

Utah National Guard

2013 Annual Report





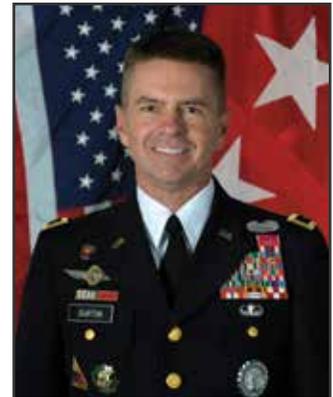
Governor of Utah



Gary R. Herbert
Governor of Utah,
Commander in Chief



The Adjutant General



Major General Jefferson S. Burton
The Adjutant General
Utah National Guard

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

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

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

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

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

VISION - The Guard is America's Army. We are community based but with capabilities that stretch worldwide. The 377-year tradition that we enjoy as Guardmembers is, in every sense, as relevant today as during colonial times.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES - It is the goal of the Utah National Guard to have the finest National Guard units in the nation. Each Utah Guardmember strives to be the best officer, noncommissioned officer, soldier or airman possible. We will continue to build on the tradition that when units of the Utah National Guard arrive, the "First Team" is taking the field.

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Army and Air Senior Leadership



Front row (left to right): Brig. Gen. Kenneth Gammon, Director Joint Staff; Brig. Gen. David Fountain, Assistant Adjutant General for Air; Maj. Gen. Jefferson Burton, Adjutant General; Brig. Gen. Dallen Atack, Assistant Adjutant General for Army; Brig. Gen. Val Peterson, Commander, Land Component Command. Back row: Chief Warrant Officer 5 Heber Hyde; Col. Richard Miller, Chief of Staff; Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller; Col. Chris Burckle, Director of Staff for Air.



The Adjutant General

The year 2013 has been an amazing one, filled with many opportunities and no small number of challenges. Utah National Guard members have faced furloughs, a government shutdown and uncertainty regarding future budgets. It has been said that “Adversity does not develop character—it reveals it,” and nowhere has that been more apparent than among our soldiers and airmen who continue to perform with distinction across the globe.

We are incredibly proud of those great units that have returned this past year from service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. We welcome the safe return of the 1-211th Aviation Battalion (Attack), the 624th Engineer Company, the 19th Special Forces Group Support Company (Forward), and elements of Bravo Company, 1-19th Special Forces Battalion, all of whom served in Afghanistan. We also welcome the return of the 169th Intelligence Squadron from service in the U.S. Africa Command area of operations, and the 130th Engineering Installation Squadron from service in the U.S. Central Command area of operations.

We recognize those units and servicemembers still serving in harm’s way to include members of the 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade in both Afghanistan and Kosovo, Detachment 50 (C-12 Fixed Wing) in Afghanistan, members of the 65th Fires Brigade in Afghanistan and elements of the 19th Special Forces Group’s Headquarters Company, also in Afghanistan. You have faced adversity and uncertainty with the same courage and optimism that has defined the National Guard since our inception almost 377 years ago.

With the Budget Control Act’s becoming the law of the land, cuts to force structure and programs are inevitable. Utah is well postured for the dynamic changes ahead because of our unit cohesion and demonstrated readiness levels. We have never faltered nor failed to perform any mission given to us, and indeed,

have excelled at performing nonstandard and extremely difficult missions over the past 12 years of war. Our reputation among those who know us is exceptional, and as a result, our confidence in the future should be high.

I recently returned from visiting our fellow warriors in Kosovo. I am always humbled and amazed by the quality of our soldiers and airmen as they make incredible contributions under some of the most difficult conditions imaginable. As our Utah Guardmembers continue to serve with distinction at home and abroad, I ask that you keep both them and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Utah Guardmembers have made some remarkable contributions to both the warfight and to domestic response, and they continue to do so on a daily basis and at a moment’s notice.

Recent examples of the Guard’s flexibility and capability were demonstrated by Task Force Pioneer of the 1457th Engineer Battalion as they moved into Colorado and provided swift assistance to those devastated by floods this past summer. The task force completed multiple projects repairing roads and bridges and relinking communities. They did it all ahead of schedule time and under budget, and they did it in a State Active Duty status during the federal government shutdown. This recovery project represented the best of the citizen-soldier—an amazing value proposition for America. In these times of change the National Guard remains true to its motto: “Always ready, Always There.”

We will continue to confront many challenges over the coming years as budgets tighten and resources become scarce. We will embrace change and continue to build units that are nimble, innovative and adaptable. We will continue to train and be ready to respond when our citizens need us most, and we will keep an optimistic eye on the future as we anticipate, grow and evolve as an organization. As always, I am honored to serve with each one of you—America’s best and brightest 

Members of 115th Engineer Detachment with Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, left, and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller, right, at Camp Shelby prior to the team’s deployment to Afghanistan.



Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, left, and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller, right, are pictured with members of 65th Fires Brigade’s Team Lightning at Camp Shelby prior to the team’s deployment to Afghanistan.

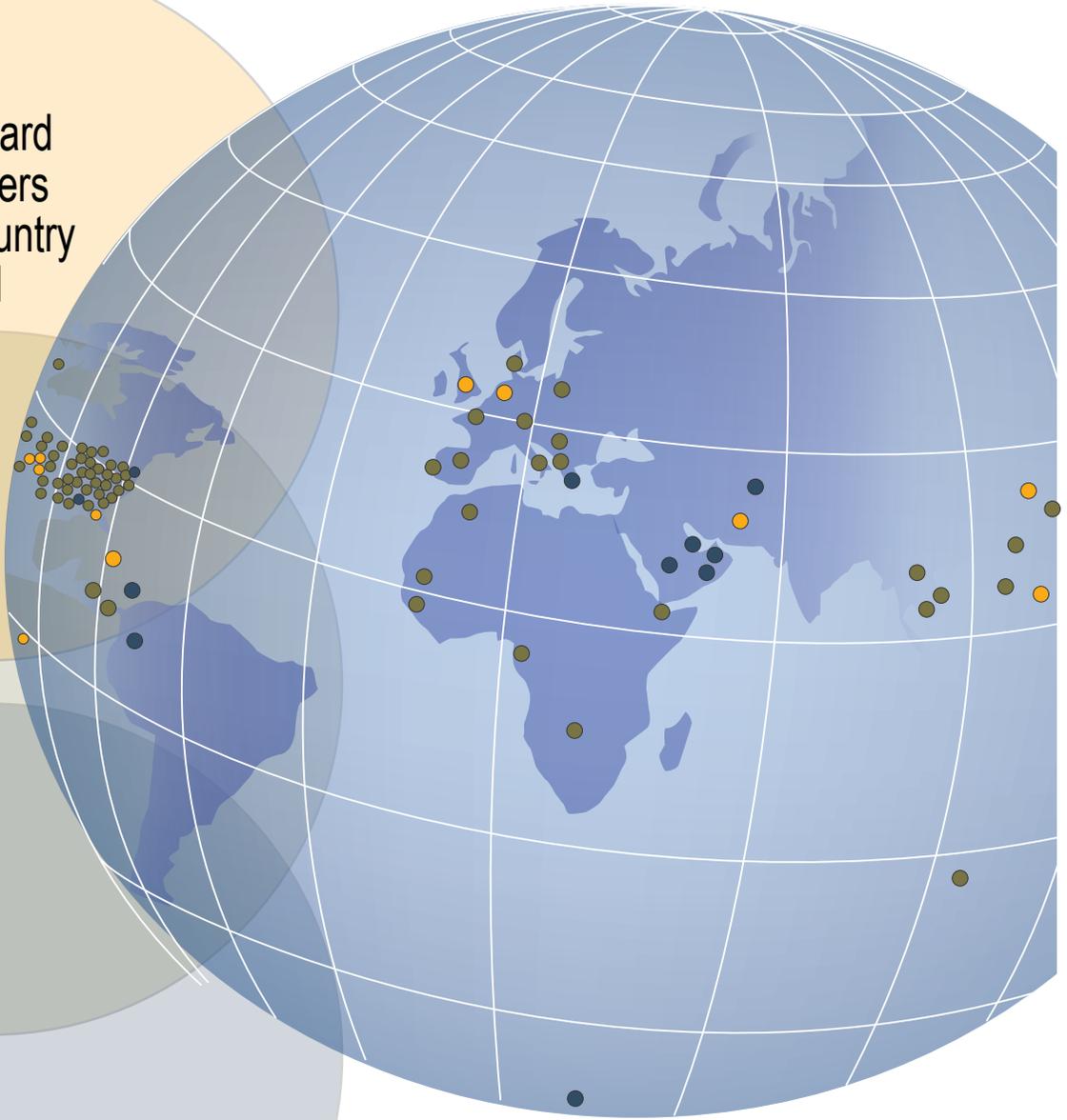


Utah National Guard
Airmen and Soldiers
Serving Their Country
Around the World

Airmen

Soldiers

Joint



- Afghanistan
- Antarctica
- Australia
- Cambodia
- Cameroon
- Colombia
- Curaçao
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Djibouti
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Guam
- Italy
- Japan
- Kosovo
- Kuwait
- Kyrgyzstan
- Lithuania

- Mauritania
- Morocco
- Nicaragua
- Oman
- Panama
- Philippines
- Portugal
- Puerto Rico
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- Senegal
- South Korea
- Spain
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom
- Vietnam
- Zambia

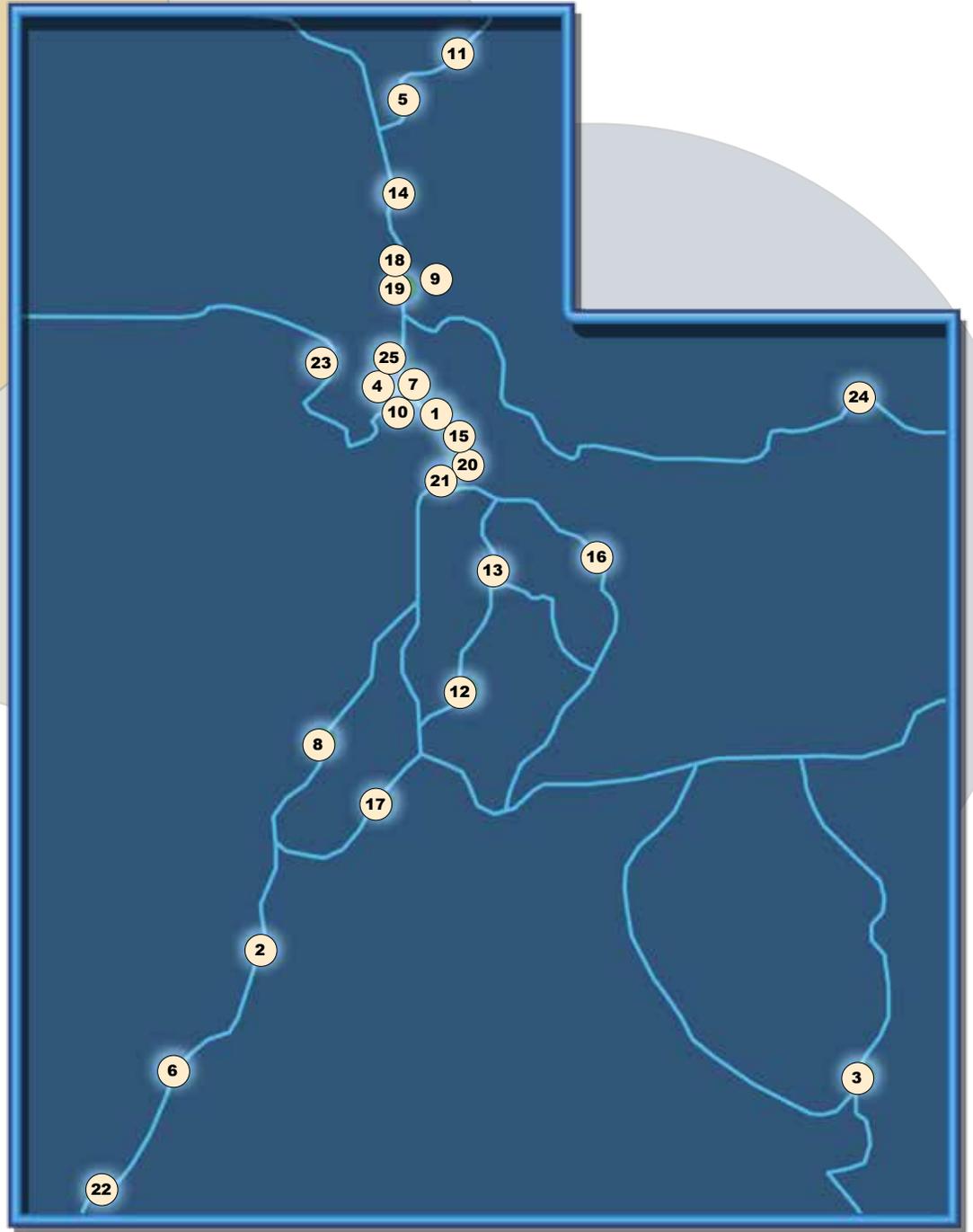
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- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Mississippi

- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Washington
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming

Readiness Center, Armory and Air Base Locations

1. American Fork
2. Beaver
3. Blanding
4. Bluffdale
5. Brigham City
6. Cedar City
7. Draper
8. Fillmore
9. Fort Douglas
10. Lehi
11. Logan
12. Manti
13. Mt. Pleasant
14. Ogden
15. Orem
16. Price
17. Richfield
18. SL Readiness Center
19. Salt Lake City
20. Spanish Fork
21. Springville
22. St. George
23. Tooele
24. Vernal
25. West Jordan



Unit Locations

Utah Air National Guard

Salt Lake City

Headquarters, Utah Air National Guard
 101st Information Operations Flight
 109th Air Control Squadron
 130th Engineer Installation Squadron
 169th Intelligence Squadron
 Headquarters, 151st Air Refueling Wing
 151st Operations Group

151st Operations Support Flight
 191st Air Refueling Squadron
 151st Maintenance Group
 151st Maintenance Squadron
 151st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
 151st Maintenance Operations Flight
 151st Mission Support Group

151st Logistics Readiness Squadron
 151st Civil Engineering Squadron
 151st Security Force Squadron
 151st Communications Flight
 151st Force Support Squadron
 151st Medical Group
 151st Medical Squadron

Utah Army National Guard

American Fork

Forward Support Co, 1457th Engineer Bn
 HHC, 1457th Engineer Battalion

Beaver

C Battery, 2-222nd Field Artillery Battalion

Blanding

Detachment 1, 118th Sapper Company

Bluffdale

115th Engineer Facilities Detachment
 HHC, 204th Maneuver Enhancement Bde
 217th Signal Company
 HHB, 65th Fires Brigade
 HHB, 1-145th Field Artillery Battalion
 HHC, 19th Special Forces Group (Abn)
 REC, 1-19th Special Forces Bn (Airborne)
 B Co, 1-19th Special Forces Bn (Airborne)
 GSC, 19th Special Forces Group (Abn)
 Utah Training Center - Camp Williams
 640th Regiment-Regional Training Institute
 Medical Command
 144th Area Support Medical Company

Brigham City

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

Cedar City

HHB, 2-222nd Field Artillery Battalion

Draper

Joint Forces Headquarters - Utah
 Recruiting and Retention Command
 97th Troop Command
 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment
 115th Maintenance Company
 1993rd Contingency Contracting Team
 HHC, 300th Military Intelligence Brigade
 A Co, 141st Military Intelligence Battalion
 A Co, 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion
 C Co, 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion
 653rd Trial Defense Team

Fillmore

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

Fort Douglas

Fort Douglas Military Museum

Lehi

HHC, 1-19th Special Forces Bn (Airborne)
 BSC, 1-19th Special Forces Bn (Airborne)

Logan

A Btry, 1-145th Field Artillery
 D Co, 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion

Manti

B Btry, 1-145th Field Artillery Battalion

Mt. Pleasant

Det 1, 116th Engineer Co (Horizontal)

Ogden

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

Orem

HHC, 141st Military Intelligence Battalion
 C Co, 141st Military Intelligence Battalion
 B Co, 141st Military Intelligence Battalion

Price

624th Engineer Company (Vertical)
 Det 1, 624th Engineer Company (Vertical)

Richfield

A Btry, 2-222nd Field Artillery Battalion

Salt Lake Readiness Center

85th Civil Support Team (WMD)
 118th Sapper Company
 HHC, 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion

Salt Lake City

Detachment 50, Operations Support Airlift

Spanish Fork

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

Springville

HHD, 489th Brigade Support Battalion

St. George

D Co, 141st Military Intelligence Bn
 B Btry, 2-222nd Field Artillery Battalion
 213th Forward Support Company

Tooele

214th Forward Support Company

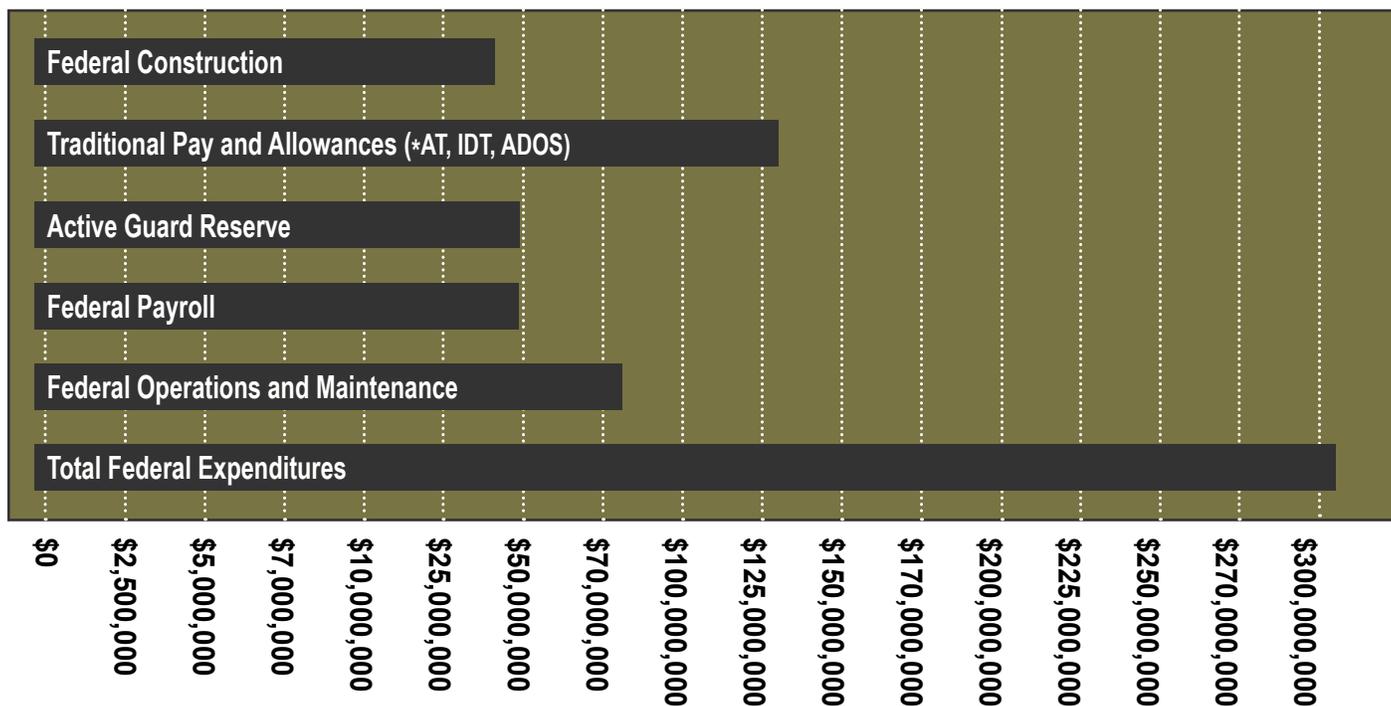
Vernal

Det 2, 624th Engineer Co (Vertical)

West Jordan

23rd Army Band
 97th Aviation Troop Command
 HHC, 1-211th Aviation Battalion
 A Co, 1-211th Aviation Battalion
 B Co, 1-211th Aviation Battalion
 C Co, 1-211th Aviation Battalion
 D Co, 1-211th Aviation Battalion
 E Co, 1-211th Aviation Battalion
 HHC, 2-211th Aviation Battalion
 A Co, 2-211th Aviation Battalion
 D Co, 2-211th Aviation Battalion
 E Co, 2-211th Aviation Battalion
 Det 5, HHC, 1-171st Aviation Battalion
 Det 2, C Co, 1-171st Aviation Battalion
 Det 5, D Co, 1-171st Aviation Battalion
 Det 5, E Co, 1-171st Aviation Battalion
 Det B, B Co., 1-112th Aviation Battalion
 Det 2, C Co., 5-159th Aviation Battalion
 Det 4, D Co., 5-159th Aviation Battalion
 Det 4, E Co., 5-159th Aviation Battalion

Federal Economic-Impact Statement Chart



* Annual Training (AT), Inactive Duty Training (IDT), Active Duty Other Support (ADOS)



Utah Air National Guard's 151st Medical Group participated in providing medical care for underserved residents in Maui County, Hawaii, as part of Tropic Care 2013.

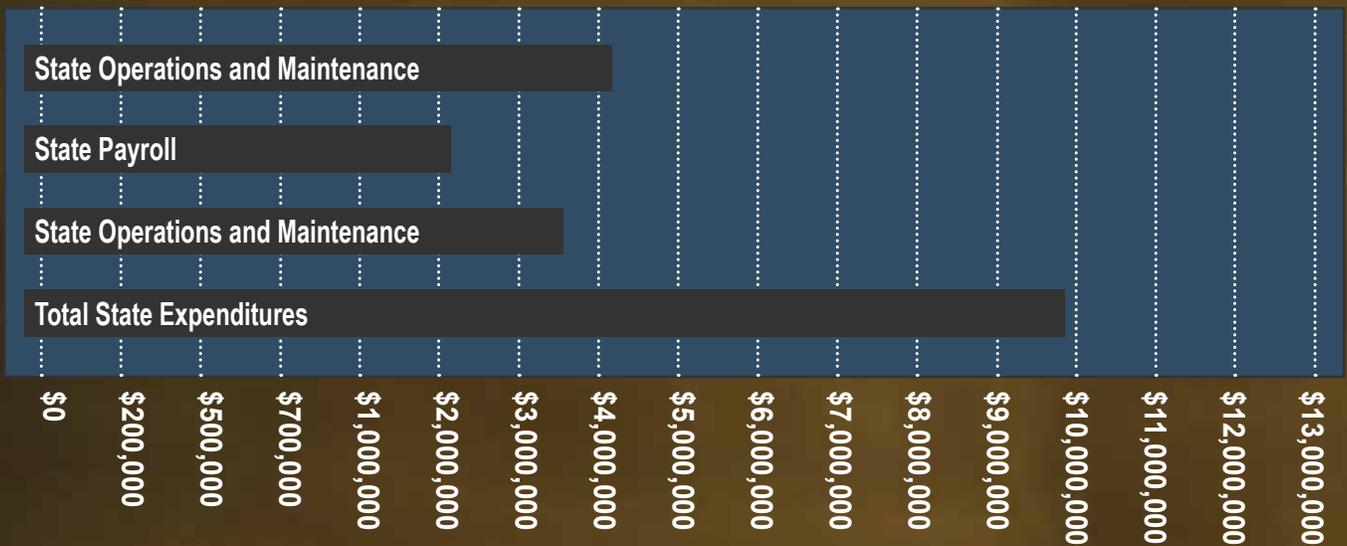


Maj. Austin Marshall, Multinational Battle Group - East Engineer, listens to concerns from local residents about obstacles emplaced in June near Dog 15 checkpoint along the administrative boundary line Aug. 5. The obstacles, meant to keep larger trucks from potentially falling into the nearby lake, are opposed by citizens who wanted more room for their personal vehicles.

**Members
of the Utah Army
National Guard 2-211th Aviation
Battalion assist in fighting fires in northern
Utah Aug. 12, 2013. For ten straight days Utah
Guard Blackhawks dropped a total of 865 Bambi
bucketfuls of water on Northern Utah fires, continuing
with the State Fire in Cache County and Millville Fire in Box
Elder County, and later being called to respond to the Rockport
Fire in Summit County and the Patch Springs Fire in Tooele
County.**



State Economic-Impact Statement Chart



Federal Economic-Impact Statement

Armory and Readiness Center Location	Federal Construction and Remodel	Traditional Pay and Allowance *(AT, IDT, ADOS)	Active Guard Reserve (AGR)	Federal Payroll	Federal Operations and Maintenance	Total Federal Expenditures
American Fork	61,975	2,677,494	775,180	372,716	1,296,705	5,184,071
Beaver	—	873,683	193,795	184,720	413,333	1,665,532
Blanding	11,941	758,725	—	—	358,947	1,129,613
Bluffdale	38,151,753	32,050,365	9,172,969	4,310,364	28,373,124	112,058,575
Brigham City	—	781,716	—	—	369,825	1,151,541
Cedar City	—	2,069,249	645,984	—	978,948	3,694,181
Draper	2,658,366	19,427,947	17,312,363	14,046,378	11,791,241	65,236,296
Dugway	136,321	—	—	60,096	5,000	201,417
Fillmore	—	781,716	—	—	394,825	1,176,541
Fort Douglas	97,900	—	—	—	10,000	107,900
Lehi	7,375	3,954,564	—	—	1,870,879	5,832,819
Logan	—	2,965,923	193,795	113,364	1,438,159	4,711,242
Manti	—	1,586,424	—	291,256	770,527	2,648,208
Mt. Pleasant	—	1,172,574	129,197	—	554,737	1,856,509
Ogden	—	5,403,039	710,582	547,972	2,601,144	9,262,737
Orem	—	5,655,947	581,385	—	3,813,793	10,051,126
Price	—	2,414,124	—	—	11,142,106	3,556,231
Richfield	—	1,586,424	193,795	224,072	786,527	2,790,819
Salt Lake City	—	3,218,832	—	159,216	1,568,809	4,946,857
SLC Airport	32,149	—	10,594,133	17,958,732	65,000	28,650,014
Spanish Fork	61,913	6,046,805	387,590	887,748	2,910,705	10,294,762
Springville	—	1,724,374	129,197	—	815,790	2,669,361
St. George	1,194,837	5,839,880	645,984	675,752	2,829,811	11,186,264
Tooele	77,062	3,103,873	—	9,514,336	1,504,423	14,199,694
Vernal	637,535	1,172,574	—	—	579,737	2,359,847
West Jordan	258,057	18,761,189	7,881,001	—	9,435,802	36,336,050
TOTAL	\$43,387,184	\$124,027,443	\$49,546,950	\$49,346,722	\$76,679,910	\$342,988,209

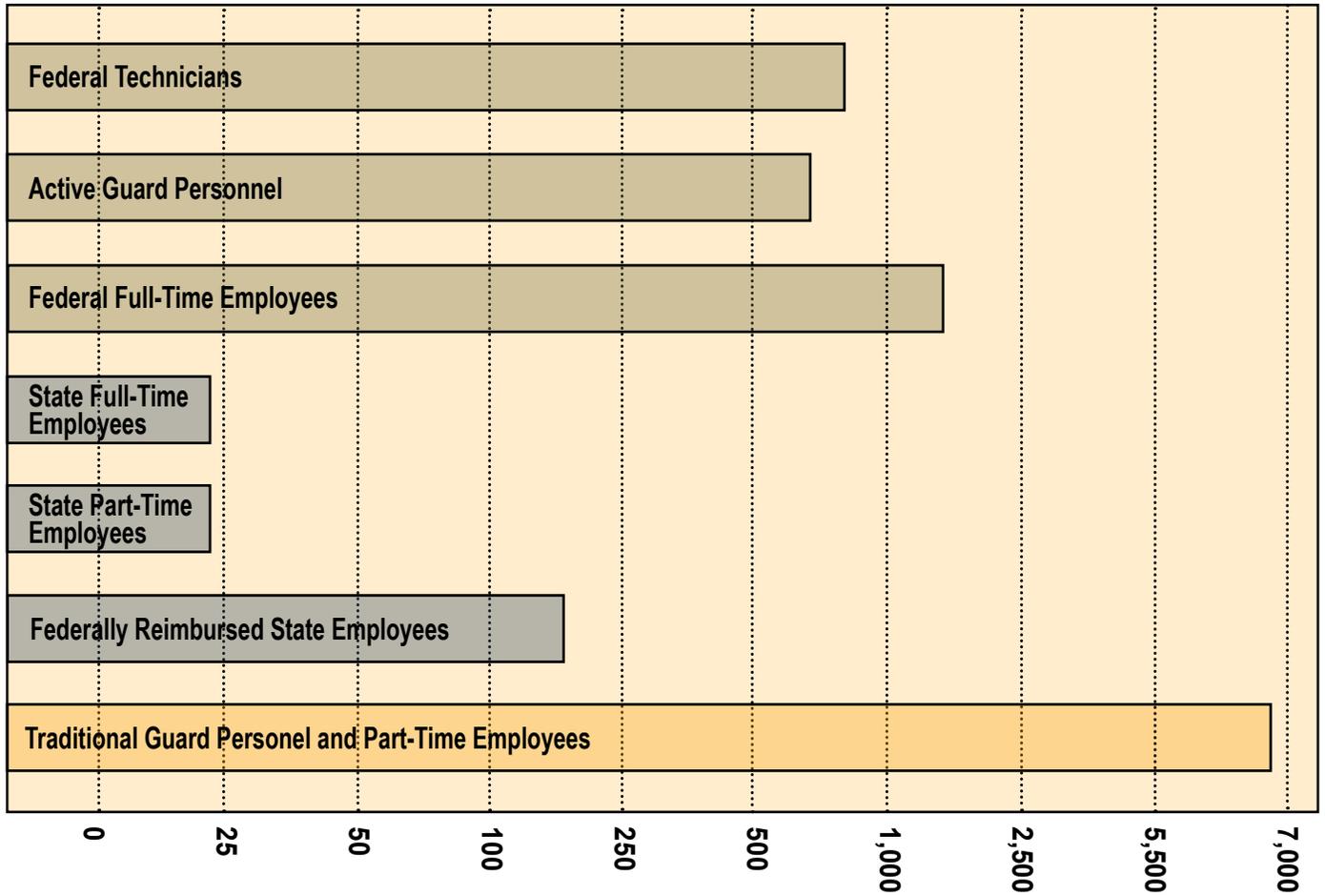
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State Economic-Impact Statement

Armory and Readiness Center Location	State Construction	State Payroll	State Operations and Maintenance	Total State Expenditures	Total State and Federal Expenditures
American Fork	20,350	1,023	35,775	57,148	5,241,219
Beaver	394,959	1,266	32,141	431,366	2,96,898
Blanding	11,940	1,096	36,464	49,500	1,179,113
Bluffdale	219,708	15,619	186,556	421,884	112,480,459
Brigham City	—	1,359	36,970	38,330	1,189,871
Cedar City	—	1,087	43,958	45,045	3,739,226
Draper	860,421	1,591,302	2,207,448	4,659,171	69,895,467
Dugway	—	—	—	—	201,417
Fillmore	—	1,019	21,904	22,923	1,199,465
Fort Douglas	—	139,981	36,350	176,331	284,231
Lehi	140,311	3,197	32,526	176,033	6,008,853
Logan	38,242	605	62,962	101,809	4,813,051
Manti	—	1,882	40,092	41,975	2,690,182
Mt. Pleasant	598,836	2,237	32,505	633,578	2,490,087
Ogden	120,442	1,524	91,153	213,118	9,475,855
Orem	—	1,986	163,139	165,125	10,216,251
Price	—	1,655	39,756	41,411	3,597,641
Richfield	—	1,655	38,962	40,617	2,831,435
Salt Lake City	78,186	1,848	102,748	182,782	5,129,639
SLC Airport	5,129	281,241	347,129	633,499	29,283,513
Spanish Fork	1,237,874	1,361	51,358	1,290,593	11,585,355
Springville	91,000	259	19,820	111,080	2,780,441
St. George	119,067	2,928	26,692	148,687	11,334,951
Tooele	115,854	768	35,306	151,928	14,351,623
Vernal	105,853	—	20,357	126,510	2,516,357
West Jordan	25,520	8,227	—	33,747	36,369,797
TOTAL	\$4,186,695	\$2,065,125	\$3,742,371	\$9,994,188	\$352,982,397

Personnel Distribution

Oct. 1, 2012 - Sept. 30, 2013



Armory, Air Base and Readiness Center Location	County	Utah Senate District	Utah House District	Congressional District - U.S.	Federal Technicians	Active Guard Personnel	Total Full-Time Federal Employees	State Full-Time Employees	State Part-Time Employees	Federally Reimbursed State Employees	Traditional Guardmembers
American Fork	Utah	14	58	3	7	12	19	—	1	—	164
Beaver	Beaver	28	73	1	3	3	6	—	1	—	38
Blanding	San Juan	27	69	3	—	—	—	—	1	1	33
Bluffdale	Salt Lake	5	47	3	77	142	219	—	—	74	1,394
Brigham City	Box Elder	24	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	34
Cedar City	Iron	29	72	1	—	10	10	—	1	1	90
Draper	Salt Lake	5	51	2	223	268	491	20	—	35	845
Dugway	Tooele	13	21	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Fillmore	Millard	28	68	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	34
Fort Douglas	Salt Lake	3	28	2	—	—	—	1	4	—	—
Lehi	Utah	13	56	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	172
Logan	Cache	24	5	1	2	3	5	—	1	2	129
Manti	Sanpete	28	69	3	5	—	5	—	1	1	69
Mt. Pleasant	Sanpete	28	69	3	—	2	2	1	—	—	51
Ogden	Weber	18	10	1	10	11	21	—	1	2	235
Orem	Utah	27	58	3	—	9	9	—	1	31	246
Price	Carbon	27	67	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	105
Richfield	Sevier	28	70	3	4	3	7	—	1	1	69
Salt Lake City	Salt Lake	3	27	2	3	—	3	—	—	1	140
SLC Air Base	Salt Lake	2	22	2	278	159	437	—	—	55	1,432
Spanish Fork	Utah	17	66	3	16	6	22	—	1	1	263
Springville	Utah	17	66	3	—	2	2	—	1	—	75
St. George	Washington	29	75	1	12	10	22	—	1	2	254
Tooele	Tooele	13	1	3	5	—	5	—	—	—	135
Vernal	Uintah	26	55	3	3	—	3	—	1	2	51
West Jordan	Salt Lake	6	42	3	160	122	282	1	1	—	816
TOTAL					809	762	1,571	22	22	210	6,874

Highlights 2013

In 2013 Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton completed a successful first year as adjutant general. The Utah Army National Guard served overseas, nationwide and within Utah's borders this year. The 1-211th Aviation and 624th Engineer Company returned from successful deployments to Afghanistan, providing aerial support and construction/maintenance, respectively, for Coalition forces. Detachment 50 Operational Support Airlift sent soldiers to Afghanistan, as did the 65th Fires Brigade and the 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade. The 204th also deployed soldiers to Kosovo. Soldiers of the 1457th Engineer Battalion assisted with road reconstruction of U.S. Highway 36 in Colorado following severe flooding in Boulder and Larimer Counties, and in Utah, the 2-211th Aviation provided helicopter support to a number of fires, while the 85th Civil Support Team responded to hazmat incidents in support of civil authorities. 

Members of the Utah National Guard's 85th Civil Support Team, New Mexico's 64th CST, Nevada's 92nd CST, Dixie Regional Medical Center, and St. George Fire Department engaged in a weapons-of-mass-destruction response and rescue training Feb. 20-24, in St. George, Utah.

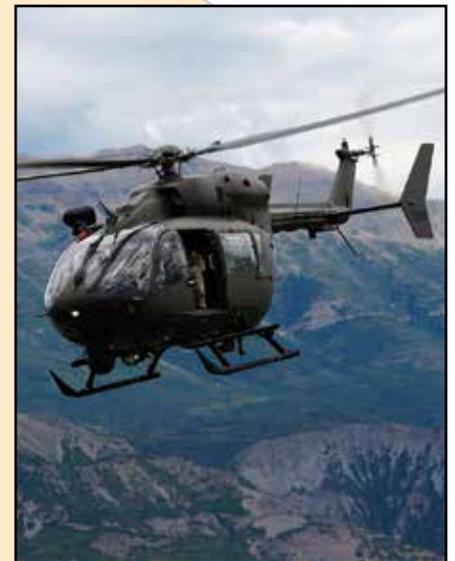


Members of 65th Fires Brigade's Team Lightning at Camp Shelby prior to the team's deployment to Afghanistan.

Soldiers of the 624th Engineer Company build pole barns, B-huts, wall houses, tent pads, office furniture and finish cement work during their deployment to Afghanistan. The unit returned to Utah April 25.



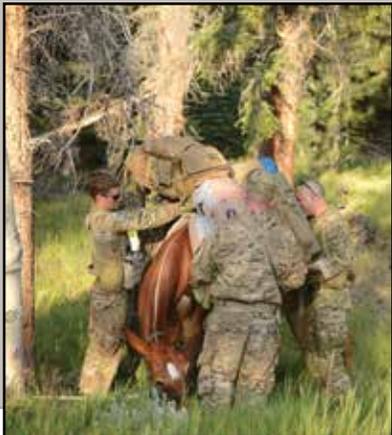
Utah National Guard's 1-112th Aviation received two UH-72 Lakota helicopters July 29. They will assist federal, state, and local authorities with natural-disaster and civil-emergency response within the U.S. They can be configured for search and rescue, aerial observation, command and control, or medevac in support of these missions.



Utah National Guard Soldiers with 2nd Battalion, 211th Aviation, drop bucketfuls of water, each holding approximately 600 gallons; on the Millville, State, Rockport and Patch Fires over 10 consecutive days in August.



Utah National Guardmembers of ODA 9126, Bravo Co., 1-19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) familiarize themselves with using pack mules during unconventional-warfare training at Camp Williams, Utah, and in the Manti-La Sal Mountains southwest of Price, Utah, June 20-21 and Aug. 14-18, respectively.



Soldiers with the 624th Engineer Company (Vertical) stepped off the plane to be greeted at their homecoming by 27 babies, all of whom were born while their fathers deployed to Afghanistan.

Four pilots and two crewmembers with Detachment 50, Operations Support Airlift, deploy to Afghanistan in their C-12 aircraft Feb. 23.

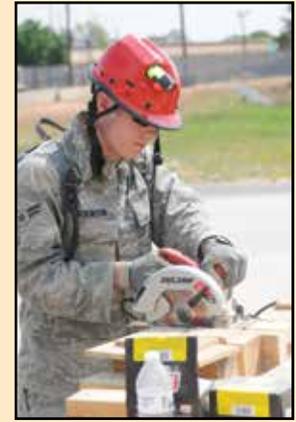
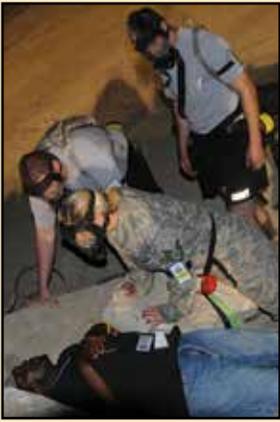


Utah Air National Guard's 151st Medical Group provide medical care for residents throughout Maui County, Hawaii, as part of Tropic Care 2013.



Soldiers with the 1-171st Aviation transport mass casualties in a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter to Logan Regional Hospital as part of the unit's Annual Training.



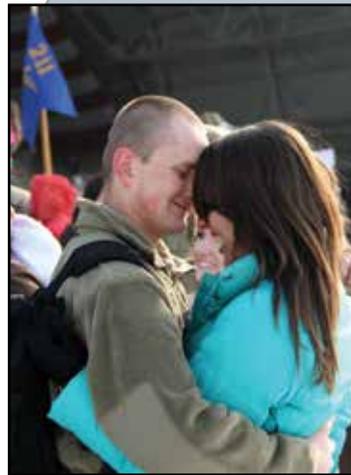


Members of the Utah National Guard's Homeland Response Force and 85th Civil Support Team support Colorado's Vigilant Guard 2013.



Family members welcomed home 14 members Oct. 21 and 12 members Nov. 16, of the 130th Engineering Installation Squadron as they returned from deployment throughout several Middle Eastern countries including Afghanistan, Oman, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Qatar and Saudi Arabia. at Salt Lake International Airport.

Families and friends of soldiers in the 1-211th Aviation reunite Jan. 17 and 20 with loved ones returning from a yearlong deployment flying Apache helicopters in Afghanistan.



Utah's 1457th Engineer Battalion sent 120 soldiers to Colorado to help reconstruct a stretch of U.S. Highway 36 in Boulder and Larimer Counties after devastating flooding.



Community Support

Community Support plays a key role in the Utah National Guard's mission. Each year Guardmembers respond to hundreds of requests and 2013 was no exception. Local Guard units are valuable assets to the community, and in supporting events and activities they increase the Guard's visibility and add legitimacy to state and local activities.

Guardmembers work tirelessly in their military mission and then go on to further support their communities with events such as concerts from the 23rd Army Band, climbing walls, military vehicles and artillery pieces. Color Guards and rifle- and cannon-salute teams honored the fallen and those who have served in battle and on the home front.

Each year familiar faces are seen at annual events the Utah National Guard supports; Scouting for Food, Independence, Pioneer, and Veterans Day activities, and city and town celebrations. Relationships are forged between Guardmembers and the citizens they see each year, and the community looks forward to having Guardmembers as part of their event.

Some of the annual community patriotic events supported by the Utah National Guard inspire other communities to plan and execute similar events of their own. This year, Provo City with Freedom Festival, Davis County and Lindon City all held flag-retirement ceremonies in the hopes of beginning annual traditions. These events were inspired by Spanish Fork's annual flag-retirement ceremony that the Utah Guard has supported for 15 years.

Utah National Guardmembers support Utah communities with pride because this is their community, their families, friends and neighbors. The positive impact of community support efforts by the Guard is widely felt by Utah communities and citizens. It rouses a true sense of patriotism and reaffirms to soldiers and airmen why it was they volunteered to serve. 🇺🇸

Utah National Guard airmen, soldiers and their family members perform a 50-person color guard at the Real Salt Lake home game held in celebration of Independence Day on July 3.



Airmen and Soldiers with the Utah National Guard transfer donated food from drop-off locations to food banks across the state as part of their support for Scouting of Food March 23.



Soldiers from Bravo Battery, 2-222nd FA, escort their Paladin during 4th of July parade in Richfield, Utah.



Members of the Utah National Guard, American Legion, Spanish Fork area Scouts, and Spanish Fork city officials participate in the 15th annual Spanish Fork Flag Ceremony held at the Spanish Fork Fairgrounds July 17.

Observing a time-honored military tradition dating back to the Middle Ages, Utah Governor Gary Herbert, Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, and approximately 6,000 members of the Utah National Guard conducted a pass-in-review ceremony Sept. 14 as part of Utah's 60th annual Governor's Day.

"You have a lot of titles as governor, and a lot of responsibilities. There is none more important to me, than being called commander in chief and making sure that our troops are prepared and ready," said Herbert.

As a former National Guardsman himself, Herbert had the honor of being the reviewing official and made a point to show his thanks.

"We salute all of you who are here today," he told the troops. "We salute those Guardmembers and families whose service and sacrifice is so much appreciated by us, as the State of Utah and by this country."

Among those participating was Staff Sgt. Jessica Hyde, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the honor guard.

"It's a huge honor to be here and show colors to the governor," she said.

Staff Sgt. Gary Packer, whose family exemplifies the spirit of this unique Utah tradition, having attended for seven straight years, starting just before Packer enlisted.

Packer's wife Aja takes pictures and soaks up the atmosphere that brings together the entire military community.

"My husband was deployed last year to Afghanistan, and we still came to Governor's Day because I thought that it was important for my kids to still be able to take part in all the festivities," said Aja.

In years past, Packer even brought extended family and neighbors to take part in the day's events, because according to her, "It's more than just an Army day."

That day included unit Family Readiness Groups selling food and sweets, plenty of activities for children, military equipment displays and a variety of information booths.

Due to construction at Camp Williams, the event was held at Saratoga Springs' Westlake High School, and because of a football game followed by a dance, the setup crew started at midnight, said event organizer Lt. Col. Tyler Smith.

"Everybody just went right to work to get everything set up," said Smith. "We've been at it all night long."

From newly enlisted to retired and everyone in between, the day was a celebration of the extended military family and showed that the Utah National Guard is all one team.

In that vein, Governor Herbert emphasized the Utah way of working together as he addressed the somber issue of military suicides in his address to airmen and soldiers assembled on the field.

"I've asked General Burton to make suicide prevention a top priority as we move forward," he said. "The key is communication. We need to talk to one another, and not be afraid to ask the hard questions and do the right thing in reporting any unsafe or unstable situation to the chain of command."

In recent years, the overall military suicide rate has exceeded the national average. That concern rests heavily upon everyone's shoulders.

"We've implemented a lot of programs to help our servicemembers feel that they can get help," said Burton. "They can talk about the feelings they are having ... and in that way maybe preclude having some suicides."

"These issues have for the most part dropped from the headlines," Herbert concluded. "But I want you to know they're not forgotten on my watch, and I know that they're the top priority for your adjutant general."

Governor's Day marked the close of Burton's first year at the helm of the Utah National Guard, and he expressed his personal admiration for the 7,000 soldiers and airmen under his command in his address.

"I respect and honor your courage, your character and your commitment to something that's greater than each one of us," he said.

"Now that we're coming back into our communities, we need to just remind ourselves what it is that we do. [We are] professionals in the community. We add value." 🇺🇸

Governor's Day



Members of the Utah Army and Air National Guard filled the Westlake High School stadium for Governor's Day 2013. Gov. Gary Herbert reviewed his troops in a pass-and-review ceremony and addressed them as their commander in chief.



Honorary Colonels Corps of Utah

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

During June, the Corps sponsored its 52nd annual Minuteman Awards Banquet. The banquet honored local citizens who have distinguished themselves through community service in civic, religious, business, humanitarian or military capacities. This year's recipients included Hon Col Lane Beattie, Chief Chris Burbank, Mr. Mark and Mrs. Sally Dietlein, Mrs. Patti Griffith, retired Master Sgt. Mark B. Harrison, Mrs. Gail Miller and President Boyd K. Packer.

In August, the Corps helped sponsor the 52nd annual Freedom Academy. This is a weeklong event that hosts high school student leaders from throughout Utah in an unforgettable, freedom-education experience. Held at Camp Williams, the academy acquaints students with the prison system, military, civic and religious leaders and encourages each student to be an ambassador of freedom at their own school.

Members of the Corps are involved, in one way or another, in most significant events in the Utah National Guard. Involvement includes financial assistance for special projects such as the annual Veterans Day concert. At other times, they may be a liaison between



Honorary Colonels Corps board of trustees (left to right) Jason Reading, Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, David Gunn, retired Brig. Gen. Jake Garn, Paul Warner and Michael Barnes. Not pictured, retired Brig. Gen. Brent Winget and Richard Workman.

the Guard and less-involved community members. Whatever their participation, the Honorary Colonels Corps is a valuable and supportive part of the Guard community in Utah.

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

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Museum and Historical Services



Fort Douglas Day living-history re-enactors.

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

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

This year the museum conducted a series of educational events that told the story of Utah's military heritage. Under our leadership, the NEH reading and discussion program, Making Sense of the Civil War, was conducted at four locations: Pleasant Valley Public Library (Ogden), Salt Lake City Public Library, Murray City Library, and Tanner Humanities Institute (University of Utah).

In September 2013, the museum partnered with the Division

of Utah State History in an annual history conference. The conference was held at Fort Douglas and the Rio Grande Station.

Our traditional Fort Douglas Day included a Civil War encampment, living history re-enactors from the French and Indian War through the Korean War, a military-vehicle display, and World War II re-enactors demonstrating weapons and equipment.

Two field trips were conducted this year. First was our annual trip to the Tooele military vehicle collection of Karl Smith, and second, our annual field trip to Franklin, Idaho, to visit the site of the Bear River tragedy of 1863.

During this period the museum added a 155mm gun ("Long Tom") to its collection. Thanks to assistance from the Utah Guard's Construction and Facilities Management Office in Draper, the cannon was fully restored. The museum also received a M59 armored personnel carrier and a 155mm World War I howitzer from Salt Lake City. These had previously been on display in Memory Grove.

Museum staff also completed two off-site projects. The first was at the Utah National Guard headquarters in Draper where staff members worked with Guardmembers and completely revised the hall exhibits. The second, museum staff worked with the Army Reserve, and coordinated the removal and storage of 24 deteriorating sandstone markers from the Fort Douglas Cemetery.

Finally, we are proud participants in the Blue Star Museum program.

With visitation up from last year, the museum is seeing an increase in public awareness of its military history programs. The museum is located at 32 Potter Street on historic Fort Douglas. Visiting hours are 12 to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. 🇺🇸



Fort Douglas Day World War II living-history re-enactor.

Utah National Guard hosts 57th Annual Veterans Day Concert

The Utah National Guard hosted the 57th annual Veterans Day concert at the University of Utah's Jon M. Huntsman Center Nov. 10, 2012.

The event, entitled "Looking Forward," highlighted the sacrifices made by military veterans and their families throughout the history of our nation. Special attention was given to young airmen and soldiers, who represent the future of our country and its defense.

"We dedicate these performances tonight, and our performances in uniform in the future, to those who have served in this uniform in the past whose shoulders we stand upon here tonight," said keynote speaker Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, adjutant general of the Utah National Guard. "To all those who are currently serving, may our hearts be drawn to those who are in harm's way tonight. May we ponder them and their families and think about them, and may they be in our prayers. We pledge that we will continue to uphold the motto of the National Guard which is, 'Always Ready, Always There.'"

The program included performances by the Utah National Guard's 23rd Army Band, led by Chief Warrant Officer 2 Denny Saunders, and a 600-voice, high school combined choir from Granite School District.



The Utah National Guard's 23rd Army Band and a 600-voice, combined choir from Granite School District high schools perform at the Veterans Day concert.

Dr. Carol Goodson, music specialist for the Granite School District, described her impressions of the concert and its impact on the performing choir students.

"It's a way for our students to perform where it has more meaning," said Goodson. "It's an opportunity for them to learn about the military firsthand, to know what they experience and what they do for us and to develop that feeling within themselves of pride in the military."

"The thing that is most impressive about this concert is that this is the only thing we do as a whole school district, and they get to do it in a way that develops their patriotism," she continued.

As a new addition to this year's concert, the Utah National Guard, in partnership with the Utah Parent-Teacher Association, recognized the winners of an essay contest for children of currently serving military members. The contest theme was "Why I Am Proud to Be a Military Brat."

The following elementary, middle school and high school students were selected as the contest winners and were formally recognized at the concert:

- Brian Walker a Sage Hills Elementary fifth-grader in Saratoga Springs
- Josiah Ortega, of Excelsior Preparatory Academy, in Eagle Mountain
- Madeline Buhman, a senior at Timpanogos High School in Orem

The concert was funded by the Honorary Colonels Corps and by donations from numerous local businesses.

The concert's master of ceremonies, Lt. Col. Hank McIntire, described the importance of honoring Veterans Day and related his favorite portion of the concert.

"We enjoy what we enjoy today because of what veterans have done for us," said McIntire. "We do this concert to honor them. As a veteran myself, it's nice to be remembered and be a part of that brother and sisterhood of those who served."

"One of my favorite parts of the event is the Armed Forces Medley and seeing veterans jump up, clap and sing their service song," McIntire continued. "That means a lot, especially seeing the older veterans, the ones in wheelchairs and walkers. Watching them try to stand up when their service song is played is very inspiring and very touching." 🇺🇸



Guest speaker Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, addressed the audience during the 57th annual Veterans Day concert.

Joint Forces Headquarters-Utah (JFHQ-UT) is the senior National Guard joint, command-and-control element for the Army and Air National Guard units assigned to the State of Utah. JFHQ-UT provides trained, equipped and ready forces capable of mobilizing in support of both federal and state missions. JFHQ-UT serves as the single focal point in Utah for establishing, coordinating and implementing procedures related to interagency, intergovernmental and international affairs pertaining to joint and service-related military support for homeland defense, disaster response and other civil-support missions. With the concurrence of the governor of Utah, JFHQ-UT can act as a joint task force headquarters under United States Northern Command control during a major domestic emergency.

The command group within JFHQ-UT includes The Adjutant General (TAG), Assistant Adjutants General (AAG) for both Army and Air; Director of the Joint Staff (DJS), Land Component Commander (LLC), Command Chief Warrant Officer (CCWO) and State Command Sergeant Major (SCSM).

JFHQ-UT serves as the headquarters for the command group and consists of personal, primary and secondary staffs with various duties and responsibilities focused on providing expertise and advising the commander on important issues facing the Utah National Guard.

In order to meet federal requirements, JFHQ-UT conducts inspections, assistance and training programs for all the staff functional areas and for subordinate units in the Army and Air. JFHQ-UT manages force structure and organizes units for current overseas deployments and plans for emerging missions, and develops strength maintenance and life-cycle management for all personnel and ensures necessary equipment is available and operable.

To support the governor in domestic emergencies, JFHQ-UT provides the ability to stand up a joint task force to provide command and control of both active and Reserve military units. It integrates local, state and federal domestic planning and training preparedness programs and provides a continuous, common-operating picture of assigned forces with systems that are interoperable with civil authorities and agencies.

Other functions of JFHQ-UT include coordinating family support, youth programs, resiliency training, employer support and veteran assistance for servicemembers; developing and executing the State Partnership Program with the country of Morocco; intelligence and budget planning and oversight for the Utah National Guard.

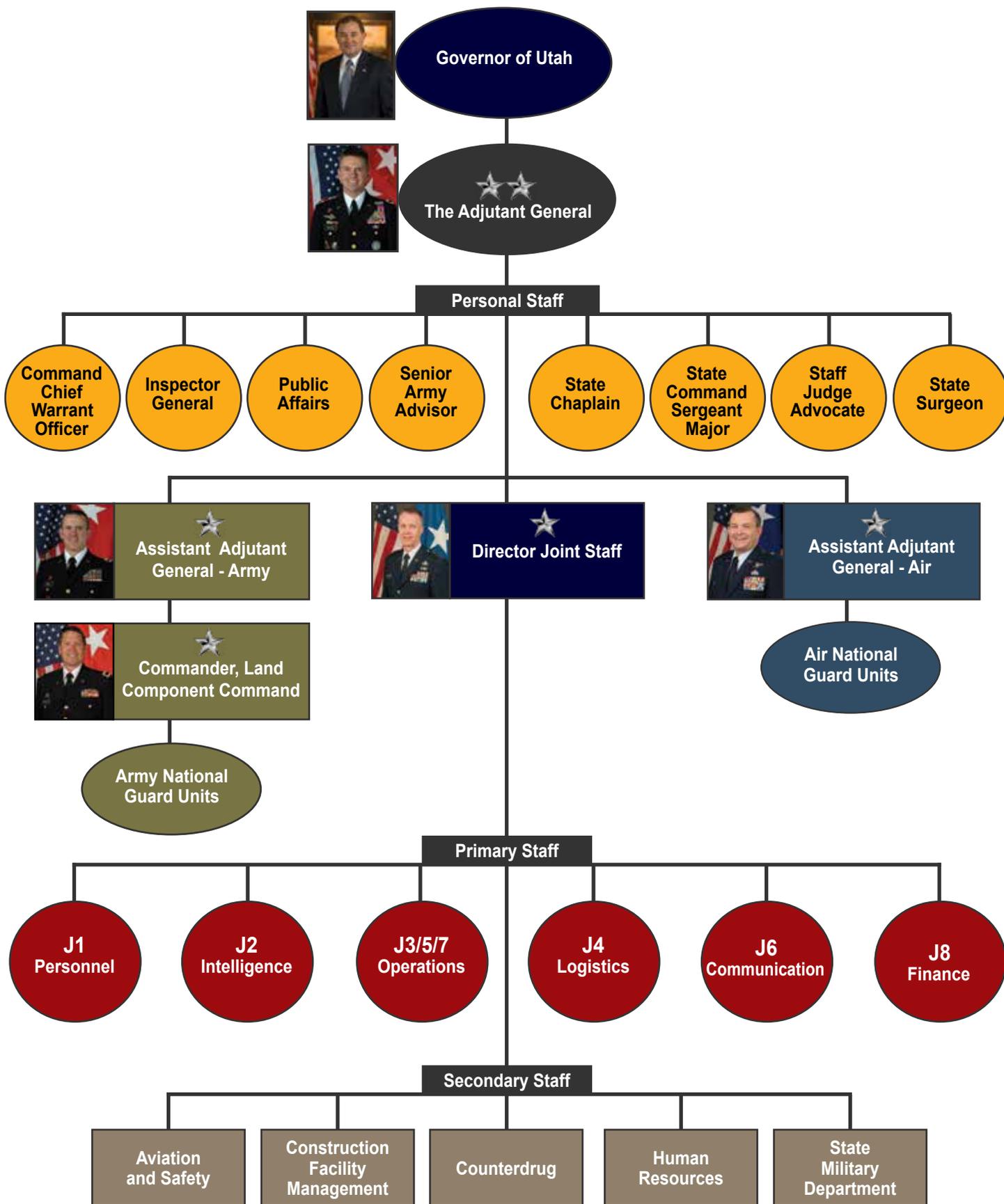
JFHQ-UT maintains a high operational tempo, assuring the president of the United States and the governor of Utah that our National Guard forces are ready and relevant to fight and win our nation's wars and respond to domestic emergencies in our homeland. 🇺🇸

Utah

Joint Forces Headquarters



Joint Forces Headquarters building, Utah Air and Army National Guard, Draper, Utah.



Joint Forces Headquarters Organizational Chart

During 2013, the soldiers of the Utah Army National Guard (UTARNG) continued the warfight abroad, just as they have for the past 10 years, fighting, building and teaching in austere and demanding combat environments. Those not deployed to foreign lands have employed their skills supporting their communities here at home, whether it was assessing the possibility of chemical contamination, role-playing emergency-management scenarios or fighting wildland fires. UTARNG soldiers prove daily that they are trained and ready to respond, fight and win.

From its humble beginnings as the Nauvoo Legion in the 1840s, the UTARNG has grown to be a nationally prominent organization, setting the standard for other states to follow. Utah units enjoy a tremendous reputation for their remarkable character and performance of duty. Regardless of mission requirements, be they combat operations or regional disaster response, the UTARNG outperforms expectations time and time again.

The Guard has dual missions: first, to support and protect the citizens of Utah. UTARNG soldiers are trained and ready to respond when directed by the governor to support civil authorities to preserve peace, order and public safety, which are an integral part of homeland defense. Second, UTARNG soldiers support the people of the United States when activated by the president.

The UTARNG consistently provides well-trained and fully equipped military units for combat during times of war and for national emergencies. Utah Guardmembers are currently engaged overseas in missions supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and countless other locations from Kosovo to Thailand.

In 2013, UTARNG soldiers trained for and performed lifesaving medical services in Morocco. They also strengthened

relationships with local, state and federal officials as participants in realistic training exercises such as Vigilant Guard. Additionally, some units of the UTARNG exhibited amazing flexibility in responding on short notice to support wildland firefighting near Portage, Tooele, Rockport, and Santaquin, while others executed the movement of soldiers and equipment to help rebuild areas affected by severe run-off flooding in Colorado.

The UTARNG headquarters is located in Draper, a few miles south of Salt Lake City, and in more than 25 armories strategically located throughout the state. These modern, redesigned armories house perhaps the most diverse force structure in the National Guard, including Joint Forces Headquarters, Aviation, Artillery, Engineers, Military Intelligence and Special Forces units. The units and armories not only support their communities in times of need, but they become an integral part of a community's identity.

Straddling the border between Salt Lake and Utah Counties, Camp W.G. Williams' sprawling expanse of nearly 30,000 acres is not only a major training site for UTARNG units, but also for units from around the U.S., drawn here for the quality ranges, outdoor training facilities and Afghanistan-like weather and terrain. It is home to the 640th Regional Training Institute, capable of training more than 11,000 soldiers each year from 13 Western states and Guam.

The UTARNG is a world-class organization dedicated to family, community, state and nation. One reason for the continued success of every UTARNG soldier is the deep sense of ownership they feel as they live and train in their hometown—a binding tie that makes UTARNG forces formidable both at home and abroad. Whether responding to disaster or serving in combat, the forces of the UTARNG are "Always Ready, Always There." 

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Utah Army National Guard

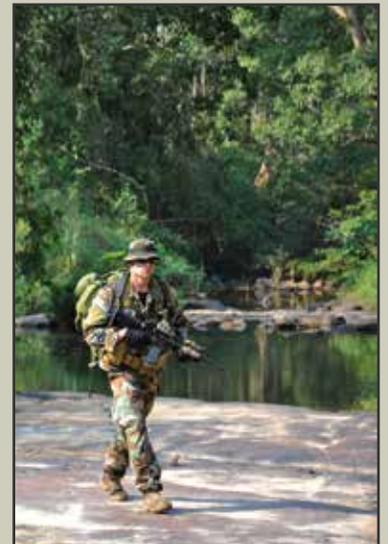
Members of the 624th Engineer Company build at several locations during deployment to Afghanistan.



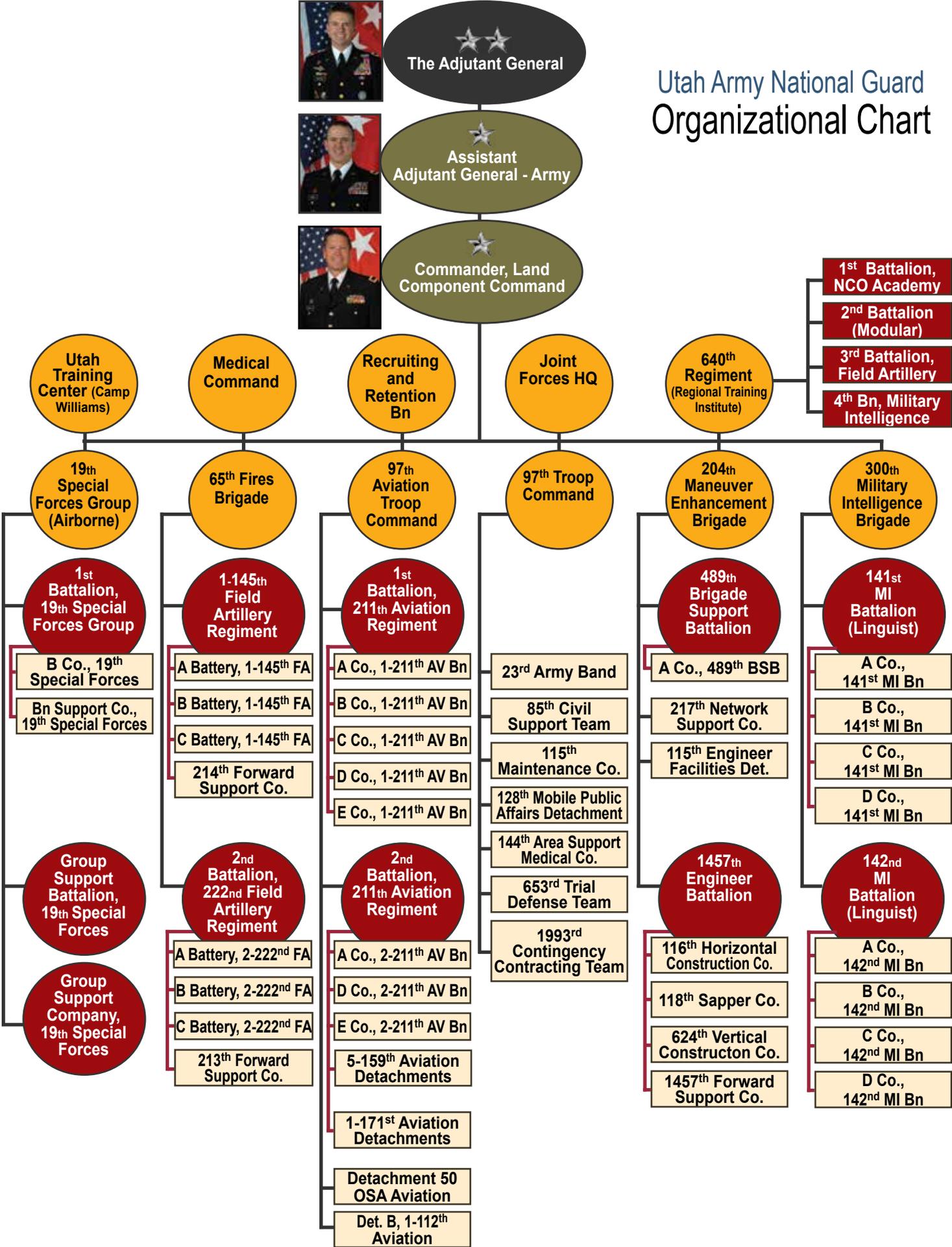
A 2-211th Aviation crew chief observes a multiship flight from Utah en route to Texas as the unit prepares for mobilization to Afghanistan.



19th Special Forces soldiers train with Thai and Japanese soldiers in the jungles at Chiang Mai, Thailand, during Cobra Gold 13.



Utah Army National Guard Organizational Chart





19th Special Forces Group (Airborne)

The 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) plays a vital role in the Utah National Guard by continuing to provide mission-ready Soldiers and units to conduct Special Operations in support of United States Special Operations and federal mobilizations. Soldiers from the 19th assist Utah by supporting state and local agencies in search and rescue, and civil support in the event of a natural or man-made disaster.

This year, the 19th routinely deployed soldiers to combat locations including Afghanistan and Iraq. Soldiers also deployed in various Operational Detachments (ODA), in support of theater-security cooperation missions. These locations included Thailand, Republic of Korea and the Philippines. The 19th deploys soldiers ranging from battalion-sized elements to squad-sized ODAs.

Currently, 49 soldiers from the 19th are deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and will return home in November of 2013.

In August, exercise Ulchi Freedom Guardian 2013 allowed soldiers to work alongside Special Operations Command - Korea, the Republic of Korea Army (ROK) and operators from U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy and Australia in a combined, joint-task-force headquarters from a mobile command post. The purpose of the training exercise allowed ROK and American forces to cohesively execute wartime procedures in the case of foreign attack on the ROK.

In addition to the numerous deployments and support provided by the 19th, it also conducts training exercises to enhance soldier combat readiness. These include the

ODA 9123, 19th SF soldiers conducted high-altitude mountain operations and Level 1 sustainment training at Mt. Rainer National Park, Ashford, Wash., completing a successful summit Sept. 11. The training validated their capability to operate at high altitudes and in an austere mountain environment and improved their Master Mountaineer skills.



Special Forces Advanced Urban Combat course, Level 1 Modern Army Combatives Program, Level II Special Forces Sniper Course, Static-Line Jumpmaster Course, Special Forces Advanced Reconnaissance Target Analysis and Exploitation Techniques Course, Unconventional Warfare exercise and Special Forces Basic Combat Course – Support. 

19th Special Forces soldiers conducted Fast Rope Insertion and Extraction System (FRIES) training in Coronado and San Clemente Island, Calif., Dec. 11-14, 2012.



19th Special Forces soldiers take aim in Special Forces Sniper Course Level II at Camp Williams, Utah, from Oct. 28 through Nov. 18, 2012.



19th Special Forces soldier conducts a high-altitude, low-opening (HALO) operation at Global One drop zone.





65th Fires Brigade

Members of 2nd Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery.

The 65th Fires Brigade conducted a highly successful training year in multiple areas of the world. In addition to completing a number of training exercises, a small contingent of soldiers from the brigade was called upon to serve in Afghanistan supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

On Feb. 6, 2013, Col. Scott Fuller relinquished command to Col. Brent Stark. We are grateful for many years of leadership from Col. Fuller and wish him well with his future assignments.

As the brigade commander, Col. Stark emphasized the need to train aggressively and to take the initiative to have a challenging but memorable year. In response, leaders prepared an aggressive plan for the training year. The two in-state battalions, the 1-145th and 2-222nd Field Artilleries and 65th FiB Headquarters Battery trained hard. The 65th FiB's Annual Training was quite unique with Stark's emphasis on working together and getting out to the field. The brigade adapted their training schedule to augment the training experience for the 2-222nd as they held their Annual Training at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah. This event was a memorable one that proved the headquarters unit has the capabilities and experience necessary to meet its wartime mission. It also met the intent of the commander as members of the headquarters unit focused on working together and building relationships of camaraderie.

Aside from Annual Training, the brigade has also been involved in exercises that allowed soldiers to train with multiple entities across the world to include exercises in California, Germany, Morocco and Lithuania. One of the exercises, Fleet Synthetic Training-Joint (FST-J), is the capstone training event the Navy uses to certify a

carrier strike group prior to deployment. The exercise incorporated both higher headquarters and subordinate elements, which are difficult to duplicate during home-station training.

FST-J exercises incorporate units from the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps. These elements, along with robust Naval-unit participation, have allowed the brigade to train on joint tasks including the employment of naval gunfire, close-air support, air interdiction, Marine attack-helicopter support and the employment of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS).

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-off sites at various locations across the state to the Utah Food Bank.

The 1-145th Field Artillery Battalion, one of the in-state units subordinate to the 65th, has once again risen to the challenge and accepted an additional state mission. It will begin a series of training events throughout the coming year that focus on being a Homeland Response Force (HRF). This mission has been deemed as a no-fail mission by Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton. This mission will focus on homeland security and response forces in the event of a natural or man-made disaster.

Each of these training or support events provides our soldiers with valuable experience needed to be individually and collectively successful. Soldiers of the brigade have accomplished their goals and training objectives for the year and have proven they are capable and ready and willing to serve, no matter what the mission may hold in the future. 🇺🇸



Spc. Colby Thompson, Staff Sgt. Robert Jenny and Maj. Toby Adamson take part in a manual-gunnery competition during Operation Clydesdale, Dugway, Utah, June 12, 2013.



Col. Shigeishi, Chief of Fires, Northeastern Army Japanese Self Ground Defense Force, Col. Scott Fuller, commander of 65th Fires Brigade, right, at Camp Sendai, Japan, for Yama Sakura 63.



A Utah National Guard pilot scans the horizon, one eye looking through the helmet-display unit.

The 97th Aviation Troop Command (ATC) is a Utah Army National Guard (UTARNG) Aviation command-and-control headquarters based at the Jake Garn Armory in West Jordan. Their primary responsibility is to provide trained, ready and equipped Aviation units capable to respond in time of war, as well as declared federal, state and local emergencies.

Including its subordinate commands, 97th ATC is among the largest commands in the Utah National Guard with nearly 800 soldiers. It manages the largest property inventory of almost \$800 million, which includes 24 AH-64D Longbow Attack Apache helicopters, 13 UH-60L Blackhawk helicopters, two UH-72 Lakota helicopters and one C-12 Huron fixed-wing aircraft.

The facilities trace their origins to the early 1970s, with some significant new structures built during the early 1990s. Since the Jake Garn Armory was completed, the UTARNG aviation community has nearly doubled in size. The current force structure has overwhelmed the existing infrastructure. Due to physical-space restrictions, the ATC is unable to train collectively with all their subordinate units and has resorted to bringing units in on opposing weekends, thereby ensuring space requirements are met but sacrificing some collective-training value.

This past year has seen many major events unfold within the Aviation community. In February, 1st Battalion, 211th Aviation Armed Reconnaissance Battalion, returned from a successful deployment to Afghanistan. During this time period the unit was awarded one of Army Aviation's most prestigious awards as the U.S. Army Aviation's Unit of the Year for their many accomplishments performed in Afghanistan. This is the second time this unit has received this distinguished and well-earned honor.

The 2nd Battalion, 211th General Support Aviation, welcomed home elements of Alpha Company, 2-211th, at the end of 2013 and immediately began the long process of having their UH-60A/L Blackhawk helicopters enter the Army's equipment-reset program to bring the aircraft back to operational standards after a yearlong deployment. By the beginning of August, the 2-211th once again was called upon to fight fires around various parts of the state. During a 12-day period in August 2013, the 2-211th flew 180 hours and responded to five different fires around the state at the request of Utah's governor. Aircrews dropped more than 885 water buckets and roughly 486,750 gallons of water on the five fires burning in the state.

The 2-211th has been busy preparing two other subordinate units, both scheduled to deploy in November 2013. Headquarters Company, 2-211th, is set to begin a yearlong deployment to Kosovo and C/1-171 Medevac Detachment will deploy for a year to Afghanistan. Along with preparing personnel to deploy comes the arduous task of equipping and modifying Blackhawk aircraft with the required modifications required of combat theaters of war.

Members of Detachment 50 Operational Support Airlift, a small contingent of fixed-wing aviators and aircrew members, deployed to Afghanistan in February 2013 to participate in Task Force Odin mission.

The 97th Aviation Troop Command has been very busy ensuring that all of the above combat missions were and will be successful. In addition to the many activities listed above, the 97th ATC participated in the statewide Utah ShakeOut exercise as a headquarters element.



Members of the 2-211th Aviation, deployed to Afghanistan, perform maintenance on a UH-60 Blackhawk after a mission. A crewmember reloads 30-mm rounds on the Apache following a combat mission near Shindand, Afghanistan. A UH-72 Lakota flies over the Utah mountains to the Jake Garn Armory in West Jordan.





97th Troop Command

The 97th Troop Command had a very successful 2013. The 97th TC is comprised of Headquarters, 97th Troop Command; 23rd Army Band; 85th Civil Support Team; 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment; 144th Area Support Medical Company; 653rd Trial Defense Team and 1993rd Contingency Contracting Team. In addition to providing leadership and administrative support to these units, 97th TC is responsible for the Homeland Response Force (HRF) mission. This year, 97th TC has also played a large role in the State Partnership Program (SPP) with Morocco.

This year Headquarters, 97th Troop Command, had a change of responsibility in which 1st Sgt. Randy Smith passed responsibility to 1st Sgt. Robert Eckles. Also Capt. Darryn Hodgson relinquished command to 1st Lt. Alexander Reitzel. Headquarters, 97th Troop Command, took part in HRF training events throughout the year, including Vigilant Guard in Denver, Colo.

The 23rd Army Band provided support for 14 events including the annual Veterans Day concert. The ceremonial and parade band supported community parades throughout the state. The jazz band, rock band and show band supported 21 events including the annual Utah National Guard Military Ball. The brass quintet supported 26 events this year.

The 85th Civil Support Team took part in multiple training events including traveling to Guam and Alaska. The team was requested for two real-world missions and seven standby missions to assist local and federal agencies. The team continues to build trust and long-term relationships with local and federal agencies and remains one of the top-recognized CST programs in the nation.



Lt. Col. Christopher Caldwell and Maj. Robert Warden discuss aspects of incident management and emergency response with Moroccan officers during engagement in Morocco March 2013.

The 115th Maintenance Company had a change of command in which Capt. Ryan Wimmer relinquished command to Capt. Ryan Robison. The unit fulfilled roles in maintenance and as the decontamination element of the Utah CBRNE-Enhanced Force Package (CERFP).

The 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment had a change of command in which Maj. Wencke Tate relinquished command to Capt. Choli Ence. Members of the unit provided public affairs support to multiple events including Panther Strike at Camp Williams, Vigilant Guard in Colorado and Key Resolve in Korea. The 128th MPAD is now preparing for mobilization in 2014.

The 144th Area Support Medical Company (ASMC) had many accomplishments this year. Soldiers were certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Pediatric Advanced Life Support, allowing them to provide more advanced care for medical and trauma patients. The 144th ASMC served as the primary medical support for Governor's Day.

The 653rd Trial Defense Team provided independent legal advice to soldiers, primarily for the military-justice defense mission, i.e. court martial or Article 15, but it also provides support for limited legal assistance, pre-mobilization and domestic-operations contingencies.

The 1993rd Contingency Contracting Team worked hard to make sure all unit members were fully qualified in all technical contracting tasks. They also further developed their contracting skills in support of civil authorities during the HRF external evaluation.

In March, SPP coordinated an exercise along with State G3 in which 97th Troop Command headed a very successful bilateral, disaster-response exchange in Kenitra, Morocco. The event focused on various areas of emergency-incident response.

The culminating training event for 97th TC was Vigilant Guard in Denver, Colo. The Utah HRF interacted with multiple civilian emergency-response agencies and fulfilled its role as mission command for all of the military units involved in the exercise.

Overall, 97th Troop Command had a very successful training year 2013 and is looking forward to another successful year in 2014. 

Utah CERFP set up for a nonstandard, mission-training exercise at a hospital in Denver, Colo., during Vigilant Guard in July 2013.



Elements of the Homeland Response Force (HRF) and CERFP load for airlift to Utah at the conclusion of Vigilant Guard.



204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade

The 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (MEB) had a very productive year in 2013. With a new commander, there came new goals and a change in focus. To ensure maximum combat effectiveness, Col. Tom Fisher focused the brigade on mobilizing and deploying units, as well as stretching its influence as a brigade across the MEB community.

Soldiers and staff remained flexible and adjusted to a myriad of changes in missions and manning requirements for deployments to Kosovo and Afghanistan. In order to ensure soldiers were ready for the challenges of their deployments, the 204th brought all its resources together in order, to conduct pre-mobilization training during the brigade Annual Training for two iterations of 204th soldiers headed downrange. Each group of deploying soldiers brought its own set of talents and trials to the mobilization process.

In March, 35 MEB soldiers mobilized and deployed as a part of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) to Afghanistan. Due to the nature of their mission, the Afghan contingency was forced to prepare for a combat-oriented environment, and they were greatly assisted by the predeployment training assessment and evaluation at Camp Williams during the mobilization-certification exercise prior to departure.

Shortly after the departure of OEF soldiers, a total of 39 more soldiers were mobilized and deployed to Kosovo. These KFOR 17 soldiers were tasked to understand how to operate in a long-established Eastern European, international, NATO environment. 204th MEB soldiers once again lived up to the task, and all KFOR soldiers were ready and able to deploy on time.

In April, 15 soldiers from the 204th MEB, augmented by personnel from throughout the state, departed for their mobilization center at Fort Benning, Ga., and linked up with the additional 24

counterparts that were already in Hohenfels, Germany, participating in pre-mobilization training and validation exercises in support of U.S. Army European Command and NATO missions.

Several months later, 15 more MEB soldiers from the 115th Engineer Facilities Detachment successfully performed the same type of combat-oriented, certification exercise as their predecessors, then headed off to Afghanistan in October 2013.

On a separate note, not only were 204th MEB soldiers sent downrange, but several MEB soldiers were also welcomed home. In May, 139 soldiers from the 624th Vertical Engineer Company arrived in Utah after a very successful one-year tour in Afghanistan.

In July 2013, the 204th sent 24 officers and senior noncommissioned officers to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., to participate in a Force 2020 Simulation exercise, sponsored by the Army Centers of Excellence. This was the largest exercise of its kind in history. The focus of the exercise was to test the proposed Army of the future. The role of the 204th MEB staff was to act as the lead brigade for the corps-sized, battle simulation. The MEB was given a fictitious modified table of organizational equipment to operate off of and fought the war of the future. The results of this exercise were published and sent to the highest levels of military command in the United States, and the 204th proved once again to be more than up to the task. This exercise allowed the 204th to be directly involved in a key decision-making process for MEBs of the future regarding force structure and mission parameters.

Finally, to note a significant individual achievement that took place on June 24, Sgt. Maj. Rene Criswell (chief operations noncommissioned officer, 204th MEB) became the first Utah National Guard soldier in history to graduate from the 10-month resident Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas. 🇺🇸

Seventeen members of the 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade pose for a group photo with Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton (center) at Salt Lake International Airport as they begin their yearlong deployment to Afghanistan.



Soldiers with the 204th participate in Army 2020 simulation exercise at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.



Soldiers practice interviewing skills at the Camp Williams Afghan Village as part of Panther Strike.



300th MI Brigade French linguist supporting Exercise Central Accord in Cameroon.



During Beyond the Horizons 2013, Sgt. 1st Class Yader Zelaya, 142nd MI, Utah Army National Guard (right), provides translation support between U.S. medic Zachary Collins and Colombian engineer and medic Juan Suspea at Achote, Panama.



300th Military Intelligence Brigade

Headquartered in Draper, Utah, the 300th Military Intelligence Brigade (Linguist) consist of five Military Intelligence (MI) battalions totaling more than 2,000 soldiers in six different states: Utah, Washington, California, Florida, Illinois and Massachusetts. The 300th provides language and intelligence support to the Army and the greater intelligence community. Their MI specialties include Human Intelligence, Signals Intelligence and Counterintelligence. When called on by the governor, the 300th deploys in support of state contingencies.

With only a few of the brigade's 900 Utah soldiers deployed to a theater of war, it remains actively engaged through 'reach' operations and by conducting training. Reach operations allow brigade soldiers to apply their language and intelligence skills to the warfight while remaining at home station. This year approximately 25 percent of the brigade's Utah soldiers were engaged full time in reach or intelligence-training support.

During 2013, soldiers in the 300th maintained proficiency in more than 39 foreign languages, deploying to Cameroon, Germany, Italy, Korea, Mauritania, Morocco, Nicaragua, Niger, Panama, Portugal, Senegal, Thailand and Zambia to assist as interpreters, translators and intelligence professionals in a variety of Joint Chiefs of Staff military exercises. This continues the 300th's proud and distinguished support to the Army's combined and joint commands, most major commands and many of the nation's intelligence agencies operating throughout the world.

Chief Kade Rolfson, a 300th MI soldier, won the Operational Officer Military Performer of the Year for 2012, for National Security Agency (NSA) and its entire extended enterprise. Competitors included Reserve and active-duty soldiers from Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard. Rolfson won at four levels to finally claim this title at a ceremony at Fort Meade, Md., May 3, 2013. Rolfson was also selected by the Department of the Army as the 2013 recipient of the Colonel Carl F. Eifler Award, presented May 19, 2013, in Virginia.

In March, the brigade hosted its 24th annual language conference. This is an excellent training event for our soldiers. This year's cultural focus was on China and Iran, with 20 different training breakout sessions taught primarily by local academia.

In June, the brigade hosted nearly 700 active-duty, Guard and Reserve soldiers and airmen from 20 states and Canada to participate in Panther Strike at Camp Williams, Utah. The exercise not only provides outstanding intelligence training, but it also serves as a platform to test new technologies and brings national-level resources and attention to Utah.

The 141st MI Battalion supported the Homeland Response Force's Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives Assistance and Support Element for a second year. The force continued to train to respond rapidly, within 6 to 12 hours, to extreme contingencies. The task force deployed to Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., and Colorado to cross-train with other civilian agencies and military forces within our FEMA area.

The 300th MI Brigade is commanded by Col. Derek Tolman and Command Sgt. Maj. Lane Wayment. 🇺🇸



Retired Lt. Gen. Jim Williams, far left, presents Chief Rolfson the Colonel Carl F. Eifler Award at the NMIA awards banquet May 19.

640th Regional Training Institute

The 640th Regiment Regional Training Institute (RTI) is commanded by Col. Holly Ottesen and Command Sgt. Maj. Eric Anderson. The RTI consists of four training battalions and 146 soldiers.

The RTI employs more than 200 full-time soldiers, contractors and civil-service technicians. The RTI complex is approximately 54,000 square feet and provides soldiers with state-of-the-art classrooms, a secure training facility and a field-training compound (FOB) with modern technology and equipment which enhance each soldier's education. The RTI currently holds the distinction of earning Training and Doctrine Command's (TRADOC) Institute of Excellence status, which is the highest level of accreditation for either active or Reserve training institutes.

For the second year, the RTI was invited to host the national-level Individual Training Workshop for all 54 states and territories. This workshop's purpose was to coordinate the allocation of school quotas for the Army National Guard. The RTI works in conjunction with TRADOC and National Guard Bureau to provide schooling and training for Army National Guard members, Army Reservists and active-duty soldiers. The RTI trains students in combat arms, military occupational specialties, leadership, noncommissioned officer education and general studies. The RTI monitors and regulates academic instruction, student dining, housing and training facilities.

The RTI headquarters oversees the RTI's four battalions. First Battalion, 640th RTI (Noncommissioned Officer Academy (NCOA)), is commanded by a commandant, Sgt. Maj. William Ewert. The NCOA conducts training for senior NCOs and junior-enlisted soldiers in all Army service branches. Noncommissioned Officer Education System (NCOES) courses include the Warrior Leader Course (WLC) and the Battle Staff NCO course. The battalion facilitates distance learning for the Advanced Leader Course (ALC). The battalion is one of six full-time NCO academies in the Army National Guard. In FY13 the NCO Academy formed a mobile training team and taught WLC in Djibouti, Africa, to a mobilized National Guard brigade.



Soldiers with the 640th RTI at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, Africa.



640th RTI Small-Unit Tactics course students get dropped off by the 2-211th Aviation Blackhawk on their infiltration into an ambush mission where soldiers shoot, move and communicate at Camp Williams.



Second Battalion (Modular), 640th RTI, commanded by Lt. Col. Ihor Balaban, trains 25U Signal Support System Specialists and 25B Information Systems Specialists. In addition, it trains all state-directed courses to include Officer Candidate School, bus driver training, Army Basic Instructor course, Small-Group Instructor course, 68W sustainment and any other training directed by the adjutant general.

Third Battalion, 640th RTI Field Artillery, commanded by Maj. Steven Brenchley, trains the majority of all Field Artillery MOS training and Senior Leader Course (SLC) in Field Artillery. Courses include 13B Cannon Crewmember, 13D Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data Specialist and 13F Fire Support Specialist.

Fourth Battalion, 640th RTI (Military Intelligence) commanded by Lt. Col. Robert Parsons, is currently one of only two National Guard schools accredited to conduct Military Intelligence reclassification training, ALC and SLC. Courses taught include 35M Human-Intelligence Collector, 35F Intelligence Analysts and 35L Counterintelligence Agent.

Headquarters, 640th RTI, is the Military Intelligence subject-matter-expert cell for National Guard Bureau and provides liaison support to Fort Huachuca, Ariz., and National Guard Bureau. The RTI oversees all National Guard institutional training for MI, training allocations for course managers, reviews course-management plans and programs of instruction and is designated to represent all National Guard Bureau Military Intelligence training.

In FY13, the RTI graduated nearly 7,500 soldiers in NCOES, Field Artillery, Signal Corps, Military Intelligence and modular courses, which contributed to the readiness of the Utah National Guard and the active Army. 

Utah Training Center- Camp Williams

This year, Camp Williams is officially a construction zone as several large projects have started right in the middle of the garrison side of the installation.

Some of the big projects included a 156-bed Bachelors Enlisted Quarters, which will include barracks and mess hall, a new fitness center and the new chapel, Sunrise Hall.

Several buildings have been remodeled to include the oldest building at Camp Williams. Originally built in 1929, Building 6150 was remodeled and restored to its original condition. The new and updated facilities will better suit the needs of students, soldiers and families at Camp Williams.

Camp Williams has also been vigorously working on fire-mitigation plans. This year Camp Williams contracted with Unified Fire Authority, helping to expand Camp Williams firefighting capability by providing faster, knowledgeable service in the event of a fire.

Along with the Unified Fire Authority, Camp Williams' staff has been working to improve fire-risk matrices and utilizing several fire-mitigation plans, such as cattle grazing.

Camp Williams has also been improving the Morale Welfare and Recreation program, recently updating an archery area available to soldiers. Although it is not fully up and running, the area was utilized in July when Camp Williams hosted a Department of Defense archery competition for wounded warriors and potential Paralympics archers.

The garrison side of Camp Williams is not the only side that is seeing improvements. The new 25-meter firing range was opened. This will allow for three potential zeroing ranges, and it has a walking path to the Modified Record-Fire Range. The



A construction worker moves dirt on the construction site for the new Bachelors Enlisted Quarters Oct. 10. The BEQ will have 156 rooms, and construction is scheduled to be completed in early 2015.

shoothouse was also finished, which will give troops real-life training. Work continues on the multipurpose machine-gun range. Construction also began on the north-boundary fence.

Members of Utah Training Center-Camp Williams coordinated with other units and agencies to host the 60th annual Governor's Day. Although the event was held off site from Camp Williams at Westlake High School in Saratoga Springs, the soldiers of Utah Training Center played an integral role in the success of the event.

Overall, Camp Williams and the soldiers of Utah Training Center are doing a great job of pushing ahead to improve the quality of life for everyone who uses Camp Williams. 🇺🇸

The new Camp Williams Fitness Center is nearing completion. The fitness center is scheduled to open later this year and will give Soldiers working and training at Camp Williams access to a modern facility and new equipment.



A Unified Fire Authority truck sits outside of the Camp Williams fire-house Oct. 10. This was the first year Camp Williams contracted with UFA for firefighting assets. Contracting with UFA has expanded Camp Williams' firefighting capability immensely by providing faster, knowledgeable service in case of a fire.



Lance Thornton, a resident of Missouri and U.S. Paralympics hopeful, assists Col. Clark Roberts, Camp Williams post commander, his shooting stance July 27. The U.S. Paralympics National teams and Department of Defense Emerging Athlete Sport Program held an archery training camp and competition for wounded warriors, and potential Paralympians, at Camp Williams July 25-28.



Medical Command

Medical Command's primary mission is the medical readiness Utah Army National Guard soldiers. This consists of annual Periodic Health Assessments for every Army National Guard soldier and medical-readiness processing of mobilizing soldiers. The medical-readiness mission also includes physical examinations for prior-service enlistments, retention, commissioning and special training and duty, such as Ranger, Airborne and Special Forces. Medical Command administers the annual influenza vaccination program by ordering the vaccines, dispensing vaccine to units with organic medical assets and immunizing soldiers throughout the state. Medical Command also coordinates all medical supply for the Utah Army National Guard.

Medical Command's dedicated medical professionals of physicians, dentists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, medics and other administrative and logistics specialists provided soldiers of the Utah Army National Guard with superb medical care and medical readiness support during Fiscal Year 2013. The command processed more than 4,560 Periodic Health

Assessments and physical examinations and provided thousands of immunizations, protecting the health of soldiers as they mobilized around the world and performed stateside missions.

Throughout the year medical professionals from Medical Command were mobilized to serve with the Community-Based Warrior Transition Unit-Utah, whose mission is to work with wounded and injured soldiers to ensure they get proper medical treatment and are returned to duty.

Medical Command participated in a humanitarian and civil assistance overseas-training mission, African Lion 2013, in cooperation with the Moroccan military in April 2013. While the exercise was cut short due to circumstances beyond its control, Medical Command soldiers gained valuable experience planning, deploying/redeploying and executing an overseas mission with a joint command and foreign military.

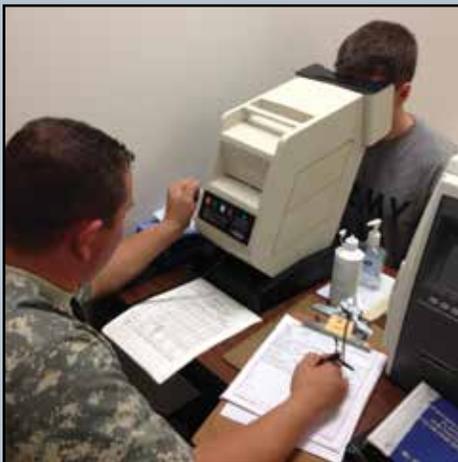
As we move into the next training year, we thank at the soldiers and their families who supported and sacrificed their time to ensure our mission was successful. We could not do this without them. 🇺🇸



Spc. Kami Erickson takes a dental X-ray at a PHA event.



Sgt. Traci Joseph visits with nurse practitioner Maj. Tina Powell.



Spc. Brandon Boyle gives a vision test and immunizes a Utah National Guard soldier.



Staff Sgt. Dan Andrews administers an EKG test.

Recruiting and Retention Battalion

It was an eventful year for Recruiting and Retention Battalion. One of the most notable events was the change of command. On Aug. 1, Lt. Col. Michael Turley, commander of the RRB, relinquished command to Lt. Col. Ken Verboncoeur, former commander of the 85th Civil Support Team. In addition, the command welcomed Sgt. Maj. Bryan Smethurst as the new command sergeant major.

Turley took command on May 4, 2011, and focused on maintaining the end-strength of the Utah Army National Guard within the margins of budget changes. His intent was to ensure that the RRB staff, RRNCOs, OSM Recruiters, RSP cadre, and the ROTC staffs had the necessary training and tools to perform their missions within budget constraints, while preparing to meet future accession needs of the Utah Army National Guard.

The Utah Army National Guard RRB reputation is special; the battalion has not missed an end-strength ceiling mission in more than 15 years, while consistently meeting and exceeding their accession missions for new enlisted recruits and officers and maintaining some of the lowest attrition rates in the country. This fiscal year was no different.

This kind of consistency is directly attributable to the outstanding leadership and public outreach by the well-trained officers and noncommissioned officers who provide new soldiers for the Utah Army National Guard formations that serve our great state. This year, our soldiers participated in hundreds of local events in search of the future soldiers and leaders of the Utah Army Guard.

One of the major public-outreach opportunities that the RRB had the honor to support was the Boss Lift sponsored by Panther Racing and Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) representatives on Aug. 15. Panther Racing, together with ESGR Utah and the RRB, hosted employers from Utah, Wyoming and Montana to draw attention to the high unemployment rate of National Guard servicemembers and to encourage local employers to hire those who wear the uniform of the Guard and Reserve.

It has, indeed, been a great year for the RRB. In light of their historic success and the consistent performance as one of the top recruiting battalions in the country, the Utah National Guard RRB looks forward to much success in 2014 and welcomes Lt. Col. Ken Verboncoeur and Sgt. Maj. Bryan Smethurst to the team. 



Staff Sgt. Justin Day, Utah Army National Guard, presents Lone Peak High School boys basketball team and Coach Quincy Lewis with the MaxPrep Basketball Tour of Champions minuteman trophy.



Sgt. Maj. Matthew Rhinehart, Lt. Col. Ken Verboncoeur, Lt. Col. Michael Turley and Sgt. Maj. Bryan Smethurst after the change-of-command ceremony Aug. 1.



Sgt. 1st Class Brett Jackson, Staff Sgt. Jullienne Montgomery and Pfc. Garryck Davies, Recruiting and Retention Battalion, operate a mechanical bull during the BYU-Texas football game in Provo.

Homeland Response Force (HRF)

The mission of the Homeland Response Force (HRF) is to provide command and control and logistical support for the lifesaving search-and-extraction, decontamination, medical triage and stabilization mission of the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Emergency Response Force Packages (CERFP) and the Weapons of Mass Destruction–Civil Support Teams (WMD–CST) responding to a CBRN or all-hazards event. These mission sets do not allow extensive planning and deployment times from the moment of notification. A CERFP is expected to deploy to an incident at notification plus six hours; a HRF brigade headquarters assembles and deploys no later than plus-12 hours.

The HRF for FEMA Region VIII, resourced by the Utah National Guard, conducted an airdrop exercise Jan. 7–11, 2013, at the Utah Air National Guard Base. A crew from the 172nd Airlift Wing of the Mississippi Air National Guard flew a C-17 to Utah for the exercise. After fighting the bitter cold and reworking load plans many times, every Guardmember involved learned a great deal from this exercise. Good relationships were developed, and the Region VIII HRF was better prepared to conduct a partial air deployment in July for Vigilant Guard.

In May, all HRF elements mobilized and conducted their first full deployment outside the state, convoying to North Las Vegas for a field-training exercise with first responders from the Henderson Fire Department and Nevada Task Force 1. HRF leaders integrated with an incident command team on Nellis Air Force Base and worked on command-post and logistic-support tasks. The 85th CST, CERFP and CASE elements conducted site survey, confined-space rescue, search and extraction, decontamination, and medical triage at the North Las Vegas urban search-and-rescue training area.

Vigilant Guard 2013, hosted by the Colorado National Guard, was a huge exercise with more than 2,000 soldiers and airmen from eight states, and more than 10 scenario locations spread across the Denver metro area. This was the first time the Region VIII HRF had participated in a large-scale training scenario. The HRF managed and directed the multiple-response teams at each incident site, integrating Army and Air assets with the civilian authorities who requested their assistance.

The HRF continued to exercise its ability to rapidly respond. Multiple assets and personnel were deployed with strategic airlift via C-17 to and from Colorado, and the remaining vehicles and personnel conducted convoy operations.

During the past year, the HRF Regional Plans Section completed the state-specific response plans for each of the six FEMA Region VIII states: Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming and Utah. Within those states, the Utah National Guard HRF is the primary military-response force tasked to respond in the event of a major CBRN event or other disaster requiring additional military support. The HRF now has a geo-specific plan for a specialized deployment to each state allowing for the most efficient and lifesaving response. The development of each of these state plans was unique because they were developed collaboratively with planners in each state over the past year.



Members of the Army and Air Guard returning to Utah at the completion of air-load operations and conclusion of Vigilant Guard in Denver, Colo.



Utah National Guard's Homeland Response Force supports Colorado's Vigilant Guard 2013.



Regional response plans were finalized in a planning conference which included face-to-face meetings with state and HRF planners over several days. The planning event included participation by each state's staff and the HRF command team, culminating in a response-plan brief to each state's adjutant general.

According to Lt. Col. Ryan King, HRF executive officer, the goal of the HRF going into FY13 was to enhance its readiness to respond to an incident. The Utah HRF has definitely made great strides in that direction and continues to be a pioneer among its contemporaries in the field of emergency management. 



Utah Air National Guard

The Utah Air National Guard (UTANG), located at Salt Lake International Airport, is geographically positioned to provide its primary mission of aerial refueling to a variety of receiver aircraft in the continental United States and worldwide.

The 151st Air Refueling Wing is the largest component of the UTANG, commanded by Col. Sam Ramsay, and home to eight KC-135R Stratotanker aerial-refueling aircraft, highly trained aircrew teams and maintenance and support personnel.

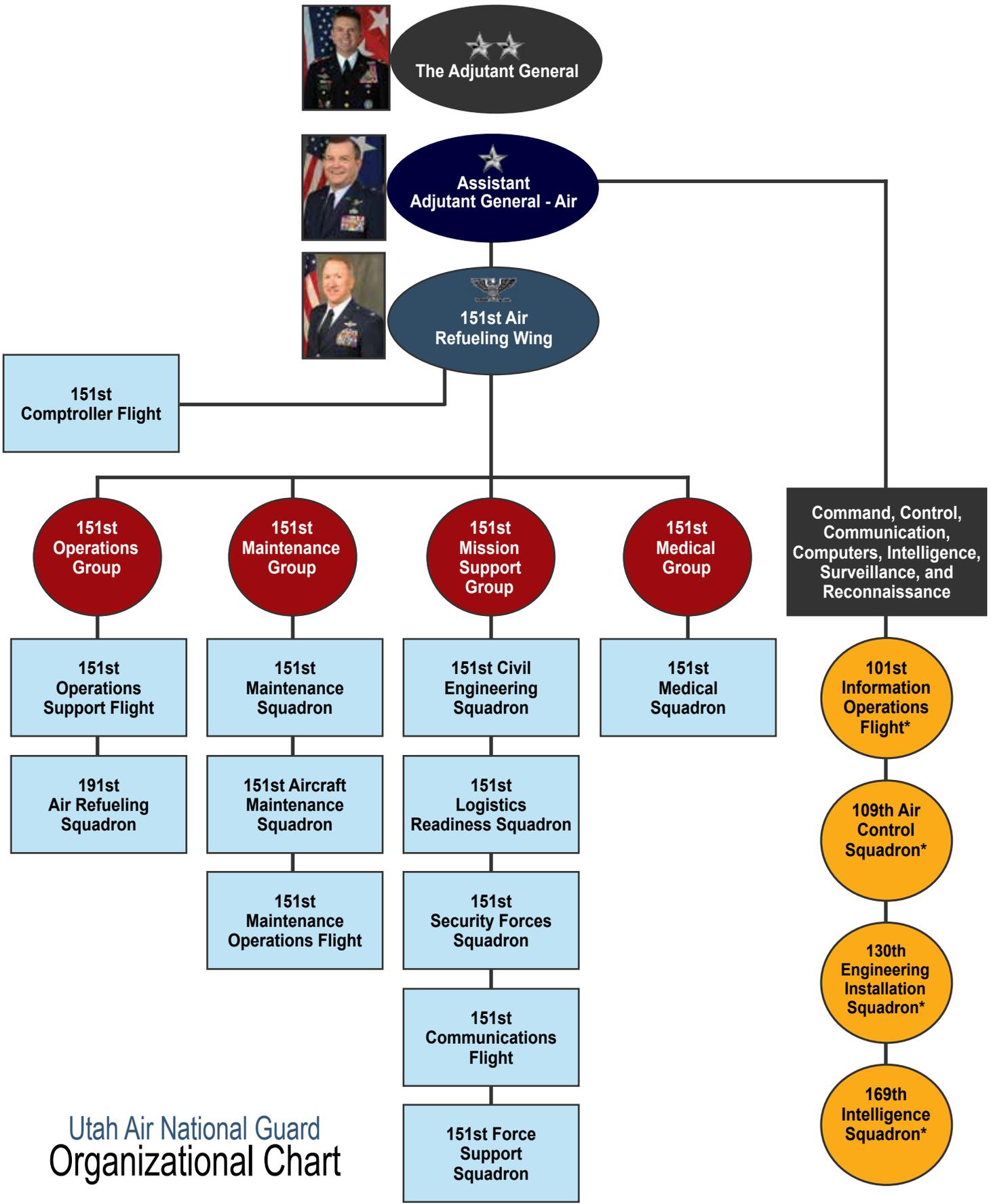
Also included in the UTANG are four associate units: the 101st Information Operations Flight, commanded by Lt. Col. Kevin Nuccitelli; 109th Air Control Squadron, commanded by Lt. Col. Randy Stevens; 130th Engineering Installation Squadron, commanded by Lt. Col. Kevin Tobias; and 169th Intelligence Squadron, commanded by Lt. Col. Jonathan Boyd. These associate units are assigned to the UTANG, though not a part of the 151st ARW, and play a critical role in the partnership to achieve the overall Air Force mission to fly, fight and win.

The 1,400-plus airmen of the UTANG show a strong sense of commitment to their mission and are among the most highly trained professionals in our nation's military. The UTANG also participated in Operation ShakeOut, a multistate, domestic-response exercise designed to test their abilities to handle a large-scale natural disaster in Utah. As always, the men and women of the UTANG displayed exceptional levels of motivation and skill, easily handling the tasks and challenges presented to them following a simulated earthquake. With many of its members deployed to various regions around the globe, fulfilling combat missions through Air Expeditionary Forces rotations, the UTANG showed a strong commitment to its state mission, supporting the annual Freedom Academy.

The UTANG looks forward to many more years of dedicated service to both its federal and state missions, providing critical support on any front to the citizens of this country and the State of Utah. 



Utah Air National Guard members at Wingman Day 2013.



Utah Air National Guard Organizational Chart

*Administrative Control with 151st ARW



Colonel Yahya Azougar (Magistrate Judge, Moroccan Royal Armed Forces), Lt. Col. Jonathan Boyd (169th IS/CC), Mr. Patrick Bowman (AFRICOM/JA), and Maj. Aaron Drake (State Judge Advocate) discuss legal aspects of peacekeeping operations during the second-ever legal engagement between Morocco and the Utah National Guard.



151st Air Refueling Wing

Fiscal Year 2013 continued the high operational tempo of all units in the 151st Air Refueling Wing. From multiple deployments to exercises and training events, the 151st Air Refueling Wing continued its global and local engagements.

The 151st Air Refueling Wing staff provided excellent support to all personnel. The Chaplain Corps hosted multiple resilience-based services as well as “Strong Bonds” events to enhance our airmen’s personal relationships. The Safety team had another stellar year with no class A or B mishaps. The Legal team

conducted a valuable exchange with the Moroccan military, as well as continually serving the needs of Utah Air National Guard personnel.

Wingman Day 2013 was a great success combining resiliency, sexual-assault prevention, leadership and team building. The 151st Air Refueling Wing is comprised of the outstanding airmen of the 151st Operations Group, 151st Maintenance Group, 151st Mission Support Group and 151st Medical Group. 🇺🇸



At Wingman Day, Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton awards Annika Hunt, Wing Director of Psychological Health, a certificate of appreciation for a job well done and for her tireless dedication to helping members of the Utah Air National Guard.



Utah Air National Guard Master Sgt. Mario Reeve works state-tuition reimbursement with a Utah Air National Guard member.



101st Information Operations Flight

The 101st Information Operations Flight (IOF) conducts year-round information operations (IO) planning for Homeland Air Defense and Civil Support Operations as the IO Team for “America’s AOC” (Air Operations Center), under the Air Component of NORAD and U.S. NORTHCOM (Northern Command). The 101st provides primarily nonkinetic operational options directly for the Combined Forces Air Component Commander (CFACC) for the Continental NORAD Region (CONR) and Air Forces North (AFNORTH).

Major IO support programs for the CFACC have included a comprehensive commander’s communication strategy and a detailed track-of-interest mitigation program for the numerous flight-restricted areas that CONR patrols, both temporary and permanent. The area known as the Special Flight Rules Area around the National Capital Region was the primary focus of effort.

The CFACC and AOC have extensively used IO options to highlight Air Force support to civil authorities, especially ongoing wildland firefighting support with the Mobile Airborne Firefighting system in our C-130 aircraft. The Air Force Rescue Center and Hurricane Hunter operations have also been emphasized along with our daily support from the Civil Air Patrol or Air Force Auxiliary.

Air-sovereignty plans and operations for national-security special events continue to include the Super Bowl, presidential

library dedications, State of the Union address and national elections. Vigilant Shield and Ardent Sentry are our yearly national-level exercises under NORAD and U.S. NORTHCOM, which test homeland air defense and civil support.

Special missions this year included our support to NORTHCOM’s subject-matter-expert exchange with the Mexican Army and Navy as part of the theater-security cooperation program. We supported two visits with experts in operational security and electronic warfare. Two members of our unit supported the Air Force’s largest exercise, Blue Flag, with our sister combatant command’s IOF in U.S. Southern Command. We supported their electronic-warfare coordination cell and operational-assessment team under the 612th AOC. We also participated in a combined training event with the 612th AOC’s IOF during our annual super drill.

The 101st will continue to support real-world defense support to civil authorities missions anytime the U.S. Air Force is involved in disaster response and recovery operations to include hurricanes, floods, wildland fires, etc. We have supported Utah National Guard IO planning when requested and have trained our very detailed social media concept of operations, which we developed for the CFACC. 🇺🇸



Airmen with the 101st Information Operations Flight during their annual super-drill formation.



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.” In January 2013, as part of our spin-up for our 2014 deployment, the 109th participated in an Army joint-kill chain event. This event was conducted in order to train Army Air Defense Artillery Fire Control Officers (ADAFCO) in their roles and responsibilities as a control-and-reporting center crewmember. The close coordination between the ADAFCO and senior director ensures the kill chain for inbound theater ballistic missiles, cruise missiles, anti-radiation missiles, or air-breathing threats in as short a time as possible in a wartime environment. This close coordination not only ensures that inbound missiles are neutralized, but it also reduces the chance of fratricide. This was the first of two major exercises that the 109th ACS participated in this year.

In June, the 109th ACS successfully airlifted 49 airmen and 35 short tons of equipment to the Georgia Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC). During our two-week Annual Training event, the unit focused on its core skills of mobilizing, deploying, performing radar operations and redeploying. While deployed to the CRTC, the unit conducted split-site operations, with a radar/radio site and a satellite communications site. Once operational, the radar/radio site’s information was sent via tropo-scatter-support radio to the satellite communications site located a half mile away. Afterwards, the information was sent via satellite communications to the air-battle execution site located in Salt Lake City. This was the 109th ACS’s first deployed radar annual field-training trip to Georgia, and by utilizing military airlift and on-base resources such as billeting and the dining facility, we spent \$30K less on Annual Training than we did in 2012!

When the 109th ACS wasn’t training to accomplish the mission, they were busy assisting other organizations. This assistance included performing radar testing for Air



Members of the 109th Air Control Squadron set up the deployment radar site in Savannah, Ga.

Combat Command at the 133rd Test Squadron, hosting voice-communications testing for the Operations Module Program Management Office, and conducting five out-of-state Standardization and Evaluation Staff-Assistance Visits, as well as three positional evaluations for other Air Control squadrons. Finally, to ensure seamless deployment continuity, the 109th ACS augmented the 103rd and 128th Air Control Squadrons with both operations and maintenance personnel during their six-month deployments to Southwest Asia.

For the remainder of 2013, the 109th ACS will participate in the Navy’s Fleet Synthetic Training Joint exercise at the Utah Air National Guard Base. Afterwards, the unit will participate in an advanced radar-counterjamming event at Hill Air Force Base. This will conclude a very busy training year as we gear up for our six-month, Southwest Asia deployment in 2014. Warlocks... ANYTIME, ANYWHERE! 🇺🇸

Tech. Sgt. Mark Libby oversees the C-17 loading operations.



Tech. Sgt Gary Lakes and Staff Sgt. Steven Welch load equipment on a C-17.



130th Engineering Installation Squadron



The 130th Engineering Installation Squadron (EIS) upholds the Air Force mission to fly, fight, and win in air, space and cyberspace. We do this by executing our mission to design, install, repair, remove and relocate ground-based electronics, airfield systems, and Command, Control, Communications, Computer and Intelligence (C4I) systems equipment. 130th personnel are highly trained to perform this mission. They are resident experts, not only as military members, but are sought after in their respective careers as civilian airmen. The 130th's knowledge and expertise has been requested by users and commanders all over the globe, and the 130th, as always, is ready to respond on short notice, whether at home or abroad.

With the FY12 deployment complete, the decision was made to get back to basics and reenergize training programs, capitalize on returning deployers' knowledge base and bring all personnel into training compliance. To fulfill this requirement, an aggressive super drill was scheduled at Camp Williams in June. There, all 130th members engaged in training covering the five-core competency of the EIS community and deployable Unit Task Code skill sets critical for success in deployed environments. Team-building events brought new members of the 130th into the work-hard, play-hard mindset that is present within the unit.

Over the course of this year the 130th lost a sister unit due to force-restructure initiatives. As a result of these restructure efforts; the 130th took on new Cyberspace Systems Integrator (CSI) responsibilities, as well as maintaining existing areas of responsibilities. The new areas cover the long-term sustainability and viability for Air National Guard base C4I systems, which include Hawaii, Washington, Oregon and Montana. The 130th also continues to maintain responsibility for Utah, Nevada and Idaho.

This year the 130th completed seven separate projects directly impacting day-to-day operations of the various bases using 1,500 man-days and \$1 million worth of communications gear or resources. These efforts included a copper-to-fiber conversion of the RAF Lakenheath, U.K. Air Traffic Control and Landing System (ATCALS); copper-to-fiber conversion of a Buckley AFB, Colo.;



Chief Mark Michie oversees the training of SrA Rebecca Bagley by Staff Sgt. Lamont Class while Airman 1st Class Samuel Coffey completes the task of splicing a strand of fiber-optic cable where small teams were required to complete several different tasks during the 130th super drill.

vintage hangar state-of-the-art renovation project; engineering design and installation of communication billboards for Channel Islands ANG Base, Calif.; installation of two poles and antennas for ground-based repeaters at Holloman AFB, N.M.; engineering, development and installation of a new telecommunications and computer network at Moffett Field, Calif., a NASA AMES research base completing a four-year effort; engineering redundancy paths into the telecommunications network at Hickam AFB, Hawaii; and augmenting teams deploying to Clear AFS, Alaska, and Anderson AFB, Guam.

Early in 2013, the 130th was awarded the 2012 Maj. Gen. Harold M. McClelland Air Force Dominance Award. In addition, the unit received its fifth Outstanding Unit award. It has been an outstanding year that has demonstrated our commitment to serving both state and nation. We are proud to contribute and as always, Once a wizard, always a wizard! 🇺🇸



Group picture taken at Camp Williams during the 130th super drill held May 30–June 2, 2013.



169th Intelligence Squadron

As in years past, the 169th Intelligence Squadron (IS) continued to make important and unique contributions to United States worldwide operations by fulfilling the ongoing need for critical intelligence. Despite a year of uncertainty regarding the unit's primary mission of Senior Scout and a stand-down in Senior Scout deployments, squadron members continued to maintain near-100 percent proficiency and currency ratings on board the Senior Scout collection platform. Additionally, when not deployed with Senior Scout or supporting other missions, 169th IS members augmented active-duty Distributed Common Ground System (DCGS) operations, garnering recognition for their critical linguist and cryptologic contributions. This year, both airborne and ground cryptologic-linguist analysts contributed to more than 300 missions around the world. During the first three quarters of FY13, 60 new members became qualified on DCGS and actively contributed to daily operational missions supporting United States Central Command. Working seven days a week/365 days a year, 169th IS operators routinely filled essential crew-manning positions that active-duty DCGS units were unable to fill. Not only has this filled critical shortfalls in contingency-intelligence operations, but it also served to maintain operator target proficiencies and language abilities.

Members of the 169th IS heeded additional calls for assistance, continuing a commitment to several other vital national-security missions. As in years past, squadron members volunteered for deployed service attached to a Special Operations task force in Afghanistan, host-nation-rider duties in U. S. Southern Command, airfield assessments for Air Mobility Command and support to federal counterdrug efforts. This past year also saw significant contributions in a new mission area involving joint

(Army/Air) intelligence support to U. S. Northern Command.

One of the highlights for 2013 was the squadron's Consolidated Unit Inspection (CUI) Feb. 22-24, 2013. In its periodic inspection cycle, the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency (AFISRA) Inspector General's office sent a total of 23 inspectors to inspect seven major graded areas and 31 sub-areas in the 169th IS. When grading was finished, the 169th received an Excellent rating, the highest grade given by the AFISRA IG to any unit (active-duty or Reserve component) in the year since the tiered grading system was reintroduced. An Excellent grade is given to a unit for performance or operations that exceed mission requirements, whose procedures and activities are carried out in a superior manner and whose resources and programs are very efficiently managed and relatively free of deficiencies. During the inspection period, two areas were rated as outstanding, nine were rated as excellent, and 42 were rated as satisfactory. There were no marginal or unsatisfactory areas. This CUI also included an AFISRA Intelligence Standards and Evaluations Inspection (ISEV) as well as a Logistics Compliance Assessment Program Evaluation (LCAP). Both of these inspections validated the unit's compliance and readiness, with the unit earning an Excellent LCAP rating. Colonel Robert A. Spitznagel, AFISRA inspection team chief, stated in the final report: "The overall rating indicates a high level of readiness at the 169th IS and a high desire to accomplish any mission that comes their way."

Whatever the unit's future may hold, the men and women of the 169th IS will be ready to excel. 🇺🇸

Members of the 169th Intelligence Squadron conduct weapons-system training.





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