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The Adjutant General's Corner

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*The Adjutant General
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DRAPER, Utah — **L**ike our predecessors in the original 13 Colonies, we are ready to mobilize and deploy on a moment's notice to defend our homes, our communities, our state and our nation. Since 9/11, members of the Utah National Guard have served on every continent in defense of our liberty and our way of life. We have proved our value to America at home and

abroad. We are a highly versatile and effective force.

From the windstorms that buffeted Davis County and the wildfires that have ravished our state to the battlefields of Afghanistan, you have performed magnificently this past year. When you appear in our communities during times of crisis, your presence comforts our citizens and reassures them that everything will be made right. On distant battlefields, you serve as beacons of liberty and a reminder that freedom is not free, and that the line between order and chaos is indeed a thin one.

I recently returned from Fort Hood, Texas, where we welcomed home members of 1st Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment, from a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan. I never leave those encounters without being deeply touched by the sacrifice made and by the incredible service rendered. Every day that you wake up and put on the uniform of the United States, you can and should be very proud of the fact that you are making a positive difference in the world.

We are serving at a time of dynamic change. Budgets are tightening and for some, changes in mission may come. Through all the turbulence, it's important to remember that with change also comes tremendous opportunity. The Utah National Guard is well positioned to take advantage of these opportunities. Our Recruiting and Retention program has consistently maintained the number-one position in the nation as measured by production metrics. The performance of our units downrange and of our individual Servicemembers has ensured that we will play a key role in future decisions affecting force structure.

In spite of the complexity of our missions, we must continue to take care of the basics that ensure that our individual Servicemembers and units are fundamentally sound and mission ready. Our Soldiers and Airmen must continue to receive the best possible training and remain ready for any future contingency. We will remain a professional and highly agile force.

In addition, as members of a valuable team, we must care for one another. Many Servicemembers and families are suffering from unseen wounds after more than a decade of war. First-line leaders are an essential part of monitoring both the physical and mental health of our Servicemembers. Leading Soldiers and Airmen is a sacred trust, and only our best efforts will do. We will continue to reward leaders with the character and the commitment to do the right things by providing stability and consistency in our units. I have been impressed by your caring and vigilant attitude over an incredibly demanding decade. You have literally saved lives, and that concerted effort must continue as we adjust to the challenges associated with being warriors in both wartime and in peace.

I am confident that we have some great opportunities ahead and look forward to an exciting and rewarding future as we continue to serve together on this great team of professionals—the Soldiers and Airmen of the Utah National Guard! 🇺🇸



Soldiers from the 1-211th Aviation Battalion return to Utah from Afghanistan after a yearlong deployment Jan. 17.



Sgt. Jacqueline Skougard, 2-211th Aviation, performs her crew-chief maintenance on a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter in Bagram, Afghanistan.

Trice-yearly magazine for members of the Utah National Guard

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Air Force Technical Sgt. Aaron Gardner, 140th Logistics Readiness Squadron, chains a vehicle to a C-17 Globemaster III, 183rd Airlift Squadron, during a joint operation with the Utah National Guard, 151st Air Refueling Wing, and the 183rd Airlift Squadron from Jackson, Miss., at the Utah Air National Guard Base Jan. 9, 2013.



Joint Forces and Army Enlisted Comments

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DRAPER, Utah —
While traveling recently, I had time to reflect on the past and think about the many things that have been and will be required of our force and our team in the future. Many leaders have talked about the past decade and all the requirements that have been asked of our Guardmembers, our families, and our employers. Over this

decade Airmen and Soldiers have responded and accomplished every assignment or mission asked of them and done so in a very remarkable manner. We have a force that has always led the way, exceeded expectations and left mission assignments better than we found them. It is my opinion that what separates

our force from other units or other Guardmembers is our character, competence and commitment.

These qualities are not just practiced by each of our Airmen and Soldiers, but they are also shared and implemented by our families, our employers and our communities. We are a team. Although we each have different assignments, we all share a common philosophy, one of which is service—service to our country, our state, our community and our local Guardmembers. For those of us who wear the uniform, we would be at an extreme disadvantage to accomplish any mission without the untiring support of our families, our employers and our communities. It does not matter the location or the length of the mission the team has been given, they will continue to support us. They have our backs. It is our commitment to have their backs as well. They trust that we will be trained, disciplined, and ready, so when a mission assignment, foreign or domestic, is sent to our force, we are prepared and will accomplish the mission.

The trust we share is the foundation of our relationship, a relationship that is critical to our readiness. In order to ensure we keep a healthy relationship, we as Servicemembers need to ensure we are prepared. We must know ourselves, our duties and responsibilities and those under our charge. We must continue to be leaders of character, set the example and live the values of the Army and Air Force. We must provide realistic training from the individual to section level, up through the wing or brigade

collective phase. Our members must know what is required and expected so they will be challenged and will have the ability to serve in higher levels of responsibility. Leaders will continue to meet face to face, eye to eye with their force, building on the trust at the individual and squad levels. All these actions will better prepare us for the future and continue to build on the trust we enjoy with the team. Without you and them, there is no us. Without us there is no team. As history has proved time and time again, any mission success can be attributed to how prepared and trained the team was, coupled with the support they received during execution. As a team, there is no mission we cannot accomplish.

I am humbled and grateful to serve alongside each of you and your families. I know for certain our team is intact, that our force is prepared, and we will continue to train each day to stay proficient and continue building trust into the future. Remember in your daily thoughts those serving apart from their families and our wounded warriors recovering from their injuries. 🇺🇸

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Families and friends of Soldiers in the 1-211th Aviation reunite with their loved ones Jan. 17 and 20.

1- 211th Returns from Afghanistan in Stages

Story by Ileen Kennedy

SALT LAKE CITY — **T**he frigid, single-digit temperatures didn't hinder families and friends from braving the elements to travel to the Utah Air National Guard Base to greet their returning Soldiers Jan. 17 and 20.

"My boy looked really good; he's been doing a lot of PT. He looked fit, and I was happy to see him," said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Don Jacobson, Deputy State Aviation Officer, who greeted his returning son Spc. Joshua Jacobson.

"My dad was probably the reason I joined," said Joshua. "I wanted to do what he did while growing up. He's a pilot and I'm still working on that. It's a stepping-stone. It's been great having him in there."

Soldiers initially flew to Fort Hood, Texas, for demobilization and then returned to Salt Lake City to be reunited with family.

"It was a relief to have him out of Afghanistan," said the senior Jacobson. "It was easier for me to leave my family and go on deployment to Afghanistan than to send my kid."

The mission of the 1-211th in Afghanistan was to fly its AH-64D Apache Longbow helicopters to conduct aerial route reconnaissance and provide armed escort for Coalition aircraft.

"This is my third deployment. It's still real over there," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Travis Harris, a pilot for the 1-211th. "I'm just glad to be home. My job over there was supporting the ground guys. We did it well; everybody that we were around made it home safe."

Approximately 360 Soldiers deployed in January 2012. En route to Afghanistan, the unit spent nearly three months at Fort Hood validating their newly acquired Longbow helicopters and conducting numerous predeployment training events.

Once the unit arrived in Afghanistan they became a vital member of an active-duty Combat Aviation Brigade.

Photos by Ileen Kennedy, Lt. Col. Hank McIntire and Capt. Ryan Sutherland

"It's an extremely hostile environment over there for helicopters, let alone combat," said Lt. Col. Gregory Hartvigsen, 1-211th Aviation commander. "Every single person did what they were supposed to do, when they were supposed to do it, in a manner that was well above standard, and that's why people all came home."

"It speaks to the discipline, hard work and great work ethic of every one of those Soldiers. They did phenomenally well, exceeded my high expectations, and they made it happen safely. I couldn't be more pleased to be home. It's a huge relief."

While serving in Afghanistan, members of the 1-211th were split into three different areas, serving under three separate commanders.

Under the command of Capt. John Richardson, about 60 Soldiers from Bravo Company were sent to Shindand Air Base, in the western part of Afghanistan, to support Regional Command West.

Richardson's wife, Jennifer, spoke of this experience.

"It was really challenging for him," she said, "but he has always been a really great leader and is up to the task."

"It's my husband's third deployment," she continued. "It was a long deployment. There was a lot going on there. I think I've learned that nothing is impossible; I can get through anything. Absence makes the heart grow fonder. It was fun to flirt with my husband long distance, to talk sweet with each other. We had a year of no fights. He is my soul mate in every way. I can't wait to see him."

Patriotism and supporting those deployed brought some people to the Air Guard hangar. Fresh Market, Associated Foods and their employees provided refreshments for waiting family members and returning Soldiers.



“We are here to support our troops, to let them know that we’re appreciative of them, we care about them and we are giving back to the community every way we can,” said Boyd Irving, Associated Foods Retail for Fresh Market. “We have a lot of employees who are in the military in different services. We have one of our Associated Foods member’s sons coming home today, so we are also here supporting her today.”

“I work for a great company and to have their support here today means a lot to me and I’m sure to the guys who are coming home,” said Lisa Snarr, Associated Foods employee whose son Spc. Rob Snarr was on the first returning flight. “Today we are grateful that they all get to come home and that they are all safe.”

Patriotism is proudly displayed in front of Capt. Richardson’s home.

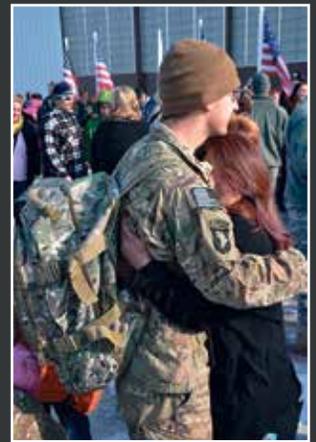
“In Afghanistan, my husband flew a flag for our family, and he took a picture of him holding the flag,” said Jennifer. “It’s flying in front of our house right now; it’s sentimental. It’s not just any flag; it has a special meaning.”

Many in the waiting crowd held banners and homemade signs to greet their Soldiers. Five-year-old Mason Heightman proudly held his sign that read, “I’ve waited 367 days to hug my daddy.”

Some returning Soldiers were greeted by children they had never met or children who were too young to remember their fathers when they left.

Jodie Harris, wife of Chief Warrant Officer 4 Travis Harris, said of his third deployment, “This time we had four children. It was a lot different—sometimes more difficult and sometimes a little easier. With all the kids, it kept me busy and not thinking





about where he was or what he was doing. I focused on the kids, but it was hard because I could have used his help a lot of times. I'm glad we are to this point. We had a six-month-old baby when he left, and now she's 18 months, so she'll be adjusting to having a dad."

Another Soldier, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Brant Wayment,

left his pregnant wife and 10-month-old son to come home and be greeted by his almost two-year-old son and a newborn son. Seeing his youngest son for the first time, he was overcome with joy.

"It feels good; I can't even describe it," said Wayment while grinning and cuddling his boys. "It feels good to be back." 🇺🇸

1-211th Apaches Ship from Afghanistan to HAFB



Utah Army National Guard Soldiers from the 1-211th Aviation unfold the blades of an AH-64D Apache Longbow Dec. 28.



An AH-64D Apache Longbow of the 1-211th Aviation is offloaded from a C-17 Globemaster III at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, Dec. 28, 2012.

Story by Ileen Kennedy

Photos by Staff Sgt. Staci Miller

SALT LAKE CITY — **T**he 1-211th Aviation not only had Soldiers to bring home, but it also had to ship its AH-64D Apache Longbow helicopters back to Utah. Traditionally, equipment like these Apache helicopters is routed to Fort Hood, Texas, along with returning Soldiers. Once unloaded at Fort Hood, Apaches would then make a 10-hour flight to Utah. This time, the initial plan was to bring the Apaches directly to Utah so they could be offloaded from C-17 and C-5 aircraft and reassembled at Hill Air Force Base (HAFB) before making a short, 30-minute flight to West Jordan Armory.

There were at least two Longbows in the cargo hold on each flight. In order for the Apaches to be packaged in the C-17, modifications to the helicopters had to be made prior to shipping. In some cases, parts needed to be removed. Select pilots, mechanics and crewmembers who had been deployed to Afghanistan accompanied the Apaches on the C-17 flights so they could offload, reassemble and then fly the Apaches to West Jordan.

The blades on the Apaches no longer need to be removed to be transported on the C-17 because a blade-folding kit is used to hold them in place. The kit uses a system in which removing a pin allows blades to be folded back instead of removed, thus taking less time to prepare the Apache for flight.



Sgt. Justin Nelson, an aircraft mechanic with the 1-211th, is greeted by his wife and newborn daughter. Nelson saw his daughter for the first time at Hill Air Force Base.

“In the past when we shipped aircraft on C-17s, we actually took the blades off the aircraft,” said 1st Sgt. Eric Skog, aircraft maintenance supervisor for the Utah Guard’s Army Aviation Support Facility. “I was amazed to see the blade-folding kit; it was the first time I’d seen it.”

This was the first time Utah’s Apaches were transported directly to HAFB. Each flight had four or five Soldiers aboard, who accompanied the Apaches back to Utah.

“It was great to see the guys. I didn’t know who was on the airplane,” said Skog. “When the aircraft first landed and opened the doors, ready to offload, the first person I saw was Woody (Chief Warrant Officer 3 William Woodward). I was excited to see those guys.”

Returning Soldiers stayed at billeting at HAFB until the helicopters were assembled and ready to fly to West Jordan. Ten of the 16 Apaches were able to be flown directly to HAFB; the other six were diverted to Fort Hood.

Once offloaded, crews reassembled the helicopters, performed test flights and made the half-hour flight to West Jordan. Upon completion of the flight the accompanying crews flew from Utah to Fort Hood for demobilization. 🇺🇸

Members of the 130th EIS Return from the Middle East



Twelve members of the 130th Engineering Installation Squadron pose for a group photo as they return from deployment at Salt Lake International Airport.

Story and photo by Senior Airman Lillian Harnden

SALT LAKE CITY — **F**amily members welcomed home 14 members Oct. 21 and 12 members Nov. 16 of the 130th Engineering Installation Squadron as they returned from deployment at Salt Lake International Airport.

The returning Airmen served a six-month deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom throughout several countries including Afghanistan, Oman, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

Heidi Ward, a working mother of three boys and wife of returning Guardsman Staff Sgt. Christian Ward, said she is relieved that her husband came home in time for the delivery of her fourth baby, which is due any day.

“It was harder than I thought it would be, but we’re just very proud of him and glad he is able to do his part to defend our country,” said Ward.

Tiffany Santistevan, wife of Senior Airman Dave Santistevan, expressed feeling “immediate tears and excitement” when she saw her husband coming down the stairs.

“It was so surreal,” said Tiffany. “It’s been so long that it’s hard to believe that it’s over. I am absolutely relieved and feel like I can just breathe again.”

Tiffany also had advice for military wives with husbands about to deploy.

“Just make sure you have a strong support system and stay focused on the positive,” she said. “I recommend

disconnecting from the military news because it does make it hard not knowing where he’s at and not knowing when the next time is you’re going to get to talk to him.”

Senior Airman Santistevan described what his first deployment was like.

“The experience is like being blindfolded there,” he said. “Going there, not knowing too much about it, just living everyday life, sleeping in tents and going out to forward operating bases. It’s different there—a lot of things I haven’t experienced before.”

Danielle Herrscher, the wife of returning Guardmember 1st Lt. Brian Herrscher, described how she felt when she saw her husband coming down the stairs. “I couldn’t get to him fast enough. I kind of wanted to bulldoze everyone over, grab him, give him a hug and a kiss and let the kids get ahold of him too. I’m really excited and happy to have him back with our family.”

“Feels great being back home; there’s so much support here,” said Brian Herrscher after hugging his wife, kids, parents and extended family members. “The deployment

was great too, and very eye-opening. We live in such a great country. We’re doing good things over there. We’re helping people out, so it’s definitely worthwhile. It’s a sacrifice, but I feel great that I can at least do my part, help out and try to make a difference.”

Master Sgt. Greg Taylor, a team chief with the 130th EIS, who just completed his fifth deployment, explained his impressions.

“Things are what you make of it while you’re deployed,” said Taylor. “You keep busy. You stay occupied. You take whatever challenges come at you and adapt, overcome and succeed at those challenges. You learn from those challenges.”

Taylor also explained why this deployment was distinct from others.

“It was different because we were Airmen embedded with the Army,” said Taylor. “We learned how to be Army. We were working side by side, working for the Army this time.”

Brigadier Gen. Dallen Atack, Assistant Adjutant General—Army of the Utah National Guard, expressed pride in returning Guardmembers.

“We’re just so proud of what they did,” said Atack. “We know they were really living in the Wild West out there. They had some real challenges on this deployment, but they all came home and they all came through it. They did a tremendous job. It’s nice to have them all home and all safe.”

Commander of the 130th, Lt. Col. Kevin Tobias, revealed some of those challenges faced by his Airmen.

“They were in the thick of it a lot more than others,” said Tobias. “They were at different forward operating bases and in smaller groups. Three of our Guardsmen were under fire at one time. The Army is trying to give them combat awards for it.”

Tobias also boasted about their accomplishments while deployed.

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Giacoletto-Stegall



“I’m very proud of what they’ve done,” continued Tobias. “They represented the 130th and the Utah Air National Guard very well. There was a group of them that was ‘Team of the Month’ one month. They went above and beyond. They worked really hard the whole time they were there. They left a good impression with the Army.”

Tobias thanked returning Guardmembers and their families for their sacrifice, stating that one Airman had to leave behind an 11-day-old baby, and another Airman had a baby arrive one week after he left. The 130th is now all back together as a unit, and their commander described his relief at having them all back.

“I’ll sleep better,” said Tobias. “It feels good not to have anybody in harm’s way.”



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640th RTI Holds Mass-Casualty Training

Story by Master Sgt. Daniel Fellingham

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — **T**he 640th Regiment (RTI) held a mass-casualty incident (MCI) training event Dec. 12, 2012. The primary purpose was to test how the 640th would respond to a mass-casualty incident on their campus at Camp Williams. The realistic scenario-based training also focused on using civilian resources and integrating them into the situation. The scenario was used to sharpen the skills of medical personnel on triage and treatment and to educate them on what they can do to assist in case of an MCI and how valuable they are to the success of such an event.

The participation of multiple organizations made the training scenario as realistic as possible. The Saratoga Springs SWAT team did all building clearing. Fire departments from multiple cities including Lehi, Saratoga Springs, Eagle Mountain, Bluffdale and Unified Fire Authority responded to provide treatment and transport. Dispatch from Utah Valley and Salt Lake Valley participated to complete the communication piece.

The 171st MEDEVAC unit provided a flight medic and rotary-wing transport. The 640th RTI medics conducted initial triage and treatment of injured casualties. Other personnel throughout the RTI were used for moving patients to designated areas, documentation of patients and radio communication among the RTI, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the 171st.

The situation was based around an active-shooter scenario in one of the Warrior Leader Course classrooms on the second floor of the RTI building. After the initial shooting, SWAT teams were contacted to clear the entire building. EMS was contacted simultaneously with the Saratoga Springs Police Department SWAT and staged to receive the all-clear.

“The training helped our Soldiers become aware of what their reactions should be if we have an active shooter and also trained our medical staff,” said Lt. Col. Coy Bryant, administrative officer for the 640th.

After the building was secure, medics and EMS personnel were called into action. Medics headed to the classroom and initiated triage, while other military personnel set up a casualty-collection point (CCP) on the drill floor.

During the triage phase, there were two medics in charge of initial triage. The 640th medics used the START triage method, which proved very quick and very effective. Life-saving interventions such as tourniquets, nasopharyngeal airways and chest seals were used in the classroom.



Medical personnel from the 640th RTI treat patients at the casualty-collection point prior to transport.

Patients were then moved down to the CCP and placed into the appropriate category. Patients were then treated in order of immediate, delayed and minor injuries. The only patient not triaged and treated was the shooter, who was left in place for investigation purposes. Casualties received further care at the CCP, where the treatment officer designated the two most critical for transport via medevac by the 171st. A nine-line was called and casualties were moved to the Camp Williams track for pick up. The 171st transported critical casualties to the University of Utah Medical Center, while the rest of the patients were transported via EMS to local hospitals.

“We are going to do it again and expand it and make it less medical and involve more agencies with the Joint Operations Center and other agencies,” said Bryant.

The training exercise was a huge success; all parties benefited from the training, and it strengthened relationships between the Utah Guard and local civilian law enforcement and fire/EMS entities. 🇺🇸



Gov. Gary R. Herbert is officially sworn in as the 17th Governor of Utah at the State Capitol Jan. 7.

Utah Guard Fulfills Traditional Role at Governor's Inauguration

Story by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

SALT LAKE CITY — **I**n keeping with long-standing tradition, the Utah National Guard was a key part of Utah Governor Gary R. Herbert's inauguration ceremony at the Utah State Capitol Jan. 7.

Herbert is commander in chief of the 7,000 Airmen and Soldiers of the Utah National Guard, which historically has had significant involvement in the inauguration of each of Utah's 17 governors.

Left to right: Utah Air National Guardmembers Col. Kurt Davis, Col. Samuel Ramsay and Brig. Gen. David Fountain attend the inauguration ceremony in the State Capitol rotunda Jan. 7.



Photos by Ileen Kennedy, Capt. Ryan Sutherland, Sgt. Rebecca Hansen and Staff Sgt. Renae Saylock

Beginning with Governor Heber M. Wells' inauguration on Jan. 6, 1896, where members and officers of the Utah Guard marched in a pre-inauguration parade through the streets of Salt Lake City, Utah Airmen and Soldiers have been a highly visible part of each subsequent inauguration.

As called for by state statute, Utah Guard Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Jefferson S. Burton served as master

Members of the Utah National Guard 23rd Army Band perform for Gov. Gary R. Herbert's inauguration Jan. 7.





Members of the 2-211th Aviation perform a three-helicopter flyover during the inauguration ceremony.



Members of the Utah National Guard post colors to begin the inauguration ceremony for Gov. Gary R. Herbert.

of ceremonies at the event, his first opportunity to do so after being appointed adjutant general by Herbert in October 2012.

“It was an amazing event and one that everyone here will remember,” said Burton. “I felt like it was a good opportunity for me to serve.”

Dozens of Utah Guard Airmen and Soldiers followed Burton’s lead, giving their time and expertise to ensure that the event was carried out with the appropriate mix of pageantry and professionalism.

The 23rd Army Band, led by Chief Warrant Officer 2 Denny Saunders, performed prelude and postlude music, while Second Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment, provided a flyover consisting of three UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters. First Battalion, 145th Field Artillery, rendered a 19-gun

Utah Guard’s 1-145th Field Artillery members fire a 19-gun salute in honor of Gov. Gary R. Herbert’s inauguration.



salute to Herbert just after he took the oath of office to begin his first, full, four-year term as governor.

Other Utah Guard support to the event included the 85th Civil Support Team’s standing by in the event of a hazardous-materials incident, and several senior officers and enlisted personnel functioning as escorts for the many dignitaries attending the event. Other Guardmembers provided security or rendered logistical or administrative support.

Herbert noted the presence and involvement of the Utah National Guard at the top of his remarks at the ceremony.

“We thank the men and women of our Utah Army and Air National Guard for their service,” he said, “not only on this day, but for the service and sacrifice they offer us every single day.”

Utah National Guard Air and Army members stand on the Capitol steps during the 19-gun salute and flyover.





Elected officials and their spouses wait on stage prior to taking the oath of office at the inaugural ceremony Jan. 7.



Members of the Utah National Guard 23rd Army Band play during the inaugural ceremony.

According to Lt. Col. Matt Price, director of facilities for the Utah Guard and chairman of its inauguration committee, planning for the ceremony began days after Herbert won reelection in November. Price was pleased with the final result, and officials and guests were also lavish in their praise of the Utah Guard's role in the inauguration.

"There were a lot of scripted items that had to hit the mark exactly," said Price. "The people out on the floor thought it looked wonderful."

Brig. Gen. David Fountain, Utah Guard Assistant Adjutant General—Air, noted with pride the importance of the Utah Guard's traditional role in the inauguration.

"History is everything," he said. "The ceremonial aspect is so important, not only what we do in uniform, but also for our civic leadership. When we think about how often we

hear the National Anthem when we're in uniform and all the different renditions, I stood a little straighter today. It really makes you want to be a part of this organization."

The inauguration, Burton observed, also demonstrated the effectiveness of the continuing partnership of the military and elected representatives.

"We answer to our elected civilian officials," he said. "It's important that we have a good relationship with the governor because he can do a lot to help us in the execution of our duties. We need his support, and we need the support of the legislature to do our job."

"It's an opportunity to be in this beautiful Capitol building and witness something that many people don't get the opportunity to witness," Burton concluded. "I feel very honored for us to showcase what we can do." 🇺🇸

The Mormon Tabernacle Choir performs during the inaugural ceremony in the State Capitol rotunda.



Gov. Gary R. Herbert, surrounded by his family, signs the oath of office in the Gold Room at the State Capitol.



624th Engineers Build in Afghanistan

Story by Maj. Richard Shuck

AFGHANISTAN — **T**he 624th Engineer Company has been serving in Afghanistan since July 2012. The unit has not lacked for work nor projects since their boots hit the ground. They have built pole barns, B-huts, wall houses, tent pads, poured concrete and completed small, intricate projects like building office furniture in order to improve the quality of life and permanency of forward operating bases throughout Afghanistan.

The 624th consists of three vertical-construction platoons, along with a company headquarters section and maintenance section. The platoons were split up when they first arrived in theater, and they are constructing buildings in several locations throughout the country. Being spread out makes command and control a challenge, but certainly not insurmountable for Capt. Chris Vernon and his headquarters section.

“Over the course of the last seven months, the 624th has developed a reputation as hard workers who always accomplish the mission and produce high-quality products,” said Vernon. “Our Soldiers have displayed their versatility, working on a variety of projects on the largest bases to the smallest COPs (combat outpost) in very austere conditions.”

Once a project is completed, the construction platoon or element is immediately retasked and moved to a different area in order to begin the next project. Oftentimes they are in one location for only a few short weeks—sometimes longer—based on the extent of the work to be completed.

Overall, the 624th has had great success and received glowing reviews from the higher command. The unit is now in its last few months of deployment time and plans to receive a steady flow of missions right up to the end of their time in country. 



Members of the 624th Engineer Company build throughout Afghanistan. Some of the projects include pole barns, B-huts, wall houses, tent pads, cement work and office furniture.

Photos courtesy of 624th Engineer Company



Admiral Enlists Cups to ‘Serve’ National Guard Personnel

Story by Mike Shanahan

SALT LAKE CITY — Admiral Beverage wasn't just helping the communities where it does business when it decided to do something meaningful for the National Guard. The Pepsi bottler that serves several western states was helping its own people as well.

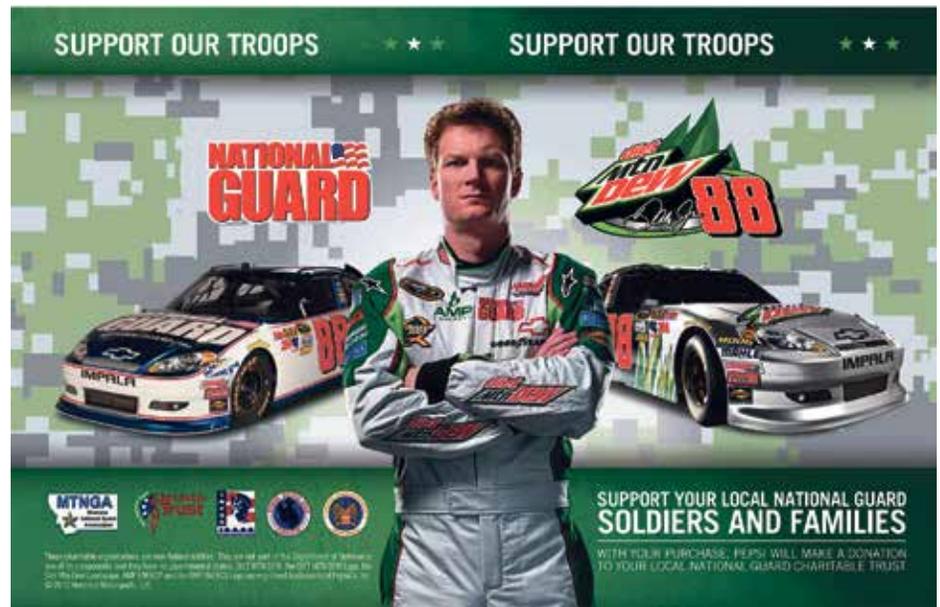
“Our company has, for a long time, felt a need to support our troops,” said Randy Jensen, vice president, On-Premise, for Admiral. “The National Guard troops who are called up to serve our country could be one of our employees or family members. Regardless of who they are or where they are from, we feel committed to support them wherever they serve.”

The bottler reached out to the National Guard to ask what it could do to be of service to those who serve their country. It turned out the National Guard didn't accept direct donations, but Admiral learned about the Utah Guard Charitable Trust and similar organizations in Montana, South Dakota, Idaho and Wyoming. The result was a 32-ounce Mountain Dew cup promotion dedicated to raising funds for the Guard-assistance groups in those states.

It was an effort greatly appreciated by those on the receiving end, according to Ileen Kennedy, a public-information officer with the Utah National Guard. Her state's trust, she explained, is designed to help Soldiers, Airmen and their families through tough times that can arise during deployment. The assistance can come in any number of forms, including loans issued to make household ends meet and paying for travel that will allow a family member to join an injured spouse overseas while he or she recovers.

“The idea is to reach out and take the stress off Soldiers in a deployed situation so they can focus on the job at hand and not worry so much about the needs of their families,” Kennedy said. “It takes companies like Admiral Beverage saying, ‘We want to help our military’ to make those good intentions become genuinely good deeds.”

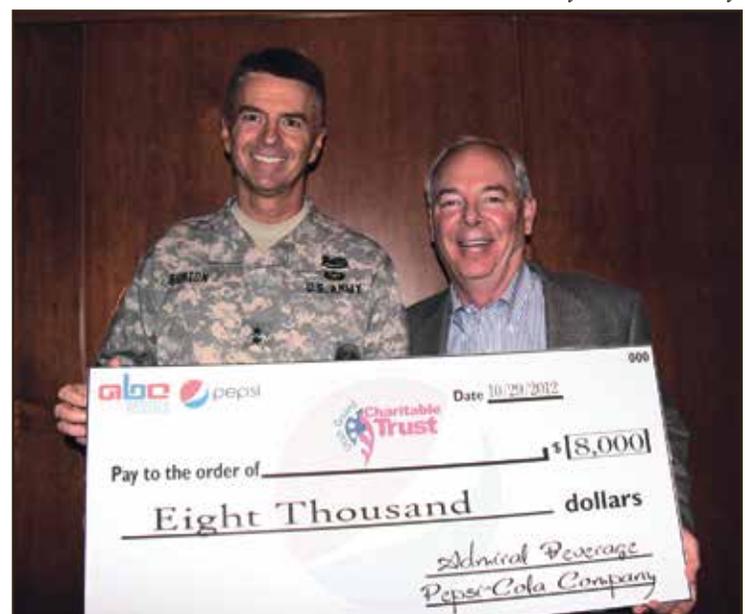
The Utah Guard Charitable Trust doesn't advertise, so it counted itself fortunate to find a marketing-savvy partner in Admiral Beverage. The bottler leveraged Mountain Dew's relationship with Dale Earnhardt, Jr., Jensen said, since the NASCAR driver was already known for his support of the Guard. From there, “we did



point of sale, banners, posters” and whatever manner of promotion it took so consumers would understand what a good cause they were supporting when they purchased more than a million 32-ounce cups of Dew between the middle of July and the end of September.

“A lot of our employees have been involved in call-ups,” Jensen reiterated. “For their families, that means sons or daughters or mothers or fathers who are serving. We want to do all we can to support them.”

Photo by Ileen Kennedy



Kelly Clay, president of Admiral Beverage, presents an \$8,000 check for the Utah Guard Charitable Trust to Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton.

Honorary Colonels Corps



Members of the Honorary Colonels Corps attend the Veterans Day concert (above) and Governor's Day (below), wearing their signature red coats. The Veterans Day concert is one of the many events made possible through the support of the Honorary Colonels Corps.

Story by Capt. Casey Staheli

DRAPER, Utah — **M**any of the men and women in the Utah National Guard who work at the Joint Forces Headquarters in Draper are familiar with the Honorary Colonels room in the front hall. Often, promotions and other small ceremonies for Servicemembers are held in the room as smiling families, friends and coworkers look on. But what is the Honorary Colonels Corps, and who are its members?

“It is a chance for those accepted into the Corps to serve those who serve, and help those who serve. It becomes an honor to demonstrate our appreciation,” said Paul Swenson, the president of Colonial Flag, when describing, in his own words, what the Honorary Colonels Corps of Utah is.

The Corps was created as a civic and community organization for the purpose of creating goodwill and social well-being for the state and promoting the interests of the Utah National Guard.

Brig. Gen. Lewis T. Ellsworth, president of Surety Life Insurance Company, who donated personal funds to start the organization around 1958, organized the Corps.

“Since that time, the Honorary Colonels Corps has strived to make sure all of our involvement goes back to the families and the Soldiers and Airmen,” said Swenson.

There are a number of programs that the Corps helps

Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Stacey Berg, Ileen Kennedy and Sgt. Ashley Baum

sponsor, such as Freedom Academy and the annual Veterans Day concert, where the Utah National Guard's 23rd Army Band and Granite School District high school choirs perform a free concert while honoring veterans.

“The Veterans Day concert was just one way to get involved,” said Swenson. “Every year Colonial Flag supplies the flags, and it's always an honor to see them up there with the military members.” Corps members, easy to spot in their red blazers and golf shirts, also support other Guard activities such as Governor's Day and Utah Guard Charitable Trust functions.

That is just one way Swenson has tried to give back to Servicemembers, and one reason he speculates that he was nominated to become an Honorary Colonel.

In order to join the Corps, an individual must be nominated by another member and approved by the board of trustees. The Corps currently has about 100 active members, consisting of former governors and other elected officers, retired general officers and local business and community leaders. Its current commander is former U.S. Senator and retired Brig. Gen. E. J. “Jake” Garn.

Swenson isn't sure who nominated him or why, but he feels privileged to be a part of an organization that strives to give back to Soldiers and Airmen.



“The Honorary Colonels are involved with the Yellow Ribbon, with ESGR, and we receive emails about almost everything that is happening in the Utah Guard,” said Swenson. “We want to be there for the individuals and units.”

The Utah Freedom Memorial is Swenson’s current project. It was designed to help youth understand the cost of freedom.

“It’s not just about death, but the cost of separation, post-traumatic stress, and the many other sacrifices that military members and their families continually make.”

The memorial, located in Sandy, Utah, is scheduled to be dedicated Nov. 11, 2013.

Besides working on the Utah Freedom Memorial for the last five years, Swenson is also the founder of the Healing Field, a program started after 9/11 that has helped communities come together and generate funds in support of worthy causes, but most importantly, to heal hearts.

For his individual contributions to Servicemembers, Swenson received the Bronze Minuteman Award at the annual Awards Banquet in 2009, another event sponsored by the Honorary Colonels Corps.

The banquet’s purpose is to give recognition to community members who have supported the National Guard or have been active in promoting programs in the public interest throughout the state and nation. The banquet, held each year in June, will celebrate its 52nd anniversary in 2013.

In reference to Swenson’s being an award recipient, he said, “It was an honor, but not my favorite part.” His favorite part was spending time getting to know a former pilot.

“At the dinner table was a gentlemen who had been in the Guard for a long time. He had been a pilot in the Air Force and just opened up. He was around 80 years old, and I got to hear his stories; it was like going to a movie. I hardly ate I was so enthralled,” said Swenson. “It was like talking with a piece of history.”

For Honorary Colonel Paul Swenson, that is what the Corps is all about—getting to know the Servicemembers and serving those who serve.

“I have always had a general respect for the men and women in uniform, but I stood on the parade route and cheered,” said Swenson. “Now I can be even more involved and more supportive of our military members.”

Sub-for-Santa Program Receives a Boost

Story by Staff Sgt. Shana Hutchins

DRAPER, Utah — **W**ednesday night, Dec. 5, 2012, several Soldiers from the Utah Army National Guard, staff from Family Programs and Goldman Sachs employees descended upon a downtown Walmart with the express purpose of purchasing much-needed items for National Guard families this holiday season.

Many companies throughout Utah contribute to and assist the Guard with Sub-for-Santa. This year Goldman Sachs and L-3 Communications were two of the biggest business contributors to the program.

Forty-seven members from the Goldman Sachs veterans network, of which there are 247, donated \$12,000 and numerous hours of their own time shopping.

“We are always looking for ways to give back to our community. It’s good to know Guardmembers and their families may benefit due to our efforts,” said Rasheed Khan, a Marine Corps vet and Goldman Sachs employee.



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Goldman Sachs employees, volunteers and members of the Utah National Guard shop to fill gift requests for children of Guardmembers from generous donations to the Sub-for-Santa program.

Shoppers were given lists with ages, gender and needs and sent into Walmart to acquire the needed items. Three registers were reserved for checkout of these special shoppers, and when they checked out, the items were bagged, labeled and whisked away to be opened Christmas Day by National Guard children.

Capt. Emilio Suazo, of the 1-145th Field Artillery and

a Goldman Sachs employee, was there as a shopper. Suazo said, "It's great seeing the National Guard and business community coming together for a good cause."

L-3 Communications representatives arrived at Salt Lake armory Dec. 6, 2012, and met with Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, Utah's adjutant general, to show him their contributions for our Guard families. All in-kind donations from L-3 came from their employees, and any employee cash donations were matched by L-3 to go to the Charitable Trust. Thousands of dollars worth of toys, clothing and other essential items were donated.

CiCi Compton, military relations liaison from L-3, said, "We have such a strong connection with the military because 12 percent of our employee base is military. We love giving back and have a huge amount of pride for our military."

It's not just about monetary donations; it's about giving back, helping people and providing hope—even just an ounce of it, said Danielle Wissmar, Goldman Sachs employee and spouse of a Utah National Guardmember.

According to Capt. Noé Vázquez, director of the Sub-for-Santa program, generous donations from private citizens and organizations like these will ensure a more meaningful Christmas for military families in Utah who have indicated a need for support this year. The Utah Guard Family Support Services office assisted in helping more than 400 children during the Christmas holidays. 📧

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CSM Miller Visits Utah's Wounded Around the U.S.

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Chevonne Day

DRAPER, Utah — After deployments conclude and as Soldiers transition to normal life, there are some who must remain at deployment mobilization stations or active-duty posts due to injuries or health issues. Currently, the Utah National Guard has 24 Soldiers who are involved in this type of program. Soldiers are spread across multiple states including Fort Carson, Colo., Fort Lewis, Wash., Fort Riley, Kan., Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Camp Williams, Utah, and Landstuhl, Germany. Soldiers are from various units and different deployments and have a vast range of medical issues. Some of the units include the 19th Special Forces, 1-211th Aviation, 2-211th Aviation, 141st Military Intelligence, 624th Engineers, 1-145th Field Artillery and Joint Forces Headquarters.

The process that Soldiers often have to undergo after being evacuated from an overseas deployment, or if they remain after deployment time, involves many steps to ensure that they are fully assisted with their medical issues. Soldiers are not permitted to have their families with them and cannot return to regular employment while in the program. The program must be thorough and guarantee each Soldier gets the medical attention they need.

Recently, Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller, the Utah National Guard State Senior Enlisted Advisor, went to visit these Soldiers. These Soldiers sometimes feel forgotten and cut off from the unit. Miller went before the holiday season to ensure that they are aware they are still part of the Utah National Guard and that the command group fully supports them and is aware of the sacrifices these Soldiers face.

Miller was able to spend quality one-on-one time with most Soldiers and took them care packages. The purpose of the visit was to ensure that the Utah National Guard Soldiers are being assisted with their individual challenges and that they know that there is support for the Soldier and their family in Utah. The Utah National Guard prides itself on taking care of its Soldiers and making sure that no Soldier is left behind.

Sgt. 1st Class Ivan Carr of the 624th Engineers said, "Command Sgt. Maj. Miller and I knew each other from the artillery a long time ago, and when he came to Fort Sam, I recognized his face. It was good to see him. We went to dinner and had a good conversation. It was nice to visit the old days."

Spc. Trevor Monroe from the 19th Special Forces spoke not only of the visit from Miller but also the entire program and process he has been through.

"When you first start this program, it can be very overwhelming; you have no idea what to expect and what is going on. There is also a whole lot of paperwork and repeated tests. Once I was moved to Fort Carson, things improved; the cadre was great to me and worked really well with me as an individual and with my wife. The Fort Carson cadre has a lot of National Guard folks, and they understand better how it feels. The Utah Family Readiness Group has been amazing and so helpful in many ways to include assisting my wife and me to purchase a home. Not only has Command Sgt. Maj. Miller come to visit but also the G1 personnel and Medical Branch [work] to ensure problems are resolved and improved for other Soldiers."

As it is the beginning of a new year, remember each Soldier away from us and especially their families. Support one another. 

Photos by Staff Sgt. Michael Crofts and Ileen Kennedy



Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller visits with Utah Soldiers at Fort Carson, Colo., during the Christmas holiday season.



Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller presented gift bags to Utah's wounded during his visit in December.



Lt. Col. Greg Hartvigsen, commander of the Utah Guard's 1-211th Aviation, left, holds his unit colors as German President Joachim Gauck, right, places his country's streamer on the battalion flag Dec. 19.

German President Honors Utah Guard Aviators in Afghanistan

Story by Heath Druzin

MAZAR-I-SHARIF, Afghanistan — **T**he president of Germany presented two American aviation units with the country's highest honor Dec. 19 for their "heroic deeds" in support of German forces.

President Joachim Gauck visited this northern Afghan city to laud the aviators of Task Forces Ready and Pirate, who provide medical flights, close-air support and transport flights throughout northern Afghanistan, where most of the 4,600 German troops in Afghanistan are based.

"On many occasions you put yourselves in harm's way for one reason: to save the lives of German soldiers," Gauck said during a ceremony at Camp Marmal.

Gauck, who also visited with German troops, along with his domestic partner, Daniela Schadt, and attended a ceremony at a memorial for fallen Coalition Soldiers, presented American aviators with the *Fahnenband*, the highest German honor that can be given to a military unit. The German role in the war has been a highly contentious issue for Germans, many of whom are uncomfortable with their troops in a combat role.

Much of Task Force Ready is made up of aviators from 5th Battalion, 158th General Support Aviation Battalion, based in Katterbach, Germany, who are used to working with their German counterparts, said U.S. Army Maj. Eric Hanes, the task force's executive officer.

"We train with German soldiers in Germany. We've built that relationship early, so when we're stationed together as a Coalition unit in Afghanistan, it's seamless," he said.

The lead unit for Task Force Pirate is 1st Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment, from the Utah National Guard.

Northern Afghanistan has avoided much of the bloodshed of southern and eastern Afghanistan, but some formerly quiet areas have seen major attacks recently, including a suicide attack on a mosque in the capital of Faryab province at the end of October that killed more than 40 people. There have also been a number of supply trucks targeted by insurgents in the north, which includes a vital overland route used by NATO to get supplies in and out through Tajikistan.

While the bulk of the ground forces in northern Afghanistan are German, the U.S. has been providing nearly all of the air support. However, with the recent delivery of the Tiger attack helicopter to the German military, the Germans may be taking on a more active aviation role. Hanes said with American troop withdrawals expected to pick up, it will be important for other Coalition nations to take on more responsibility.

"The writing is on the wall that forces are drawing down, and going forward, it's going to be more critical to partner with other nations," he said. 🇺🇸

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SALT LAKE CITY — **T**he Utah National Guard Region VIII Homeland Response Force (HRF) trained with the 172nd Airlift Control Flight, Mississippi Air National Guard, on rapid-deployment, air-load operations at the Utah Air National Guard Base Jan. 7-10, 2013.

According to Lt. Col. Brad Fuller, 97th Troop Command and Region VIII HRF commander, his intent for the joint training is to develop, test and verify air-mobility plans that can then be modified for use by all national HRF and CERFP (CBRNE [chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive]-enhanced response-force package) teams.

National doctrine for the HRF and CERFP currently requires each to be able to mobilize and deploy on short notice by ground or air, depending on the location of the incident.

Maj. Talon Greeff, HRF plans officer, said this four-day exercise was a unique opportunity to improve the operational

readiness of the HRF by providing the training needed to deploy rapidly by air, if needed, for a domestic response.

“The C-17 aircraft is a strategic asset that the Utah Air National Guard rarely gets to train on. Typically, Air National Guardsmen train for C-17 loading without the aircraft present, so having an actual C-17 to load provides realistic training. It provides realistic problems for us to solve so that we can deploy the HRF quickly, by air throughout the United States if needed,” explained Greeff.

Lt. Col. Mel Anderson, program manager and deputy commander of the HRF, described the task of moving the entire HRF by air as daunting.

“As a whole, there is very little experience or training in air-load operations in the HRF/CERFP community. Each piece of equipment must be measured, weighed and evaluated for air worthiness,” said Anderson. “Issues like center of gravity and

Homeland Response Force Trains for Air Mobility

Story by By Maj. Wencke Tate



Members of the Utah National Guard's Region VIII Homeland Response Force train on loading their equipment on a C-17 from the 172nd Airlift Control Flight, Mississippi Air National Guard, at the Utah Air National Guard Base Jan. 7-10.

axle weight [are taken into account]. Even our trailer hitches have created challenges because our current configurations don't always allow us to use the ramps available to us. Our personnel and the flight crew have come up with some creative ways to load trailers when our planned vehicle configurations don't work."

Lt. Col. Scott Ditto, commander of the 172nd, based in Jackson, Miss., said, "I have been in the Army National Guard for 12 years and the Air National Guard for 12 years, and this is, without a doubt, the best joint exercise I have ever participated in." He explained that both Air and Army worked together with Airmen and Soldiers actively working hard to ensure success.

"Our understanding of the capabilities and limitations of the C-17 aircraft has grown dramatically over the course of this training, thanks to the knowledge of the crews from the

Mississippi Air Guard and members of the 151st Air Wing of the Utah National Guard," said Anderson.

According to Greeff, the National Guard excels when faced with a domestic emergency.

"This exercise demonstrates the capability of Army and Air National Guard units working together, using their strengths to be better than either alone, in responding to a catastrophic event," said Greeff.

The HRF is a Department of Defense asset and is hosted by one state in each of the ten Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regions. According to a DoD fact sheet, HRFs will increase the focus of Department of Defense CBRNE consequence-management response forces on lifesaving objectives. It will also increase operational flexibility while recognizing the primary role that governors play in controlling responses to CBRNE incidents that occur in their states. 🇺🇸



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Cedar City Armory Opens after Extensive Renovation



Veterans of 2nd Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery, from left to right: Lt. Col. John Esplin, Command Sgt. Maj. Kent Bishop, Command Sgt. Maj. Max R. Bonzo, Lt. Col. John Cox, Cedar City Mayor and Honorary Colonel Joe Burgess, and architects Chris Jensen and Mark Stonehawker and others cut a ribbon to commemorate the Battalion's newly renovated armory in Cedar City Dec. 8.

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Whitney Houston

CEDAR CITY, Utah — **A** group of veterans, Soldiers, and community members gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house at the Headquarters of 2nd Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery's (Triple Deuce) newly renovated armory in Cedar City, Dec. 8.

The event included speeches from officials of the Triple Deuce, other Utah National Guard officials and Cedar City's Mayor Joe Burgess. The dialogue was focused on the battalion's history, the armory's significance in the community and new additions to the building.

"The Higher Headquarters Battery of 2nd Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery, has been the home of many great Soldiers, NCOs and officers," said Lt. Col. Matt Price, director of the Utah Guard's Construction Facilities Management Office. "It has been the centerpiece of planning and executing many operations, activations and deployments: 2002 Winter Olympics; Operation Noble Eagle 2003 Fort Lewis, Wash.; Operation Iraqi Freedom, 2006; and recently, Operation New Dawn 2011," Price said.

Price went on to read a resolution passed by Utah legislators during the Korean War in honor of their courage and vital role in that conflict. The Triple Deuce at that time was designated as the 213th Field Artillery.

"Now therefore, be it resolved that the accomplishment of the 213th Field Artillery is the supreme demonstration of love of country and outstanding service to the free people of the world, and we hereby gratefully acknowledge the great worth and inestimable value of this Utah military unit in preserving life, liberty and freedom to all people. And we sincerely express our gratitude for the sacrifice being made by them for us."

These small hometown armories have been an important cultural center for Cedar City and surrounding areas. Their effects are far-reaching and have given past and upcoming generations a good influence and a real view of what Citizen-Soldiers do.

"When I was a boy, I spent a lot of time playing basketball in St. George's armory and countless hours in this armory watching my kids play basketball," said Cedar City Mayor Joe Burgess. "I can tell you that buildings like this one make a big difference in the lives of young men. It gives them an opportunity to rub shoulders with Soldiers and see pictures of flags and historical photos, as well as other memorabilia that give them a sense of reality of the presence of our Soldiers," he said.

The renovation of the armory shows the unit's continued relevancy in the defense of homeland, and in consequence, encourages community cohesion and patriotism.

"We're fortunate to have such a proud heritage here in Southern Utah and to have such strong vision in the military. There are a lot of fathers, sons, brothers and cousins who have been in this unit," said Col. Richard Miller, Utah National Guard chief of staff, and Cedar City native.

Tackling a project of this magnitude took some time and monetary assets. Improvement was necessary to facilitate the 222nd's mission and make the building more cost and energy efficient.

"Over the last year and a half this building has been retrofitted to make it more efficient," said Sgt. 1st Class Lennie McConnell, Headquarters Battery, 222nd Field Artillery's readiness noncommissioned officer. "They furred out and insulated all of the walls, put in fire-suppression systems, rewired the whole building and replaced the old boiler system," McConnell said.

McConnell explained that the renovation required \$1.3 million in federal funds and was part of a larger statewide effort to bring National Guard facilities up to standard.

"Having the building updated will help us out tremendously. It's given us more room for the Soldiers to work in their own specialized areas," McConnell said.

"They added on a 1,600-square-foot classroom, a medic room, as well as a covered parking area where we can store vehicles and equipment," he said.

Soldiers of the "Triple Deuce" are already seeing the worth of the new building, as space has been set aside for them to store equipment that they are responsible for.

"When you have over \$1,000 on your hand receipt that you're responsible for, it's nice to have a secure area to stow it," said Spc. Nick Bangerter of the 2nd Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery.

A retired command sergeant major from the Triple Deuce, Max Bonzo, said, "Time marches on, I am happy to be able to be here and see this happen. It's emotional."

The Triple Deuce's armory was not the only thing that has been renovated and strengthened. Time-honored friendships and relations are strengthened as military meets community in this manner. 🇺🇸



Col. Richard Miller, chief of staff of the Utah National Guard, speaks to a crowd at a ribbon-cutting ceremony held at the 2nd Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery's newly renovated armory in Cedar City, Utah.



Former commander of 2nd Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery, John Cox, left, Command Sgt. Maj. Max R. Bonzo, center, and Master Sgt. Mike Nelson, all former veterans of the 222nd, stood and were recognized among community members and Soldiers of the Triple Deuce during a ribbon-cutting ceremony held at Cedar City Armory Dec. 8.

Command Chief Warrant Officer Comments



Photo by SFC Stacey Berg

Heber Hyde
Command Chief Warrant Officer
Utah Army National Guard

DRAPER, Utah — I hope you all had a great holiday season and will experience a rewarding new year.

2013 will bring exciting new challenges for the warrant officer corps, with more deployments, new programs and the challenges of a changing national climate.

The warrant officer corps plays a major role in the implementation and management of these new requirements/programs. The success of our organization relies heavily upon the technical and tactical capabilities of you, the warrant officer. I am confident that you will be the leader that we need when challenges arise. You are “the answer.”

I’d like bring to your attention the accomplishments of some of our fine warrant officers. There are two individuals that come to mind as I write this:

The first is Chief Warrant Officer 2 Kade Rolfson, 300th Military Intelligence Brigade. Chief Rolfson was awarded the NSA Operator of the Year in an award ceremony at Fort Meade, Md., June 22, 2012.

The second is Chief Warrant Officer 2 Ben Grimstead of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1457th Engineer Battalion. Chief Grimstead competed in a “Skills USA competition” in the area of equipment maintenance and placed second nationally.

My congratulations go out to these two fine young warrant officers.

As we move ahead, I am proud to be part of our corps and rub shoulders with quality Soldiers like the warrant officers of the Utah Army National Guard. 🇺🇸

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'Hiring Our Heroes' Job Fair

Story and photos by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

SANDY, Utah — Nearly 140 employers and more than 800 jobseekers gathered at the South Towne Expo Center for the second annual Hiring Our Heroes job fair Nov. 8.

The focus of the fair was to assist veterans and their spouses to find or upgrade their employment.

Sponsored by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the event was a combined effort of several organizations to include the Utah Veterans and Military Employment Coalition, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce, Utah Department of Veterans Affairs and Utah Department of Workforce Services.

"The people who have served in the Armed Forces have been trained in leadership and understand what it takes to be a team member and continue to deliver every day in everything they do," said Lane Beattie, president of the Salt Lake Chamber at the opening ceremony.

"We have 85,000 people unemployed in Utah," continued Beattie. "We continue to say to our businesses, '[Hire] just one more.'"

"As many of you saw throughout the elections, the main priorities of our candidates at the national, state, and local levels were the economy and jobs," said Brig. Gen. Dallen Atack, assistant adjutant general of the Utah National Guard. "Some of the people who made these freedoms available to all of us are here today, and they are the ones looking for these jobs."

Rudy Mena, of Riverton, found his current job at the Hiring Our Heroes job fair last year, and he is back to see if he can upgrade his current employment.

As a military veteran, Mena knows that he and his counterparts have a great deal to offer potential employers.

"We are reliable, always on time and we are mission-oriented," said Mena. "Once we take an assignment, we finish it, and the employer is happy. We served proudly, and we continue to work proudly."

Krista Kirkeeide was at the fair as an employer, representing Zero Manufacturing, a company that specializes in transit and storage containers, carrying cases and custom-made equipment enclosures.

Kirkeeide is impressed with the dedication and hard work that veterans bring to the table, which makes them attractive to potential employers.

"This is a great career fair," she said. "We do a lot of custom-end design for the military. We like to support the military and want to bring them on board and put them to work."

This year's fair saw 633 interviews between employers and job seekers, resulting in 29 firm job offers and another 70 provisional offers of employment.

Officials estimate that more than 800 applicants will ultimately be hired as a result of this year's fair, a significant increase over last year's results. 



Members of the military have distinctive skill sets that many companies were looking for at the second annual 'Hiring Our Heroes' job fair at the South Towne Expo Center in Sandy, Utah.



The Utah National Guard's 23rd Army Band and a 600-voice combined choir from Granite School District high schools performs at the Utah Guard's 57th annual Veterans Day concert at the University of Utah's Jon M. Huntsman Center Nov. 10.

Utah National Guard Hosts 57th Annual Veterans Day Concert

Story and photos by Senior Airman Lillian Harnden

SALT LAKE CITY — **T**he Utah National Guard hosted the 57th annual Veterans Day concert at the University of Utah's Jon M. Huntsman Center Nov. 10.

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

"We dedicate these performances tonight, and our performances in uniform in the future, to those who have served in this uniform in the past whose shoulders we stand upon here tonight," said keynote speaker Maj. Gen. Jefferson Burton, adjutant general of the Utah National Guard. "To all those who are currently serving, may our hearts be drawn to those who are in harm's way tonight. May we ponder them

and their families and think about them, and may they be in our prayers. We pledge that we will continue to uphold the motto of the National Guard which is, 'Always Ready, Always There.'"

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

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

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



Retired Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet, former adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, was awarded the Veterans Service Award by Zions Bank for his lifetime of service and support of military veterans.

“Awesome!” was how Goodson described the choir.

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

During the program, Zions Bank presented its third annual Veterans Service Award to recently retired Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet, former adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, for his lifetime of service and support of military veterans.

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

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

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

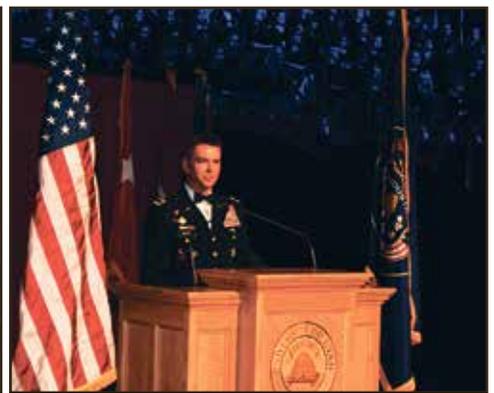
Americans originally celebrated Veterans Day as the anniversary of the end of World War I when major hostilities were formally ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 with the German signing of the Armistice. It was not officially titled Veterans Day until 1954 when the holiday was reestablished as a way to honor all veterans, both living and deceased, who have served throughout U.S. military history.

Chairman of the concert committee, Lt. Col. Marc Savageau, said that attendance at the annual Veterans Day concert is usually between 4,000 and 5,000 persons; however, he estimated the attendance this year to be slightly less due to heavy snowfall that day. The event was free and open to the public. The concert was funded by the Honorary Colonels Corps and by donations from numerous local businesses.

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

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

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



Chief Warrant Officer 2 Denny Saunders takes a bow after conducting the opening number, “The Footlifter.” Leah Tarrant conducts “America, the Dream Goes On.” Guest speaker Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, addresses the audience during the 57th annual Veterans Day concert.

65th FiB and JFHQ Participate in Yama Sakura

Story by Capt. Chris Tarbet

FORT LEWIS, Wash. and CAMP SENDAI, Japan — Utah Army National Guard (UTARNG) had 94 Soldiers of the 65th Fires Brigade (FiB) and Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ), spend two wintry weeks training in Japan and at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., (JBLM) in support of Yama Sakura 63, from Nov. 30 to Dec. 14, 2012.

Yama Sakura is a joint U.S.-Japanese, division-level exercise that provides the Japanese interaction with U.S. military advisors from various active, Reserve, and Guard units, while simultaneously serving as U.S. Army Pacific's largest simulated-training exercise. Yama Sakura involves Soldiers and civilian contractors from various entities in Colorado, Washington, Hawaii, Japan and Korea. These Soldiers, all from diverse units and specialties in the Utah Army National Guard, were able to put their training and skills to the test, immersed in a very high operational tempo and joint environment that required the use of a "terp" or interpreter to accomplish the mission.

Soldiers who traveled to Camp Sendai, a small military post run by the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force in Sendai, Japan; and JBLM, formerly Fort Lewis, were assigned to small teams or cells that focused on the operations of a specific, major command's assets. Regardless of whether the Soldiers were from UTARNG's aviation, engineer, chemical, or fires assets, they were required to function as subject-matter experts. It was a learning and growth experience for all Servicemembers, both officer and enlisted.

These Soldiers played the role of U.S. forces, allies to Japanese units, deployed in a coordinated effort to defeat a simulated aggressor. This aggressor, known as Westland,

utilized Chinese and North Korean tactics to invade the Japanese mainland. Mostly members of JFHQ, these Soldiers were each assigned a Japanese counterpart with whom they worked daily to strategize and defend Japanese cities, ports, and areas of national security.

When asked about working with his Japanese counterpart, Sgt. 1st Class Aaron Slaughter, member of JFHQ, said, "I absolutely loved the joint nature of the exercise and enjoyed seeing how a foreign military operated and conducted themselves. My favorite part of the exercise was being able to get to know some of the Japanese counterparts and see what a great sense of humor they can have. They were so dedicated and professional all the time. It was an amazing thing to be a part of! It was also really nice to be able to attend this exercise with Soldiers from other units in the state and get to know them a little better."

Yama Sakura is a unique exercise since it incorporates small groups of Guardmembers, who without the benefit of training required of field-grade and higher officers and senior noncommissioned officers, make decisions and define the operational battlespace for battalion-level and higher units. It wasn't uncommon for a staff sergeant or captain to authorize the movement of a battalion of engineers or infantrymen. A few nights included social events in Friendship Hall, where U.S. and Japanese Servicemembers were able to spend time learning one another's culture.

"Interacting with the Japanese soldiers was a great part of the exercise. They were excellent, [both] hardworking and personable," said Capt. Clayton Anderson.



Utah National Guard Soldiers with 65th Fires Brigade and Joint Force Headquarters, including Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, participate in the joint U.S.-Japanese exercise Yama Sakura 63 at Camp Sendai, Japan.



With the “state mission” of the Guard ever in mind, some Soldiers attended cultural tours that included visits to areas of the Sendai coastline devastated by the 2011 Tohoku earthquake and tsunami. Many were not only surprised by the magnitude of the destructive power of the tsunami, but also by the efficiency of the Japanese people in the rebuilding and recovery that followed the earthquake.

Most Soldiers of the 65th FiB reported to JBLM, where they were able to function in their primary specialty as members of a fires brigade assisting the Japanese with fires missions. During the exercise, they were required to staff 24-hour operations, and despite the simulated nature of Yama Sakura, each of these dedicated Servicemembers developed a strong sense of mission ownership. They were deeply disappointed when operations failed and were ecstatic when their strategic goals led to the eventual success of driving the notional soldiers of Westland from the shores of the Japanese homeland.

For many Soldiers, it was their first opportunity to participate in Yama Sakura. Of his experience, MO1 Shay Frischknecht said, “It was nice to teach myself the practical application of duties, without having ever seen what right looked like.”

He continued by extolling the successful communication between the various units in each different locations. Despite

not being part of the exercise planning process, he was able to learn on the job and accomplish the mission.

A highlight for both groups was a visit from Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, the adjutant general. He spent time visiting with as many Soldiers as possible, visiting their team’s workstations, learning what each Soldier did and how their mission played into the big picture. The general was introduced to Japanese counterparts at Camp Sendai, high-quality officers who had done significant amounts of work for the bilateral partnership.

Many Soldiers were afforded the opportunity to eat a meal with the general, where he focused more on getting to know about their families and civilian lives. A choice few were selected by their leadership to receive a coin of excellence from Burton, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Toward the end of the operation it wasn’t uncommon to see Japanese soldiers speaking English and UTARNG Soldiers speaking the little phrases and words of Japanese they’d picked up, again proving that UTARNG Soldiers are willing and able to overcome immense obstacles to prosecute the warfight.

Many Soldiers look forward to next year’s exercise, Yama Sakura 64, where there will be new challenges in planning, communication and defending the homeland of a longtime U.S. ally. 🇺🇸



Colonel Dallen Attack Promoted to Brigadier General



Story by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

DRAPER, Utah — Colonel Dallen S. Attack was promoted to brigadier general in a ceremony Oct. 29 at the Utah National Guard's Draper headquarters.

Attack, of Draper, enlisted in the Utah Army National Guard in 1986 with a military intelligence unit. He graduated from Brigham Young University and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1988. He served as a traditional Guardsman for three years and then joined the ranks of the Utah Guard's full-time force in 1991 as the fire direction officer for First Battalion, 140th Field Artillery.

His subsequent assignments included personnel officer, targeting officer, operations officer, executive officer, company commander, commander of Recruiting and Retention Battalion, and he later served as commander of the 1-145th Field Artillery.

In 2010-2011 he deployed to the Horn of Africa (Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as the operations officer for the Special Operations Command and Control Element.

Upon his return from deployment, he served as Director of Human Resources for the Utah National Guard before being assigned as Assistant Adjutant General—Army, his current position. In this new post he will have responsibility for the training and readiness of more than 5,700 Soldiers.

At the promotion ceremony, Attack's father Rodney and Attack's wife, Kimber, pinned on his star. For many, the most touching moment of the event was when Attack's father, a retired colonel who served in both the Air Force and Army, saluted his son, and then the two embraced.

"We are lucky to have Dallen as our newest brigadier general," said Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, adjutant general of the Utah National Guard. "These positions [of leadership] are not jobs, they are callings. We know he is ready for this challenge."

Brig. Gen. Dallen Attack is pinned by his father Rodney and his wife, Kimber, at his promotion ceremony. Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton unfurls the one-star general flag and presents it to newly promoted Brig. Gen. Dallen Attack Oct. 29.

Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Stacey Berg

"Less than one-half of one percent get [promoted to general] in their careers," Burton continued. "Dallen didn't get here because he was a self-server. He got here because he loves Soldiers, and he seeks to serve them."

Attack's first order of business when he stepped to the microphone to give his remarks was to present bouquets of flowers to his mother, wife and daughters, "for weathering every storm the military has had to offer," he said.

Speaking of the "horrible arithmetic" that spouses and children must calculate as their loved one in uniform is away on military assignment, Attack acknowledged that family members have the toughest job of all.

"The amount of time adds up over a career: birthdays, anniversaries, dinners at home, homework events, Scouting events, just being there," he said. "I thank you so much for supporting me and allowing me to stay in a little bit longer."

Attack paid tribute to the many sergeants major with whom he has worked over the years, thanking them for their mentoring and friendship. He also praised all in the room who have worn the uniform, quoting Theodore Roosevelt:

"The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood ... who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

"If you are in uniform today or if you have worn the uniform, you are never to be numbered among the timid souls," said Attack. "You have each entered in the arena. I salute you." 🇺🇸

Lieutenant Colonel Adam Robinson Promoted to Colonel

Story by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

DRAPER, Utah — Lieutenant Col. Adam L. Robinson, Utah Army National Guard, was promoted to colonel Dec. 17 at a ceremony at the Utah Guard's Draper headquarters.

Robinson, of Heber, grew up in Richfield, Utah. He currently serves as full-time Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, for the Utah Army National Guard.

Prior to the pinning ceremony, Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, congratulated Robinson on this signal accomplishment and gave him his marching orders.

"Adam is a guy who cares for people, and this is what this business is all about," Burton said to those assembled. "When we promote people, it's not for what they've done; it's for what they are going to do—so eat your Wheaties, Adam."

Dressed in his blue Army Service Uniform, Robinson asked his wife, Danette, to do the honors in changing his oak-leafed, lieutenant colonel epaulets to ones with an eagle with outstretched wings, the insignia for colonel.

In remarks following his pinning, Robinson thanked his children and extended family and paid special tribute to his wife.

"I have a bumper sticker on my car that says 'The toughest position in the Army is the Army wife,'" he said.

Robinson also acknowledged his mentors and peers, saving his greatest professional thanks for the noncommissioned officers, first sergeants and sergeants major he served with in his career.

"I am proud to wear this uniform," said Robinson as he concluded. "With rank comes great responsibility. I am humbled and want you to know that I will give it my all."

Enlisting in Richfield-based Alpha Battery, 2-222nd Field Artillery, in 1985, Robinson achieved the rank of staff sergeant before receiving his commission through Officer Candidate School in 1995. During his career he has served in a number of leadership positions including fire-direction officer, platoon leader, intelligence officer, operations officer, executive officer, battery commander and battalion commander.

Robinson deployed to Afghanistan in 2006-2007 with I Corps Artillery (Forward) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He was also mobilized in 2002-2003 in support of Operation Noble Eagle, providing security for Deseret Chemical Depot in Tooele.



Col. Adam Robinson receives his new rank insignia from his wife, Danette, at his promotion ceremony Dec. 17.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Afghanistan Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and Combat Action Badge.

He holds an MBA from Webster University. He and his wife, Danette, have five children and five grandchildren. 🇺🇸

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Utah Air Guardsman Receives Award for Saving a Life



Tech. Sgt. Mike Paletta, 151st Security Forces Squadron, poses with his wife, Debbie, at the Salt Lake City Fire Department's 2012 Awards Banquet Nov. 3. Paletta was awarded a Citizen Service Citation for performing CPR to save the life of a driver who had suffered a heart attack Jan. 26. In his civilian career, Paletta is an investigator for the Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division.

Photo courtesy of Mike Paletta

Story by Senior Airman Lillian Harnden

SALT LAKE CITY — **T**ech. Sgt. Mike Paletta, a Utah Air National Guardsman from the 151st Security Forces Squadron, was awarded a Citizen Service Citation at the Salt Lake City Fire Department's 2012 Awards Banquet Nov. 3.

Paletta distinguished himself Jan. 26 by performing CPR to save the life of a driver who had suffered a heart attack.

On that day when Paletta, who is also an investigator for the Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division, was leaving work at the Utah State Tax Commission building, an employee burst through the front doors, spotted Paletta in uniform and shouted, "Emergency outside!"

Paletta called for emergency assistance as he charged to the aid of a complete stranger, who had rolled his car into the curb outside the Tax Commission building. Inside the locked vehicle, Paletta saw an unconscious elderly man convulsing.

"It looked like he was dying," said Paletta. "His hands were curling under and he was seizing, so I grabbed my baton and shattered the front-passenger window to unlock the doors."

A security guard from the Tax Commission office helped Paletta lay the victim on the ground. Then Paletta threw the car into park and turned the engine off before turning his attention back to the victim.

Unable to detect the victim's pulse or breath, Paletta initiated chest compressions. An onlooker ran back to the Tax Commission building to retrieve an automated external defibrillator. Then Paletta's supervisor, Capt. Curtis Stoddard, arrived on scene and performed the chest compressions. Paletta then attached the defibrillator patches to the patient and turned on the machine.

"The defibrillator kept repeating, 'Patient needs to be shocked. Stand clear,'" said Paletta. "Then it told me to press the shock button, so I did. It didn't advise to perform any additional shocks, though. It told us to resume CPR, so that's what we did."

Stoddard resumed chest compressions as Paletta ran to his police car and retrieved a bag-valve mask for the patient. Soon after Paletta began rescue breathing for the patient, emergency workers arrived and quickly loaded the patient into the ambulance.

The patient's wife arrived on scene as he was being loaded into the ambulance. She was also an employee at the Tax Commission office, and her husband was coming to pick her up from work. Paletta offered to drive her to the hospital.

"I was at the hospital with the patient's immediate family when the heart doctor came out and told us that the patient needed heart surgery, but it looked promising that he would make it," said Paletta. "I was happy. His wife and family kept thanking me. I felt like I had been at a certain place at a certain time for a reason."

Paletta said that it was the first time in his career he had ever performed CPR, used a defibrillator or saved a life.

Shane Moser, the firefighter paramedic with the Salt Lake City Fire Department who responded to the scene that day, and who submitted the awards package nominating Paletta, said he believes the shock Paletta delivered saved the patient's life.

"It helps to have a rapid response," said Moser. "This is what makes the story so amazing from a bystander point of view. Most people don't know what to do or are afraid to do what needs to be done. Paletta acted. He performed a lot of critical actions that most people don't do. He broke into the car, performed CPR and shocked the patient with the AED. He went above and beyond and helped to save a life. Incidents of bystanders saving a life are few and far between, so when they happen it's worth some recognition."

According to Paletta, now more than nine months after the incident, whenever he encounters the patient's wife at the workplace she still tells him her husband is doing well. 

Logan Armory Gets a Facelift

Story and photos by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

LOGAN, Utah — **T**he Logan Armory was formally reopened Jan. 12 in a ribbon-cutting ceremony following nearly a year of remodeling the building.

Dignitaries at the event included Randy Watts, mayor of Logan; Col. Val Peterson, Land Component Commander for the Utah National Guard; Lt. Col. Matt Price, director of facilities for the Utah Guard; and the commanders of the two units based at the armory: Maj. James Helco, of Delta Company, 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion; and Capt. Chris Kroeber, of Alpha Battery, 1-145th Field Artillery.

Originally completed in 1969, the \$1.1-million remodeling project included the following improvements:

- New paint, carpet, floor and ceiling tile and landscaping
- New electrical wiring
- Heating and cooling system upgrades
- Lighting and energy-efficient improvements that will reduce electricity costs by 20 percent
- New doors and windows
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“This is more than a building,” said Lt. Col. Matt Price at the ceremony. “It’s a wonderful place for Soldiers to come train and prepare for deployments in response to domestic and overseas emergencies. It does send a message to our Soldiers that we care about them and expect them to be professional.”

“Our Soldiers are the citizens here,” said Col. Val Peterson. “Many of them are students or work here and create the fabric of our community. When we look at this facility we think, ‘What a tremendous asset.’ It creates a place to train our Soldiers and prepare for the unexpected.”

“We hope that it will be a resource that the community uses,” added Peterson, drawing attention to the many improvements, including a brand-new basketball floor.

Logan mayor Randy Watts praised Soldiers for the good they do for the community.

“The beauty of this valley is one thing, but we are really blessed with the quality of people we have,” he said. “I give my gratitude to those of you who serve. It’s a huge sacrifice. I hope this remodeled facility will continue to train you for the unknown obstacles this world has.”

A number of veterans of Korea, Vietnam and more recent conflicts were also in attendance, swapping stories and memories of the old days at the armory.

Still-serving Command Sgt. Maj. Victor Gonzalez, of the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion, began his career in 1991 in Logan Armory.

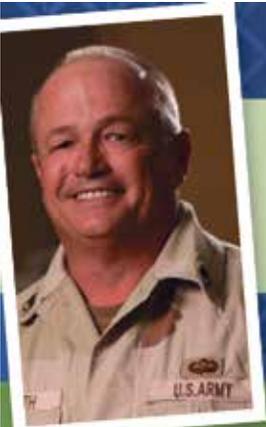
“I lived in Rexburg, Idaho, and I would come down for drill and stay in the armory for the weekend,” reminisced Gonzalez. “After 22 years [in the military] I’ve been all over the world, but it still feels like coming back home. It was emotional when I drove up today.”

Les Patterson retired in 2007 after spending decades at Logan Armory as a Soldier in Bravo Battery, 1-148th Field Artillery, the predecessor to Alpha Battery, 1-145th.

“It’s cool to come back and see this place; I spent several years here,” he said. “It’s good to see some of the vets from Vietnam here and how they still give back to the vets of today. I’m all right being done [with my military career], but I still love it.”



Logan Armory’s newly remodeled flooring and lighting for the drill floor, warehouse and conference room.



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Councilman Named Student Vet of the Year

Story by Rachel J. Trotter

Photos by Kristin Stroud

NORTH OGDEN, Utah — **C**ity Councilman Brent Taylor wears many hats—husband, father, student, councilman, Scout leader and a veteran of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

He was recently honored as Student Veteran of the Year by the University of Utah for his accomplishments. Taylor is currently in the Master of Public Administration degree program at the university, and when a call for nominees for student veteran of the year went out, Taylor's wife, Jennie, nominated him.

Although Taylor knew she had nominated him, he didn't expect to get the award. However, the manager of his master's program, Melissa Hall, wasn't surprised at all.

"We are excited, because he is very deserving," Hall said.

She has seen how hard Taylor works as a student. He plans to enter the doctoral program in international relations after his master's degree is completed.

The university honored Taylor at several recent events, including carrying the game ball at a home football game with his family, which was a highlight for everyone. He also was honored at a reception where he received an award from Utah's Lt. Gov. Greg Bell.

"It was pretty awesome to have 45,000 cheering people give me a standing ovation," Taylor said of the ceremony at the football game.

He loved watching how much his four children soaked up the experience.

"My daughter really loved it. She got to be a cheerleader for the day," Taylor said.

Jennifer White, University of Utah director of marketing for the athletic department, said an electrifying feeling swept the stadium when Taylor's accomplishments were read.

"It was the most impactful presentation in my tenure here. It gave me goose bumps," White said. "Hearing the fans and seeing him stand with his family, knowing that he has served so much and is still getting his degree—it was impressive to the fans."

Taylor's list of military accomplishments is long. He enlisted in the Utah Army National Guard as a counter-intelligence agent in 2003.

After promotion to sergeant, he pursued a commission in military intelligence through the Army ROTC and graduated from BYU in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in political science.

In 2007, he volunteered for a deployment to Iraq with the 116th Engineer Company. Upon completion of this tour, he volunteered to extend and served in Baghdad as the senior adviser to the Iraqi Directorate of Strategic Human Intelligence. In 2011, he qualified as a military police officer and volunteered for deployment with the 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, where he served as a team leader and operations adviser for the



North Ogden City Councilman Brent Taylor and his family pose with Lt. Gov. Greg Bell after Taylor was named Student Veteran of the Year.



Brig. Gen. Kenneth Gammon, Utah National Guard Director of Joint Staff, presents Capt. Brent Taylor with his coin. Taylor and his family were invited to attend the football game after he was named Student Veteran of the Year.

Afghan Border Police. His decorations include the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Iraq and Afghanistan campaign medals and the Combat Action Badge. Taylor said he is honored to represent the many veterans who attend the University of Utah.

"Hundreds of thousands of us had our academic track delayed, and the fact that we can go back to school after we have served is fantastic," he said.

Taylor said going to school, working, being on the city council and being a husband and father can be challenging at times, and he gives up many hours of sleep.

"It is a sacrifice for the whole family, so for the school to recognize this with my wife and kids is special, he said. "They are part of it. It is a family effort." 📧

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BYU Honors Military

Story and photos by Sgt. 1st Class DaleAnne Maxwell

PROVO, Utah — **B**righam Young University honored veterans prior to their football game against Idaho Nov. 10. The Cougars invited Guardmembers to an enlistment ceremony at LaVell Edwards Stadium where 20 Soldiers enlisted into the Utah National Guard.

Lt. Col. Michael Turley, Recruiting and Retention Battalion commander, Utah National Guard, had the new recruits recite the oath on the stadium field, becoming the newest members of the Utah National Guard.

Prior to the BYU vs. Idaho game, Staff Sgt. Justin Day, a recruiter with Recruiting and Retention Battalion, was given the opportunity to run the American flag onto the field where awaiting Servicemembers unfurled the giant American flag during the National Anthem. 🇺🇸

Lt. Col. Michael Turley, commander of Recruiting and Retention Battalion, swears in 20 of the newest members of the Utah Guard during an enlistment ceremony on the field of LaVell Edwards Stadium, prior to the Cougars' matchup with Idaho. Servicemembers unfurl a giant American flag on the field during the National Anthem Nov. 10.



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Combat Lifesaver Training Completed at the 204th MEB



Members of the 204th MEB practice loading a patient onto a UH-60 Blackhawk during Combat Lifesaver training.

Story and photos by Sgt. Anthony C. Hutchins

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — **O**ver November drill weekend, Soldiers of the 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade conducted mandatory Combat Lifesaver training. The CLS course focuses on buddy aid and quick medical response for wounded Soldiers. A medic is not always available when an injury occurs, so the CLS-qualified Soldier can fill in temporarily to render aid.

Soldiers of the 204th MEB who have already had the CLS course had their skills and knowledge refreshed. Medics stressed to the newly certified and the recertified Soldiers that their primary mission is to put bullets downrange, then they can render buddy aid as a CLS. Sgt. 1st Class Brett Whicker, of West Jordan, senior medic with the 204th, also stressed, “Stop the bleeding.”

For the CLS-certified Soldier, stopping the bleeding is the most important buddy-aid action they can perform while in a hostile situation. Stopping the bleeding can give precious time to a wounded Soldier. Once hostilities have ended or the situation permits, further medical aid can be given.

The CLS training in November also gave Soldiers of the 204th a rare opportunity. On the last day of the course, Soldiers conducted joint training with the 489th Brigade Support Battalion and the 1-171st Medevac. Soldiers from the 489th drove through the Improvised Explosive

Device lane at Camp Williams, practicing IED defeat. When one of their Soldiers would get “wounded” they would call in a nine-line medevac request. The 1-171st would then fly in and evacuate the “wounded” and fly them to Tarbet Field in the cantonment area of Camp Williams, where newly certified CLS Soldiers from the 204th were waiting to practice loading and unloading casualties from a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter.

“The benefits of training with the medevac helicopter are that it allows for hands-on training,” Whicker says. “It is a more realistic methodology than looking at pictures in the training manual, and it allows Soldiers to see how terrain and weather affect the helicopters.”

During the CLS course, Soldiers learned from the manual how to put a wounded Soldier on a stretcher and then load that stretcher into either a helicopter or ground ambulance. By conducting the training with the 1-171st and 489th, they actually got to do it.

When asked what CLS Soldiers should never forget about their training, 1st Lt. Cole Johnson, of Salt Lake City, 204th MEB Physician Assistant, was to the point.

“Bleeding control and airways,” he said. “Don’t lose sight of those two basic things. Control the bleeding.” 🩹



Utah State University Signs Community Covenant in Support of Military

Story and photos by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

LOGAN, Utah — Officials from Utah State University signed a Community Covenant in support of the military during halftime of the Utah State-Texas State football game at Romney Stadium Nov. 3.

While dozens of Utah cities have signed the Community Covenant, Utah State is the first educational institution in the state to do so. On hand at the ceremony were Stan Albrecht, president of Utah State University; Noelle Crockett, vice president of USU extension; Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, adjutant general of the Utah National Guard; and recently retired and former Utah Guard adjutant general, Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet, a Utah State alumnus and Cache Valley native.

“This ceremony demonstrated a formal commitment on the part of Utah State University to bring together the academic and military communities to more effectively recognize the contributions of student-Servicemembers,” said Albrecht.

The Community Covenant program is designed to educate local leaders on the challenges that Servicemembers and their families experience in all phases of deployment, provide them with information on programs available to help military family members and create a dialogue with the Utah National Guard and other military organizations to ensure that communities can meet the needs of Servicemembers, veterans and their families. 🇺🇸



USU leaders sign a Community Covenant in support of the military with Utah National Guard leaders looking on.

Members of the Utah National Guard, USU ROTC and Big Blue meet prior to the Utah State-Texas State football game at Romney Stadium Nov. 3, 2012.



Top General of Utah Guard Thanks Kindergarten Students for Charitable Donation



Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller thank kindergarten children from St. John the Baptist Catholic Elementary in Draper, Utah, for their donation to the Utah Guard Charitable Trust Nov. 5.

Story by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

DRAPER, Utah — **T**he adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller visited with kindergarten students at St. John the Baptist Catholic Elementary Nov. 5 to thank them for their generous donation to the Utah Guard Charitable Trust.

Students presented the Utah Guard with a check for \$332 on Sept. 11, but Burton wanted to visit the school in person to express his gratitude for their kindness and hard work.

Burton and Miller talked with kindergarten classes about patriotism and what it means to wear the uniform.

Kindergarten teachers Rhea Eggert, Shannon Hargrove and Annie Taylor helped students raise the funds by creating

Photos by Ileen Kennedy

a painted flag with their handprints for Patriot Day (Sept. 11) and then holding an opportunity drawing with all proceeds going to the Utah Guard Charitable Trust.

Created in 2005 as a 501(c)3 nonprofit entity, the funds of the Utah Guard Charitable Trust assist Utah military families with medical, home or property emergencies, lost wages, travel expenses of wounded Soldiers' families or other unexpected financial needs that arise during deployment of their Servicemember. Funds also support programs like the Utah National Guard Youth Program.

Since its inception, the Trust has disbursed funds to hundreds of families, typically to offset financial hardships incurred during deployment of their Servicemember. 



Gurr Foundation Wounded Warrior Big-Game Hunt



Marine Sgt. Daniel D. Gurr camp in the Diamond Mountain area northeast of Vernal, Utah.

Photos by Leland Slaughter

Story by Staff Sgt. Shana Hutchins

VERNAL, Utah — **M**arine Sgt. Daniel D. Gurr was killed by small-arms fire while serving in Afghanistan Aug. 5, 2011. As a result, David and Dana Gurr, Daniel's father and stepmother, decided to create a foundation in Daniel's honor and sponsor big-game hunts for wounded warriors each year. In the initial year of the project they were able to provide the following hunts: one elk hunt in Colorado; one antelope hunt, two cow elk and four trophy deer hunts in Utah.

Creating and carrying out these events is a time-consuming and ambitious task. The Gurr family created the foundation, obtained sponsors to support the project and wrote bylaws and guidelines.

Coordination with many organizations, groups and individuals was accomplished. One of these organizations is the Survivor Outreach Services from the Utah National Guard. The SOS program is sponsored by the Army National Guard, which reaches out to and assists survivor families from all service branches.

Leland Slaughter, SOS coordinator from Joint Forces Headquarters in Draper, has been in contact with and assisted the Gurr family since the death of their son Daniel. When David Gurr had questions and wanted some guidance, he contacted Slaughter.

David was put in contact with the Wounded Warrior program. This enabled wounded warriors to be aware of the opportunity for the hunts. Warriors interested in the hunt put in an application to the foundation. Servicemembers were then chosen for the hunts, and the hunts were carried out.

Slaughter said, "It was a great experience. I was able to network with many individuals, speak about the Survivor

Outreach program and inform people about our services and how we assist survivors."

Slaughter attended a portion of the cow elk/deer hunt in the Diamond Mountain area northeast of Vernal, Utah, on Oct. 30, 2012. As Slaughter described it, there was a dinner to thank all who had helped with

the hunts: donors who had purchased the hunting tags, the landowners who had allowed warriors to hunt on their private property, hunting guides, people who had donated hunting supplies and others who had been involved. After the dinner, the hunt continued.

Hunters Ace and Joey Redhair, brothers and U.S. Army Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom veterans, had previously killed their elk and were now after the big buck. Leland was able to go with them on the evening and morning hunts on Oct. 30 and 31.

Slaughter said, "Both hunters were able to see many bucks during the weeklong hunt, and they eventually chose and harvested two nice four-points."

The two wounded warriors had never before hunted big game. The elk and deer were the first they had taken.

"I was able to see two wounded warriors who, on more than one occasion, reported that the hunt was the most therapeutic and beneficial experience they had been exposed to, since they had been wounded," said Slaughter. "I was able to see the Gurr family experience a healing of their own as they were able to help some wounded warriors through this project and see the fruits of their labor pay off. They expressed that it was just a small thing on their part to be able to help someone who had been there in battle like their son, but now had to bear the scars of battle for life. They feel comfort and a sense of purpose.

"The Daniel D. Gurr Foundation is in place and on solid ground," added Slaughter. "The Gurr family hope to be able to offer this experience to many more deserving Servicemen and women in the years to come." 🇺🇸

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