. The 65th Fires Brigade commander, COL Richard Miller, welcomed LTC Stark to the Battalion and spoke in anticipation of great accomplishments to come from our new commander.

The unit began its daunting task of making the Soldiers of the Battalion perform and feel like Artillerymen. Thus, the emphasis of the Battalion during this training year was a return to Field Artillery fundamentals. A crawl, walk, run approach was diligently executed throughout the year's training events to regain technical competence and build Soldiers' confidence. The men performed in exemplary fashion as the training goal of individual through platoon certifications were achieved safely and on target. Excitement abounded for the next challenge of battery and battalion certifications to be accomplished in the next training year.

In addition to the tremendous collective training progress, two Soldiers of the Battalion made us proud in individual competition. SSG Jason Mellor and SPC Guy Mellor, sons of retired Readiness NCO Neil Mellor, competed and were selected as the Battalion Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year. They next competed at the 65th Fires Brigade and were again successful moving on to the state competition. SPC Mellor's success continued through the state, regional and the All-Guard competitions with his brother as his coach and mentor. During the competition, Soldiers were tested on their physical and mental toughness, intellectual abilities, Warrior tasks and battle drills. Specialist Mellor represented the Army National Guard at the Department of the Army Best Warrior Competition in September 2009. Although he did not prevail at the All-Army level, his performance was admirable. Both Soldiers



1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery fires at a high angle during Annual Training 2009 at Camp Williams.



C Battery, 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery, on line for final verifications prior to live fire during Annual Training 2009 at Camp Williams.

represented 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery, and the Utah Army National Guard in memorable fashion.

As always, the Battalion was proud to support numerous community events with cannon salutes such as Veterans Day and 4th of July parades. A noteworthy addition this year was the inauguration of the Honorable Governor Gary R. Herbert in August where we honored his appointment with a 19-gun salute.

First Battalion, 145th Field Artillery, completed a foundational and reenergizing year with core competency training. The perseverance and professionalism of the Soldiers and leaders of the unit were key to the success of the unit.

BIG RED is a seasoned team of officers and Soldiers with the support of their families and employers standing ready to answer the call of duty.



ABOVE: Specialist Guy Mellor competes in combatives at the Army National Guard Soldier of the Year Competition 2009.



Left: Platoon Operations Center in action again during Annual Training 2009 at Camp Williams.



SECOND BATTALION, 222ND FIELD ARTILLERY, training year was a great success, busy with multiple training events along with the transformation of Service Battery to the new 213th Forward Support Company.

The 2-222nd FA is commanded by LTC Steven Esplin, with CSM Richard Brown serving as command sergeant major.

The transformation of Service Battery to the 213th Forward Support Company included the move of Charlie Battery, as a gun battery in St. George, to a split Detachment between Beaver and Fillmore. With this change, the Fillmore unit was sliced from the 1-145th FA and became the Firing Battery Detachment of C/2-222nd FA.



The 2-222nd FA was called upon to support the 1-145th FA Rear Detachment exercise in Bulgaria during the fall of 2008. The mission was to assist the training of the Bulgarian Army in tactics they had learned during deployment to Iraq. Some Soldiers also participated in a similar training mission to Azerbaijan. Other significant training events were Governor's Day, the deactivation of I Corps Artillery and the activation ceremony of the 65th Fires Brigade, which is now the higher headquarters of the 2-222nd FA.

Soldier support and family awareness continue to be a priority of the Battalion. After a difficult deployment to Iraq, Soldiers still need the help of others, their leaders, and fellow Soldiers. A good-news story was MAJ Gaylan Springer, the Battalion chaplain, organizing a marriage seminar/retreat at the Ruby's Inn Lodge at Bryce Canyon. The retreat took place in February and was a huge success and is part of the Battalion's focus on helping our Soldiers make the transition back to normalcy.

Maintaining crew certification and fire-direction proficiency was challenging as the entire National Guard was asked to have a training stand-down in order to conduct the "Beyond the Front" suicide prevention training. The Battalion adapted well and accomplished all of the required training.

The nearly new Battalion staff was also challenged this



training year as the plans to fire artillery at Dugway Proving Ground were adapted to fire at Camp Williams. The completed plans were executed well as the Battalion was able to not only accomplish the artillery training but were able to take advantage of the individual weapons ranges and simulators Camp Williams offers. Training at Camp Williams also made possible a media/community day sponsored by the 65th Fires Brigade. This very successful event brought an estimated 600 people to the field environment at Camp Williams, where Bravo Battery gave an orientation, and in some cases, allowed people to gain hands-on experience with the Field Artillery. There were a number of people who expressed their appreciation of the event.



As 2009 training year came to an end, our Battalion staff supporting the 65th FiB joint training mission in July, with the Georgian Army, as well as Soldiers from the Battalion, executed the role of opposing force during a brigade combat team's validation at Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels Germany, during August and September.

The "Triple Deuce" had a very busy 2009 training year, and it looks forward to an even more busy and challenging 2010. As the equipment becomes more technical and complex and the Battalion prepares for future deployments, our Soldiers are attending more training and certifications. However, the Battalion's Soldiers and leaders are stepping up and making things happen, thanks to the support of our civilian employers, families and communities. They provide many wonderful programs and assistance. Without this unconditional support, we couldn't do what we do in providing our nation and state field artillery fires.

God Speed to our Soldiers and their families, and we look forward to 2010 being another great "Field Artillery" year.



Members of the 2-222nd FA traveling, loading and firing down range during annual training live-fire exercise at Camp Williams, Utah

97th Aviation Troop Command



THE 97TH AVIATION TROOP COMMAND has been actively engaged this past fiscal year in providing command and control for the state's Army Aviation units. The 97th Aviation Troop Command is responsible for providing oversight and command and control for the following subordinate units:

1st Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment; 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment; Detachment 50, Operational Support Airlift Agency; and Detachment C, 2nd Battalion, 285th Air Assault.

During the first part of this fiscal year, the command helped plan, organize and complete the successful redeployment and reintegration of the 2-211th GSAB from Kuwait, as well as the successful deployment of Det. 50, OSAA. Det. 50 deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The 97th Aviation Troop Command also provided support for the successful deployment of Det. C, 2-285th which occurred at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2009.

This past year, 97th Aviation Troop Command played a crucial role in acquiring and preparing the 1-211th for the arrival of the new AH-64D Longbow Apache helicopters.

First Battalion received 24 Longbow aircraft which were cascaded from an active-duty unit in theater. These aircraft were placed on a ship and sent to the port at Beaumont, Texas. At the port, the aircraft were offloaded, reassembled, inventoried and test flown in preparation for ferrying the aircraft back to Utah and to various locations throughout the country. Some of the aircraft were placed into the Army's aircraft reset program.

Finally, Headquarters Detachment, 97th Aviation Troop Command, participated in an annual Joint Training Exercise, Yama Sakura 55. Yama Sakura 55 was held on the main island of Japan. The exercise included Joint cooperation with all U.S. branch services, as well as bilateral cooperation between the U.S. military and Japanese Self Defense Forces. The Detachment participated by playing the role of a Theater Combat Aviation Brigade for the exercise. Participants planned and executed simulated Aviation missions for the entire two-week exercise. Participants from the unit were sent to Japan as well as Hawaii in support of this exercise.



ABOVE: Three UH-60 Blackhawks and three AH-64 Apache helicopters fly in formation over Governor's Day at Rice-Eccles Stadium. **BELOW:** One of the new AH-64D Longbow Apaches arrives in Salt Lake Valley. **RIGHT:** Members of the 2-211th train in basic marksmanship on the M16 rifle while in Kuwait.



Detachment 50, Operational Support Airlift C12T1 (Fixed Wing)



DETACHMENT 50 (Operational Support Airlift) is one of the state's smallest units, but that does not keep them from being called to active duty, which is evident by their current deployment to Afghanistan. Det 50 received their alert order in January 2009 and started preparation for deployment by spending numerous days at Camp Williams, Utah. Det 50 trained in individual weapons qualification, land navigation, and many other Army Warrior Tasks and battle drills. Six members of the unit were federalized



March 11 and sent to Hagerstown, Md. While in Hagerstown the Soldiers of Det 50 came together with seven other states to form Task Force Odin-A. After months of training and preparing, the members of Task Force Odin made their way to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The six members of Det 50 have been conducting daily operations in support of the ground commanders for multiple branches of the military. Det 50 is projected with a redeployment date of March 2010.

While the main body of Detachment 50 deployed, a small contingent of four Soldiers form a Rear Detachment to continue their real-world mission of transporting passengers and cargo in support of federal, state and local agencies.

1st Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment



THE 1ST OF THE 211TH ATTACK RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION (ARB) continues to move forward with the transition from the AH-64A Apache to the AH-64D Longbow Apache. The majority of 1-211th Soldiers are

trained in the new aircraft and well underway in conducting Readiness Level Progression for the aviators. This is an exciting time for the 1-211th as they make the transition and prepare for future deployments in support of military operations around the world.

Throughout the year, the 1-211th conducted four aerial gunneries, as well as individual weapons qualifications. The 1-211th continues to participate in training exercises with the Air Force, such as the Fighter Weapons School and assisted in training with Rescue Escort Missions. This has been another successful Annual Training, flying tactical training missions day and night at Dugway and conducting live-fire exercises on the Utah Test and Training Range.

The unit trained closely with the Canadian Army and Air Force during April and May at the Canadian Forces Base Suffield, Alberta, Canada. Operation Maple Guardian/Desert Ram was part of a training exercise to prepare Canadian Forces for an upcoming deployment to Afghanistan, where they will work closely with aviation assets. Throughout the exercise, the 1-211th provided the Canadians with an aerial Quick Reaction Force that was on call when they needed the firepower at whatever objective that the ground commander was attacking. Once at the objective, the 1-211th provided the ground commander with quick fires in the form of Close Combat Attacks using 30 mm cannon and 2.75-inch rockets. In less than three weeks, three AH-64A Apaches flew nearly 200 hours and fired a total of 6,200 rounds of 30mm and 570 2.75in rockets. The operation Maple Guardian/Desert Ram was a big success!

Thanks to the Army Aviation Support Facility, the 1-211th continues to conduct flight training during the week and a number of static displays across Utah as part of the recruiting and community-relations efforts.



ABOVE: The AH-64 Apache 4th Battalion crew running up the aircraft during Operation Maple Garden/Desert Ram in April at Canadian Forces Base Suffield, Alberta. **BELOW:** Members of 2nd Battalion refuel the Apache.



Upcoming training events in the next fiscal year include Yama Sakura 57, which will take place in Hokkaido, Japan. Yama Sakura, which translates to “Mountain Cherry Blossom,” is a command-post exercise that simulates Japanese-U.S. military operations required to defend Japan.

About the AH-64D Longbow Apache: The Longbow is a remanufactured and upgraded version of the AH-64A Apache attack helicopter. The primary modifications include the addition of a millimeter-wave Fire Control Radar target acquisition system, the fire-and-forget Longbow Hellfire air-to-ground missile, improved Forward-Looking Infrared and a modernized cockpit. Additionally, the aircraft features improved survivability, communication and navigation capabilities.

BELOW: Members of 2nd Battalion load rockets for live-fire exercise. PV2 Deis inspects the engine of an Apache. A Utah National Guard AH-64A Apache over the Great Salt Lake.



2nd Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment



THE MAIN BODY FOR 2ND BATTALION, 211TH AVIATION GENERAL SUPPORT AVIATION BATTALION (GASB), Task Force 2-211th, returned from a very successful deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in February 2009. While in country, the Task Force flew more than 8,300 hours, carried more than 13,000 passengers and transported more than 1,500 tons of cargo. Some of the VIPs flown included then-Senator and now President of the United States Barack Obama, Admiral Mullen, General Casey, SMA Preston, General Campbell, General Petracus and governors and representatives from 15 different states. Upon redeployment the Task Force conducted 30, 60, and 90 reintegration activities, attempting to ensure our Soldiers were incorporated back into life at home with family, friends and employers. Training our 2-285th Detachments and preparing them for their deployment became the primary focus for the remainder of our training year.

The Utah Detachments of the 2-285th Air Assault received their alert order and started preparation for deployment in April 2008 and diligently prepared through the end of 2009 training year. The many challenges facing them included filling

the deployment manning document with qualified personnel, training their pilots, acquiring pilots in command and training their crewchiefs, roughly 80 percent of their Soldiers were brand new to the unit. By the end of the training year, this unit completed new equipment training, a Battalion aviation-training exercise at Fort Rucker, Ala., individual weapons qualification, two iterations of aerial door gunnery, drivers training on the up-armored humvee, and a three-week Annual Training where they completed their certification for deployment and all Army Warrior Tasks and battle drills. The Soldiers of the Utah detachments of the 2-285th Air Assault did an outstanding job always maintaining extremely high morale and gave the leadership in aviation one more reason for being extremely proud of their Soldiers.

The 2-211th Rear Detachment remained very busy while conducting numerous support missions and individual, collective and METL training. The Rear Det supported Boss Lifts for the 1-211th ARB and provided essential gunnery support while they conducted live-fire exercises. The U.S. Army Forces Command Aviation Resource Management Survey conducted an inspection on A/2-211th which they passed very successfully. While the 144th MED prepared for their future deployment our flyers provided valuable MEDEVAC and CASEVAC support to their Soldiers, infusing the realism in the mission they will face when deployed.

During Governor's Day activities, the UH-60 Blackhawks that flew over the Utah National Guard formation at the University of Utah were piloted by our A/2-211 personnel.



Members of 2nd Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment stand in formation at the West Jordan Army Aviation Support Facility and Armory.



HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 19TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (Airborne) started Fiscal Year 2009 with a change of responsibility from outgoing Group CSM Allen Smithee, to incoming CSM Scott Morgan from 1st Battalion, 19th SFG(A). Smithee retired after nearly 30 years of military service with 10 years in the 19th.

In early October 2008, HHC sent eight Soldiers to support 3rd Special Forces Group's deployment to Afghanistan. The eight were incorporated into 3rd Group's headquarters where they provided their expertise in administration, maintenance and intelligence. The Soldiers returned home after serving 10 months in Afghanistan between July and September, 2009.

In early July at Camp Williams, 19th Group, along with Chapter 70 of the Special Forces Association celebrated the 50th anniversary of Special Forces in Utah. Group Commander COL Michael Turello, and Group Command Sergeant Major CSM Scott Morgan were present along with several high-ranking dignitaries, including Utah Senator Robert Bennett and Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient, retired SGM Jon Cavaiani.

For Annual Training, HHC conducted training at the Digital Battle Lab at Fort Bragg, N.C., Aug. 1-15. At the battle lab, HHC Soldiers received training in digital command systems, enabling them to integrate into a modern command center. The highlight of Annual Training came during a weeklong battle-staff exercise where the Soldiers combined their respective skills to react to combat scenarios as a Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force Headquarters.

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Members of the 1-19th Special Forces SOT-A Team 9206, at Wardak Province, Afghanistan, in June 2009.

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At Kandahar Airfield, SFC Lucas Evans and a military working dog prepare for a tactical ground movement.

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First Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group Soldiers qualify on the rifle range at Camp Williams.

97th Troop Command



THE 97TH TROOP COMMAND provides brigade- and battalion-level command and control for nine separate units: Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 97th Troop Command; 144th Area Support Medical Company; Utah Army National Guard Medical Detachment; 197th Special Troops Company (Special Operations/Airborne); 115th Maintenance Company (Component Repair Company); 128th Public Affairs Detachment (Mobile); 23rd Army Band; 85th Civil Support Team (WMD); and 1993rd Contingency Contracting Team.

Colonel Edward Gundersen and CSM Raelynn Oman make it their mission 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 Soldier

Readiness Processing and home-station mobilization of subordinate units.

This year the Headquarters welcomed back the 128th MPAD from Iraq and saw the deployment of the 1993rd CCT to Kosovo. Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment participated in Regional Response 2009, a NATO multinational peacekeeping training exercise conducted in Azerbaijan.

Command Inspections were performed on each unit to ensure all military standards are being met, troops are being trained and units are ready to accomplish their missions in support of state and federal objectives.

The 97th Troop Command could not succeed without the dedication and support of each individual Soldier assigned to the command. Each Soldier is expected to assume the role of being first rate and ready for any situation. Therefore, the primary mission of the Headquarters is to emphasize individual Soldier responsibility, thereby affecting overall command readiness. The 97th Troop Command is looking forward to continuing to enhance the readiness capability of the Utah National Guard.

23rd Army Band



FOR THE 23RD ARMY BAND, 2009 was one of the most successful in the band's 84-year history in performing their primary mission as musicians, providing music in support of local military installation activities and in support of the adjutant general's ongoing public relations program throughout the State of Utah and beyond.

The Band responded to an unprecedented number of requests for support of official military and community activities as the citizens of the state desired to show support for the Utah National Guard and others in service throughout the world. In order to meet the demand for military music, the Band adapted by utilizing small groups ranging from 5 to 20 musicians for settings where the full 56-member concert band would have overwhelmed the audience. This adaptation allowed the Band to perform 63 separate functions throughout the year, fulfilling requests throughout the state.

In response to the changing musical tastes of the Troops and in order to meet the Band's additional mission of improving morale within the Armed Services, the Band has staffed two new groups, the Rock and the Show Bands, in addition to the traditional Jazz Band for military balls and community concerts. It is obvious that the audiences appreciate the addition of the Rock and Show Bands as they join in singing some of their favorite classic rock and pop tunes.

In addition to the long-time favorite Veterans Day and Governor's Day performances, the Band's schedule included very well-attended summer patriotic concerts for the Temple Square Concert series in Brigham Young Park and the Salt Lake Tabernacle. In August, the Band provided music for the inauguration of Governor Herbert and also performed for the reception following the ceremony.

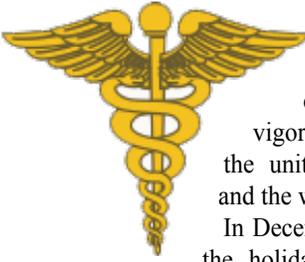
The Soldiers in the Band continue to maintain military standards in common task, fitness and marksmanship training. During the year, 11 unit members attended professional development courses, and all unit members have increased their skills as musicians, and leaders.



ABOVE: The 23rd Army Band march in the 24th of July parade.

BELOW: Members of the 23rd Army Band perform at Brigham Young Historic Park in Salt Lake City on July 30.





THE 144TH AREA SUPPORT MEDICAL COMPANY'S Fiscal Year 2009 has been a challenge, filled with intensive, vigorous training in preparation for the unit's deployment to Afghanistan, and the welcoming of new Soldiers.

In December 2008, the 144th celebrated the holidays together with a Christmas party and Soldier Readiness Processing. The party included the Soldiers' families with a dinner graciously served by SGT Bon Villamil's family, and the event decorated and coordinated by SSG Jeffrey Leavitt's wife Kassie. Awards to each deserving Soldier were also presented at that time.

January was filled with 68W sustainment training, and February and March kept the unit busy with the start of ARMY Warrior Tasks validations and suicide-prevention training.

Weapon qualification was conducted in April with the unit managing to successfully complete this task even while firing in a blizzard.

May continued the theme of Army Warrior Tasks and drills, but also included going to the rappel tower where Soldiers new to the unit were enthusiastic about the team-building training.

In August, the 144th ASMC conducted their Annual Training out in the field. The unit completed the Leadership Reaction

Course, waterborne ops, and split ops with 1st Platoon at Area 51 at Camp Williams, and 2nd Platoon at Dugway Proving Ground. This provided the perfect setup to learn MEDEVAC training with Blackhawks. Each Soldier was able to ride in a Blackhawk and learn to load/unload patients effectively, efficiently and safely. This AT was filled with excellent training by all NCOs and officers. Another highlight of AT was learning the correct way to perform Military Operations on Urban Terrain operations and putting it all into action with paintballs.

During AT, the wind proved to be a challenge at both sites. Second Platoon's quick thinking of using an ambulance to ground an unruly tent, kept it from blowing away in the middle of the night. First Platoon, on the other hand, lost their patient-holding tent to the elements. Despite the weather and the unruly hornets at our first site, we managed to succeed in our mission of conducting a well-organized and effective medical training.

September, the conclusion of FY 2009, brought Governor's Day with the 144th providing support operations on that day. The unit ended this year's training on a high note with the Army Physical Fitness Test being conducted the following morning as well as CPT Charity Coe's and CPT Robert Dent's instruction on portable ventilators, signs and symptoms of various overdoses/drugs in addition to medical acronyms.

Although the year did not include any overseas training missions as originally forecasted, it still provided a challenge in training and coordination in preparation for an upcoming deployment to Afghanistan.



THE 115TH MAINTENANCE COMPANY enjoys a fantastic Family Support Christmas party each year. This year was no exception. The Company's Family Support representatives did a tremendous job providing an opportunity for families to come together and celebrate the holidays. There were games for the adults and children, delicious refreshments, and many holiday activities and gifts.

March brought with it the opportunity to help needy families in the communities. The Company provided three Soldiers to assist the Boy Scouts of America in their annual effort to collect food for local food banks. This is the largest one-day, food-collection event for the Boy Scouts. Guard Soldiers and Airmen were essential for the successful collection and transport of the donated food.

In May, the Company traveled to Camp Williams for weapons training. The Soldiers enjoyed the marksmanship training where they had the chance to update their qualification on the M-16 rifle.

In July, the Company went to Annual Training at the National Maintenance Training Center (NMTC) at Camp Dodge, Iowa. During Annual Training, Soldiers provided invaluable assistance to the staff of the NMTC by providing maintenance services on various

components such as engines, transmissions, air conditioning units and small arms.

Later in July, the Company celebrated its return from Camp Dodge with a family party at Camp Williams. The Officer Club provided a picturesque setting for a great opportunity to come together as a Guard family. There was swimming for the kids, socialization for the adults, and delicious food for all.

In August, the Company was able to participate in humvee rollover training. The class involved training on how to exit an overturned vehicle. The practicum involved using a full-sized humvee replica, which allows a full team of Soldiers to be turned upside down in the simulator and exit quickly and safely.



SPC Anthony Lee and SPC Casey Smith work on equipment in the maintenance shop.

The fiscal year finished out by joining with the rest of the Utah National Guard for Governor's Day in September at the University of Utah. The Troops enjoyed the opportunity to march out onto the field at the University of Utah with their families in the crowd. The beautiful weather was the perfect backdrop for a flyover from a team of Army helicopters and a pair of Air Force planes. Soldiers and their families were addressed by Governor Gary R. Herbert, our commander in chief. After the ceremony, they were able to enjoy the food booths provided by the Family Support Groups from the respective units.

Members of the 115th Maintenance Company stand in formation at Camp Dodge, Iowa, during Annual Training.



85th Civil Support Team



THIS PAST YEAR THE 85TH CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM (WMD) has been challenged with many exciting missions and exercises. The Team started off the year with a deployment to Texas. On Oct. 1, 2008, the Team was deployed to Beaumont, Texas in support of relief efforts after Hurricane Ike. The 85th spent three weeks in Texas assisting the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality with hundreds of HAZMAT Recon and assessment missions.

Upon returning to Utah, the 85th CST continued their high OPTEMPO with numerous individual-training classes and a joint training exercise in November with the Southwest HAZMAT Alliance outside of St. George.



In December, the 85th CST was called out to assist with suspicious packages delivered to the Utah National Guard headquarters in Draper and post headquarters at Camp Williams. December also brought changes to the leadership of the Team. LTC Tyler Smith was assigned to the 85th CST as their new commander after returning from a deployment to Afghanistan. Lt Col Kevin Nuccitelli relinquished command and returned to the Air National Guard to command the 101st Information Operations Flight. The 85th CST thanked Lt Col Nuccitelli for his leadership and hard work to get the Team certified by the Secretary of Defense and wishes him the best in his new command. The Team also welcomed LTC Smith on board and expects great things from his leadership of the Team.

In January, the Team spent two days conducting joint training exercises with the Salt Lake City Fire Department and their HAZMAT 6 crew at the Salt Lake Air Base. LTC Smith was able to see firsthand how the team operates and trains with local first responders.

In March, the 85th CST hosted a multi-CST/ multi-day exercise at the Usana Amphitheater and the Rio Tinto Soccer Stadium. The 85th invited the CSTs from Hawaii and Guam along with the Salt Lake Metro Fire Agencies to participate in the exercise. The exercise was a huge success and a great training

exercise for everyone involved. Unfortunately, the weather was not the best of conditions for the exercise; however, it was the first time that many of the members of the Hawaii and Guam CSTs saw snow.

The summer did not see a slowdown to operations and exercises. The Team did exercises with Saratoga Springs Fire Department, Salt Lake City Fire Department, Park City Fire Department, Orem City Fire Department, Provo City Fire Department and the Center for National Response. The 85th conducted stand-by missions with the Sandy Fire Department at the Rio Tinto Soccer Stadium for the Major League Soccer All-Star Game and a U.S. Soccer Team World Cup-qualifier game. The Team also responded to an unknown white-powder incident at Utah Valley University. The Team ended the summer by performing CST evaluations during Montana's Vigilant Guard 2009 at the end of September.

Over the past year, individual members of the 85th CST spent time away from home attending mandatory, CST-specific training, working groups and conferences to become more proficient in its duties. Many members of the Team are constantly being requested throughout CST Region 5 for assistance by other Region 5 teams for training and support. The Nuclear Medical Science Officer, MAJ Jared



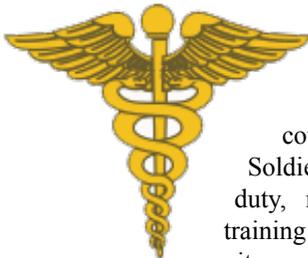
Gailey, was requested by name from the Department of the Army Research and Development Division to assist with creating a virtual radiation simulator for Civil Support Teams and the Army. It is a great testament to the 85th CST's commitment to excellence that members of the Team are requested by other CSTs for support and assistance.



Photos opposite page, above and right: Members of the 85th CST train with first responders from Salt Lake, West Valley, Sandy and Murray, as well as CSTs from Hawaii and Guam at USANA and Rio Tinto venues March 3-5, 2009.



Medical Detachment



THIS YEAR THE STATE MEDICAL DETACHMENT continued spending countless hours ensuring Utah Soldiers were medically fit for duty, mobilization and overseas training missions. Personnel in the unit continued to support medical readiness events, implementing more and more technology with every drill. Many Soldiers in the unit traveled overseas and conducted training in multiple countries throughout the world. The unit was definitely challenged with many exciting opportunities throughout the year.



Ten medical personnel supported exercise North Wind, a winter-training exercise located in Northern Japan from February to March 2009. Physician's assistants (PA) and medics provided Troop Medical Clinic support located just outside Sapporo, Japan, to roughly 500 Soldiers for the duration of the exercise. Although, they didn't have a high patient volume, they received valuable training on medical communications software for deploying Forces.

In April, MAJ David Furuta, full-time PA with MED DET, provided medical support for Regional Response to Azerbaijan. He supported Utah Soldiers and worked with Azerbaijan medical personnel providing sick-call support and immediate, life-

threatening treatment and evacuation. In May 2009, MED DET veterinary personnel from the 19th Special Forces, linguists from Military Intelligence units and dental personnel from the U.S. Navy Reserve and Utah Air National Guard participated in African Lion, a yearly Marine Corps exercise conducted with Moroccan military forces. Thirty-six Utah Soldiers provided humanitarian medical assistance, involving basic medical, vision, dental and veterinary services to four communities outside of Agadir, Morocco.

In August, 34 personnel traveled to the island of Trinidad to participate in Beyond the Horizons, Trinidad and Tobago, a U.S. Southern Command training exercise. Soldiers provided care in three townships in the southern part of the island in the city of San Fernando. Each day Soldiers traveled to local schools to provide medical, dental and optometry support to hundreds of waiting people. The local Rotary and Lion's clubs participated heavily by providing volunteers to assist with patient flow, as well as setup of chairs and tents for our arrival. It was a rewarding experience participating with so many people that took time out of their lives to support us.

As we move into the next training year, we have to look at the Soldiers and their families that supported and sacrificed their time to ensure our missions were a success. We could not do this without them. As our unit prepares for the 2010 training year, we reflect on the many valuable and remarkable Soldiers that we have lost. Many have gone on to their civilian careers and families, but we have lost many to an upcoming deployment to Afghanistan. We hope for their success, thank them for their service and pray for their safe return.

128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment



MEMBERS OF THE 128TH MOBILE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT returned home safely in March 2009 from their

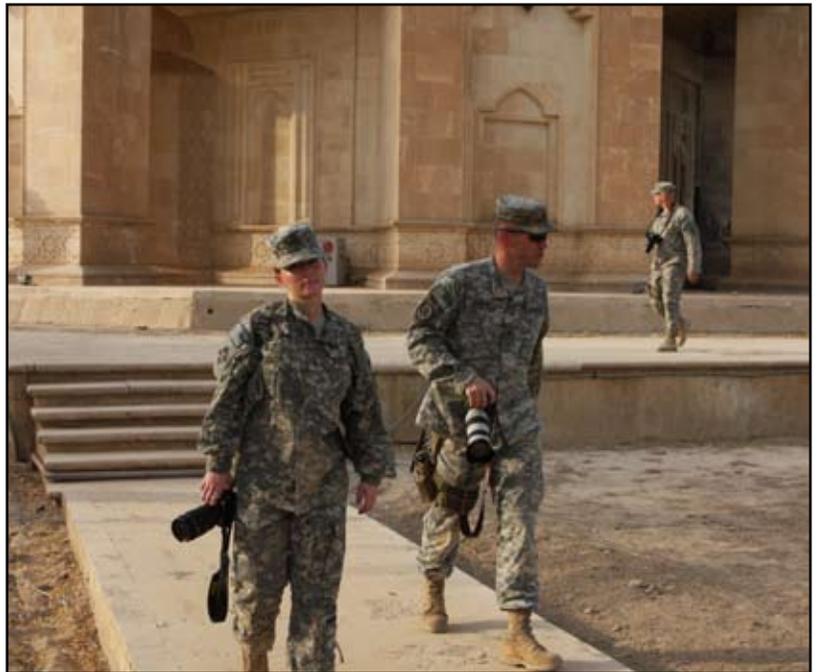
tour in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. While in Iraq, the 128th produced a daily radio show, monthly newspaper, weekly



television show and daily newsletter since July 2008. They flew into Salt Lake City International Airport where family, friends and new unit members anxiously awaited their

arrival.

The unit worked for Multinational Division-Baghdad, 4th Infantry Division, in various jobs such as staff in 4th ID headquarters, contracts, editing, marketing and writing the Soldier's story. No matter what mission the members of the 128th were handed, they excelled and gave great credit to the Utah National Guard.



SGT Jody Metzger, left and SSG Brock Jones, right, with SSG Scott Wolfe in the background, shoot photos while on deployment in Iraq.



While deployed to Iraq, SGT Jody Metzger photographs Soldiers working.

Most of the reconstruction our military men and women are doing in Iraq was written or broadcast by public affairs personnel throughout the country. Many of the MPAD Soldiers were sent out on different missions, outside and inside the wire, in an effort to give the American public a better picture of what our Servicemembers experience every day during their tour.

Print and broadcast features were done on our military members while out on forward operating bases, openings for schools, Iraqi police stations, zoos and Sons of Iraq paydays. With the various locations and amount of Soldiers, 128th personnel were kept busy during the time they were in Iraq.

Several of the newer members of the 128th went to Azerbaijan for their annual training. They spent several weeks watching and learning about the mission to tell about the experiences. They successfully produced several products that told the stories of our Soldiers and our Azerbaijan counterparts.

The main body of the 128th finished their yellow-ribbon requirements and then melded with the more recent members of the Detachment to make one complete unit. However, this hasn't slowed them down in the slightest, Freedom Academy, MAC VII shooting competition, Soldier of the Year competition and Governor's Day are just some of the events the 128th has covered in their home-station capacity.

The newly formed MPAD is currently telling the stories of the Utah National Guard members.



FROM THE MOMENT THE 197TH SPECIAL TROOPS COMPANY (AIRBORNE) officially stood up on Dec. 15, 2008, the company took off at a sprint.

The 197th falls under 97th Troop Command for any domestic operations, as well as general command and control it is called upon to do within the state. For its wartime mission it falls under the Active Component 528th Sustainment Brigade (Airborne), located at Fort Bragg, N.C. The 528th is the support arm of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command (USASOC), which is charged with supporting Special Forces Groups, U.S. Army Rangers, Psychological Operations, Civil Affairs, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment and other USASOC units.

In the last year, 197th STC (A) mobilized 19 personnel, in six different packages, in support of the Global War on Terrorism. These Soldiers worked hard to represent themselves, the 197th and the Utah Army National Guard as consummate professionals. The 197th has received very positive feedback from all units supported. The unit sent Soldiers into combat, fulfilling its wartime mission, but has also sent Soldiers overseas on training and support missions to places such as Singapore, Croatia and the Ukraine.

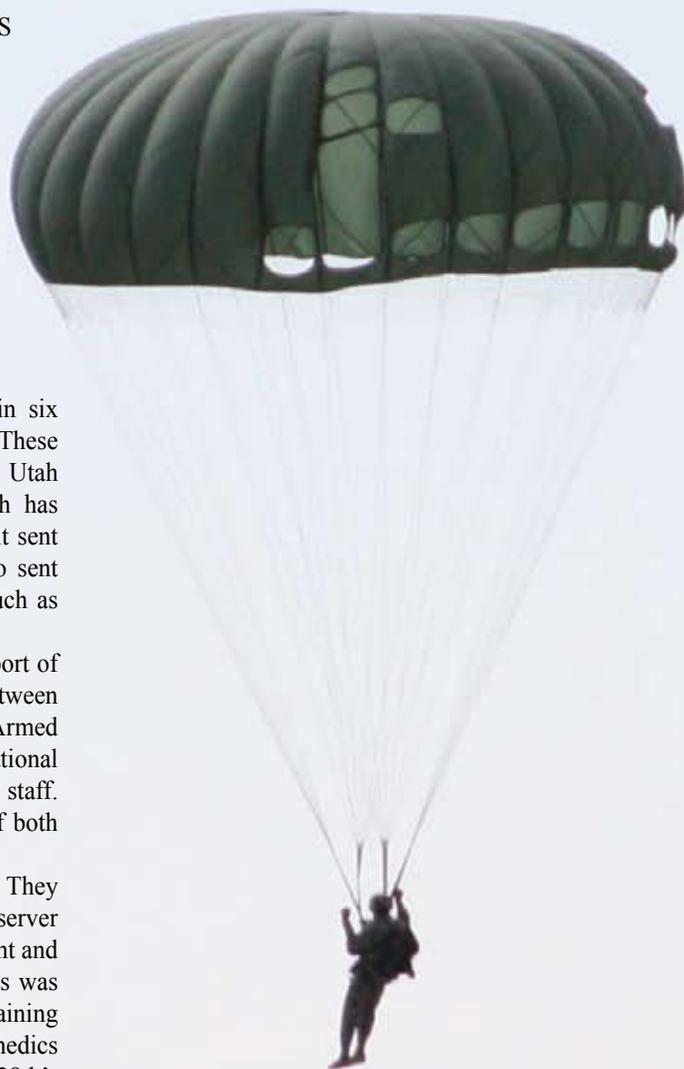
During July, the 197th sent four Soldiers to Singapore in support of Operation Tiger Balm. Tiger Balm was a bilateral exercise between members of the Army National Guard of several states and the Singapore Armed Forces. The 197th fell under the operational control of the Hawaiian Army National Guard and performed the duties of a Brigade Special Troops Battalion staff. This exercise proved to be a very positive experience for all participants of both countries.

In September, 13 Soldiers went to Ukraine for a two-week exercise. They provided instruction on several things including how to be an effective observer controller; how to plan, run and evaluate lanes training; and how to implement and use the after-action review method in order to improve training. All of this was conducted to help the Ukrainians become more proficient in meeting their training objectives and meet NATO standards. Also in September, one of our medics mobilized for a 30-day exercise to Croatia where he joined members of the 528th's Special Operations Response Team. Among other duties, the team provided medical training and support to Croatian local nationals.

In April, the 197th conducted its first completely self-sufficient company airborne operation at Drop Zone Ashau near Cedar Fort. All 197th airborne-qualified Soldiers participated in the day's events which revolved around a jump from a UH-60 Blackhawk. Annual Training was conducted in July and August at Fort Harrison, Mont. Soldiers participated in Special Forces Basic Combat Course for Support



Members of 197th Special Troops Company participate in their first unit parachute jump April 18 at Drop Zone Ashau near Cedar Fort, Utah.



taught by members of C Company, 1-19th SFG (A); the Special Operations First Responder Course by Special Operations Combat Medics of the 528th; and another company-led jump, this time from a CH-47 Chinook.

Lastly, two of our NCOs became the first Army National Guardsmen to graduate from the Special Operations Combat Medic Course at Fort Bragg, N.C. Both SGT Adam Bagley and SGT Matthew Cieslak completed the course, setting the standard for other medics in the Company and National Guard to follow.

The Company ended its busy year by marching at Governor's Day led by commander MAJ Andrew Archuleta. It was a bittersweet event for Archuleta, as he relinquished command of the company to MAJ Joaquin Mixco the following day. The 197th has seen and done a lot under the guidance of MAJ Archuleta, whose hard work, vision and tireless effort have made the unit a success in such a short time. We now look forward to great things from MAJ Mixco, who has already proved himself to be an invaluable member of the 197th team since joining the unit in the fall of 2008.

1993rd Contingency Contracting Team



THE 1993RD CONTINGENCY CONTRACTING TEAM unfurled its flag for the first time at Rice-Eccles Stadium during Governor's Day in September 2008. Although it's one of the Utah Guards newest units, it reported at this, its first official, drill with 100 percent unit strength.

Other members of the Utah Guard and their families took notice of the 1993rd due to its sheer numbers; small numbers that is, as there are only four Soldiers on the Team, qualifying it as the smallest unit in the entire Utah Army National Guard.

Participation on the Team requires rigorous educational standards to include a bachelor's degree with at least 24 business-course hours. This educational standard requires Defense Acquisition University courses for contracting-level certifications.

Ultimately, this work and training paid off, and these contingency contracting officers received contracting warrants giving them the ability to sign contracts for and on behalf of the U.S. government, to obtain mission-essential supplies and

services.

The warranted contract officers serve the State of Utah during times of emergency and also are mobilized by the U.S. Army to assist with its wartime missions.

Due to its 100 percent strength and the rapid accomplishment of contracting warrant certifications, the 1993rd was

mobilized in August 2009 for service with the 409th Contracting Support Brigade in Europe. Their mission is to provide contracting support for the Balkans as directed by U.S. Army Europe Command and the 409th.

After training and serving in the Regional Contracting Office-Bavaria for six weeks to include participating in year-end contracting actions, the unit arrived in Kosovo in late October.

The Team is excited for the opportunities to support humanitarian assistance projects especially in and throughout the Balkans along with any other contracting actions as required to support the Task Force Falcon peacekeeping efforts in Kosovo.



(left to right) SPC Daniel Christensen, 1LT John Merlette, MAJ Chris Patterson and SSG J.D. Warby.

204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade



THE 204TH MANEUVER ENHANCEMENT BRIGADE (MEB) is located at Army Garrison Camp Williams Readiness Center and is commanded by COL Don Summit, and CSM Craig Haskell. The MEB, with more than 1,000 Soldiers, located in ten communities across the state, has proudly represented the Utah Army National Guard in a wide variety of missions this past year.

Members of the 204th MEB participated in a staff exercise at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., during 2009. This was an excellent opportunity to prepare and train the staff in Military Decision-Making Procedures, as well as using computer simulations to learn what an MEB does and how it should operate. In addition to its Annual Training, the MEB staff assisted its subordinate battalions as they prepared and deployed to multiple locations around the world.

The 217th Network Support Company participated in Key Resolve in South Korea, and the 115th Engineer Facilities Detachment's Annual Training was held in Hohenfels, Germany, where

they conducted Civil Engineer operations in support of U.S. Forces.

The 1457th Engineer Battalion participated in four overseas missions to include Azerbaijan, Morocco, Indonesia and Germany. The Battalion staff conducted staff training and provided command and control over its subordinate units in Germany.

The 118th Sapper Company's Annual Training was at Azerbaijan. They integrated U.S. Forces with Azerbaijan forces and conducted multiple training events, providing excellent joint training.

The 624th Engineer Company (Vertical) sent 25 Soldiers to Morocco and participated in an engineer exchange as well as emergency-management training. This involved conducting Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear operations of an emergency-operations cell, wildland-fire management and incident management.

In Indonesia, 20 Soldiers from the 624th built two baby-care clinics and one public restroom. In Germany, members of the company laid more than 2,000 cinder blocks reinforcing existing Military Operations on Urban Terrain buildings. The 624th also constructed a three-rail log fence around BLM pasture and wetlands in Vernal.

The 116th Engineer Company (Horizontal Construction) deployed to Hohenfels, Germany, conducted road maintenance and constructed a parking lot for the Troop Medical Clinic. The 116th also completed a road project at Starvation Reservoir State Park that connected a boat



ramp to the main access road, as well as provided road maintenance at Camp Williams throughout the year. Detachment 1, 116th Engineer Company, also completed a motor pool expansion at Mt. Pleasant Armory.

The 489th Brigade Support Battalion was reorganized from the 115th Engineer Battalion with a primary training focus as a logistics battalion. The 489th participated in Key Resolve, a joint-service operational-training exercise in the Republic of Korea. Key Resolve encompassed the entire peninsula of South Korea with a main focus of the defense of South Korea against a simulated invasion and incorporated more than 5,000 U.S. Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines, to include the entire command structure of the



Members of the 1457th Engineer Battalion build Military Operations on Urban Terrain facilities in Hohenfels, Germany, during annual training. Soldiers of 116th Engineer Company (Horizontal) work on road project in Hohenfels.

Republic of Korea. The Soldiers of the 489th operated within the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command's Support Operations Center, providing logistics planning and execution for the entire theater of operations. This was a valuable training year for the Battalion and staff as they were exposed to logistics planning at all levels and gained the Military Occupational Specialty-qualified training that has given the Soldiers of the 489th Brigade Support Battalion a great start to a new unit.

489th Brigade Support Battalion



THE 489TH BRIGADE SUPPORT BATTALION was reorganized from the 115th Engineer Battalion with a primary training focus of Military Occupational Skill qualification (MOSQ). During the year, the Battalion has gone from an MOSQ rate of 42.7 percent to 63.8 percent, with another 23.3 percent currently in MOS training.

Collective training was conducted with 19 personnel staff officers and NCOs participating in Key Resolve in the Republic of Korea February 2009. Key Resolve is a joint-service operational-training exercise involving the Republic of Korea and the United States. The exercise encompassed the entire peninsula of Korea with a main focus of the defense of South Korea against a simulated invasion and incorporated more than 5,000 U.S. Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines to include

the entire command structure of the Republic of Korea. Soldiers of the 489th Brigade Support Battalion operated within the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment

Command's Support Operations Center, providing logistics planning and execution for the entire theater of operation and were able to make some cultural visits throughout the city of Taegu.

The 489th Brigade Support Battalion also acted as command and control for the Brigade's alternate Annual Training conducted at Camp Williams during August. The training was focused around general Soldier skills with physical fitness and leadership training as main components. This was a valuable training year for the Battalion and staff as they were exposed to logistics planning at all levels and gained the MOSQ training that has given the Soldiers of the 489th Brigade Support Battalion a great start to a new unit.

The 489th Brigade Support Battalion at Camp Williams, Utah.



1457th Engineer Battalion



THE 1457TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION BECAME THE 1457TH ENGINEER BATTALION as a result of transformation. The slight name change belies the dramatic change to equipment, personnel and force structure. The 1457th Engineer Battalion currently stands as the lone Engineer battalion in the state. The 1457th Engineer Battalion is commanded by LTC Joseph Grimmett, and CSM Richard Thalman serves as the Battalion command sergeant major. This year the Battalion changed commanders with LTC Grimmett assuming command from LTC Bill French. We thank LTC French for his years of service to the Engineer command, as well as his time as the Battalion commander.

The 1457th started out the year with an aggressive and robust training plan. Most noteworthy, was the Battalion's participation in four overseas training missions to Azerbaijan, Morocco, Indonesia and Germany. The Battalion conducted Military Decision-Making Process training (MDMP) as well as provided command and control over four of its five subordinate units during their rotation to Germany. During Annual Training in Germany, the Battalion HHC provided critical support to the staff and subordinate companies by providing medical and administrative training and critical support to the entire Battalion.



The staff has been training hard in order to be prepared to provide command and control for its subordinate units, as well as train on its combat missions. This was evident during the Battalion's participation in several overseas events where members of the staff provided critical command to its subordinate units and to several units from the Utah National Guard participating with them. This outstanding leadership resulted in very successful missions both overseas and in Utah.

Flexibility and the ability to adapt to a fluid environment were the keys to the unit's success. The Battalion Forward Support Company provided critical maintenance and repair, food service and distribution support during their Annual Training to Germany, ensuring the success of the mission. Maintenance personnel restored and repaired multiple vehicles and kept supported forces rolling. Food service personnel distinguished themselves by competing in the annual Connelly Award competition.

The 1457th has continued to support the Utah National Guard in various ways. From ongoing construction missions at Camp Williams that help improve and sustain the infrastructure and roads to projects in the communities. The units within the 1457th have spent the past year training to maintain their technical capabilities but to also hone their combat skills.



Soldiers with the 1457th Engineer Battalion participate in training scenarios during Regional Response 2009 in Azerbaijan.

118th Sapper Company



THE 118TH SAPPER COMPANY is the product of transformation and gains its lineage and honors from both B and C Company, 1457th Engineer Battalion. As a precursor to mobilization, the Sapper Company deployed to Azerbaijan April 16-27, 2009. The Sappers conducted battle-focused, Mission-Essential Task List-driven tactical training with Azerbaijan soldiers. They integrated U.S. and Azerbaijan forces and conducted multiple training events, providing excellent joint training. The 118th also hosted a Sapper Stakes competition Oct 2-4, 2009. More than 100 Soldiers participated in multiple Combat Engineer tasks.

The tasks included rescue, recovery and first aid to two wounded Soldiers; combat pistol qualification; basic military marksmanship; standard military knots; LandNAV day and night tests; and Timed Military Operational Protective Posture (MOPP) level performance measures. Also completed were Weapon Stakes, which included disassembly, assembly and functions check on the M240B, M249 SAW and M118 Claymore mine; the completion of the obstacle course; TSC Wire obstacle built to standard; in-stride breach of a TSC obstacle and the Army physical fitness test. The 118th Engineer Company (Sapper) continues to uphold the proud tradition and legacy of the Combat Engineer.

624th Engineer Company (Vertical)



THE 624TH ENGINEER COMPANY (VERTICAL) continued to accept challenging construction missions whenever and wherever possible. The 624th Engineer Company sent 25 Soldiers to Morocco and participated in an engineer exchange, as well as emergency-management training. This involved

conducting chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CRBN), operations of an Emergency Operations Cell, wildland-fire management, and incident management. In Indonesia, 20 Soldiers from the 624th built two baby-care clinics and one public restroom. In Germany members of the company laid more than 2,000

cinder blocks, reinforcing existing Military Operations on Urban Terrain buildings. The 624th Engineer Company also constructed 3 three-rail-log fences around Bureau of Land Management pasture and wetlands in Vernal. The 624th was specifically recognized by Joint Multinational Readiness Center for the amount and quality of work completed. The Reserve Component liaison for the mission, MAJ Meharg, said, "You guys from Utah can come back anytime. I say that to all units, but with you guys I mean it, and our command has expressed similar sentiment."



At Hohenfels, Germany, 624th Engineer Company (Vertical) Soldiers lay cinder blocks for the Military Operations on Urban Terrain buildings.



116th Engineer Company (Horizontal)



THIS HAS BEEN A YEAR OF HARD WORK FOR THE SOLDIERS OF THE 116TH ENGINEER COMPANY (HORIZONTAL). They deployed to Hohenfels, Germany, and conducted road maintenance and constructed a parking lot for the Troop Medical Clinic. The 116th Engineer Company was instrumental in

the support it provided to the Hohenfels base and the 173rd Airborne Division. The 116th also completed a road project at Starvation Reservoir for Utah State Parks, connecting a boat ramp to the main access road. The boat ramp and access road allows Utah boaters greater access to the lake and will help boost tourism at the park. The 116th supported Camp Williams throughout the year by conducting road maintenance on all of their unimproved roads and ranges. The 116th expanded its motor pool at the Mt. Pleasant Armory. The 116th Engineer Company displayed determination, solid work ethic and the spirit to get the job done.



Soldiers of 116th Engineer Company (Horizontal) work on road project in Hohenfels, Germany.

300th Military Intelligence Brigade (Linguist)

THE 300TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BRIGADE (Linguist), headquartered in Draper, Utah, provides command and control of two Military Intelligence Battalions. The Battalions total more than 800 Soldiers within Utah. Four additional Military Intelligence Battalions, totaling more than 1,200 Soldiers, are based in Washington, California, Louisiana and Florida. These Battalions 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 Fiscal Year 2009, Soldiers deployed to 17 different countries to provide critical language support, enhance their language skills 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 welcomed home 300 Soldiers from 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 Coalition efforts. 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 intelligence agencies and military organizations throughout the world.

In October, the Brigade celebrated its 20th anniversary. Many past and present members of the MI community were able to attend the celebration.

The Brigade also hosted its annual Language Conference and MI Ball with great success. This year, both these events were hailed as among the best the Brigade has ever had.

The 300th Military Intelligence Brigade is commanded by COL Val Peterson. CSM James Sproul serves as the Brigade command sergeant major.



Soldiers from the 300th Military Intelligence Brigade at the Brigade's 20th anniversary celebration.

141st Military Intelligence Battalion (Linguist)



THE 141ST MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION (LINGUIST) had an outstanding year in 2009. The 141st welcomed home all of our Servicemembers who deployed to Afghanistan with the 142nd MI Battalion and to Kosovo with the 300 MI Brigade.

A total of 80 Soldiers came home to the 141st MI Battalion (L). These deployments were multifaceted in missions, tasks and skills training, all in support of the Global War on Terror.

Missions throughout the world were on order for the 141st in 2009. Soldiers supported missions in Korea, Germany, Thailand, Spain, Honduras, China, France, Portugal and the United States. Intelligence, language training, service support and analytical assets were the primary focus during the Battalion's year-long support to these diverse missions.

The 141st led the state in number of Small-Arms Remote Targets (SARTs) team participation in 2009. They represented with five full teams at the Adjutant General's Match in May 2009. Many Soldiers earned individual recognition during this event to include WOC Martin Taylor, SPC Brady Taylor, SSG Ryan Johnsson and SSG Jacob Paul. With the support and continued enthusiasm for the SARTs program, the 2010 AG's Match will again be attended by multiple teams and exceptional shooting members.

Charlie Company, 141st Military Intelligence Battalion (Linguist), was selected as the 300th Military Intelligence Brigade's Company of the Year for 2009. Charlie Company's selection represents a distinct recognition and is well deserved. Major Everett Black and 1SG Brian Cowan led Charlie Company to excel in strength management with a huge gain in unit personnel, Military Occupational Specialty-qualified percentage and language training.

For FY09 Soldier of the Year (SOY) Board, SGT Misti Radcliff represented Delta Company very well. After becoming the company SOY, Radcliff won the 141 Battalion SOY Board and then won the 300th Brigade SOY Board. Radcliff continued on and represented Delta Company and the 300th Brigade at the State SOY Board.

142nd Military Intelligence Battalion (Linguist)



THE 142ND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION (Forward), Task Force Wasatch, started Fiscal Year 2009 spread out on more than 30 Forward Operating Bases in Afghanistan supporting Combined Joint Task Force 101 as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. During this time, more than 300 trained Military Intelligence professionals in the Battalion made critical contributions to combating the insurgency in Afghanistan through interrogations, Counterintelligence operations, human-intelligence collection, low-level, voice-intercept operations, and signals-intelligence analysis. Commanded by LTC Derek Tolman and CSM Lane Wayment the 142nd MI Battalion distinguished itself by dramatically improving all aspects of the intelligence-collection mission. The main body returned to Salt Lake City in the early hours of Feb. 27, finishing a twelve-month deployment. In the absence of the main body, the 142nd Rear Detachment Soldiers, led by MAJ Shahram Takmili, focused on honing Warrior tasks through a series of well-planned, field-training exercises.

In the following months, the 142nd MI spent a lot of time focusing on Soldier reintegration. They invited spouses and dependents to a series of retreats at Snowbird and the Salt Lake Convention Center. They also focused on reconstituting the Battalion and incorporating the Rear Detachment back into the main body. In June 2009, LTC Derek Tolman relinquished command of the 142nd MI to LTC Steve Stevens, who had been the S-3 for the 300th Military Intelligence Brigade (Linguist). Earlier in the year, MAJ Becker moved to the 300th MI Brigade, and MAJ Joseph Green assumed the executive officer position. CSM Lane Wayment continued providing outstanding leadership to the enlisted Soldiers in the Battalion.

Since their return from Afghanistan, the 142nd MI has been preparing for the structural changes that will occur with the implementation of a force-design update. These changes include the growth of a Signals Intelligence company, as well as the addition of an Intelligence Coordination detachment. The Battalion also continues to support the priorities of Intelligence Command, increase its FOUNDRY participation, and engage in various training opportunities at all levels. More than 50 Soldiers from the 142nd MI have participated in advanced Military Occupation Specialties (MOS) or language training in Benin, Costa Rica, Croatia, Dominican Republic, France, Germany, Jamaica, Korea, Morocco, Puerto Rico and Thailand.

The 142nd MI continues to encourage its Soldiers to participate in various full-time language opportunities, such as the Reach Language Support Program and the Utah Counterdrug program. In addition, a number of 142nd MI Soldiers have extended their mobilizations to work Signals Intelligence targets from Draper in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. These opportunities enhance Soldier MOS and language skills while supporting critical national requirements.



Members of the 142nd deployed to Afghanistan were spread out on more than 30 forward operating bases.





FOUNDED ON NOV. 18, 1946, THE UTAH AIR NATIONAL GUARD (UTANG) is located on more than 82 acres of the northeast corner of the Salt Lake International Airport. Currently, more than 1,400

trained and dedicated men and women serve in the UTANG to defend the United States of America. Commanded by Brig Gen David 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 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 other critical mission services.

The 299th Range Control Squadron (located at Hill Air Force Base, Utah), commanded by Lt Col John Teter, was deactivated Sept. 30, 2009, after nearly 40 years of dedicated service. Other tenant units located at the Utah Air National Guard Base are the 130th Engineering Installation Squadron, commanded by Lt Col Karen Morris; 169th Intelligence Squadron, commanded by Lt Col Mitchell Hall; 109th Air Control Squadron, commanded by Maj Randy Stevens; and 101st Information Warfare Flight, which has been redesignated as the 101st Information Operations Flight, commanded by Lt Col Kevin Nuccitelli.

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-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 more than 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 involving Bosnia, Kosovo and Southwest Asia. Additionally, members of the UTANG supported the Salt Lake 2002 Winter Olympics in various capacities.

The UTANG continued distinctive federal service during 2009 with missions around the globe in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and Noble Eagle. The UTANG also supported numerous NATO operations 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, Freedom Academy, Adopt-a-School program, Scouting for Food and highway cleanup projects. The UTANG maintained its state of readiness should the

State of Utah need support during an earthquake, flood, civil disturbance or major disaster.

Master Sgt. Brent Davis, 151st Security Forces Squadron, hugs his children after returning from a six-month deployment to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Staff Sgt David Thain and SrA Jesse Call, 151st Civil Engineering Squadron, level ground at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay.



Twenty-two members of the 151st Security Forces Squadron pass under a water-cannon salute by the Utah Air National Guard Fire Department.

151st Air Refueling Wing



FOR THE 151ST AIR REFUELING WING, 2009 continued to be a year full of deployments and events that kept our tempo high. The outstanding attitude of the Wing enabled another successful year.

The winter was spent in preparation for upcoming Wing deployments. A 30-day deployment to U.S. Southern Command left after Christmas and returned in early February. Then the Wing deployed to Incirlik AFB, Turkey, in late February for 70 days. The deployment consisted of three KC-135s and approximately 270 Airmen in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. Other deployments consisted of 151st Security Forces to Eskan Village, Saudi Arabia; 151st Civil Engineering to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; 191st to Geilenkirchen, Germany; and many other stateside deployments throughout the year.

The Utah Air National Guard continued its tradition of support to two governor inaugurations through the year: Governor Jon Huntsman in January and Governor Gary Herbert in August. Also, tradition continued with a Dining Out in



PHOTOS ABOVE CLOCKWISE: A Utah Air National Guard KC-135 tanker refuels a NATO E-3 Sentry AWACS above northern Germany July 29 during an air-refueling training mission. KC-135 boom-pod operator, Tech. Sgt. Tony Kalakis, watches the approach of a NATO E-3 AWACS above northern Germany. (right) Lt. Col. Boyd Badali and 1st Lt. David Geerdes prepare for an Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) refueling mission aboard a Utah Air National Guard KC-135 tanker.

May, hosted by Brig Gen David Hooper, Assistant Adjutant General for Air.

The Utah Air National Guard supported Hill AFB during Air Force Week, the first week of June. The weeklong event consisted of orientation flights, flyovers of sporting events and parades, static displays, concert, tours of the west range and an open house at Hill AFB.

The 151st ARW hosted a Family Day in August to show appreciation to families in support of their Guard member. The event consisted of an awards presentation of two Bronze Stars to two individuals from the 151st Civil Engineers. The event also included unit booths, food booths, live entertainment, kids rides and games, and static displays on the flightline.

A key event of the year was the retirement of the 151st ARW's last KC-135 'E' model to Hill AFB Aerospace Museum. The move to the museum consisted of 151st Maintenance Group personnel doing extensive disassembly of the aircraft to accomplish the move.

Another key event for the year was the breaking ground of a new 35,000-square-foot building that will house the fire station, fitness center, Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit and mobility processing. The facility will cost \$8.1M and is projected to be completed in 2011.

151st Operations Group

151st Operations Support Flight 191st Air Refueling Squadron

deployable with as little as 12 hours notice to provide air-refueling support for long-range strategic bombers, fighters and transport aircraft. The exceptional skill, dedication, and experience of the 151st OG personnel aggressively extend global reach, force projection and humanitarian support worldwide.



THE 151ST OPERATIONS GROUP (OG) performs the flying mission of the 151st Air Refueling Wing and consists of more than 100 personnel and eight KC-135R Stratotanker aircraft. The 151st OG includes the 151st Operations Support Flight (OSF) and the 191st Air Refueling Squadron (ARS). These two organizations support

the mission, vision, values and goals of the Wing by providing mission-capable personnel to fly and support air-refueling missions worldwide. While the 191st ARS is mainly comprised of pilots, boom operators, and life-support personnel, the 151st OSF consists of a variety of mission-support specialists to include airfield and aviation resource management, training, scheduling, current operations, combat crew communications, and combat intelligence personnel. Utilizing and dynamically integrating these two groups, the 151st OG supports various missions directed by Air Mobility Command, the National Guard, and the State of Utah. Crews are trained to be worldwide

The 151st OG participated in another deployment to Turkey this year, which seemed to be much busier than years past. The operations tempo was much higher due to “surge actions” taking place in Afghanistan. While there was still time for clothes shopping, patch or coin making, and the variety of other activities available in “the alley,” there wasn’t much down time once on shift. Weather kept things interesting as unseasonably cool temperatures were experienced for much of the deployment, and frequent storms made flight-line operations memorable. Refueling numerous cargo aircraft, primarily over the Black Sea, the 151st OG was able to increase the velocity of supplies and troop movements into various locations in the AOR.

Having a desire to help wage the war on drugs, and upon receiving favorable reports from multiple sources, the 151st OG committed to serving on two separate deployments to Curaçao. Located just off the coast of Venezuela, Curaçao is a prime location from which to stage AWACS surveillance operations over the Gulf of Mexico. By providing air-to-air refueling, members of the 151st OG were able to effectively extend the AWACS time on station, thereby reducing the window for illegal drug trafficking to occur.

In an effort to help bring our wounded safely out of the theater of operations, the 151st OG also participated in multiple trips involved with the MEDEVAC run from Bagram, Afghanistan, to Ramstein, Germany. Several sorties were accomplished on each trip overseas, and it is always an honor to serve our fellow Warriors in this fashion.

Several other trips and assignments were successfully executed worldwide, and we look forward to another busy and productive year.



A Utah Air National Guard KC-135R refuels a C-17 over Turkey.

151st Medical Group 151st Medical Squadron



THE 151ST MEDICAL GROUP IS AN AIR MOBILITY COMMAND-gained unit serving approximately 1,500 Air National Guard members in 21 different units. The Group provides medical services and training necessary to maintain the highest degree of medical readiness for armed conflicts and mass-casualty contingencies due to man-made or natural disasters. The Group supports the readiness missions of the 151st Air Refueling Wing, the 191st Operations Group, associated tenant units and the Utah National Guard.

The Medical Group supported the Joint Marine, Navy, Army and Air Force exercise African Lion through



a Humanitarian Civil Assistance (HCA) mission. This year’s support included personnel and equipment from the Group’s dental section. The Army National Guard was responsible for planning and the majority of the manpower for the HCA to Morocco this year. The mission was a great success and provided dental, medical and veterinary care to small communities around the larger city of Agadir.

The Medical Group had a unique opportunity to support a Navy humanitarian mission to the Dominican Republic. Technical Sergeant Alan Reynolds volunteered for a six-month mission aboard the USS Kearsarge (LHD 3), an amphibious assault ship.

Medical support was provided for the Wing AEF deployment to Turkey. Flight surgeons were able to gain valuable experience flying missions with various aircrews. Doctors Zollo, Nelson, and



Major Trent Borden works as a trauma nurse in the Emergency Room of the Baghdad International Medical Facility in Iraq.



SRA Jonathan Kirkland teaches a CPR course at the 151st Medical Group, Utah Air National Guard Base.

Townson provided aeromedical services with the Squadron Medical Element (SME) during the deployment.

Numerous Group members were deployed in support of a number of missions in a wide variety of locations. Major Trent Borden and TSgt Micah Meyers served in Iraq. Borden served his third deployment to Iraq by serving in the ER of the medical treatment facility at Baghdad International Airport. Meyers served a second tour as the NCOIC of pharmacy services in Balad. Reynolds also served in Balad working with a subject-matter expert. Master Sergeant Michael Lagillia served as the NCOIC of lab services in Afghanistan. Lt Col Chris Burrows deployed to Kuwait and served

as a bioenvironmental engineer. Colonel James Nelson, flight surgeon, deployed to Manas Air Force Base, Kyrgyzstan.

In addition to deployments to the AOR, the Group deployed as a unit to Alpena, Michigan, for recurring training in expeditionary medicine. Colonel Andrew Juergens, Col James Nelson, Lt Col John Ahlstrom, MSgt Rebecca Anjewierden and TSgt James Shields also provided flight-medicine support to the 194th Medical Group in Tacoma, Wash. Group members supported other activities such as the Wing Family Day, Veterans Day concert, Freedom Academy and Navy Survival School in San Diego.

In August, Col Jack Davis, commander of the 151st Medical Group retired and Col Paul Byrd assumed command.

151st Mission Support Flight



THE 151ST MISSION SUPPORT FLIGHT'S (MSF) 16 personnel provide in-garrison and deployed personnel services for more than 1,400 Air National Guard members, as well as for Servicemembers from all branches including Active Duty, Army Guardsmen, Reservists and retirees. Additionally, the Flight forecasts, manages and executes personnel policies and actions for the entire Utah Air National Guard.

Fiscal Year 2009 has seen a number of personnel changes within the MSF. Former commander, Lt Col David Meyer, was reassigned to command the 151st Security Forces Squadron and Maj Mark Roberts was appointed to command the MSF effective May 18, 2009. We also bid a fond farewell to MSgt Richard Ponthier, who accepted a position in the Louisiana ANG and A1C Eric Fountain who moved to Nevada with his civilian employment. New personnel are Maj Mark Roberts, MSgt Chris Jensen and A1C Rebecca Bagley.

Fiscal Year 2009 proved to be a successful year for the MSF. More than 40 deployment-processing lines were established to support more than 650 personnel deploying for Air Expeditionary Forces rotations and unit mobilizations which supported Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom

and counterdrug operations.

This year also brought many changes as the MSF merged with the Services Flight to create the new Force Support Squadron (FSS). The FSS became effective Sept. 1, 2009, with the official redesignation of MSF to FSS and the inactivation of Services Flight scheduled for the November 2009 drill.

The FSS is comprised of four Flights: Force Development, Manpower Personnel, Airman and Family Services and Sustainment Services. The Force Development Flight manages education and training; the Manpower Personnel Flight handles customer support, force management and career development; Airman and Family Services Flight manages Family Programs and Personal and Family Readiness; the Sustainment Services Flight manages food operations, fitness and sports, lodging and outdoor recreation; while the Force Readiness Branch prepares and assists the 151st Air Refueling Wing and tenant units to deploy.

The 151st Force Support Squadron continually demonstrates its ability to provide top-quality customer service due to their outstanding personnel. Squadron personnel ensure they are trained and qualified in the latest personnel systems. Additionally, they train individual unit command support staff representatives. This allows members of the Utah Air National Guard to be assured their personnel record, benefits, and employment history is continually monitored and updated.

151st Maintenance Group



THE 151ST AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE GROUP (MXG) under the command of Col Ronald Blunck, had another exceptional year. In Fiscal Year 2009, the Maintenance Group launched 871 sorties which were flown for 2,916.7 hours, and maintained a mission-effectiveness rate of 96 percent.

This year, the 151st MXG deployed a maintenance package to support one aircraft for SOUTHCOM in Curaçao from Jan. 30 to Mar. 1, 2009. During this time the Maintenance Group launched and recovered 20 sorties and flew 64.4 hours.

On Feb. 25, an advance team left Salt Lake City headed to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, to support Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. Over the next few days, three more KC-135Rs along with 62 maintainers and various other Utah Air National Guard personnel arrived at Incirlik. From Feb. 25 through May 4, 218 sorties were launched and recovered for a total of 762 hours flown in support of these operations. During this deployment, personnel were rotated at 15-, 30- and 45-day intervals, which allowed more opportunity for members to participate in this very successful deployment.

On July 26, two KC-135R aircraft and 18 maintainers along with flight crews departed Salt Lake City bound for Geilenkirchen, Germany for 13 days. While deployed, the maintainers launched and recovered 11 sorties and flew 40.5 hours.

Again on July 30, one aircraft launched out of Salt Lake City bound for Curaçao, to support SOUTHCOM. During this deployment, maintainers launched and recovered 22 sorties and flew 71.5 hours.

Throughout 2009, the 151st MXG was involved in many efforts across the country. Working with other units gives maintenance personnel the opportunity to sharpen their skills at different locations. Some of those efforts have taken us to places like Australia, Hawaii, Canada, Europe, Asia and many locations within the continental United States.

Two of the more meaningful and heartfelt tours were accomplished from Ramstein Air Base, Germany, to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. These missions were aro-medical support which involved transporting injured Soldiers from Afghanistan to Germany. Several sorties were completed during both tours.

In June, the Maintenance Inspection Section was given the unique opportunity to perform a periodic inspection on a modified KC-135R test aircraft from Edwards AFB, California, Test Center. This aircraft was completed and returned to service in 23 calendar days, saving the U.S. government more than \$100,000.

Finally on May 21 aircraft 57-1510 departed the Utah Air National Guard Base on its last flight bound for the Hill Air Force Base Museum where it was towed with precision to its final resting location. This aircraft will serve as a tribute to past, present and future members of the Utah Air National Guard.

151st Mission Support Group



THE 151ST MISSION SUPPORT GROUP HEADQUARTERS oversees the Civil Engineering Squadron, Logistics Readiness Squadron, Security Forces Squadron, Communications Flight, Military Personnel Flight and Services Flight. In addition to the Headquarters staff, the Contracting and Bioenvironmental sections are two other functions in the Group that deserve recognition.

The 151st MSG's goal is this: Excellence is our STANDARD. There are varied responsibilities in the Group organizations, but all have a common thread. The Support Group organizations provide the foundation that makes the mission possible.

Logistics provides a quote about support: "When it comes down to the wire and the enemy is upon you and you reach into your holster, pull out the pistol and level it at your adversary, The difference between a click and a bang is.....logistics."

– Attributed to the editors of Loglines

Each of the organizations assigned to the Mission Support Group could come up with a similar quote that highlights their importance to overall mission effectiveness. The bottom line is that while many Mission Support Group jobs are not normally considered to be at the pointy end of the spear, a strong support structure is necessary for the spear (and its pointy end) to be an effective weapon. The Mission Support Group provides the functions, strength and continuity to make mission execution possible.

The 151st Base Contracting Office provides support by procuring the necessary supplies, services and construction contracts to meet the ever-changing readiness requirements of Utah Air National Guard organizations. During 2009, contracting personnel purchased a variety of items that included housing, dining hall mess attendants, medical equipment, IT hardware and software, furniture, mobility equipment, aircraft deicing fluid, weight-management services, building energy-monitoring equipment and vehicle repairs. The contracting office also awarded several construction contracts to support the changing needs of base personnel through the remodel of several base buildings and update of real-property equipment. More than 100 total contracts were awarded exceeding \$2.7 million. The Contracting Office also oversaw the administration of the Government Purchase Card (GPC) program. The GPC accounted for more than \$1.1 million and 3,344 individual transactions.

In June 2009, MSgt Chad Heard was selected as the Utah National Guard's Employee of the Month. This distinguished award recognized MSgt Heard's above-and-beyond attitude and work ethic in support of his Guard duties. MSgt Heard earned a 100 percent score on the Air Force Physical Training Test and was the top graduate in his resident Noncommissioned Officer Course. His community-service work and his willingness to volunteer for a CENTCOM tour are just some of the reasons MSgt Heard was selected as the best of the best.

The Base Contracting Officer, Ms. Shelley Schrader, also played an important role in the emergency containment and cleanup of a fuel spill that occurred on the Air Guard Base in July 2009. Ms. Schrader immediately called a local contractor in the Salt Lake area to begin emergency containment and cleanup of the site. The contractor's quick response was instrumental in preserving the safety and health of Utah Air Guard personnel and government property.

The Public Health office continued implementation of a Preventative Health Assessment (PHA) program for those individuals who are managed on the occupational health program. This allowed less disruption to the shop and a higher degree of compliance with PHA requirements. Bioenvironmental and Public Health were critical in the successful completion of a basewide Environmental Safety Occupational Health Compliance Assessment Management Program inspection.



THE 151ST SECURITY FORCES QUADRON'S 2009 turned out to be both challenging and rewarding as they were again called upon to provide combat-ready forces in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

Members of the Squadron were mobilized and deployed for six months to Eskan Village, Saudi Arabia, where they conducted entry control, perimeter security, and armed escort for local and visiting dignitaries. Members also volunteered to deploy with the 169th Intelligence Squadron to Sardinia, Italy, to provide priority-level security for their mission assets.

At home station the Squadron provided security for the annual Veterans Day concert at the Huntsman Center on the University of Utah campus. In January and August 2009, members of the Squadron worked in conjunction with the Utah Highway Patrol to provide security for the inaugurations of Governors Jon Huntsman and Gary Herbert and were instrumental in insuring the safety of visiting dignitaries and all who attended.

With a continued emphasis on training, two members, SSgt Gallacher and SrA Nelson, attended the Salt Lake City Police Department SWAT school. During the course members learned hostage-rescue techniques, explosive identification and special-weapons employment.

In May 2009, the Squadron experienced a change of command.

Capt Kevin Larsen moved to a new position with the 85th Civil Support Team. Coming full circle in his career, new commander Lt Col Todd Meyer returned to the 151st Security Forces Squadron, where his military career started. Meyer began his military career as an airman first class in the 151st Security Police Flight in 1981. Meyer brings with him an enthusiasm for fitness and many years of experience in the Security Forces career field.

The Squadron continues to set high standards when it comes to marksmanship. SSgt Stuart Mackey led the way in two separate shooting events this year. As a member of the National Guard Gold Team he competed in the Camp Perry National Matches, where the team won the Hilton Trophy, the Celtic Chieftain Trophy and came in second out of 47 teams in the national Trophy Team Match. In September, eight members of the Squadron participated in the Long-Range Shooting Skills course at Camp Butner, N.C., where members learned target identification and range-estimation skills. The team competed against other Air National Guard Security Forces units and Army units. In the team competition they took first place winning the Top Gun award. SSgt Mackey took 3rd place in the overall individual competition.

At Governor's Day, the 151st Security Forces Squadron was awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. The award presented to the unit by Gov. Herbert was awarded for Exceptional Meritorious Service from Nov. 1, 2006 to Oct. 31, 2008.

In addition to deployments, special events, and marksmanship training, Security Forces continue to provide installation security and resource protection for the Utah Air National Guard. The accomplishments of the Squadron demonstrate its hard-charging attitude and its commitment to meeting the needs of the State of Utah and the United States Air Force.

Members of the 151st Security Forces Squadron while deployed to Eskan Village, Saudi Arabia.





IN FEBRUARY 2009, THE 151st CIVIL ENGINEERING SQUADRON underwent a change of command when Lt Col Jack Wall assumed command from Lt Col Douglas Lindner. Other personnel and process changes made Fiscal Year 2009 a year of transitions and success for the Squadron. The 151st CES mission is to

program, design and construct new facilities and provide ongoing operation and maintenance support for the Utah Air National Guard and its assigned units. The 151st CES also provides trained and ready personnel to meet the state and federal missions to support peacetime and wartime contingencies such as Air Base construction, firefighting, explosive ordnance disposal and emergency-management activities.

As a direct result of unit involvement in the Global War on Terrorism, two 151st CES personnel received the Bronze Star. These Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) technicians won Bronze Stars for Meritorious Service in Iraq. TSgt Kevin Bullivant and TSgt Barry Duffield were awarded the medal for serving as team leaders in the 506th EOD Flight while deployed to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq. Bullivant was recognized for leading 136 missions, accumulating 550 combat hours and enduring 11 enemy attacks against his team.



He destroyed 20 Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), 16 suspect and hoax IEDs, 2,127 enemy-ordnance items and 1,800 pounds of explosives. Bullivant's convoy was struck by an IED during a 12-hour combat patrol, and he ensured the scene was cleared and led a post-blast investigation. Duffield was recognized for the destruction of 48 IEDs and five vehicle-borne IEDs during his deployment. He accumulated 373 combat hours conducting 125 combat missions and was responsible for clearing 2,540 miles of critical and alternate supply route through Iraq.

On Jan. 24, 2009, 31 unit members deployed to Silver Flag Training at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. There Civil Engineering personnel received contingency training in ground-combat skills, bare-base operations and the ability to survive and operate in the event of a chemical or nuclear attack. The Silver Flag deployment provided core competencies for 151st CES Airmen in critical air base operations in the combat environment.

To continually train for contingency operations, the unit conducted a highly successful deployment to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in support of the joint task force at the U.S. Naval Station. In mid August, 35 members of the Squadron arrived to work on projects to enhance the lives of U.S. Servicemembers throughout the base, including making repairs to docks and bleachers, installing sheetrock in buildings on the leeward side of the Naval Station, and tracing electrical circuits in support of accreditation of the hospital.

In September 2009, after years of preparation and planning, Congressional funding made possible the start of construction on a new fire station/EOD/Mobility Processing Composite Facility being built on the south side of the Utah Air National Guard Base. Using Military Construction and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding, the building will have 37,500 square feet of floor space in two stories. Phase I is the fire station and gym with 24,080 square feet between two stories, and Phase II is the Mobility Processing and Explosive Ordnance space with 13,420 square in a single story. This will be a much-needed addition to the Base. When completed, the facility will be a leader in energy and environmental design.

Finally, Fiscal Year 2009 saw the beginning of mobilizations for the Squadron as it continued to deploy personnel in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Personnel from all career fields began deployment preparations and will, in the coming months, support the war effort throughout the Middle East region.

Staff Sgt Merrill Brown, a carpenter with the 151st CES, makes repairs to a dock during training at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Aug. 19. Staff Sgt David Thain and SrA Jesse Call, heavy-equipment operators, level ground in preparation for a storage unit being installed at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay.

151st Logistics Readiness Squadron



THE MISSION OF THE 151ST LOGISTICS READINESS SQUADRON 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 professional and dedicated team members who continuously provide 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 personnel and cargo to various worldwide locations.

The Squadron is currently fully manned with members who throughout the past year have shown great pride in supporting the effort to defend and protect our nation. Lt Col Susan Melton commands the 151st LRS. With the increase in military operations and the challenges our nation faces today, LRS personnel deployed throughout the year, participating in missions around the world to include Iraq, Kuwait, Germany, Turkey, Curaçao and Honduras.



The LRS manages more than 6,100 equipment assets with a value of more than \$78M. Base Supply also managed a stock-fund account of more than \$1.8M. Base Fuels delivered more than 3.4 million gallons of JP8 and ground fuel consistently keeping aircraft and ground equipment mission-ready. The Readiness Spares Package independent aircraft parts storage kit is currently at 98 percent complete.

The Vehicle Management Flight maintains 122 vehicles, keeping them at an operational rate of 94.4 percent for the year.

The Distribution Section keeps the Utah Air National Guard cargo and personnel moving. They completed more than 8,600

shipments, received more than 20,000 items and purchased more than 1,100 passenger airline tickets, ensuring that customers get what they need and get where they are going.

Plans and Integration Section plays an integral part in deploying and redeploying all personnel and cargo for the 151st ARW. During this fiscal year they deployed more than 483 personnel and 14 short tons of cargo to various locations in support of Air Expeditionary Forces (AEF) missions.

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

MSG Todd Howey and CMS Doug Lukes offload cargo.



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 MWR programs. The number-one goal of the

Services Flight is to improve the quality of life for military personnel and their families.

Services Flight is a 25-member unit in which each member is assigned to one of the main areas of Services 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 2009, two teams from the Services Flight successfully completed a deployment to Al Udeid, Qatar. While down-range they were assigned to Food Service in several facilities such as the Manhattan and Independence. They excelled in their duties, earning recognition and awards. From May to September 2009, two of our members deployed to Moron AB, Spain. Also in May, a small team of five deployed to Alpena, Mich., in support of the 151st MDG.

In June 2009, several Servicemembers deployed to Wendover, Nev., in support of the 109th ACS and the 130th EIS. In these three deployments, members successfully operated in Food Service and Fitness. In September 2009, the 151st Services Flight was officially inactivated, and the personnel and their duties merged with MPF to make the 151st Force Support Squadron (FSS). Major Douglas Steeneck finished his assignment as Services commander, while 2nd Lt Gorringer continues to serve as a Services officer in the 151st FSS.

Services Flight supported many other base and community endeavors such as Freedom Academy, tenant unit bivouacs, the retiree breakfast, and numerous other programs and activities. Services Flight provided support to all units in the Utah Air National Guard.



Services Combat Training at Dobbins, Ga.

The Food Service section provided approximately 12,000 meals to Air National Guard members. The Lodging Section realized an annual savings of more than \$30,000 to the ANG through its efficient utilization of the on-base lodging facility and off-base contract quarters.

While deployed at Al Udeid AB, Qatar, two Food Service members volunteered to participate in the Fallen Warrior Program. The members consider it an honor and privilege to ensure our fallen heroes, those who have died while in combat, are transported with respect to a forward operating base, such as Ramstein AB, Germany.

The Services Flight consists almost entirely of traditional Guard members. Without many sacrifices from the members, their families, and their employers, the mission could not be accomplished. The three Air Force Core Values are Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do. Second to Integrity is Service, however we are second to none. The Services Flight has always strived to be ready, reliable, and relevant. With the integration into the FSS, Services will continue to serve!

151st Communications and Information Flight



THE MISSION OF THE 151ST COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION FLIGHT (151 CFT) 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.

Over the past year, Communication Flight has had many changes in personnel, flight structure, technology and equipment. The year started by welcoming Maj Kevin Tobias into the unit as the commander. He came to us from the 101st Information Operations Flight where he served five years as the Chief of Network Warfare Operations. The structure of the Flight was consolidated to fully optimize personnel and their duties.

There are now two branches that report to the commander: Plans and Programs branch and Operations branch. Plans and Programs has three sections which consist of Cyber Surety, Knowledge Management and Plans and Programs. Operations branch consists of the Base Network Control Center, Transmission Systems and Infrastructure. The consolidation of the Flight was preceded by merging 17 Specialty Codes into 11 Specialty Codes. The Flight deployed 11 personnel to Turkey in support of the 151st ARW Air Expeditionary Force (AEF).

Also, one Flight member deployed to Germany supporting Operation Joint Guardian.

The Flight has accepted responsibility for being the lead unit in supporting Communication Flights AEF rotations for 2010. This entails deploying Flight personnel while also coordinating the deployments of

personnel in other units that share the same rotation cycle.

At home station, Flight members are active in the Junior Enlisted Council, the Top Three Council and the Chief's Council. They also have two 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 Plans and Program Branch has a large tasking in keeping control of and monitoring the IT Life Cycle Management Program. This program allows the Utah Air National Guard (UTANG) to keep current with the newest and updated IT assets. To date, this office has received and distributed more than 500 computer systems. Because of new systems being distributed, the older ones need to be recycled to DRMO at Hill AFB. This branch is also ahead of sister Air National Guard units in the downward directed centralization of multifunction printers eliminating 200 printers saving the UTANG Base \$100,000.00 in equipment and repair cost. The branch is presently managing the site survey and statement of work for a new upcoming project, upgrading the entire outside and inside plant infrastructure which is a \$4.5M Air Force initiative.

The Operations Branch has been equally busy. One of the larger projects was the migration from Exchange 5.5 to Exchange 2003. This migration involved two months of planning to upgrade more than 1,500 e-mail boxes, while at the same time 1,000 computers required an upgrade from Office 2003 to Office 2007. All this work was accomplished in one weekend to keep downtime to the customers at a minimum.

From June to September 2009, more than 340 Land Mobile Radios were collected from Base users, encryption devices were installed and software was modified to allow secure radio communication for the 151st ARW. This branch also oversaw the replacement of a twelve-year-old security system which is now state of the art and protects Base assets and personnel for many years to come. The cost of these two projects exceeded \$400,000.

109th Air Control Squadron



THE MISSION OF THE 109TH AIR CONTROL SQUADRON (ACS) is to provide reliable and secure command, control, communications, computer, and intelligence—Anytime, Anywhere. The 109th ACS provides higher headquarters with a real-time air picture for both offensive and defensive operations. The

air picture is critical to battle-management activities and to the warfighter's decision-making process. The 109th Air Control Squadron supplies this air picture by using long-range surveillance radar, coupled with HF, UHF, VHF, data links, as well as satellite and microwave communications capabilities.



This past June, the 109th ACS rolled out for Operation Enduring Wendover at Wendover, Nev., in order to perform our annual field training exercise. The mission was clear: provide effective command and control, battle management, and weapons control during live-fly operational missions performed in the Utah Test and Training Range. This field deployment consisted of the Deployed Radar and Air Battle Execution Unit Type Codes, with full communications and air-picture connectivity between the two sites. The 109th ACS Maintenance Section took lead in successfully validating these two new Unit Type Codes, in addition to ensuring 100 percent radar and communications connectivity between the two sites via different communications paths. The environmental conditions in these two locations is a perfect substitute for the environmental conditions in the CENTAF AOR and helped make this particular deployment a huge success.

In August, Air Combat Command requested that the 109th ACS once again host the Big Crow Advanced Jamming Course in Wendover. The course utilized the unit's electronic protection technicians to train students in advanced counterjamming techniques against a multi-axis electronic jamming attack. This one-of-a-kind course utilized nine maintenance personnel, two operations instructors, two Marine observers and an operations coordinator in support of this training. Twelve students from both active-duty and Air National Guard Air Control Squadrons were trained during this iteration and each student took back an invaluable skill set to their different commands, including Air Combat Command, as well as U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

In November, the 109th ACS will once and for all have connectivity with the Distributed Training Operations Center (DTCO), Des Moines, Iowa. The DTCO is the Iowa Air National Guard center for Distributed Mission Operations and is a vital component of the Air Force Training Transformation initiative. As the Guard's Distributed Mission Operations lynchpin, the DTCO will provide the operational environment for a virtual battle space linking a wide array of high-fidelity flight and mission-crew simulators. The DTCO is responsible for all network management, event control, scenario development, unit Distributed Mission Operations scheduling, remote maintenance, remote instruction and realistic-threat insertion. The 109th ACS will utilize Distributed Mission Operations to conduct day-to-day simulating training focusing on Large Force Employment of Air assets in order to better prepare our warfighters for deployments in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

Calendar year 2010 will see the Warlocks perform at the top of their game during their fifth unit activation since 9/11. Warlocks... Anytime, Anywhere!

130th Engineering Installation Squadron



THE 130TH ENGINEERING AND INSTALLATIONS SQUADRON'S (EIS) mission is to install, repair, remove and relocate Command, Control, Communications, Computer and Intelligence (C4I) systems. In keeping with that mission, 2009 team projects included an antenna

preventative-maintenance inspection for Buckley AFB, Colo; re-cabling the North Highlands, Calif., ANG Base in anticipation of a new group command assignment; re-wiring a vehicle maintenance shop and hangar in Fresno, Calif.; and an Intelligence Formal Training Unit project at Gowen Field in Boise, Idaho.

Additionally the Squadron provided augmentation to the 219th EIS in Oklahoma with a team chief for a fiber/copper cable upgrade project at McConnell AFB, Kan.; a project manager for the communications infrastructure of the Distributed Ground Station facility at Beale AFB, Calif.; a project manager for the 169th Intelligence Squadron's new Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF); System Telecommunications/Engineering Management (STEM) assistance for the 215th EIS during a personnel transition including a Site-Activation Task Force (SATAF) survey for PACAF; and assistance to the 1st CMSXS in Kapaun, Germany, with inspection

preparation. The 130th personnel were deployed in support of AEF rotations in Kuwait and Afghanistan.

The 130th STEM personnel worked on Phase I of the ANG Combat Information Transport System program which has the goal of upgrading all ANG bases to a standard infrastructure. Phase I, Survey and Engineering, was the focus for FY09.

During a change-of-command ceremony in February, Lt Col Karen Morris became commander. Morris was previously the installations officer for the 130th. Major Chris Buckner transferred to the unit to become the Detachment commander.

In June, the unit accomplished an Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) in preparation for a spring 2011 Operational Readiness Inspection. The ORE included full mobility processing, Ability to Survive and Operate exercises, post-attack reconnaissance and decontamination. All ORE activities were accomplished while completing actual C4I projects.

Four full-time personnel augmented the Defense Information Systems Administration initiatives for the Defense Information Systems Network, USCENTCOM warfighters in Afghanistan, the Missile Defense Agency and the National Security Agency. They are assisting with the stand-up of U.S. Cyber Command.

Contributions to the community included providing vehicles and drivers for Scouting for Food, supporting Freedom Academy and assisting with the Minuteman 5K Run/Walk which raised funds for the Utah National Guard Charitable Trust.

On Oct. 1, 2009, the 130th, along with the rest of the EI community, became part of Air Force Space Command.





THE 169TH INTELLIGENCE SQUADRON is the home of men and women trained and equipped to support the SENIOR SCOUT weapon system. The unit provides sole-source EC-130 SENIOR SCOUT Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) support to Theater Combatant Commanders worldwide. The 169IS also provides critical linguistic operator support to the Distributed Common Ground System (DCGS), as well as to other state and national intelligence agencies.

Leading the way as a premier global ISR platform, the deployment of the Senior Scout Weapon System keeps a high-paced OPTEMPO. Due to the demand for intelligence, the unit never rests.



In the summer of 2009, the unit was actively engaged in the Acceptance Test Plan of the SENIOR SCOUT Baseline 4 system, bringing requested enhancements to the Theater Combatant Commanders.

During late spring and early summer, the 169th provided constant support to USSOUTHCOM counterdrug operations.

The 169th Distributed Ground Intercept Facility (DGIF) operations participated in more than 150 Global War on Terrorism missions supporting Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. DGIF operations are executed by operators ingarrison in Salt Lake City to provide real-time information to warfighters. During this last year, DGIF operators contributed to more than 9,000 reports on Anti-Coalition Militant activities in Afghanistan and Iraq, supporting more than 600 troops in contact events and saving countless coalition lives.

The 215 unit members are a driven group of dynamic individuals cast together to form a strong and powerful architecture. The Squadron,

like most military organizations, is built in the paradigm of a pyramid, one of the most durable structures in existence.

At the pyramid's broad base is the large number of junior enlisted in the initial stages of their military careers. The junior enlisted is the organization's replenishing lifeblood, and their endeavors will shape the unit's future. This foundation is found first in the 33 students currently attending Basic Military Training; working their way through the education pipeline, which includes 18-month language courses at the Defense Language Institute; or concluding their home station training in attempt to hone and perfect their vocational skills in their selective field of expertise.

An integral part of this home-station training is conducted by the Senior Scout Formal Training Unit (FTU), now starting its fifth year of intensive immersion training. Since its inception in 2004, the FTU, consisting of one private contractor and two full-time military instructors. The FTU has prepared an extensive course syllabus and logged more than 4,600 hours of educational instruction. The rigorous training regiment demands excellence in areas of academics, aircrew training and intensive flight simulation focusing on specific training scenarios. These efforts have resulted in the graduation of numerous students carrying a range of four different AFSCs and five different crew positions.

Upon successful completion of the SENIOR SCOUT FTU, unit linguists and information-support personnel continue to enhance their skills with experience in a high OPTEMPO environment, who will eventually work their way up the chain and into the center of the pyramid. This vast compilation of NCOs and junior officers are the bulwark, and their tutelage and oversight are essential to the current day-to-day operations and will ensure the unit's perpetual prosperity.

The finishing capstone of the 169th IS pyramid is the leadership that originates from the Squadron commander, Lt Col Mitch Hall. Hall brings more than 16 years of intelligence-specific experience to the men and women of the 169th.

As the pyramids were built strong to last the years, so will the 169th Intelligence Squadron.



Members of the 169th Intelligence Squadron support Central Command during their deployment.

299th Range Control Squadron



THE 299TH RANGE CONTROL SQUADRON, ALSO KNOWN AS CLOVER CONTROL, was heavily involved in numerous test missions, along with normal day-to-day flying. The unit supported the Weapon System and Evaluation Program (WSEP) for a total of four weeks during the year. This program allows warfighters to drop live bombs and launch live missiles on the Utah Test and Training Range (UTTR) in a simulated combat environment. Many of the missiles and bombs tested on the UTTR are being employed today in combat operations around the world. This year, WSEP participants included A-10s, F-16s, F-22s, F-15Es, B-52s, B-2s and the Reaper and Predator Unmanned Aerial Vehicles. Several Air-Launched Cruise Missile tests were performed throughout the year as well. The unit was also involved in Combat Archer, a live-fire test of air-to-air missiles.



Clover Control is by far the Air National Guard's busiest military radar facility. Traffic count for 2009 will be more than 128,000 operations, a number that is slightly higher than 2008's number. Many pilots come to the UTTR to improve their combat skills prior to deployments. This year the UTTR hosted Dutch and German pilots prior to their deploying to the Middle East. The combination of restricted airspace and Department of Defense land make the UTTR a prime training range for pilots to hone

At Governor's Day the 299th RCS retired its flag as the mission of the unit was transferred to the Air Force.

these skills. Additionally, as an Air Traffic Control facility, civilian air traffic may transit the range when their flights won't interfere with military activities, saving time and fuel costs. None of these activities could occur without the outstanding support of the units highly skilled maintenance technicians. These specialists repair and maintain the complex radar, radio, and computer systems necessary for the safe operation of the UTTR. The professional manner in which Clover controllers and maintainers accomplish this difficult task makes the UTTR an example that many other DoD ranges try to emulate.

Due to National Guard Bureau initiatives, the mission of the 299th will be transferred to the Air Force, making 2009 the last year the 299th RCS exists as a member of the Utah Air National Guard. The unit flag was retired at the annual Governor's Day parade on Sept 19, and the "Clover Out" party was held the following weekend.



101st Information Operations Flight



THE 101ST INFORMATION OPERATIONS FLIGHT (IOF) works daily for 1st Air Force (1AF), the Air Component of NORAD and United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM), to accomplish Homeland Defense and Civil Support missions.

The 101st provides nonkinetic operational planning options to the Combined Forces Air Component Commander (CFACC) and the commander Continental NORAD Region and Air Force Forces USNORTHCOM.

The 101st performed its annual super drill at Tyndall AFB, Panama City, Fla., with the 601st Air Operations Center, and headquarters for 1AF. This training served to complete required combat mission-ready training for many of the traditional Guard members.

The 101st continued to support the Alaska NORAD Region (ANR) mission, with forward-deployed personnel in Alaska and reachback planning and assessment in Utah. The resurgence of the Russian Strategic Bomber forces has added a unique dimension to the mission the 101st performs for ANR. This resurgence led the 101st to develop a comprehensive predictive analysis based on



global political events to provide the ANR commander with accurate indications and warning for global Russian information operations.

The unit is actively involved in Defense Support to Civil Authorities and provides commanders with a planning capability to effectively communicate with various audiences during times of disaster such as hurricanes and wildland fires.

The 101st supports Integrated Air Defense Systems in the National Capital Region, National Security Special Events such as the recent political conventions, Space Shuttle launches, and Super Bowls. A new partner for the 101st is the 263rd Area Air and Missile Defense Command, which provides USNORTHCOM deployable homeland air and cruise-missile defense. As with other partners, the 101st provides the 263rd a unique planning capability to effectively engage in the global information environment.

The 101st supports two major exercises each year with NORAD/USNORTHCOM: Vigilant Shield and Ardent Sentry. This year the 101st also supported Information Operations planning for Blue Flag, an operational Air Force exercise.

The 101st is now decisively engaged in Air Force cyber initiatives and supports the CFACC with operational network defense plans and threat situational awareness.

In conjunction with the recent 1AF conversion of all contract positions to government service employees, the four Northrop-Grumman contractor positions in the 101st were converted to Title V permanent positions in the unit this year.

The unit remains vigilant to support Operation Noble Eagle and Overseas Contingency Operations.



Normandy, France

