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# The Adjutant General

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*The Adjutant General  
Major General  
Jefferson S. Burton*

DRAPER, Utah —  
Soldiers and airmen of the Utah National Guard, it is my absolute honor to serve side by side with you, wearing the uniform of this great nation. I wake up every morning excited to interact with some of America’s greatest, and I sincerely thank you for your honorable and faithful service. After more than 12 years of war, we still have team members serving in harm’s way. I ask that

you keep those who are currently “downrange” and their families in your thoughts and prayers. As you know, retrograde operations can be some of the most difficult and dangerous missions we face, and exiting from Afghanistan will be a demanding process.

We live in both interesting and challenging times. We face some significant economic issues as a nation, which will most assuredly affect our National Guard, both in terms of force structure and future budgets. In the words of the current Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Martin Dempsey, “Adapt or die.” As members of the highly resilient National Guard, we have been adapting since our inception nearly 377 years ago. We will face our challenges with optimism and the commitment to add value to our communities, our state and our nation.

In a recent study funded by the Department of Defense, it was clearly demonstrated that a National Guard unit costs about one-third of what an active-component unit costs to maintain. As Guardmembers, we can make an awful lot of readiness out of a relatively small bank account, and we’ve been doing what’s right for America for more than three centuries. As the drawdown begins, we will seek new niches and opportunities where our skills can be put to use. Develop yourself as an individual servicemember, and look for opportunities to increase your breadth and depth. Look for ways to strengthen your units and your fellow team members.

Be assured that Utah is at the forefront of innovation. We will seek new opportunities and new methods of efficiency. With our dual mission of defending the nation at home and abroad, we will continue to evolve as the most capable and cost-effective solution for any contingency. I challenge every soldier and airman to face the future with confidence. There is great power in positive expectation and deliberate action; there will always be room for outstanding servicemembers and units. Let’s look to the future with confidence and high expectation. Together we can accomplish any task! 🇺🇸



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

*Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton talks with members of Team Lightning at Camp Shelby Aug. 30.*



*Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller talks with members of the 65th Fires Brigade, Team Lightning at Camp Shelby Aug 30.*

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*Staff Sgt. Ryan Brubaker, weapons sergeant for B Co, 1st Bn, 19th SFG(A), leads Maizy through rocky terrain as part of unconventional-warfare training at Camp Williams June 20.*

*Cover Photo by Staff Sgt. Ashley Baum*



# Joint Forces and Army Enlisted Comments



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Stacey Berg

*Michael Miller  
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DRAPER, Utah — **A**s I was considering what I should write for this publication, it suddenly came to me when I was traveling on an airplane. I heard the news on the screen in the background as I was making notes for this article. I looked and saw President Obama awarding the Medal of Honor to a deserving servicemember. I immediately listened as he read the citation for

the award to an incredible soldier who, on multiple occasions, risked his own life to assist his fellow comrades, including moving the wounded to safety. He did so without regard for his own safety, all in an effort to save the unit's position and his fellow soldiers.

This story made me think about how blessed we are as citizens, soldiers, airmen, and as leaders to have servicemembers in our Armed Forces who put the needs of others and the organization ahead of themselves. The Medal of Honor recipient is a true professional who did what he had to do to complete the mission: living the values, embracing the Warrior Ethos, and putting his own personal safety aside to ensure a successful outcome. He is a shining example that further confirms how bright our future is and that those serving today are professionals or striving each day to become professionals.

The military publishes doctrine that defines the Armed Forces professional. This doctrine is a tremendous tool that will enable any servicemember to continuously make every effort to be a professional, in and out of uniform. Army doctrine specifically lays out five essential characteristics of an Army professional:

- 1) Trust: the bedrock of the profession
- 2) Military Expertise: our ethical application of land power
- 3) Honorable Service: our noble calling to service and sacrifice
- 4) Esprit de Corps: our winning spirit.
- 5) Stewardship of the Profession: our long-term obligation

The Air Force doctrine outlines three core values that each airman should also embrace, follow and live by each day:

- 1) Integrity: an unfaltering devotion to honesty, truthfulness, doing one's duty, and doing what is right.
- 2) Service Before Self: the giving of self to provide for the welfare of others. Air Force people focus service in the defense of the nation.
- 3) Excellence in all we do: the standard you should set for yourself

It does not matter which service we belong to, our position or our rank. Our servicemembers have and will continue to be professional—an example that so many look up to, respect, and honor on a daily basis. Our families, friends and citizens have done so much for us this past decade as we served our country, and they continue to give us their untiring support and commitment. The servicemember today is respected, yet it is our responsibility to ensure that we continue to uphold that respect. Like all of our heroic Medal of Honor recipients, every day we need to make certain that we do what is required to accomplish the mission. We accomplish this by living our Army and Air Force values and continuously aspiring to become that respected professional.

I am deeply humbled to serve alongside so many professionals. Our organization is made up of a comprehensive team: servicemembers, families, employers, and communities. Without each other, any mission accomplishment would be difficult. I truly appreciate this opportunity to serve, but most importantly to serve those of you who make up our team. May we continue be blessed at home and abroad, and ask a special blessing for those currently separated from their loved ones. We pray for your safety, and Godspeed.

NCOs are the backbone of the Army and the Air Force. 🇺🇸



*Left to right: Utah National Guard Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller; Sgt. Conlee Luke, 116th Engineer Company; and Command Sgt. Maj. Brunk Conley, Army National Guard Command Sergeant Major.*



*Members of the 65th Fires Brigade pose at Camp Williams prior to their June 12 send-off.*

## Camp Williams Send-off for Afghanistan-Bound Soldiers

*Story by Ileen Kennedy*

SALT LAKE CITY — **E**ighteen soldiers from the Camp Williams-based 65th Fires Brigade, Utah Army National Guard, departed on a one-year deployment to Afghanistan June 12.

The group, known as Team Lightning because of its core leadership affiliation with the 65th and its Artillery legacy, will function as an advisory and assistance team providing training, expertise and assistance to Afghan security forces.

“This deployment we will train Afghan border police,” said Sgt. Maj. William Durrant, of Green River, Utah. “Our team will embed themselves within the Afghan security forces. They will train and mentor those forces, so when NATO and American Forces leave, the Afghan forces will be able to conduct their own security operations and secure their own country without international help.”

These embedded teams are composed of soldiers with many specialties. Team Lightning has Infantry, Military Intelligence, and Signal officers and enlisted, all with a wide range of capability within the team.

“The idea is that you would use those specialties as subject-matter experts to work with the Afghan counterparts and allies,” said Durrant.

This group of soldiers from the 65th will first travel to Camp Shelby, Miss., for several weeks of deployment-specific training before heading overseas to Afghanistan.

*Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Stacey Berg and Lt. Col. Hank McIntire*

“Now we are going to Shelby; we’ll do three months there and complete the Security Forces Advising Assessment Team Academy,” said Col. Scott Fuller, commander of the group and a deputy fire chief in Las Vegas in his civilian work capacity. “We will take all of our skill sets and put them to use. The training will help the whole team come together before we go into theater.”

Maj. Jason Wilde, executive officer for Team Lightning and a geochemist for the State of Utah’s Department of Environmental Quality, explained. “All of our civilian skills allow us to interact with people in a way that is intellectually or emotionally connected. It’s easier for National Guard soldiers, especially guys who are good like these guys, to meet new people and interact with them in a professional setting. These guys are great, and they’re able to interact with just about anybody.”

Much of the soldiers’ civilian work experience relates easily to the Security Forces Advising Assessment Team training, as is the case for Fuller.

“Ironically, I do homeland security for our fire department,” said Fuller, “and I work with the Metro Police, FBI and law enforcement quite a bit, so it’s not that far of a stretch.”



*Soldiers with the 65th Fires Brigade spend time with family and friends at Camp Williams before deploying to Afghanistan. Background photo taken during the 2-211th Aviation deployment to Afghanistan in 2012-2013.*

The group, while relatively small in number, is large in experience and abilities, with some soldiers deploying for the third or fourth time.

“You always hope it gets easier each time you do this,” said Durrant, who is going on his fourth deployment. “I’m more familiar with it, but it’s never really something you get used to. There’s always a little bit of stress and anxiety when you leave your family, regardless of how many times you’ve done it before. I’m grateful that I have a family that is very supportive of what I do and is supportive of my mission and my career, so

“I’m sure it’s going to be really hard on my wife and my children, but it seems like a good, exciting mission,” said Capt. Mark Bryner, a Lehi resident, deploying as an intelligence officer. Bryner works for the Army Corps of Engineers as a civil engineer. “It feels like we are going to be able to make a difference over there.”

“I am very excited,” said 1st Lt. Shane Sorensen, Military Police company adviser. “Out of everything I’ve experienced in the Army, this is one of the most exciting things: the opportunity to go over and make a difference and really matter.”

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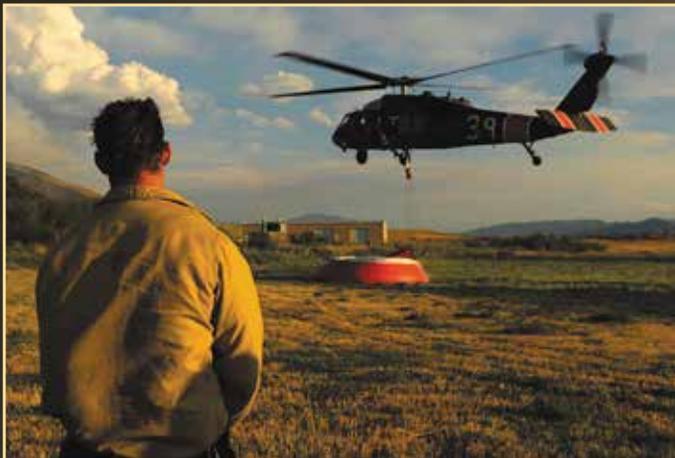
# Utah Guard Helicopters Mobilized for Utah Fires

Story by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire  
Ileen Kennedy contributed to this story

DRAPER, Utah — **G**overnor Gary Herbert activated members of the Utah Army National Guard Aug. 11-20 to assist with the response to a number of fires in northern Utah.

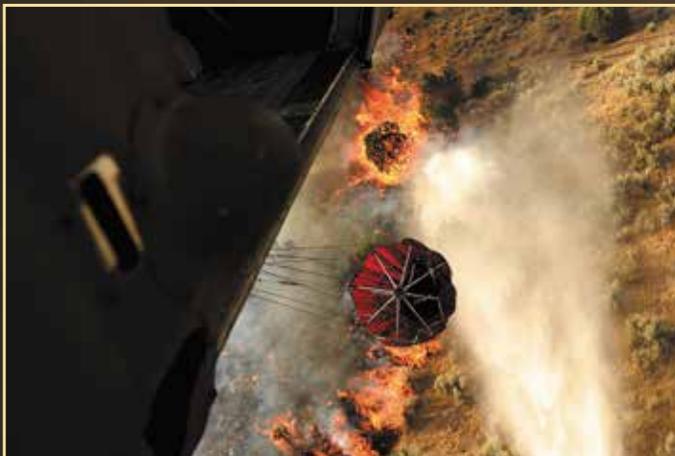
In true Minuteman fashion, Blackhawk pilots, crews and support personnel from the Utah Guard's 2-211th Aviation answered the call on short notice, getting three UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters (each with two pilots and one crew chief) airborne within two hours.

"It is gratifying to help protect threatened homes and property. I can only hope that someone else would do the same for me if our roles were reversed," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Eric Riedel, one of the pilots working on the State Fire. "In such a dire situation a little help goes a long way."



*Members of the Utah Army National Guard 2-211th Aviation Battalion assist in fighting fires in northern Utah Aug. 12. The National Guard UH-60 Blackhawk dropped more than 8,500 gallons of water in one day on two separate fires in northern Utah.*

*Photos by Staff Sgt. Tim Chacon and Ileen Kennedy*





*Members of the 2-211th Aviation prepare the UH-60 Blackhawks for firefighting by painting distinctive, identifying markings with a water-soluble paint and loading the Bambi buckets and other equipment needed to drop loads of water onto fires.*

Two aircraft responded Aug. 11 to the State Fire, near Portage, while the other went to the Millville Fire, south of Logan. Between the two fires, Blackhawk crews dumped 88 bucketfuls of water Aug. 11. The bright-orange buckets, suspended underneath the Blackhawks, each hold approximately 600 gallons of water.

“You can feel the extra weight. Sitting in the cockpit feels like being on the top of a large pendulum,” said Riedel. “It’s also a lot of fun. It’s just about the closest you can get to being a bomber pilot in the Army.”

Blackhawks and crews were again on the scene at both fires Aug. 12. At the State Fire, two Blackhawks dropped a total of 76 bucketfuls, and one Blackhawk dropped 18 on the Millville

Fire, for a total of 94 water drops that day. To accommodate refueling near the fires, the Utah Guard established a fuel point at the Malad, Idaho, airport.

“We were refueled at the Malad City Airport by fuelers from our facility in West Jordan,” said Riedel. “We dipped out of Samaria Lake, just a stone’s throw from the small community of Samaria, which was closest to the fire.”

For 10 straight days Utah Guard Blackhawks dropped a total of 865 Bambi bucketfuls of water on northern Utah fires, continuing with the State and Millville Fires, and later being called to respond to the Rockport Fire in Summit County and the Patch Springs Fire in Tooele County.

“The fires were quite patchy, covering large areas,” said



Riedel. “You could put out one hot spot, only to see another flare up only a few dozen meters away. Even though the fuel was mostly small vegetation, with the hot and dry conditions it can move very fast. Any wind acts as a multiplier.” 🇺🇸

*Soldiers with 2-211th Aviation Battalion remove water from Rockport Reservoir with a Bambi bucket attached to a UH-60 Blackhawk. They dropped bucketloads of water in Rockport Estates, one of the areas threatened by the Rockport Fire.*



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# Working with the Serbian Armed Forces

Story and photos by Capt. Randy Ready

VRAPCE, Serbia — Soldiers with the Joint Implementation Commission (JIC) and members of the European Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo, or EULEX, met with their Serbian Armed Forces (SAF) and Ministry of Internal Affairs counterparts during a coordination meeting in Vrapce, Serbia, June 21.

The meeting was the second coordination-level meeting for the soldiers of Kosovo Force (KFOR) 17 since they assumed the KFOR mission June 1.

U.S. Army Lt. Col. Joseph Grimmett, the JIC chief and a member of the Utah National Guard, said these meetings are one of several functions the JIC performs in order to comply with the provisions of the Military Technical Agreement and the Temporary Operating Procedures Agreement for operating along the Administrative Boundary Line (ABL) between Kosovo and Serbia.

“Liaison meetings with the Serbian Armed Forces are a specified task of the JIC to promote cooperation and exchange of information that help both forces along the ABL,” said Grimmett, a resident of South Jordan, Utah.

Though this was only the second coordination meeting between the two parties, Grimmett said he hopes to build on the relationship started by his predecessors.

“There was a good relationship and coordination with KFOR 16, and we expect to be able to take it even further to the next step,” said Grimmett.

One topic addressed at the coordination meeting was sync patrols. These are coordinated patrols along the ABL conducted by KFOR and the SAF.

Grimmett highlighted these patrols as an important function of the JIC.

“It (sync patrols) provides a presence along the ABL,” said Grimmett. “It demonstrates that we are cooperating, that we both have a vested interest to discourage inappropriate activity along the ABL, which directly supports one of our specified tasks of [providing] a safe and secure environment.”

Polish Army Capt. Paulina Oleskow-Dabska, the JIC deputy chief, said it was important to include other departments and organizations like EULEX in the meeting in order to improve communication throughout all of the organizations.

“I think it is very important to bring all these groups together because it helps to improve our cooperation,” said Oleskow-Dabska. “The JIC is responsible for some parts and EULEX has other responsibilities, so we [the JIC] are not able to provide some information to the Serbian Armed Forces that EULEX is able to.”

Grimmett also emphasized the importance of bringing the different organizations together to be able to accomplish each group’s mission.

“It’s a team effort,” said Grimmett. “The JIC is able to bring EULEX, the JLELT [Joint Law Enforcement Liaison Team], and the planners from the battle group together in one room [with the SAF], and it’s important that we facilitate and coordinate that.”

*A member of the European Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo, or EULEX, introduces himself to his Serbian counterparts at a coordination meeting in Vrapce June 21. Lt. Col. Joseph Grimmett, Joint Implementation Commission Chief and a member of the*



*Utah National Guard, greets his Serbian Armed Forces counterpart after a coordination meeting where the two groups meet monthly to coordinate their efforts along the Administrative Boundary Line between Kosovo and Serbia. Soldiers from Multinational Battle Group-East review a map of the Administrative Boundary Line with one of their Serbian Armed Forces counterparts at a coordination meeting held in Vrapce June 21.*



# Kosovo Mission Brings Diversified Experience



*Left: Maj. Austin Marshall, Multinational Battle Group-East engineer, listens to concerns from local residents on Aug. 5, about obstacles that were emplaced in June near the Dog 15 checkpoint along the Administrative Boundary Line. The obstacles, meant to keep larger trucks from potentially falling into the nearby lake, are frowned upon by citizens who wanted more room for their personal vehicles.*

*Below: After digging holes for barriers, Sgt. Austin Miller emplaces an obstacle at Dog 15 checkpoint in northern Kosovo with members of the French company June 5.*

*Photos by Staff Sgt. Cody Harding*

*Story by Maj. Wencke Tate*

CAMP BONDSTEEL, Kosovo — **I**n April 2013, 20 members from the Utah National Guard, either assigned or attached to the 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, mobilized to Camp Atterbury, Ind., in preparation for their deployment to Kosovo. They completed training and validated in order to fill vacancies within the 525th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade from Fort Bragg, N.C.

It's been 90 days, boots on the ground, and everyone is settled into their jobs assigned to Kosovo Force, Multinational Battle Group-East (MNBG-E), Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo.

Sgt. Austin Miller, assigned as a driver for the engineer officer, said he is enjoying the deployment because his job has turned out to be more than just being a driver.

"The best thing about this deployment is the opportunity to work with all the different entities, whether it be from the Utah Army National Guard or the participating KFOR [Kosovo Forces] nations," said Miller. "I enjoy the diversity of the environment and the many different aspects I get to experience."

Maj. Annette Barnes, Civil Affairs and Joint Implementation Commission deputy for the Battle Group, echoed similar sentiments.

"People... I love the multinational aspect. I love my counterparts in the Italian Carabinieri, and hanging out with them from time to time. I have enjoyed getting to know some wonderful individuals in the Kosovo Security Force, Serbian Armed Forces, and Kosovo Border Police," said Barnes. "I've been able to get to Novo Selo and meet with the Moroccan coy [company] a couple of times. I really love watching smart, young soldiers work together in a spirit of multicultural cooperation. I am so thankful to be a witness to that."

As the situation in Kosovo evolves and the security situation continually improves, manning is reassessed to make sure the right troops are on the ground to support the NATO mission, and that means that some positions that Utah soldiers thought they were going to fill in have changed.



Lt. Col. Coy Bryant, Chief of Staff for the Battle Group, deployed as the Information Operations officer in charge, says he was surprised to be asked to be the chief of staff for MNBG-E, but was up for the challenge.

"The requirements change based on the political conditions within Kosovo; however, adjusting personnel requirements is difficult due to political implications," said Bryant. "It's an unpredictable job, but it keeps me busy. I interact with the U.S. Embassy and multiple headquarters from KFOR, U.S. Army Europe, European Command and the Multinational Battle Group."

"I did deploy as the Civil Affairs officer for the brigade," added Barnes, "but the commander decided at our train-up in Germany that he needed more focus on the Administrative Boundary Line between Kosovo and Serbia, so I was asked to work with the Joint Implementation Commission. I am still able to conduct civil affairs from time to time. Working with the local communities is my first love."

While half of the deployed troops work on staff positions in MNBG-E, the Provost Marshall and Military Police work for the Area Support Team Balkans at Camp Bondsteel. The AST runs the camp while MNBG-E supports operations in the battle space.

"The AST has been great to work for; they have provided any needed support, equipment, training, and opportunities to make us successful," said Master Sgt. Eric Hill, Provost

Sergeant for Camp Bondsteel. “Yes, some of their policies are a little more relaxed than the MNBG-E, but I think that is good because it allows soldiers to get away from some of the stresses created around here.”

Hill said working in this position not only benefits him as a soldier, but it also helps his personal life and career as a civil law enforcement officer.

“The best thing about this deployment is being able to actually work in my MOS. Another great thing about this deployment is the opportunity to work side by side with so many different nations,” said Hill. “I have learned a lot since being deployed here, and I look forward to taking this knowledge back home.”

For Maj. Gordon Pedersen, MNBG-E Inspector General, who applied for the IG position in Utah to broaden his career, and going on this deployment was part of accepting that job, the best part of his job is the soldiers.

“The best part of my job is helping soldiers,” said Pedersen. “Typically a soldier will come into the IG office with a problem or issue they haven’t been able to resolve within their chain of command. It’s rewarding to be able to fix an issue in a matter of hours that they have been struggling with for months.”

Soldiers assigned to MNBG-E should return home by March 2014. 🇺🇸



*Maj. Annette Barnes and Maj Jared Jensen, both with the Utah Army National Guard, attend a Rotary International event and pose with Kosovo Forces commander, German Army General Volker Halbauer.*



*Maj. Annette Barnes participates in a group discussion on how these women hope to improve the quality of life in their village. Barnes was part of a trial group that worked in a Female Engagement Team, under the Liaison Engagement Team, who listened to the issues in the communities and sent their findings to the Kosovo Forces commander.*

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*Flight medics with the 1-171st Medevac prepare to transport mass casualties from Laketown Junior High School to Logan Regional Hospital during a training exercise in northern Utah.*



## 1-171st Medevac Trains with Logan Regional Hospital

*Story and photos by Maj. Shane Manwaring  
Capt. Penny Matthews contributed to this story*

LAKETOWN, Utah — **F**light medics conducted intensive medical training during their Annual Training based at Bear Lake, Utah, June 6-11.

Members of Charlie Company, Detachment 2, 1-171st Medevac, along with Logan Regional Hospital and Rich County Fire Departments participated in a mass-casualty event at Laketown Junior High. The exercise was intended to simulate a large explosion at the junior high requiring all local medical services to respond. Chief Warrant Officer 3 Andy Lovejoy, training officer and pilot for the 171st Medevac, made a 911 call reporting the notional scenario of a propane tank explosion at Laketown Junior High, which killed or injured around 30 adults and teenagers.

As fire and medical personnel arrived they found soldiers (acting as wounded) positioned throughout the four-acre field. The soldiers each had a script to use, which corresponded to

their injuries. Many were severe, requiring the emergency medical staff to do triage. Due to the volume and severity of many wounds, Medevac support was requested to fly the injured to Logan Regional Hospital.

When the call for support was received at the Tactical Operations Center for the 2-211th General Support Aviation Battalion, it put in motion the launch of the Medevac aircraft and flight medics.

As aircraft arrived at the school, flight medics exited the aircraft to receive the injured. Once loaded, the aircraft flew to Logan Regional Hospital where civilian medical staff waited to receive the patients and assume care. The Blackhawk helicopter remained on the hospital landing pad with rotor blades turning, waiting for flight medics to complete their transfer and load back up to return to Laketown.

“Having experienced real-world, mass-casualty incidents while I was deployed to Afghanistan, I can say that this is the closest thing to a real-world incident in which I could have been involved,” flight medic Sgt. Jeffrey Nelson said. “It factored in the intensity, the unsuspected surprises, stress and the sense of urgency that these patients are going to die unless you do something to save them right now. In my Army career, this was the best, most comprehensive training I have ever participated in.”

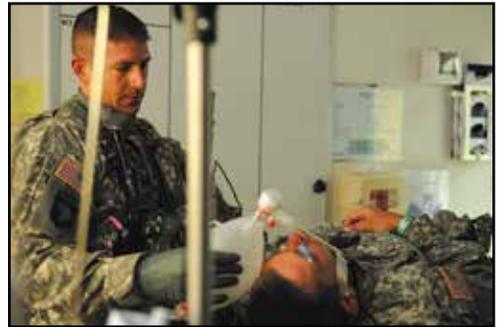
The scenario lasted nearly six hours with more than 30 patients transported. The majority of those patients were flown by helicopter to Logan Regional Hospital.

“This training exercise was months in the making and to finally see it unfold was very rewarding,” said Lovejoy.

Rich County firefighters were given no prior notice of the event. Their fire chief coordinated their participation without their knowledge. The assistant fire chief said training of this level has never been available to them in the past. Firefighters were heard saying, “This is the best training we’ve ever had.”

“The training was very beneficial for both our Medevac unit and civilian personnel involved,” said Lovejoy. “This was the most complex

training exercise our Medevac unit has conducted since we started training as Medevac in January 2011.” Through this joint training the medics and pilots were able to train several new members of the unit, providing them with scenarios they could possibly see during their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan. 🇺🇸



# Utah Guard Supports the 15th Annual Spanish Fork Flag Retirement Ceremony

Story and photos by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

SPANISH FORK, Utah — **M**embers of the Utah National Guard, American Legion, Spanish Fork area Scouts, and Spanish Fork City officials participated in the 15th annual Spanish Fork Flag Ceremony held at the Spanish Fork Fairgrounds July 17.

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*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.*



## 'It's Nice to Help People'

*Story by Chris Sugidono*

KIHEI, Hawaii — **A**bout 400 United States military personnel flew to Maui to provide free medical services through the Tropic Care program June 4-12 at locations throughout Maui County.

One of those locations was St. Theresa Church in Kihei, where more than a dozen doctors, nurses, pharmacists, ophthalmologists, dentists and other medical providers treated individuals on a first-come, first-served basis.

"It's going to be exciting to see and treat the locals," said Lt. Col. Teresa Starks of the 163rd Medical Detachment at the March Air Reserve Base in California. "You know, it's the aloha spirit."

Serving as a Medical Service Corps officer and an officer in charge at the site, Starks and her crew arrived on the island at 11:30 p.m. Sunday, June 2, and were awake early Monday to prepare for the day's clinic. Units from other military divisions that arrived earlier also helped organize the event.

"We see a meshing of different branches and units within the military to rise up and come together," Starks said of the clinic run by active and reserve personnel from the Army, Air Force and Navy. "Day one is all setup because we see our first patient at 8 a.m."

Although the collaborative effort provides medical care to underserved residents, it also provides real-world skill training for military members through a program called Innovative Readiness Training.

Established in the early 1990s, the program seeks to improve military readiness, which includes setting up two large tents to act as triage centers in the courtyard area of a church. The center's function is to quickly diagnose patients and ask them what they would like to have treated.

"We ask them what is the most important thing they want treated right now," said Master Sgt. Scott Peltier of the 151st Medical Group in Utah. "We have done this in Morocco (in a separate program) and set up tents to help alleviate stress from hot and humid climates like here on Maui. The shade facilitates more accurate diagnoses."

Learning in the program is medical logistician Kelsey Treseder of the Utah Air National Guard. The 20-year-old enlisted only a year and a half ago and is trying to "act like a sponge" to soak up as much of her experience on the island as she can.

"It's like my first trip anywhere," she said. "I want to get experience because you learn so much from people and other cultures."

At her Utah-based clinic, Treseder manages medical supplies and works in administration, but she has warmed up to the possibility of being a physician.

"When I first enlisted, I immediately turned it down," she said. "But the more I've been exposed to it, I've become a lot more open to it than I was before."

"As cheesy as it sounds, 'It's nice to help people.'"

Treseder will likely be receiving some help from Medical Technician Daniel Carrero of the 163rd Medical Group in California.

Raised in San Diego, Carrero has served 12 years as a technician in the Air Force and has participated in similar programs in areas such as Africa.

"It's what you get out of it," he said. "Once you interact with people, you see the gratitude in their faces. In your day-to-day job, you don't see the same reaction because it's expected of you, but being in a different area where they might not see that sort of care often, they're grateful." 

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# 48th Annual Military Ball

*Servicemembers and their partners dance at the 48th annual Military Ball held at Thanksgiving Point May 11.*

*Story and photos by Ariel Solomon*

LEHI, Utah — **T**he 48th annual Military Ball was held May 11 at the Thanksgiving Point Barn in Lehi.

The ball is an annual tradition in Utah, celebrating the service of military members and their families. It's a place for Air Force, Marines, Navy and Army to make their shoes shine and their brass glint as they take their better halves to the dance floor. It's a time to make memories, meet friends, and for many military spouses, it's one of the few experiences they can share with their servicemember.

"I was really excited to come with my husband, especially because I never get to see him in his dress uniform," said Stephanie Giacoletto-Stegall, wife of Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Giacoletto-Stegall. "I love having the opportunity to sit next to him with his peers and co-workers while he's in his duds."

Maria Nelson said she goes to the ball every year to show her support for the Army and her husband, Chief Warrant Officer Reece Nelson.

"I love to support the Army, and I'm so proud to be an Army wife," she said. "I will support him until the end."

For younger bachelors and bachelorettes, the ball becomes an elegant date night where they can let their partner get a taste of military life.

Spc. Philip Rasmussen said he learned about the ball a month and a half ago and was determined to convince his date, Kelsey Clemens, to go with him.

During a short break between dances, Kelsey admitted she was glad he did. "I'm loving this," she said. "The band is great."

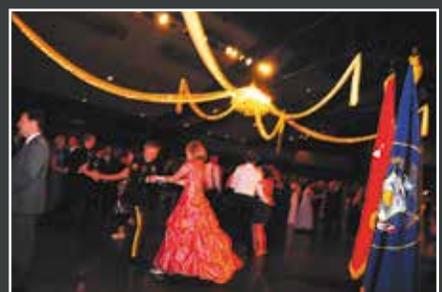
Paul Jeppson said he originally planned to use the ball as a chance to propose to his fiancé, 1st Lt. Juliann Cook. Instead, he popped the question a few days early to ensure he had the courage to show up to the ball and enjoy a perfect night.

Lights and music filled the Barn as servicemembers and civilians danced on the ballroom floor. A spinning disco ball reflected spots of light all around the dancers while the well-shined instruments of the 23rd Army Band created a light show of their own. The 23rd Army Rock Band gave dancers on the floor some high-speed rock music to move their feet between the slow dances and big-band jive.

Throughout the night, refreshments were served and tickets were shuffled and chosen at random to give attendees the chance to win a variety of prizes.

During one of the breaks, Utah National Guard's Family Programs publicly recognized Jeff and Cassie Leavitt for their volunteer work and support of Utah Guardmembers and their families.

Whether it was an excuse to dress up and dance or the chance to win a prize, many in attendance agreed this year's Military Ball was unforgettable. 🇺🇸



# Utah Gets Two Brand-New Lakota Helicopters

Photos by Spc. Ariel Solomon,  
Staff Sgt. Tim Chacon and Ileen Kennedy

Story by Spc. Ariel Solomon

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — **T**he Utah National Guard's new aviation unit, Bravo Co. Detachment 2, 1-112th Aviation, received two new UH-72 Lakota helicopters as part of the United States Army's Light Utility Helicopter (LUH) program.

The pilots and maintenance crew of the aircraft spent two weeks in Huntsville, July 15-24, learning the new systems before flying the aircraft to their new home in West Jordan. The soldiers who participated in the training said it is a privilege to receive the new helicopters.

"Being chosen for this unit is a great honor," said Sgt. Mathew Delgado, a standardization instructor for the 1-112th. "It's a very specialized unit and the people in it are hand chosen."

The Lakota is the military version of the Eurocopter EC-145 commercial aircraft, designed to fly light, general-support operations such as civil search and rescue, personnel recovery, evacuation, counterdrug and limited civil command-and-control operations for the Department of Homeland Security.

The aircraft are far cheaper to operate than Utah's current complement of UH-60 Blackhawks. According to Chief Warrant Officer 5 Kerry Stauffer, the Lakota LUH program manager, the Lakota gets more than double the fuel economy of the Blackhawk, and even with a smaller gas tank goes almost 100 more nautical miles. Off-the-shelf parts also add to the cost savings of the aircraft.

"The actual costs for the state to have just two pilots go out and train is just over \$1,000 an hour, versus if I send the Blackhawks out to train, it's over \$3,000 an hour," said Stauffer. "Operational cost for parts, man-hours and maintenance for a Blackhawk is \$4,500 per hour, compared to \$2,200 to \$2,500 per hour for this aircraft."

The Lakota is more than just a cheaper alternative to the Blackhawk, explained Chief Warrant Officer 3 Evan Ahlborn, training officer for the unit. "We're a pretty unique unit, and this is a pretty unique aircraft. The Lakota is something the



*Pilots and crewmembers flew to Huntsville, Alabama, to train on the new UH-72 Lakota helicopters and return with them to Utah.*

Army came up with to fill a gap in aviation support, mostly stateside, to free up other aircraft for overseas missions."

The UH-72 comes fitted with a mission equipment package that consists of an electro-optical/infrared sensor, searchlight, video downlink, onboard recorder and video management system, rear observer's console with 15-inch display, enhanced tactical communications suite and pilots' 10.4-inch auxiliary displays.

"This is mission-equipment-package training," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Scott Upton, a standardization instructor for the unit. "We're here to learn how to use this equipment and learn how to feed the information we gather back to the joint operation centers."

Although it has been a long process, the members of the unit feel the training has paid off, and they are ready to



perform their new missions.

“It’s not very often you get an aircraft right off the factory floor,” said Ahlborn. “I’ve been accustomed to flying Blackhawks that came off the factory back in ‘83 or ‘84, so getting brand-new helicopters is awesome. It’s a very capable aircraft, and there is a lot we can do with it.”



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

## Utah Homeland Response Force Covers Colorado Vigilant Guard 2013

*Story by Sgt. Scott Wolfe*

DENVER, Colo. — **T**he Utah National Guard's Homeland Response Force took part in Vigilant Guard 2013, hosted by Colorado National Guard, with airmen and soldiers responding to emergency-response scenarios across the greater Denver metro area.

Their training areas ranged from a Colorado National Guard armory in Fort Lupton, to the Pepsi Center in Denver, to the Denver University campus, to firefighter and search-and-rescue training facilities located throughout the Front Range.

According to Command Sgt. Maj. Derek Dimond, senior noncommissioned officer of the HRF, of the more than 2,000 soldiers and airmen from eight states, 500 were from Utah.

This was the first time the HRF had been activated in a large-scale training scenario. The HRF managed and directed the multiple CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear)

*Photos by Sgt. Scott Wolfe and Sgt. Nicolas Cloward*

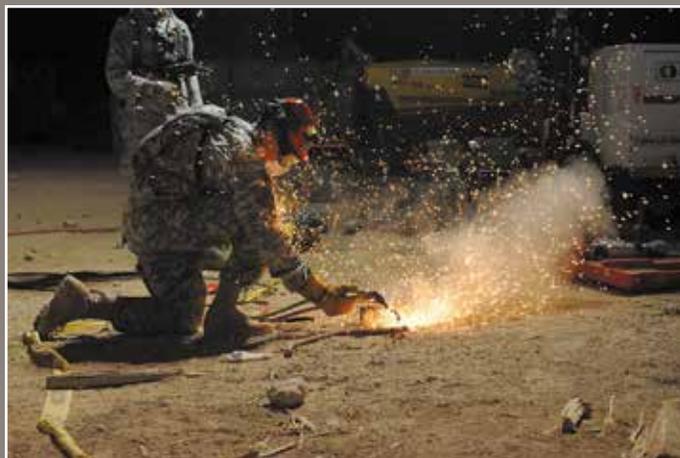
teams at each incident site, integrating Army and Air assets with the civilian authorities who requested their assistance.

"We gained training experience and operational experience in employing all of our forces," said Lt. Col. Ryan King, executive officer of the HRF. "This has the Utah HRF acting for the first time with a full complement of CBRN forces and really stretches our command and control to the full extent for what it was built to do."

"In domestic operations for military forces, we are a supporting force to local first responders and state agencies," King added. "Every opportunity we have to learn and better our selves and learn from those tactics, techniques, and procedures makes us a better force to integrate with anybody."

Dimond said he was most impressed with the professionalism of the whole Utah team.





“They came in here and set things up fast,” said Dimond. “They get the job done. They don’t complain about conditions. We had some soldiers up really late (some nights) that only got a couple hours of sleep. They turned around and jumped right back into it.”

With more than 10 scenario locations, Utah Guardmembers trained for a variety of situations. They conducted search-and-rescue missions among rubble piles, searched university dormitories and sports arenas for suspected chemicals, decontaminated and medically treated wounds of tornado “survivors” and rescued people trapped in elevators.

In this exercise, the Utah HRF brought a command-and-control element to multiple catastrophic events. The 24-hour-a-day operational tempo allowed members of the Utah CERFP (CBRN–Enhanced Response Force Package) and Civil Support Team to practice switching out with follow-on crews from another CERFP or Civil Support Team.

A CERFP trains to conduct operations for 6 to 72 hours, whether it is search and rescue, decontamination or medical triage and stabilization. Bringing in the HRF allowed the Utah CERFP to hand off operational control to another unit, go into a rest-and-refit cycle, then go back out and do it all over again.

A CERFP is able to handle several types of emergencies, from chemical spills and biological releases to disaster-recovery efforts and search-and-rescue operations resulting from tornadoes, earthquakes and other natural or man-made disasters.

In each of those scenarios, a medical section is able to assess and initially treat injuries as victims are pulled from affected crisis areas.

Adding the HRF to an exercise such as Vigilant Guard also allows for other specialized units to participate in a large-scale, emergency-response situation not normally associated with a smaller recovery effort, such as Fatality Search and Rescue Teams (FSRT) from the New Mexico and Arizona National Guard.

The mission of the FSRT is to collect, process and store human remains at an incident site for later identification and burial preparation. This is their first priority when arriving on scene.

At the North Metro Fire Rescue Training Complex, the New Mexico FSRT worked at night recovering and cataloging bodies found among the rubble of a simulated collapsed building. Remains of deceased patients who were unable to be saved were gathered and stored in a refrigerated trailer until they could be taken off site and identified for burial.

The Vigilant Guard exercise gave the FSRT and other specialized units an opportunity to train and operate under the command and control of the HRF, which operated as their higher headquarters. This synchronization is necessary to ensure a timely and effective response during recovery efforts after a disaster the size of Hurricane Katrina or the F5 tornado that struck Moore, Okla., earlier this year. 



# Panther Strike 2013: Putting Together the Intel



Story by Spc. Ariel Solomon

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — **M**ilitary Intelligence personnel from across North America converged on Camp Williams, June 9-23 for Panther Strike 2013.

The exercise provided soldiers with a realistic intelligence environment to hone their skills to a razor-sharp edge. This choose-your-own-story-style exercise encouraged participants to gather the intelligence puzzle pieces to paint a portrait of the goal: capturing or eliminating the enemy.

“Panther Strike takes the entire intelligence cycle from beginning to end,” said Capt. Greg Nelson, officer in charge of Panther Strike planning. “The majority of exercises are very mission-set specific, so you don’t get the whole process from top to bottom—how the intelligence goes from information to the actual product that people can use.”

The exercise brings together elements of the intelligence community: boots on the ground gather evidence and talk to roleplayers; inside the wire, interrogators gather human intelligence; while signals intelligence watched for important information over the airwaves. Throughout the exercise, all the information was gathered and pooled to piece together the identity of high-value targets.

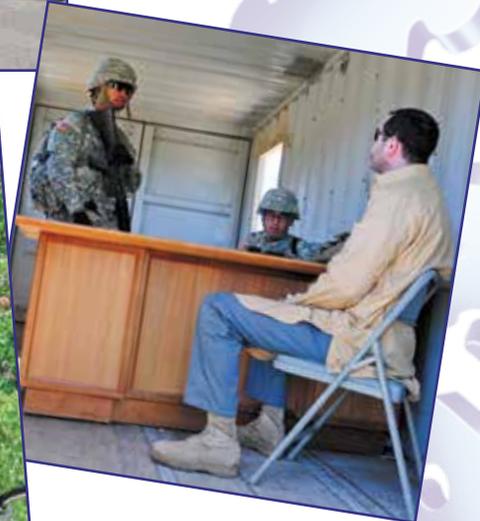
“We’ve been able to see everything from the bottom line, the complexity of all the roles and all of the coordination it takes to get an exercise this big together,” said Staff Sgt. Tandy Perkins, who serves with the 636th MI Battalion, Texas National Guard.

Camp Williams is noted by many soldiers who have deployed for its similarity to the terrain in Afghanistan. Along with its many facilities, it has everything needed to provide a realistic training environment.

“This is very much like what I experienced in Afghanistan in 2007,” said Perkins. “When we arrived in Salt Lake City on a plane a week ago, seeing all the mountain ranges was almost like being on that C-17 coming into Bagram. When we go out on our operations out here, up through the mountains, it’s ultra realistic.”

Panther Strike has become a jewel for MI training. Soldiers want to participate in the exercises involved and realistic scenarios.

“This is probably the biggest and most complex training exercise I’ve ever been a part of in my 14 years of service. I’m pretty impressed by it,” said Perkins.



“The amount of assets you (the U.S. Army National Guard) can bring to an exercise is staggering,” said a Canadian observer-controller who requested his name not be used. “The sheer number of roleplayers you can bring in, all the way down to the amount of collection teams you can put on the ground, is very impressive.”

The demand for soldiers to come to Panther Strike is enormous. “Over 1,500 people were trying to get into a 700-man exercise,” Nelson explained.

The Panther Strike team put a lot of effort into making the exercise both viable and useful to our foreign allies wishing to participate. This year, Canada sent 12 of its soldiers to perform a variety of roles, training in a coalition environment.

“There are also issues where we have to work with coalition partners, and that’s something that intelligence is not well prepared to do in some cases, so we’ve worked hard to make it a smooth process,” said Nelson.

Maj. Alan Dickie, Canadian Army liaison to Panther Strike, said, “They’ve

made a big effort to emphasize that all the material being used in the exercise is Five Eyes (FVEY or releasable to Canada, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, U.S.) and shareable with Canadian partners.”

Making Panther Strike an FVEY exercise is beneficial across the board to both U.S. and Canadian participants. For an exercise on this scale, Panther Strike relies on numerous outside groups to recreate a realistic feeling in the scenarios.

“There have been so many organizations that have helped with Panther Strike, it’s unbelievable,” said Nelson. “There’s just too long a list to mention everybody, but we have been deeply blessed to work with those individuals. Panther Strike has been a success because of those external units’ help.”

It takes hundreds of pieces for a puzzle to make a picture. The same goes for Panther Strike. On the battlefield, whether real-world or notional, the intelligence puzzle is scattered all around and it’s up to each intelligence soldier to find the pieces. It takes every discipline working as one to make a picture and uncover the enemy. 🇺🇸

*Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Brock Jones, Spc. Ariel Solomon and Staff Sgt. Daniel Wall*

*Military Intelligence personnel from across North America take part in Panther Strike 2013 at Camp Williams, Utah, June 9-23.*



# Utah National Guard Hosts 60th Annual Governor's Day



*Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Brock Jones, Sgt. 1st Class Stacey Berg, Sgt. Nicolas Cloward, Staff Sgt. Shana Hutchins, and Staff Sgt. John Etheridge*

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 in the parade 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.

Hyde and some of her colleagues recently returned from training with the 3rd U.S. Infantry, traditionally

known as the Old Guard, at Fort Myer, Va., home of Arlington National Cemetery, where their movements became more crisp and precise.

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

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

*Members of the Utah Army and Air National Guard filled the Westlake High School stadium for Governor’s Day 2013. This annual event gave Governor Gary Herbert the chance to review his troops in a pass-in-review ceremony and address them as their commander in chief. This year marks the first year Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton is officiating as the adjutant general. Events also featured a 19-volley cannon salute to the governor.*

*Story by Sgt. 1st Class Rebecca Doucette*

SARATOGA SPRINGS, Utah — 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





“My husband was deployed last year in 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 at least a dozen 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 setting up 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 certainly 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 7,400 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.”

# 65th FiB Trains in Lithuania

Story by 1st Lt. Jonathan Otis

NEMENCINE, Lithuania — **S**oldiers from the 65th Fires Brigade traveled to Lithuania for Operation Saber Strike 13 from May 31 to June 15.

Saber Strike is NATO's largest annual, multinational, joint training event hosted by the Baltic states of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. It represents the first involvement by the Utah National Guard in a training event in Lithuania.

A high-intensity-conflict scenario based on the Caspian Sea, Saber Strike combined a complex combat simulation of higher-command headquarters, while subordinate units conducted multinational, field-training exercises.

The 65th response cell consisted of a seven-person team headed by Lt. Col. Steve Fairbourn. Participation by the 65th expanded the capabilities of the Contingency Command Post, manned by personnel from U.S. Army Europe, to effectively shape the battlefield.

The duties of the 65th included supervising and conducting fire-support missions, movement of artillery battalions and synchronizing indirect fires.

U.S. participation in the exercise was led by the 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania National Guard, which served as the high command and was augmented by personnel from 19th Battlefield Coordination Detachment, U.S. Army Europe.

"It was awesome to have the 65th Fires Brigade as a combat multiplier in the joint and coalition fight," said Brig. Gen. Wilbur Wolf, deputy commander of the 28th ID.

Besides the U.S. and Baltic states, participating nations included Finland, Great Britain, France, Poland and Denmark. In all, the exercise involved more than 2,000 soldiers from all participating countries.

"The men of the 65th Fires Brigade did a tremendous job forging new relationships with our partners," said Fairbourn. "This was a great training opportunity for us. Our continuing partnership with the Pennsylvania Guard is greatly appreciated and served as the 'keystone' to our successful involvement in Saber Strike 13." 🇺🇸

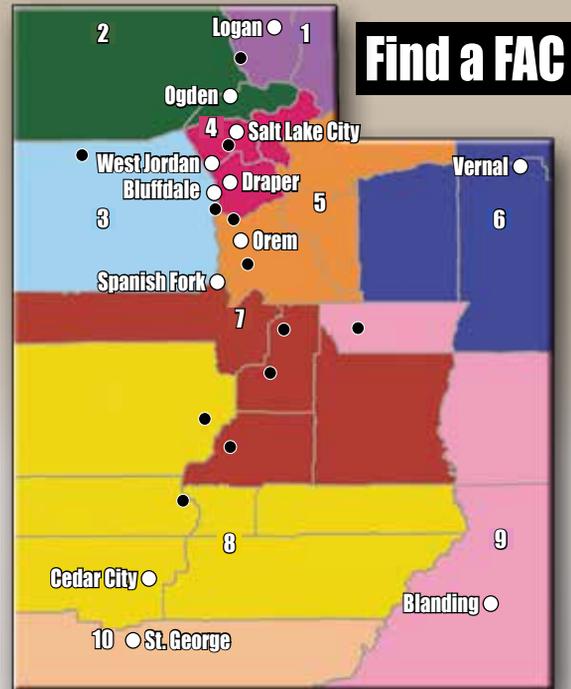
*1st Lt. Jonathan Otis, left, 65th Fires Brigade, stands with a representative of each country supporting Operation Saber Strike 13 in Nemencine, Lithuania.*



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# Utah National Guard Opens Remodeled Beaver Armory

Story and photos by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

BEAVER, Utah — **T**he Utah National Guard held a ribbon-cutting for the remodeled armory in Beaver June 7.

Originally constructed in the 1950s and home to Charlie Battery, 2-222 Field Artillery, Beaver Armory has undergone a yearlong, \$1.75-million remodeling project, which included the following improvements:

- New paint, carpet, windows, floor and ceiling tile and landscaping
- Office and drill-hall upgrades
- New electrical wiring
- Heating- and cooling-system upgrades
- Lighting and energy-efficient improvements that will reduce electricity costs by 20 percent
- New interior and exterior doors
- Communication and data-system infrastructure
- New kitchen equipment and flooring
- Upgraded restrooms

JSA Architects, of Salt Lake City, designed the project, and the builder was Wadman Construction, based in Ogden.

At the ceremony, students from the Beaver High orchestra performed a patriotic medley, and county commissioners signed a Community Covenant as a demonstration of their support of servicemembers, veterans and families.

The overall goal of the Community Covenant program is to educate local leaders on the challenges that servicemembers and their families experience in all phases of deployment (before, during and after), provide them with information on programs available to help military family members and create a dialogue with the Utah National Guard to ensure that communities can meet the needs of servicemembers, veterans and their families.

Among the speakers at the ribbon cutting were Brent Blackner, Director of Beaver Public Works and retired command sergeant major in the Utah Army National Guard; Lt. Col. Matt Price, Director of Facilities for the Utah National Guard; and Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, adjutant general of the Utah National Guard.



*Utah National Guard members and community leaders cut the ribbon reopening the remodeled Beaver Armory June 7.*



“This armory has seen many soldiers go through its doors, and it has been the main building for events in Beaver City,” said Blackner. “We’re proud of our building, and we’re proud of those soldiers and men who have served here. We need the National Guard, and we need an armory in Beaver to help sustain our lives here in this little valley.”

“We appreciate the taxpayers for providing the resources to make this happen,” added Price, who outlined the numerous improvements made to the armory. “We have a new building to bless and support soldiers and their families.”

Burton, in his remarks, reminisced about a summer he spent in Beaver as a young Utah Guardsman, helping to build a road in Beaver Canyon.

“There are 3,200 facilities like this across the nation, but there is no better community than right here in Beaver to support the National Guard,” said Burton. “We’re grateful for what you do every day to take care of these soldiers. This facility means the world to them.”

# Historic Chapel to be Built at Camp Williams



Architectural drawings on display for Sunrise Hall, the new interfaith chapel to be built at Camp Williams, Utah.

Story and photos by Ileen Kennedy

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — **O**n a picturesque day in June, 17 shovels broke ground to begin construction for much-needed Sunrise Hall, a new worship center being built at Camp Williams. Sunrise Hall will replace the World War II-vintage chapel that is currently in use.

“This beautiful edifice will now take the place of a very old barracks converted to a chapel,” said retired Chaplain Lynn Humphries. “Perhaps with the beauty, the prominence on the hill, this edifice will be a crown jewel at Camp Williams.”

The selected location for the new chapel is on a hill overlooking Utah County, with a breathtaking view of Utah Lake and Mount Timpanogos.

“I’m very moved today to be here and be a part of this wonderful opportunity to build a chapel—and what a location,” said Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton. “We’re taught in real estate that it’s all about location; you just don’t find a better location than this.”

Referring to the site, Bishop Dean M. Davies, second counselor in the Presiding Bishopric of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, said, “It’s stunning. Looking at the view is almost irreplaceable. This is a unique site. To be able to look out to Mount Timpanogos, Utah Valley, Utah Lake—boy, I would take this anywhere.”

With an aesthetic design that will promote peace, serenity and renewal, the new 11,000-square-foot facility will feature

a chapel for worship, seminar and conference rooms, chaplain offices, kitchen and storage areas to more effectively meet the spiritual needs of the thousands of soldiers who work and train at Camp Williams each year.

“What a wonderful place this will be for our soldiers and families,” said Burton.

“When the [LDS] Church was first made aware of the plans for a new facility—this new Sunrise Hall, there was an instantaneous and immediate positive response from President Monson and the First Presidency,” said Davies. “We have an unpayable debt of gratitude and appreciation for the men and women and families who are represented here in defending the freedoms and rights of men and women and families everywhere.”

Since 9/11, more than 2 million U.S. military personnel have deployed in support of the war in Afghanistan and Iraq; and of those fighting the Global War on Terrorism, more than 6,700 have lost their lives.

“The important number to remember is that more than 50,000 have been wounded,” observed Burton. “The reason being that our medical services at the point of injury have improved so much. So we have many soldiers, airmen, Marines, Naval forces coming home wounded physically and wounded spiritually. We have felt for a long time that one of the greatest concerns we have is we need a place for families and servicemembers to have some spiritual renewal—Sunrise Hall will provide that opportunity.”



“Having a facility like this allows people to reflect on their lives, their blessings and their God,” said Davies.

Because National Guard funds cannot be used for the building of military chapels, generous donors such as the Larry H. Miller Group of Companies, Zions Bank and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have made possible the construction of Sunrise Hall.



David Stapley, left, managing director of meetinghouse facilities and Bishop Dean M. Davies, Second Counselor in the Presiding Bishopric, both of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton and Scott Anderson, president and chief executive officer of Zions Bank, pose following the groundbreaking ceremony for Sunrise Hall June 5.

“We recognize the role that we play in the community,” said Rob Brough, executive vice president of marketing and communications for Zions Bank. “We see this as a tremendous opportunity to provide something of value to the community that will last, not just today, but for generations to come.”

“I’m moved by the generosity of our community,” said Burton. “The donors and the entire religious community have gotten behind this and we are deeply honored.”

The new facility will be built at a cost of approximately \$2.5 million with a projected completion date in early 2014. 🇺🇸



Invited guests break ground for the building of Sunrise Hall, a new chapel at Camp Williams.

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# Camp Williams Readiness Center Renamed for Fallen Soldier

Story and photos by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — **T**he Utah Army National Guard's Camp Williams Readiness Center was renamed the Scott B. Lundell Readiness Center in a formal ceremony Aug. 24 at Camp Williams.

Lundell, a West Valley City resident, died in Afghanistan in November 2006 after his dismounted patrol was engaged by enemy forces. He was a member of the Utah Army Guard's I Corps Artillery (Forward), which was sent overseas to provide training and support to members of the Afghan National Army.

Members of Lundell's family were on hand for the ceremony, including his wife Jeanine and their four children.

Built and dedicated in 2002, the readiness center being renamed in Lundell's honor has seen thousands of soldiers pass through its doors en route to or returning from deployment to Afghanistan, Iraq and other places in harm's way.

"We rededicate this building to the deserving soldier who shall here forward be acknowledged and remembered by the soldiers and citizens who will enter these premises," said Lt. Col. Steven Fairbourn, master of ceremonies, who served with Lundell in Afghanistan.

Lundell enlisted in the 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) in 2005, graduating from Officer Candidate School in 2005, and completing the Engineer Officer Basic Course in 2006, just prior to deploying with I Corps Artillery (Forward).

"He was a driven and dedicated officer, and it was a privilege to serve shoulder to shoulder with a leader, father, husband and friend of this caliber," said Fairbourn.

During his remarks, Utah Guard adjutant general Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton thanked the Lundells for their attendance.

"We recognize a great soldier and family. The highest honor we can pay anyone is to name a building after them," said Burton, who explained that Lundell joined the military after 9/11.



*Jeanine Lundell, wife of 2nd Lt. Scott Lundell, and their four children stand in front of the sign after the renaming ceremony of the Scott B. Lundell Readiness Center at Camp Williams, Aug. 24.*

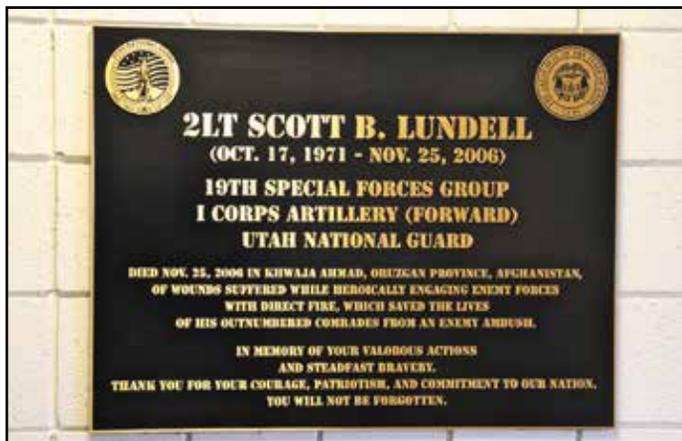
Recalling Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, Burton tailored a few of those words to this occasion:

"We have come to dedicate this place as a memorial to 2nd Lt. Scott Lundell, who gave his life so that others might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. This brave man who struggled and gave his life has consecrated it far above our power to add or detract," said Burton.

"We cannot ever repay you," concluded Burton, directing his words to Jeanine and the children, "but what we can do is remember him as a good man and as a man who wanted to serve."

After the ceremony, Jeanine Lundell expressed her gratitude for this recognition of her husband.

"I'm thankful for this honor for Scott," she said. "My younger children have few memories of their dad, and this memorial will help them remember who he was and what he stood for." 🇺🇸





## Camp Williams Hosts Sapper Joe Trail Race

Story and photos by Sgt. 1st Class Stacey Berg

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — **M**ilitary members and local civilians competed in the annual Sapper Joe Trail Race Saturday, Aug. 24, at Camp Williams.

In the predawn hours, cannons signaled the start of the 30K and 50K races at 5 a.m. and 15K at 6 a.m. The grueling courses started on Camp Williams' Tarbet Field, crossed under Redwood Road, and wound through the hills and ranges of Camp Williams, finishing at Tarbet Field, with a nine-hour time limit.

Joseph Taylor, of Salt Lake City, was the 50K first-place winner with a time of 4:45:10, followed by Ian Farris, of Draper, with a time of 5:12:02.

"I've only done one other trail run, and I have to say this was challenging, well organized, and the aid stations were perfectly spaced apart," said Taylor.

Trent Jensen from Bountiful and Cameron Kasteler from Draper were the first- and second-place winners for the 30K course, running much of the race together. Jensen came in at 3:13:14, taking first place in spite of the extra distance he ran due to an unfortunate confusion near the beginning of the race.

"I've done some ultras, and this race was awesome. We were able to see some of the scenery nobody else did," said Kasteler jokingly, recalling the fresh juniper scent from the rain and a beautiful sunrise. 🇺🇸

*Photos left to right: Runners climb one of the many hills along the course. Trent Jensen and Cameron Kasteler took first and second place for the 30K. Joseph Taylor raises his hands as he crosses the finish line in first place for the 50K. Command Sgt. Maj. Gary Barnes trails his son, with his grandkids cheering them on in the home stretch.*



## In Memoriam

Staff Sgt.  
Terry Thomas Groulx  
109th Air Control Squadron



Staff Sgt.  
Christian Lyal Larsen  
Charlie Co., Det. 1, 1-171st  
Aviation Regiment



Spc. Jeremy Todd Olsen  
Delta Co., 2-211th General  
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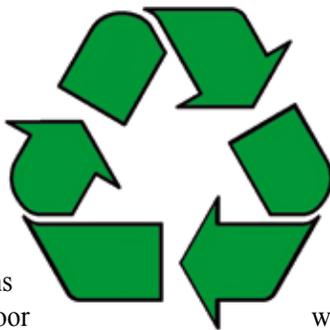
# UTNG Recycling Program Expands

Story by Doreen Egan

DRAPER, Utah — **A**ll Utah National Guard locations will be receiving recycling bins for paper (mixed and shredded), as well as indoor recycling stations for aluminum cans and plastic bottles. Many units already have containers for cardboard and scrap metal available for recycling pickup. For outlying areas, the new paper containers will be collected monthly or as needed by contacting the USP&FO Warehouse Cannonball calendar point of contact (POC) Staff Sgt. Mark Chamberlain at (801) 432-4165. Additional recycling containers may be requested as needed through each unit's Environmental Compliance Officer or other appointed POC.

Incentives to reuse and recycle products will be put in place to encourage and promote recycling on a regular basis. Units demonstrating excellence in recycling efforts may request funding for Morale, Welfare, and Recreation projects. The UTNG Recycling Program will also be hosting a number of events to market recycling with free gifts and/or prizes.

With the close of Fiscal Year 2013, and the beginning of Fiscal Year 2014, the Utah National Guard is reaffirming and



recommitting its support of integrated solid waste management through recycling and plans to increase its efforts to meet the federal mandate to divert at least 50 percent of its nonhazardous solid waste by 2015. In addition, the Utah National Guard will continue to document the diversion of construction and demolition (C&D) waste and implement measures to meet the 50 percent C&D diversion mandate. Meeting these recycling goals will require drastic changes in material handling, source reduction, product substitution and reuse. Consequently, the UTNG is requiring that all personnel, civilian and military, as well as visitors on UTNG property, utilize appropriate recycling containers to recycle and reduce the solid-waste stream.

If your unit or department would like to request Recycle Training, you may do so through the training calendar on the SharePoint Web site under CFMO Staff Sites. If you need additional information on what can be recycled or would like to learn more, please contact Doreen Egan, UTNG Sustainment/Recycling Manager at [doreen.t.egan.mil@mail.mil](mailto:doreen.t.egan.mil@mail.mil) or (801) 432-4447.

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# 300th MI Support Humanitarian Aid in Panamá During Beyond the Horizon 2013

Story by 1st Sgt. April Rylander

FORT SHERMAN, Panamá

— **M**embers of the 300th Military Intelligence Brigade provided linguistic support during a Humanitarian Civic Assistance training with Panamanian government agencies as part of Beyond the Horizon 2013.

This exercise consisted of new construction projects, renovation projects, and three medical assistance sites within the Provinces of Colón, Veraguas, and Darién, Panamá.

Task Force Panamá consisted of Army and Air National Guardmembers from 10 states. Guard engineers built two schoolhouses and a clinic, and medical staff provided medical, dental and veterinary services to the people of Panamá. Utah provided six Spanish linguists per rotation for six rotations of the mission, which lasted three months.

“It’s very satisfying to know you have made a contribution to a worthwhile project that will benefit the education and medical care of children and families for many years to come,” said 1st Sgt. Dean Sessions, of Headquarters Company, 141st Military Intelligence Battalion. “When a mother gives you and the doctor a *beso* (kiss) and *abrazo* (hug) for the medical care she and her children just received,



*Sgt. 1st Class Yader Zelaya, 142nd MI, Utah Army National Guard, center, translates instructions given by U.S. combat medic, GT Cocharan to Colombian engineer and medic Juan Suspe prior to providing medical support during Beyond the Horizon 2013.*

you know you’ve done something good for someone in need.”

The duration staff, the 244th Engineer Battalion from Denver, Colo., and rotational medical and engineer units benefited by having a group of linguists who could communicate easily with the Panamanians. Several Utah linguists

had been to Panamá before, multiple times in some cases or for extended periods of time in others, and possessed a unique understanding of Central America, its people and its cultures. Utah soldiers helped the duration and rotation staffs understand the Panamanian people they were there to serve.

“The biggest impact we had during my rotation was in support of the 59th Medical Wing’s MEDRETE (Medical Readiness Training Exercise),” said Sessions. “I heard many times the statement, ‘We couldn’t have done it without you guys!’ They bring the medical expertise, but we provided the communication piece, which made it possible for them to provide general medical, dental, vision and veterinary care to the populace.”

*Photos courtesy 300th Military Intelligence Battalion*



*Utah Spanish-speaking linguists from the 142nd MI support Beyond the Horizon in Panamá, providing translation for engineers and medical staff involved in building schools and a clinic as well as providing medical, dental and veterinary services.*



*Sgt. 1st Class Yader Zelaya, 142nd MI, Utah Army National Guard, right, provides translation between U.S. medic Zachary Collins and Colombian engineer and medic Juan Suspe as part of Beyond the Horizon 2013 at Achote, Panamá.*



Members of ODA 9126, Bravo Company, 1-19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) handle pack mules at Camp Williams, Utah, and in the Manti-LaSal Mountains southwest of Price, Utah, during unconventional warfare training June 20-21 and Aug. 14-18, respectively.

## Utah's 19th Special Forces Travel by Pack Mules

Story by Pfc. Skyeler Lucero and Staff Sgt. Ashley Baum

CAMP WILLIAMS AND PRICE, Utah — **I**n a time when machinery and technology seem to reign supreme, the beast of burden has yet to become obsolete.

Special Forces soldiers from Operational Detachment Alpha 9126, Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne), saddled up and conducted pack-mule training as a part of their mission-essential tasks in unconventional warfare on June 20–21 at Camp Williams, and then again on Aug. 14–18 in the mountains southwest of Price.

Since Special Forces soldiers are required to deploy to various regions and environments around the world, the pack-mule exercises taught soldiers a unique skill set applicable in situations where they may have to rely on indigenous supplies and transportation.

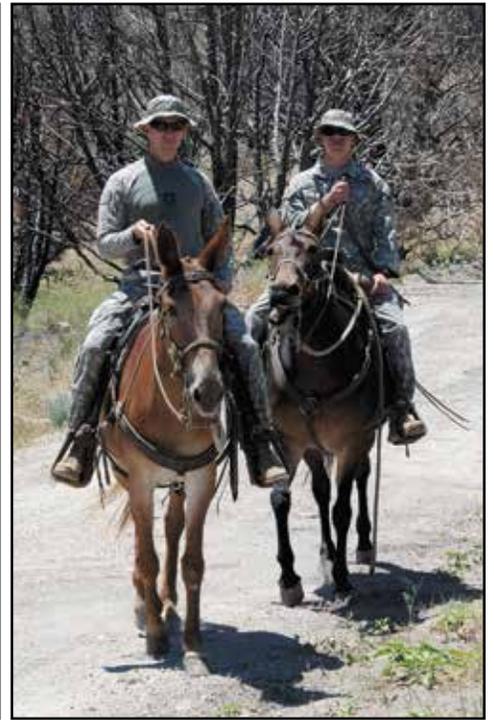
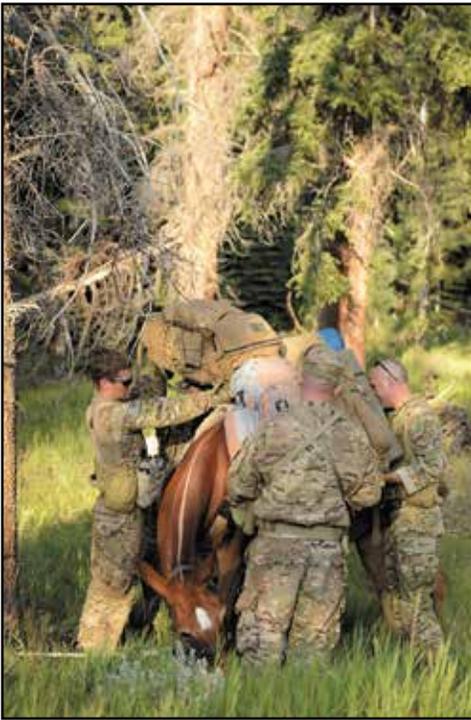
Photos by Staff Sgt. Ashley Baum and Senior Airman Kyle Russell

“History has shown that U.S. Army Special Forces have relied on mules and horses to move themselves and their equipment long distances and up and down mountainous environments,” said Staff Sgt. Brain Sudler, weapons sergeant for Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, of the 19th. “We have to be able to adapt to our surroundings and operational environments.”

“It is hard for us to imagine a time when there were no vehicles, cell phones and laptops,” said Staff Sgt. James Belote, engineer sergeant for Bravo Company. “During the training, I kept thinking about how this was the way soldiers transported gear prior to World War II.”

For the ODA training in this facet of unconventional warfare, using pack mules isn’t like riding a bike. It takes much skill and patience. They realized that just like motor vehicles





need to be maintained and cared for, these animals require maintenance as well. Before soldiers get in the saddle, they must learn the basics about the animal, such as its behaviors, tendencies and susceptibilities. They also learned how to look for deficiencies in the animal’s hooves, legs, teeth and eyes. From the tip of the nose to the end of the tail, these animals are inspected before saddling up.

Soldiers learned how to properly saddle the animals and prepare them for carrying mission-essential equipment. Most tactical equipment is heavy, and knowing how to properly balance the load is important since an unbalanced load can compromise the ability of the animal and equipment to travel safely. Toward the end of the training, soldiers were able to ride a horse while leading a loaded pack mule through mountainous and rocky terrain.

“The biggest challenge was the animals we were working with,” said Belote. “Even though the animals were trained, they still had a personality of their own. You had to be able to get

them to do what you wanted them to do, and sometimes it took a little ‘mule whispering.’”

This training proved valuable in unconventional warfare exercises because soldiers may find themselves in situations where modern conveniences such as motor vehicles are not available, or when they are required to make as little impact to the environment as possible.

While technology will continue to enhance and improve the ability of the Special Forces soldiers to accomplish their missions, there will always be room for pack animals and other proven, old-world techniques and tactics.

“If used properly, mules can give us an edge over the enemy,” said Belote. “Most of our enemies predict [a convoy of American vehicles]. Using pack animals allows us to take the fight to them without their seeing us coming.”

To learn more about Special Forces, you can go to [www.nationalguardsf.com](http://www.nationalguardsf.com). 





## High School Students Learn Leadership at Freedom Academy

*Freedom Academy delegates play icebreaker games designed to help them get to know each other outside the Lundell Readiness Center July 28. Freedom Academy is an annual conference sponsored and hosted by the Utah National Guard since 1961 that brings in student body leaders from high schools across Utah and neighboring states to teach them about all aspects of leadership.*

*Story by Senior Airman Emily Hulse*

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — **A**pproximately 90 high school students participated in the 52nd Annual Freedom Academy July 28–Aug. 2, hosted by the Utah National Guard and the Honorary Colonels Corps.

“Freedom Academy is an opportunity for kids who have already shown leadership potential to come and learn how that leadership is needed in the world,” said Maj. Matthew T. Badell, director of Freedom Academy.

Freedom Academy is an annual leadership retreat open to Utah high schools to send two students, typically in leadership

*Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Brock Jones, Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Stegall, and Sgt. Nicolas Cloward*

positions. Students spend a week at Camp Williams learning leadership and team-building skills. Many expressed a greater appreciation for the freedoms they have as American citizens after learning what Guardmembers and other service-members do.

Many delegates said that their favorite event was spending time at the Leadership Reaction Course (LRC). The LRC is an obstacle course at Camp Williams designed to teach leadership skills within groups by exposing them to problem-solving scenarios above water and on land.





“It’s really good for teamwork,” said Brendan H., a senior from Grand County High School. “It’s really cool to see all these leaders come together and be able to work together as a team.”

Delegates also got the opportunity to learn how state government and the legal system is organized and operates through tours of the state capitol and courthouse.

Mitchell B., a student-body officer at Cedar High School, said he enjoyed the tour of the courthouse because he is considering going to law school.

“I wasn’t sure if I wanted to be an attorney or not, so it was nice to hear from some and hear how their job relates to our freedoms,” he said.

Guardmembers who participate as counselors get to participate in all of the activities, and provide delegates with leadership examples.

“These are kids who are the top of their school,” said Air Force Staff Sgt. Ashley Hood, 130th Engineering and Installation Squadron. “It’s been really fun; we’ve been able to show them the freedoms that they do have and get to see how they learn.”

Army Staff Sgt. Lyndsey Prax, 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, said that after six years as a counselor at Freedom Academy she’s noticed that every group of delegates is different, but she is inspired by each group.

“These kids inspire us, as counselors,” said Prax. “Every year it reminds me why I joined the military and how much I love our country.”

Army Sgt. 1st Class Levi Boardman, this year’s Freedom Academy first sergeant, said that he hopes that delegates will take the skills they learn at Freedom Academy and apply them the rest of their lives.

“It’s been a week that we’ve tried to pack them with as much as we could,” said Boardman. “We hope that they can see how their community can help out with freedom and patriotism, and how they can make changes in very small ways, with huge effects.” 🇺🇸



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# Utah Guard Colonel Promoted to Brigadier General

Story and photos by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — Col. Val L. Peterson, commander of the Utah National Guard's Land Component Command, was promoted to brigadier general in an official ceremony June 1 at the Lundell Readiness Center.

An Orem resident, Peterson assumed his current post in October 2012. He is responsible for oversight of the

six Utah Army National Guard major commands: Engineers, Special Forces, Aviation, Artillery, Military Intelligence and Troop Command units.

At the ceremony, the promotion order was read, and Peterson's wife, Ann, and his children, pinned on his new rank. Utah Guard adjutant general Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton presented Peterson with his new Army general-officer flag, which has a white star in the center of a red field.

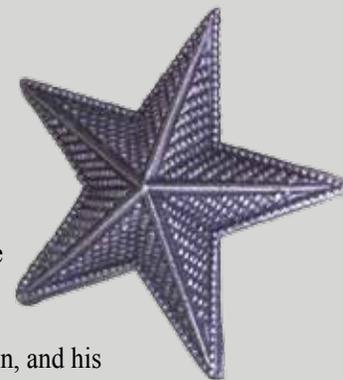
"Val Peterson is prepared," said Burton during his remarks. "He is highly respected across the military intelligence community and is well positioned in the Statehouse. We want leaders who care, and Val is one of those."

Peterson is full-time vice president for finance and administration at Utah Valley University. He is also a member of the Utah State House of Representatives, District 59. In his 29-year military career, he has served as a company commander, battalion commander and brigade commander.

As Peterson shared his thoughts at this signal event in his career, he thanked his wife and children for their support and acknowledged the mentoring of some key, enlisted leaders.

"John Zabriskie and Steve Taylor shepherded me along as a PFC (private first class) and showed me the ropes," recalled Peterson. "They took the time to make sure I had a good experience in the Guard."

"Some of the best people I know have been in the Guard," he added. "[The late] Sgt. Maj. Jim Sproul was my sergeant major. He is the one who instilled in me what is best for the soldier. I look forward to serving the Guard in this capacity." 



Brig. Gen. Val Peterson's family joins him on stage and assist changing his rank insignia during his promotion ceremony.

## 489th Wraps Up Logistics Training on Poverty Flat

Story and photos by Chad Hunt

MONROE, Utah — Members of the 489th Brigade Support Battalion of the Army National Guard based in Utah and Louisiana wrapped up a weeklong summer camp training at Poverty Flat, southwest of Monroe.

"We're on the 222nd's stomping ground here," said Maj. Kendall Workman. "I don't even think they knew we would be down here. We were up at Dugway Proving Ground training last week, and they're up there now while we're down here."

Workman said while the 489th maintains a friendly rivalry with the Triple Deuce, they were also assisting them with their training at Dugway as part of their Annual Training exercises.

"Even with that rivalry, at the end of the day we're all soldiers, and we're all on the same team," said Workman.

He said during their training, the 489th had support missions providing fuel and ammo assistance to the 222nd while they were at Dugway.

The 217th Signal Attachment Group, which was assisting the 489th, said they also had a group embedded with the 222nd providing both battalions with radio and communications assistance.

According to Workman, the 489th had three companies, one focusing on each of the battalion's primary missions: planning, distribution and maintenance. He said most of the maintenance was performed by the crew from Louisiana, while the Utah companies completed the planning of missions in a tactical operations center set up at the Poverty Flat site. The distribution part of the group was disbursed around the state, completing missions to provide aid to other battalions and complete exercises related to their overall mission statement.

Aside from assisting the 222nd, Workman said missions completed included moving some 400 concrete barriers to military bases throughout the state for security use, managing three supply warehouse operations, retrieving a group of trucks from St. George, purifying water at Yuba Lake and completing an on-site, slingload operation in which they transported a Humvee and other supply crates to groups stationed around the area via UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters provided by the 2-211th Aviation Battalion.

“This is something we don’t get to do very often,” Workman said. “It’s an excellent opportunity to pack in everything that we don’t usually have time to do.”

Workman said while much of the work out in the field was completed by the distribution company, the most integral part of the puzzle was the planning company. He said if missions aren’t adequately planned out, there is a ripple effect, which leaves soldiers unprepared from the distribution stage to the field.

“We needed a central location to run everything from, so we picked Richfield,” Workman said. “It really tested us on our abilities to control our operations throughout the state from a single location.”

According to Workman, it took a group effort to pull off the training, which he said ended up being a success.

Sgt. Josh Daniels, a member of Charlie Company from Colfax, La., said he enjoyed every minute of his two weeks in Utah.

“This has been the best Annual Training as far as training,” Daniels said. “We got to go back to the nuts and bolts of military training. My hat’s off to these guys for getting this thing planned; there hasn’t been a wasted moment.”

A police officer and an entrepreneur when he’s not on duty with the Guard, Daniels said he owns a chain of car washes, mini-marts and a fireworks-display company. He said for him, coming to a summer training like this one is like a vacation.

“I’m used to telling people what to do,” Daniels said. “I enjoy coming here and getting told what to do; it’s a good change of pace.”

Daniels said he appreciated the effort the Utah crews had put into organizing the training, during which he said he had the opportunity to work on things he hasn’t been able to do since basic training more than 16 years ago.

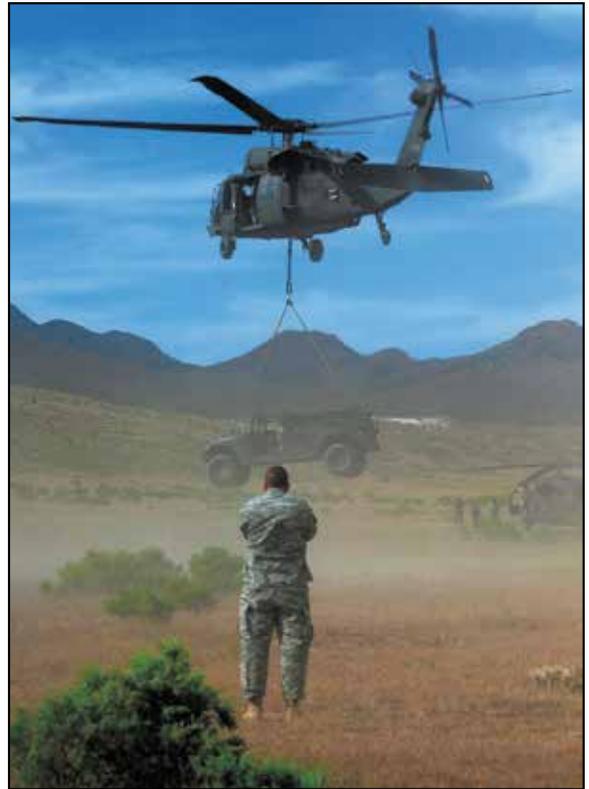
That training not only included the week on Poverty Flat, but also some infantry tactical basics the week prior at Dugway, according to Workman.

“They [the company from Louisiana] wanted this to be as successful as we did, so we all busted our butts to make it the best Annual Training possible,” Workman

said. “They thought they were just coming to turn wrenches for two weeks, but we shook it up and did some of the basics of infantry tactics, too. First and foremost, we are still soldiers, and we have to be able to defend ourselves out in the field.”



*The 489th Brigade Support Battalion’s encampment on Poverty Flats during Annual Training in June.*



*A soldier watches as a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter lifts a Humvee as part of an airlift exercise hosted by the 489th Brigade Support Battalion June 12.*

Daniels, Workman and many of the other soldiers finished their stay in Sevier County watching a Blackhawk pick up a Humvee to transport it to an awaiting crew.

“The Humvee is a good test of our limits,” Workman said. He said the weight of the vehicle is near the capacity of the Blackhawk, so they have to use precision in making sure the Humvee is prepared as well as the helicopter.

Capt. Brian Yardley, in charge of the airlift exercise, said it was a great test of their skills.

“We do a lot of fun stuff, but most importantly, we always do it safely,” Yardley said. 🇺🇸

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# 1-211th Awarded John J. Stanko Unit of the Year

Story and photo courtesy of Col. James Bledsoe

FORT WORTH, Texas — **A**t the 2013 Army Aviation Association of America annual convention, Lt. Col. Gregory Hartvigsen, commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Tracy Cartwright, senior noncommissioned officer, received the John J. Stanko Army Aviation National Guard Unit of the Year award on behalf of the soldiers of 1st Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment, Utah Army National Guard. Brig. Gen. Michael Bobeck, Special Assistant to the Director of the Army National Guard, assisted in the presentation April 13.



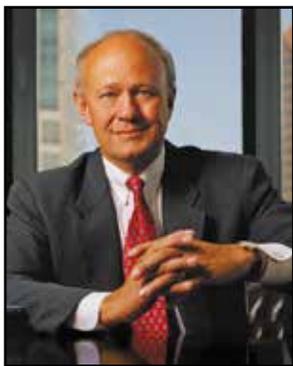
From left: Command Sgt. Maj. Tracy Cartwright; Lt. Col. Gregory Hartvigsen; Brig. Gen. Michael Bobeck; Aviation Branch Chief, Maj. Gen. Kevin Mangum; and Chief Warrant 5 Michael Reese, Chief Warrant Officer of the Branch.

## 52nd Annual Bronze Minuteman Awards Dinner

Story by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

SALT LAKE CITY — **T**he Utah National Guard held its 52nd Annual Bronze Minuteman Awards Dinner June 11 at Salt Lake's Little America Hotel.

The Honorary Colonels Corps of Utah sponsored the event where Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton and Honorary Colonels Corps commander, retired Brig. Gen. E.J. "Jake" Garn, presented Bronze Minuteman awards to Lane Beattie, Chief Chris Burbank, Mark and Sally Dietlein, Master Sgt. Mark Harrison, Gail Miller, President Boyd K. Packer and Patti Griffith for their individual devoted service to and leadership among the citizens of Utah.



Lane Beattie is president and CEO of the Salt Lake Chamber. After working in the private sector as a realtor for 25 years, he served for 12 years in the Utah Senate and six years as its president. Beattie was chief state Olympic officer for the 2002 Salt Lake Olympic Winter Games, often called the most successful in history. He has been with

the Chamber since 2003, working to bolster Utah's economy through investment in transportation, health care, education and international business. He is also a member and strong supporter of the Utah Veterans and Military Employment Coalition.



Chris Burbank has been chief of Salt Lake Police since 2006 and served with the department since 1991. In 2010 he was selected as Public Official of the Year by the YWCA for his work on behalf of women and children in Salt Lake City. He has received similar accolades from the Latino and immigrant communities for his dedication to diversity. In 2011 he was named Utahn of the Year by *The Salt Lake Tribune*, and earlier this year he was selected as one of six police chiefs nationwide to meet with President Barack Obama to discuss the administration's plan regarding gun violence.



Patti Griffith began her employment with the Utah National Guard in 1989, first working in human resources and then as executive assistant to retired Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. John Matthews. She has served in that capacity for each subsequent adjutant general: Maj. Gen. James Miller, Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet, and Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton. Part of her duties include overseeing the

details associated with the Honorary Colonels Corps, protocol requirements, and serving as primary liaison with the governor's office. Patti is the heart and soul of everything the Honorary Colonels do, and her tireless, behind-the-scenes service to the leaders and members of the Utah National Guard and Honorary Colonels Corps has been a tremendous service to all.



Master Sgt. Mark Harrison was a member of the Utah Army National Guard for 35 years as an artilleryman, administrator and recruiter. Many of the young soldiers he enlisted are now serving in senior leadership positions with the Utah Guard. In addition to his exemplary military service, Harrison is on the board of directors of the Spanish Fork Chamber of Commerce and is president of the Spanish Fork Jaycees. He is also chairman of the Spanish Fork flag-retirement ceremony, an annual event where hundreds of U.S. flags are retired by Utah Guard soldiers and Boy and Girl Scouts.



Mark and Sally Dietlein are co-founders of Hale Centre Theatre in West Valley City. Sally, as an actress, choreographer, composer and producer, and Mark, as a performer, director and businessman, have combined their efforts to make Hale Centre Theatre the best-

attended community theater in Utah, with more than 24,000 season ticket holders. Away from the stage, Sally is a board member of the American Lung Association, and Mark serves on the national level with the Boy Scouts of America.



Gail Miller is owner of the Larry H. Miller Group of Companies and administers the Larry H. & Gail Miller Foundation, a charitable organization that assists a number of projects and causes. Since Larry Miller's death in 2009, Gail has been actively involved in all aspects of the company's and foundation's operations. Her generous donation for the construction of Sunrise Hall, a new chapel at Camp Williams, was the catalyst for taking that project from drawing board to groundbreaking, which occurred June 5.



President Boyd K. Packer serves as President of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He has been a member of that quorum since 1970. Prior to his full-time church service he was a teacher and administrator for the seminaries and institutes of religion for the LDS Church. He was an Army Air Corps pilot in World War II, serving in the Pacific theater, and he was stationed in Japan following the war. As a member of the Church's Military Relations Committee in the 1960s, he was instrumental in securing authorization from President Lyndon Johnson and the Department of Defense for LDS servicemembers to serve as chaplains. 🇺🇸



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# Camp Williams Hosts Military Paralympic Archers



Story and photos by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — **I**n a first-ever contest hosted here by the Utah National Guard, 13 current or former U.S. military members with disabilities competed July 27 in a Paralympic archery tournament sponsored by U.S. Paralympics.

The contest was the final event of a weeklong camp for injured veterans from the Army, Navy and Marines, explained Kallie Quinn, associate director of the U.S. Paralympic National Teams and Emerging Sports Program, who coordinated the event in partnership with the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs.

Each athlete, whether novice or seasoned, has experienced a life-altering, service-connected injury that has required months and years of recovery and rehabilitation.

“These are archers who have been training in ongoing programs either with the military or in their local community,” explained Quinn. “They have caught the eye of our emerging program, and they are here trying to improve themselves and move farther up the athlete pipeline.”

For the tournament, athletes used either a compound or recurve bow, competing both for points and head to head on a shooting range created at Camp Williams just days before the competition.

Engineer soldiers of the Utah Army National Guard graded the field and cleared it of brush and grass, brought in gravel, bleachers and a canopy to protect athletes and

spectators from the 100-degree heat during the practice days of the competition.

“We have the facilities for these great warriors to train and compete,” said Lt. Col. Tyler Smith, executive officer for Utah Training Center-Camp Williams. “Our ranges are among the best in the nation.”

Eight-year Navy corpsman

Jonathan Moore, of Atlanta, Ga., competed from his wheelchair, shooting a recurve bow at a target 90 meters away. It was his first competition of this kind.

“I got an invite via Kallie to come out and learn some more and see if I can make score and start trying out for the Paralympics,” said Moore.

Recovering from a broken back and jaw, a brain injury, and losing part of his right leg, Moore, understandably, had trouble getting out of the house.

“I had gone from being a gung-ho sailor to ‘Now, what do I do?’” he said.

Then Blaze Sports in Atlanta got Moore involved in archery with other veterans. Now he shares good-natured camaraderie with servicemembers who have challenges like his; some ride in wheelchairs or on a Segway, while others walk with a prosthetic, use a cane or bring a companion dog in tow.

“Sure, there’s smack talk among competitors,” admits Moore, “but there’s a unity here. We’ve all been severely injured and had to [make similar] life decisions.”

Fellow archer Kinga Kiss-Johnson, of McCormick, S.C., was in the Bamberg, Germany-based 173rd Airborne for nearly five years when she sustained back and brain injuries in Afghanistan. She shares Moore’s perspective on why these programs are so successful.

“These camps are really nice because they pull all us veterans together,” said Kiss-Johnson, as she petted her dog Balto, who accompanies her everywhere. “We have

our struggles, but we understand each other. We pick each other up. It’s like a brotherhood.”



*Disabled veterans from each of the U.S. military services compete in a Paralympic archery event July 27 at Camp Williams, Utah.*

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Archery tests athletes' endurance and mental ability to focus, and the time limits and distances to targets are the same for both Paralympic and U.S. Archery events, explained Randi Smith, who served as both coach and judge for the competition.

"This has been a great group of athletes; I'm really impressed," she said. "If they can shoot a certain score, then they can move up through the Paralympic and U.S. Archery pipeline."

While athletes compete hard and work to place in their events, they know that winning takes a back seat to their overall healing and well-being.

"The athletes have done a number of things to get themselves to this level," said Quinn. "[These events] help reengage a lot of these folks in sport, which then helps them reengage with their families, the community and improve their fitness and overall health." 📧

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