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## Major General Jefferson Burton The Adjutant General

It has been said that “when the going gets tough, the tough get going,” and nowhere is that more true than among our citizen-soldiers, airmen and their families.

After a 13-year flurry of back-to-back combat deployments things are beginning to wind down in Afghanistan. This past week, myself and our great Senior Enlisted Advisor, Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller, said goodbye to elements of the 300th Military Intelligence Brigade; 109th Air Control Squadron; and the 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment as they deploy to Afghanistan. As military leaders are well aware, the most dangerous time of any operation is retrograde. It is imperative that we remain focused on the job at hand as we support these three great units along with those who are currently in theater. Please continue to keep both they and their families in your prayers until they safely return to the state.

For those of us who are serving here at home, it is time to focus on getting back to the basics. We must plan, resource, conduct and assess outstanding training events that motivate our Servicemembers and encourage the great youth within our communities to continue to join our ranks. Perhaps now more than ever, community involvement and visibility are essential. As national Guardmembers, we are the face of the United States Military here at home.

In the classic book *On War*, the author points out that the ‘center of gravity’ for any military is the WILL of the people. We will continue to maintain the good will

of the people in our state by being service oriented and community driven in all that we do. As units, look for opportunities to serve locally. As individuals and families, seek ways to set the example of citizenship and fair play within our communities.

As many of you are aware, we will face some serious funding challenges in the future. As always, though; there is room at the top of the ladder for those who excel. As we pull back from a wartime footing, reports and matrices become much more important to our survival. Pay attention to detail and maintain your units and your facilities to the highest standards. As we do this, we will continue to excel even in a tight budgetary environment.

As your adjutant general, I pledge to fight hard to maintain as much force structure and as many opportunities as possible for our Servicemembers. I will not falter to speak ‘truth to power’ as we demonstrate the great value that the National Guard is for America.

I continue to be honored and humbled to serve with you! You and your family continue to sacrifice and to serve our state and our nation with great distinction. Wherever I travel across this globe, the reputation of your great service precedes me, and I am welcomed with stories of your character and your commitment. Continue to press forward without fear, and doors of success will continue to open for this great organization. ‘By Endurance We Conquer.’

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*Tech. Sgt. Victor Kelly, 419th Security Forces Squadron, Hill Air Force Base, Utah, provides security for "downed" pilots during the Lone Survivor exercise, Utah Test and Training Range, Utah, April 12, 2014.*

*Photo by Senior Airman Justyn M. Freeman*

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Stacey Berg



## Command Sergeant Major Michael Miller Joint Forces and Army Enlisted Comments

It is that time of year that we so often look forward to the Summer. Especially after a long period when it seems the storms of winter take up the majority of our days. Although, some might argue that this past winter has been exceptionally light. Either way, spring showers and warmer days are in sight.

With the change of seasons, there is also change amongst our formation. It is that time of year when the majority of our units are wrapping up loose ends in preparation for their collective training; annual training. In a recent article I wrote about how important it is for soldiers and airmen to complete their individual training; Professional Military Education. Why, because if we are not trained and proficient at the individual level, leaders are not allowed flexibility and capability heading into their collective training goals and objectives. I want to once again remind and encourage each of you to complete our individual requirements and if possible look at what is expected of the next grade level. Always put yourself in a position to be called upon and considered for advancement and higher levels of responsibility.

Our nation is also shifting from an Army engaged in conflict to one of sustainment and reset, while remaining prepared for any future mission requirement. Something our force has not seen for more than a decade. Many of you have seen and heard the national news concerning the nation's budget and what could lie ahead for the Department of Defense. I can attest that our leaders are constantly engaged to ensure our structure, our force, and our state is taken care of now and in the future. Sure, change may come. However, as a force we need to remain steadfast in our duties and responsibilities at our respective levels and prepared for the mission; whether it be a national or our state mission.

One thing that makes our force so amazing is our ability to overcome obstacles in order to complete the assignment. It could be that our budget will see reductions, but that should remain a focus for our senior leaders. True, any budget reduction is an obstacle but, it is nothing that our soldiers, airmen, leaders and units cannot overcome. We have the right leadership, the right formations, and some of the best facilities and equipment. We need to do our part to ensure success. Leaders need to continue to take an active role in planning, preparing and executing relevant, motivating, and skill building training events; while optimizing every opportunity available on the training schedule.

In closing, I want to recognize the following individuals from both our Army and Air units who competed for the right and honor to represent our state as the best. I am extremely proud of these soldiers and airmen and all their hard work to achieve their titles and wish them success as they represent Utah at the Region and hopefully the national levels. I am humbled and honored to serve along the side of these great Service members and every other member that makes up the Utah National Guard. We truly are blessed to be a part of a great organization filled with amazing soldiers, airmen, families, and supporters.

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Soldier of the Year: Senior Airman John Webb

### Army

First Sergeant of the Year: 1st Sgt. Daniel Fellingham  
NCO of the Year: Staff Sgt. Devin Jameson  
Soldier of the Year: Spec. Alex Davis

# 204th MEB Soldiers Return from Afghanistan

Story and photos by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

SALT LAKE CITY — It was a joyful reunion at Salt Lake International Jan. 24 as 25 soldiers from the Utah Army National Guard's 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade returned from their 10-month deployment to Afghanistan.

Multiple flights bringing handfuls of soldiers added extra excitement to an already bustling terminal on a busy travel Friday.

The mission of the 204th was to conduct base operations and base defense for U.S. military installations in Northern Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Amy Baum, of Spanish Fork waited anxiously with three of her sons for her husband, Sgt. 1st Class Ryan Baum.

"It's been hard having him gone, being a single parent with four boys," she said, explaining that she just sent her oldest son on an LDS Church mission to Chicago. "The kids did a lot better than I thought. They really stepped up."

"Everyday life was hard—even getting the garbage out," she continued. "But you wake up every day, take a deep breath, smile and say, 'I can do this.'"

Baum's teenage son Silas, temporarily the man of the house, described the challenges of having Dad away from home for a year.

"The winterizing of our house was hard; it took a lot longer than usual," he said. "It was important for us to see that we could do hard things."



*An excited son greets his soldier father at the homecoming of the 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade Jan 24. Family and friends converged at the Salt Lake International Airport to welcome home the 25 arriving soldiers from a 10-month deployment to Afghanistan.*



LynnAnn Erickson, of Orem, kept a household of one, worked on her MBA at Utah State and held down a full-time, human-resources job at Nestle in Springville while



husband Sgt. Jon Erickson was in Afghanistan on his first deployment.

“We got married after he enlisted—there’s some fine print for you,” she said, smiling. “He always wanted to do Army, and the National Guard has been the right opportunity for him.”

LynnAnn explained that Google Chat was their medium of choice for keeping in touch day to day, with Skype video reserved for Sundays. And sorting out for herself why her soldier was there played a big role in her coping with the separation.

“You have to make up your mind pretty quick that they were there for a reason: because it’s the right thing to do,” she said. “I like to think that he helped them have a better quality of life down the road.”

As the flights trickled in with six to eight Guardmembers each, families watched the top of the terminal stairs for a glimpse of their soldier. Cheers erupted as each came into view.

Sgt. 1st Class Ryan Baum melted into the arms of his wife and sons. With a previous stint in the Navy, he was on his first deployment in a 15-year Guard career.

“I feel overwhelmed,” Baum said, searching for the right words to describe his emotions and his deployment.

“It was a lot of long days of dust and heat, but it was uneventful. I thank God for that.”

In civilian life, Baum is a public-works inspector in Spanish Fork, but on deployment he was a food service specialist, managing a 4,000-meal-a-day dining facility.

When asked what the future held for him as he transitioned to being home, Baum said simply, “Time will tell.”

Erickson, who managed computers, phones and networks for U.S. forces during his deployment, is a quiet man. He got an equally quiet reception from LynnAnn, who waited patiently alone at the edge of the crowd as her soldier descended the stairs.

“It feels good to be home; it’s been a long time coming,” said Erickson after some one-on-one time with his wife. “The hardest thing was being away from family and friends.”

“Our job was to bring everyone else home,” he added, summing up his mission. “Now we’re going on vacation.”

And Silas Baum is ready to yield the man-of-the-house duties back to his dad.

“I’m looking forward to seeing him on the couch again,” he said. “That’s where he usually is.”





## 204th Soldiers Complete Deployment to Kosovo

Story by Ileen Kennedy

SALT LAKE CITY — Twenty soldiers assigned to the Utah Army National Guard's 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade returned to Utah Feb. 22 and 26, 2014, from their 10-month deployment to Kosovo.

Their mission was to support NATO Kosovo Force 17, providing a safe and secure environment as a third responder behind the Kosovo Police and the EULEX (European Rule of Law in Kosovo).

"We went over to Kosovo to help the local people out," said Staff Sgt. Daniel Strange. "I was part of the MPs and we provided the Military Police operations at Camp Bondsteel."

"As part of the NATO mission we are there to help support the host nation," continued Strange, "and help them to make sure everything is going well."



*Utah National Guard's 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade soldiers return to the Salt Lake International Airport from their Kosovo deployment on different flights Feb. 20-26.*

For one soldier, seeing how people lived in that part of the world was a big part of his deployment experience.

"I realized there was ingenuity in the way they used resources and assets that were available to them," said Staff Sgt. Jon Bylsma. "I'm not sure I would be able to achieve what they have done with so little. They do a lot with very little."

Another soldier, Sgt. Robert Brinton said his most memorable experience was "being able to work with local nationals and foreign militaries, whether it be training or assisting them in their mission."

Leaving the secure passenger area at Salt Lake International Airport, soldiers rounded the corner to cheers from family and friends. One four-year-old sprinted into her father's arms as soon as he came into view.

"I'm overjoyed to be home," said Maj. Jared Jensen. "I'm really happy to see my family and see my little Anna, she is a joy. I love my family a lot and I've missed them a ton."

"I'm feeling good," added Strange. "It's good to be home and be back with the family after so long."

Strange, who plans to wed in June, will be combining his two children with her four.



*Photos by Capt. Ryan Sutherland and Ileen Kennedy*

“We will be the ‘Brady Bunch’ for sure,” said Kira Flanigan, Strange’s fiancée. “It’s been rough, but we survived. I’m just so happy it’s over and all the kids are here. We are just excited to see him.”

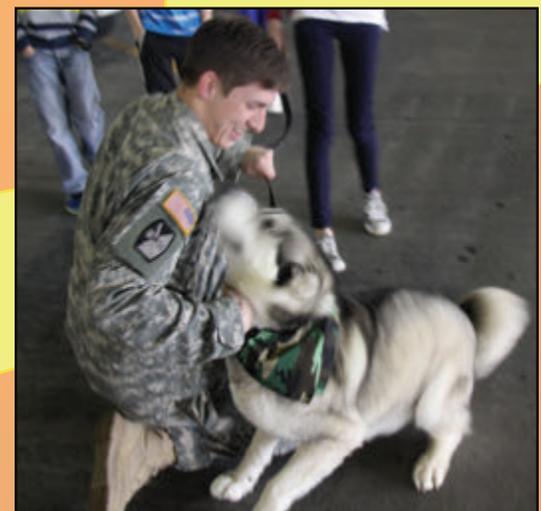
Partway through the deployment a couple of soldiers briefly returned home for the birth of their babies and now are looking forward to holding and bonding with their child.

“I was here for his birth, then saw him through FaceTime,” said Maj. Austin Marshall. “At least he recognizes the voice. He can see I’m not on the video screen any more.”

“It’s a great feeling to be home,” beamed Sgt. Robert Brinton. “When I first held her she was reaching for my face, trying to touch it. That’s a great feeling as well.”

One mother, Rhonda Miller, reminded her son that he will be excited to reunite with his pet that was waiting in the airport parking lot to see him.

“It’s good to be home,” said Sgt. Austin Miller. “I’m excited to be with family and friends—oh, and my dog.” 🇺🇸



## 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion Deploys to Afghanistan

Story by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

SALT LAKE CITY — It was an unconscionably early Sunday morning at the Salt Lake Readiness Center March 16 when 32 members of the Utah Army National Guard's 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion gathered with their families before departing Utah on the first leg of their nine-month deployment to Afghanistan.

The 5 a.m. send off ceremony was held with music from a brass quintet from the 23rd Army Band, a moment of prayer and words from senior leaders. Among the crowd the mood was mixed, as seasoned veterans prepared to head out the door one more time, while first-timers wondered what the next 270 days would bring.

The senior soldier going on this mission is Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Adamson, of Beaverton, Ore. This is his third combat-zone tour, having served in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We're ready to go and get the job done," Adamson said, acknowledging that about half the members of the group were deploying for the first time. "This is a fantastic group of people, hand-picked throughout the battalion and by far the best I've worked with."

Another seasoned soldier, Sgt. 1st Class Allen Larsen Jr., of Bluffdale, knows how it is for these young troops.

"It's never easy to go. The first time I deployed was the toughest time in my life," said Larsen. "My job as a senior NCO (noncommissioned officer) is to be

supportive and help them through this hard time and at the same time do our job and help our unit shine. With no officers in this group, there's a lot of responsibility on my shoulders."

His father, Allen Larsen, Sr., was there to see off his son, recalling his own deployment to Korea as a radar crewman in the early 1950s.

"It's harder to see my son leave than it was to leave myself; I'm more emotionally attached," said Allen Sr., who was also quick to praise his namesake. "He is serving his country and having the courage to do it, where there are others who don't."

Another attendee who has been there is Kristine Smith, of Roy, a full-time, family-support specialist with



the Utah National Guard. She has sent her soldier off as a girlfriend, a young wife with young children and a mom with teenagers.

“When I talk with the spouses, they know that I know what they’re feeling, because I’ve been there,” Smith explained. “I love that I get to work with them every day and to support their families. I’m a great sympathy crier.”

The Patriot Guard Riders, a local group of motorcycle enthusiasts, have become a fixture at Utah Guardmember deployments and homecomings, lining front walks and tarmacs with flags and Harleys.

On this chilly morning, leather-clad riders lined up behind the readiness center to escort soldiers’ vehicles to the airport, as the lead motorcyclist had music by Marty Robbins and Johnny Cash blaring on his bike’s speakers.

“I feel an obligation to come here and be with my friends and support these soldiers,” said rider Dane Anae, of Honeyville.



*Above: Deploying members of the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion stand and are recognized at a deployment ceremony at the Salt Lake Readiness Center March 16.  
Below: Family and friends of the 32 deploying soldiers say goodbye to Military Intelligence soldiers deploying to Afghanistan for nine months.*

After “Leaving on a jet plane,” members of the 142nd will first travel to Fort Hood, Texas, for several weeks of deployment-specific training before heading overseas.

And Allen Larsen Sr. is thinking well beyond this sad day. Send-offs and homecomings are different now than in days of Korea, he remembers. And he tries to make up for it.

“There was no reception when we came home,” he remembered. “I walked in the front door and that was it. Now, whenever I see a soldier, I thank them for their service.

His son is also thinking of that day nine months from now.

“I look forward to coming home and doing Utah proud,” said Allen Jr. 



# Soldiers Telling Soldiers Story in Afghanistan

## 128th MPAD Deploy in Support of Operation Enduring Freedom

*Photos by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire and Capt. Ryan Sutherland*

*Story by Sgt. Timothy Beery*

DRAPER, Utah — In the coming weeks, soldiers from the 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment will hit the ground in Afghanistan representing the final scheduled deployment from the Utah National Guard in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. So when the unit completed their certification training exercise prior to mobilization, it was heavily focused around that fact.

“Our mission as a Public Affairs unit is to keep the public informed. In addition, we will be working with the Afghan National Army, as well as other security forces, there to train them on the skills that we have,” said Sgt. 1st Class Brock Jones, the senior enlisted servicemember for the deployment. “But more than any other mission, I feel that this mission has more of an improvised feel to it, simply because of the time lines and with things changing over there both politically and militarily. I feel like we will have to adjust on the fly, but we’ve planned and trained for this and we have a crew that can handle anything they are asked to do.”

Jones is a 13-year veteran who has seen combat in three previous deployments, including the invasion of Iraq in 2003.

“It feels good to have been in Iraq in 2003, the beginning and now to sort of see these things coming to a close after so many years,” he says.



Another of Jones’ previous deployments was with the 128th MPAD to Iraq in 2008. It was there that he served as a mentor to Staff Sgt. Whitney Houston, who was a young soldier at the time and now joins Jones as an experienced leader on this deployment. This time however, Houston leaves behind a growing family of six.

“It’s extremely hard, my wife is a super-resilient, hard-working, tough gal,” Houston said. “I’m really grateful for her. I feel that I have to worry about myself while I am over there, but my wife has a lot more to worry about while I am gone. I definitely believe that families have a more difficult time during deployment than the soldier.”





Houston is certainly appreciative of the times we live in.

“We have technology, Skype, where in past conflicts like World War II, Vietnam or Korea they just had letters to rely on,” Houston said. “With Skype we can bridge that gap.”

Jones and Houston go into this deployment both as experienced leaders of the unit and family men; for Sgt. Chloe Barnes-Card, the dynamic is much different. This is her first deployment and the timing of it is very unique. She got married at the end of February and left her honeymoon early to train with her unit.

“I’m still getting used to being married to begin with,” Barnes-Card said, “and it’s interesting to think that I’m about to leave to Afghanistan. It’s just going to be difficult for sure, a difficult situation, but very unique

and we are going to make the best of it.” Barnes-Card said her husband is “so supportive, and being super tough and helpful, he even helps me cope with my emotions about the whole thing.”

When the Soldiers from the 128th arrive in Afghanistan in a few weeks, their mission will focus on documenting the end of a 13-year war, as well as helping train their Afghan National Army counterparts to continue the mission of keeping that country secure. They have trained and prepared for this deployment for more than a year and are now eager to get on the ground and fulfill the tasks they were given, which after 13 years of war, is a mission that would make any unit proud. 🇺🇸

*Members of the 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment gather with their families at the Salt Lake International Airport to begin their deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom March 24.*



# Rapid Response Exceeds Expectations, Takes Moroccan State Partnership to New Level

*Story and photos by Maj. Bruce Roberts*

KENITRA, Morocco — “This has never been done before,” said Col. Brad Fuller, commander of the Utah National Guard’s 97th Troop Command, and he was not the only one astonished by the results of this year’s exercise known as Gharb-Utah Rapid Response 2014.

Kenitra is a coastal town, set in Morocco’s Gharb province about 28 miles northeast of the capital, Rabat. Gharb is fed by three large rivers flowing from the Atlas Mountains to the Atlantic Ocean. This confluence causes frequent flooding in the region, which is combated by the 3rd Engineer Battalion of the Royal Armed Forces (FAR) and the Civil Protection Organization (CPO), the equivalent of a regional fire department.

Enter 20 guardmembers and five civilian emergency-management specialists from Utah. During March 7-22, 2014, these responders shared experiences, lessons learned and disaster-response procedures with their Moroccan military and civilian counterparts.

The first week of the exercise focused on briefings and breakout sessions led by agencies such as Salt Lake City-based Unified Fire Authority.

“While structure and terminology varied among the different groups, it was reassuring to see that most were in agreement about major functions and processes,” said Fire Captain Aaron Nelson. “The breakout sessions also provided an environment to build personal relationships and a good understanding of how the different groups would work together during the functional exercise.”

“We talked about dam levels and when to give alerts to better respond,” said Capt. Fouad Abousaid, commander of 3rd Battalion’s firefighting company, when asked about what he learned in the breakout sessions. “This information will make my unit more prepared when the time comes.”

Although the official languages of Morocco are French and Arabic, linguists on both sides kept the exchange of information flowing. What was lost in translation seemed to be made up in friendships built over the four-course lunches that were served in traditional tents each day.

*Civilian and military members from both countries work together on an exercise that focused on disaster management.*





*Story by Maj. Rob Warden*

What’s more American than baseball? ‘Who’s on first? What’s on second....?’

The subject of baseball was a topic that came up over lunch during several of the planning meetings leading up to the recent exchange between the Utah National Guard and Morocco.

These discussions sparked an idea with Maj. Robert Warden, who devised a plan with one of the Moroccan officers to play a little baseball if the opportunity presented itself without it being a distraction from the focused objectives of the exchange.

During the first week the opportunity came when soldiers were waiting for their transportation to arrive at the end of the day. Warden pulled a wiffle ball out of his bag, his Moroccan officer counterpart had a makeshift bat and the rest is history.

It turned into an excellent cultural exchange as participants, male and female, military and civilian, jumped in to take a turn at bat.

“It made my day when the woman from the Red Crescent (the equivalent of the Red Cross in the Muslim world) got up to bat and hit better than everyone else,” said Warden, who felt it had turned out even better than he had hoped.

Warden presented the Red Crescent representative with a baseball during the final week of the exchange. So in years to come don’t be surprised when you ask a Moroccan “Who’s on first?” and they get the joke.



Week two saw the beginning of the functional exercise with the FAR and CPO’s setting up command posts to handle the exercise injects and work through their processes.

American and Moroccan soldiers and civilians worked side by side to deal with the developing situation as the flooding scenario unfolded. At one point during the exercise, players were faced with a public-health situation in the form of a cholera outbreak.

“I was impressed by how well each member of the diverse health group worked together. Men and women, medical providers and administrators all took turns sharing their input, experience and suggestions,” said Mindy Colling, emergency planner with the Utah Department of Public Health. “Everyone had something to offer, and together we were able to serve the public far better than any one of us could on our own.”

Day three featured some very distinguished visitors: the Charge d’Affaires at the U.S. Embassy, Mathew Lussenhop; Utah Guard Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton; Moroccan engineer-branch inspector Brig. Gen. Abdellah Mouafi; and the governor of Gharb Province, Ms. Zineb el Adaoui, all of whom arrived to see how the exercise was progressing.

In an unprecedented move, exercise planner Lt. Col. Chris Caldwell brought civilians and military together from both countries for the first time to focus on disaster management in a way that could be applied to an emergency that could—and does—happen in Gharb.

According to Fuller, Adaoui was thrilled with the real-world application of this exercise and immediately saw the value such an undertaking could provide to the people of Morocco, and Gharb in particular.

“It is absolutely critical that we develop personal relationships with first responders before the crisis occurs,” said Burton. “As we often say in this business, ‘always exchange business cards before the disaster.’”

“Madame Governor understands this and wants this exercise to be bigger and more inclusive next year,” added Burton. “As the first female ever appointed to the office, she brings fresh perspectives and a different viewpoint regarding emergency preparedness and the need to link civilian agencies and military forces to provide an integrated response to a disaster.

“This exercise tested interoperability between military, government and nongovernmental organizations,” continued Burton. “It also identified communication and common-operating-picture shortfalls that will be addressed in future exercises.”

“Apparently, firefighters around the globe have more in common than I initially thought, and these traits cut across cultural and international lines,” explained Nelson. “Many close, personal friendships were created in a short period of time, and I am confident that with very little effort we could successfully integrate any of the Moroccan fire officers present into our operations in Utah.”

Although the exercise was considered a success in its own right, it is only a part of a larger objective.

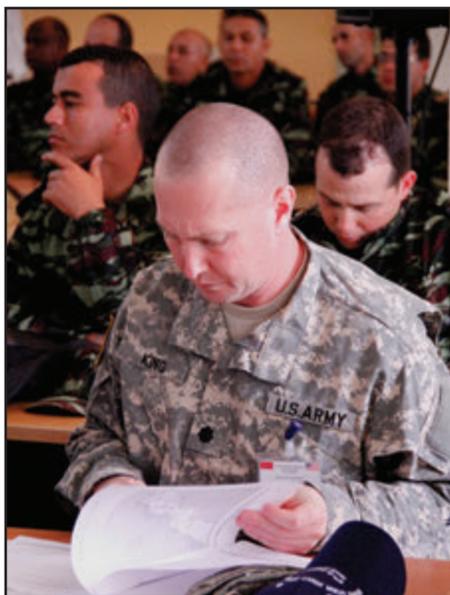
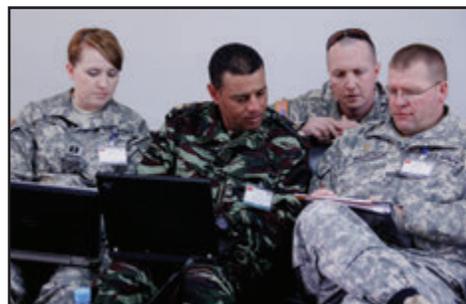
“We are here to support Morocco as they develop their systems and processes for response to catastrophic events that span both civilian and military agencies,” said Lt. Col. Paul Peters, operations officer with the Utah National Guard.



The last day of the exercise featured a short ceremony and gift exchange. All participants were recognized for their hard work and contributions.

It was bittersweet for some, like Caldwell, who will be moving on to his next assignment as a brigade administrative officer. It represented the culminating event of years of hard work developing the Utah-Morocco partnership.

“It’s been more than three years, and we started at the foundational level,” said Caldwell. “It was strictly military originally, and it has evolved into this integrated exercise. It’s going to be hard to leave it, but I’m hopeful that I’ll find my way back here.” 🇺🇸



## TAG Visits Morocco as part of State Partnership Program

Story and photos by Maj. Shawn Fuellenbach

KENITRA, Morocco — Utah National Guard Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton completed his annual visit to the Kingdom of Morocco during March 2014. He was accompanied by his key staff members who participated in the discussions and events during the trip.

“The relationship between the United States and the Kingdom of Morocco has been positive and productive since our nation’s inception,” said Burton. “It is a little known fact here at home, but Morocco is very proud to have been the first nation to formally recognize our independence in 1789.”

Burton attended meetings with senior members of the Moroccan military, participated in a wreath-laying ceremony, and observed members of the Utah National Guard and civilians with the Department of Public Safety participating in a bilateral exercise with the Moroccan military and emergency response forces.

“The annual visit confirmed the strong relationship we enjoy between our state and the Moroccan Armed Forces,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller, senior enlisted leader for the Utah National Guard.

During one of these meetings, Burton met with Gen. Abdelaziz Bennani, inspector general of the Moroccan Armed Forces. During this meeting the two discussed the importance of the ongoing cooperation between the Utah National Guard and Morocco. There were also meetings with Maj. Gen. Ahmed Boutaleb, inspector general of the Royal Air Forces, and several other senior leaders in the Moroccan Armed Forces. The discussions focused around the ongoing, mutual-training exercises and how each can help benefit the other through continued cooperation.

It was an honor for members of the Utah National Guard to participate in a wreath-laying ceremony at the



*Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton meets with Moroccan military members and observes U.S. troops during his annual trip to Morocco.*

Mohammed V Mausoleum in Rabat. The mausoleum is the resting place of the two previous kings of Morocco.

“Having the opportunity to lay wreaths at the gravesides of King Mohammad the V and King Hassan was a magnificent experience,” stated Burton. “Both of these leaders played an essential role in molding Morocco into a nation of tolerance and stability in a region that could use more of both.”

The Utah delegation was also able to observe the bilateral U.S.-Moroccan exercise known as Gharb-Utah Joint Rapid Response. This exercise showcased the interoperability that Utah has developed within its emergency-management community and sharing this expertise with its Moroccan military counterparts at Kenitra, Morocco.

“The opportunity we had to witness the training being conducted between our two forces is unmatched,” Miller stated. “Our soldiers and airmen gained invaluable experience and knowledge with these exercises and training events. In addition, we were able to provide the Moroccan forces with best practices that have proven success within our state.”



# Family Assistance Centers

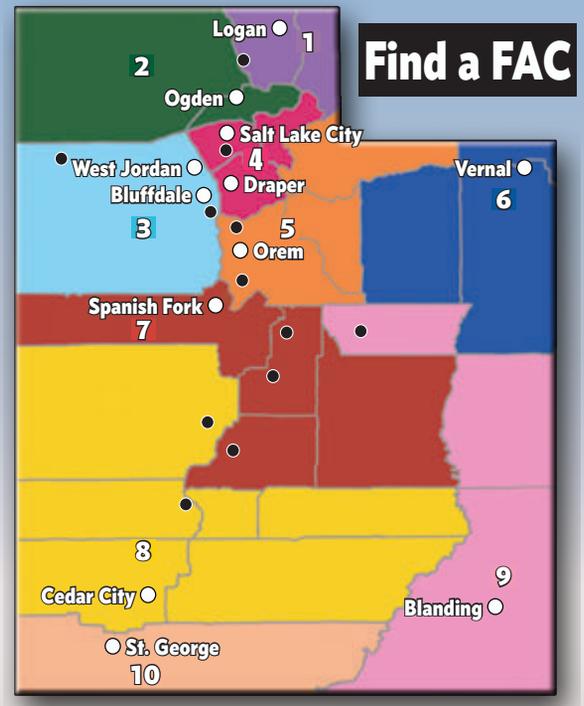
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# Utah Guard Supports Scouting for Food for 28th Year

Story and photos by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

DRAPER, Utah — For the 28th consecutive year, airmen and soldiers of the Utah National Guard found themselves in the thick of the Scouting for Food effort March 22, providing support to the Boy Scouts and local food banks and pantries.

About 100 Guardmembers and 25 military vehicles were present at dozens of locations throughout the Wasatch Front and central Utah.

Spc. Leticia Alonso, of Provo, a bus driver for Provo School District and three-year member of the Utah Guard, turned out with her unit, Alpha Company, 489th Brigade Support Battalion, to receive and stack donations at Spanish Fork Armory.

“The turnout has been great. I love it,” smiled Alonso. “It makes me feel good that I’m able to help, whether it’s driving schoolkids or helping with the food drive.”

Working alongside Alonso was Spc. Guissela Davis, also of Alpha Company, 489th, an Orem resident, Utah Valley University student and native of Peru.

“This is my first time helping with Scouting for Food,” said Davis. “It’s a good chance to help my community and country and at the same time to get to know better my Army buddies and leaders.”

David Cook, commissioner of the Boy Scouts’ Utah National Parks Council’s Hobbie Creek District, was overseeing the work at the Utah Guard’s Springville Armory.

“To partner with the National Guard at any time is awesome,” said Cook, referring to the cooperation between the Scouts and the Guard. “These are young men and women who really step up in the community. Scouting is the same way. All the things the Scouts stand for, the National Guard does, too. It’s just a natural tie.”

Cook and his wife recently returned from Russia, where they were serving as missionaries. He compared the military members he saw there to the National Guard here.

“In Russia you don’t just run up to their militia and say, ‘Hey, help me.’ They don’t do that. But if you look at what the National Guard does for the community here,” Cook added, “this is just one of the many things they do.”

By all accounts the day was a success for the Scouts, the Guard and the food banks. And it was for a great cause.

“We have a duty to our country, to the people around us, to share what we have,” said Cook. “It’s really important that people open up their hearts and pantries and help those who really need it.” 



*Soldiers and airmen team up with Boy Scouts to collect and transport food during Scouting for Food Mar. 22.*





*Lt. Col. Chris Robinson, 419th Fighter Wing pilots a F-16 with Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, left, to review Utah Air and Army National Guard during Lone Survivor Exercise April 12.*

## TAG Gets Bird's-eye View to Observe Troops

*Story and photos by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire*

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah — Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, got a bird's-eye view—literally—as he observed from an F-16 Fighting Falcon his Air and Army National Guard troops in action, along with U.S. Air Force Reserve pilots from the 419th Fighter Wing as part of Lone Survivor exercise April 12.

Burton arrived early that morning at Hill Air Force Base, home of the 419th, to meet with the flight surgeon for a preflight physical. Then came the fitting of his flight suit, boots, helmet, gloves, and a G-suit, a specially designed compression garment for the midsection and legs, which helps fighter pilots endure the additional g-forces they encounter during flight by stimulating blood flow.

Those few who secure a ride on an F-16 also need safety training, so Burton also sat in on instruction for emergency egress and hypoxia, as well as a classified briefing on the capabilities of the aircraft.

Commonly called Vipers by pilots, F-16s typically have only one seat, but a handful of training aircraft have two, which allow for the occasional nonpilot passenger, as was the case with Utah Governor Jon Huntsman, who rode on an F-16 flight with the 419th in 2005 and observed a refueling mission, just as Burton did on this day.

“These two-seaters are designed as trainers,” explained Lt. Col. Chris Robinson, of the 419th, call sign Hajji, who served as Burton’s air chauffeur. “They have the same capabilities as the single-seat model, but they are heavier and less fuel-efficient, so they don’t use them in combat.”

“Reserve pilots need to fly six times a month to stay qualified,” he added, “so they put in several hours over and above their normal drill weekend each month. And the tandem aircraft, of which the 419th has two, need to be flown regularly just like the single-seaters, so taking Burton along was nothing out of the ordinary,” said Robinson, whose full-time, civilian job is director of operations with the Utah Test and Training Range.





During the course of the day, the friendly rivalry between Air and Army proved to be alive and well. Burton good-naturedly endured the quips from his Air counterparts about keeping an airsick bag handy, and his wearing a flight suit festooned with the patches of the 419th and its subordinate unit, the 466th Fighter Squadron, known as the Diamondbacks, of which Robinson is a member.

After a final flight-suit and equipment check, Burton joined the pilots on the paddy wagon for the short ride to the flight line. He and Robinson did a walk around the aircraft, posed for photos and settled into the cockpit. The two waited their turn to taxi, and after the requisite arm-waving and flamboyant salute from their ground guide, Robinson eased the fighter toward the runway. Once airborne, according to Burton, Robinson didn't waste any time showing the general what the F-16 can do.

"It was unbelievable," said Burton. "The first maneuver we did was climb high, right out of takeoff, do a couple of 90-degree turns and then a barrel roll at 4.5 g's. It's amazing what that force does to your body."

While he didn't go into great detail about what that force did to his body, in his typical, clipped, Burton fashion, he got right to the point: "Then we did a 6.5-g move, and I puked."

With that rite of passage out of the way, the Viper climbed to 32,000 feet over the desert and met up with the

Utah Air National Guard KC-135 Stratotanker to refuel. All told, six F-16s from the 419th were topped off during the exchange.

The supersonic posse then moved to the area of the Lone Survivor scenario on the Utah Test and Training Range.

"The F-16 and Apaches simulated a covering force," explained Burton. "They cleared the area, the Blackhawks came in underneath, authenticated the downed pilot's identity, loaded him up and extracted him out of the area."

From takeoff to touchdown Burton spent about two hours in the air and was impressed with what he saw.

"It was multi echelon, interservice training at its best," observed Burton. "How the close-air support interacts with the Army rotary-wing aircraft was something I needed to see. It was a nice example of integration and how they can all come together and make it work."

Burton is confident that this exercise will open a new chapter of cooperation of Guard and Reserve Air and Army capabilities in Utah.

"It was exciting to integrate the refueling and the pilot extraction," he said. "It will be helpful for me in the future as I plan things. I'll think a little differently than I did in the past.

"I feel blessed to have done this," he concluded. "I told the 419th pilots, 'I'm glad you guys are on our side.'" 🇺🇸

*Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton is suited up with the proper gear needed for his flight on an F-16.*





*Lt. Col. Craig Marion, 388th Fighter Wing, Hill Air Force Base, listens for further instructions during the Lone Survivor exercise.*



*Tech. Sgt. Victor Kelly, 419th Security Forces Squadron, Hill Air Force Base, provides security for “downed” pilots during the Lone Survivor exercise, April 12, 2014. The Lone Survivor exercise is carried out for the training of pilots to sharpen their Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) skills with the support of airmen and soldiers alike.*

## Pilot Recovered During ‘Lone Survivor’ Joint Training Exercise

*Story by Lt. Col. Steve Fairbourn*

*Photos by Senior Airman Justyn Freeman*

SALT LAKE CITY — ‘Pilot down’ was the call to action as an F-16 Fighting Falcon, two AH-64 Apaches, two UH-60 Blackhawks, and a KC-135 Stratotanker roared for takeoff during the ‘Lone Survivor’ joint-training exercise conducted at Utah’s West Desert April 12.

The F-16s from the Air Force Reserve’s 419th Fighter Wing thrust into the air at 2 p.m. from Hill Air Force Base, to provide reconnaissance and aerial fire support for the mission.

Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, was on board the Fighting Falcon to oversee the refueling, reconnaissance and rescue mission.

“This is a great opportunity for us to train interoperatively with the Air Force Reserve, Utah Air National Guard and Utah Army National Guard,” Burton said. “We train hard as a multiservice force so that when

the fateful moment comes, we are ready to perform, to fight, and to win our nation’s conflicts.”

The Stratotanker from the Utah Air National Guard’s 151st Air Refueling Wing, taking off from the Utah Air National Guard Base, is to provide essential refueling to the Fighting Falcon en route to its mission.

Motors whine from Apaches and Blackhawks at 2:10 p.m. from 1st and 2nd Battalion, 211th Aviation, respectively, both from the Utah Army National Guard, as they ascend into the patchy blue skies of Northern Utah to search, secure, and recover pilots in need.

“This training is vital,” said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Rich Johnson, Blackhawk pilot from the 2-211th Aviation. “I like to know that people are trained so that, if I should go down, a rescue is on the way.”



*Master Sgt. Robert Jensen, 419th Security Forces Squadron, keeps a watchful eye while providing security for “downed” pilots.*



*Airmen and Soldiers from the 419th Fighter Wing, 151st Air Refueling Wing and the 2-211th Aviation Regiment work together to protect and rescue similitude downed F-16 Fighting Falcon pilots in the Utah Test and Training Range, Utah.*



*Lt. Col. Thomas Wolfe (left), commander of the 388th Operations Support Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Jason Allchin, Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) instructor, Hill Air Force Base, listen for further instructions during the Lone Survivor exercise.*



*Lt. Col. Thomas Wolfe (right), is led to a UH-60 Blackhawk, by a 2-211th Aviation Regiment air crew member.*

All elements converge at 3:20 pm. in the Utah Test Training Range, where the downed pilots were last reported. The F-16 and Apaches collaboratively conduct reconnaissance to identify the pilots and engage enemy threats while practicing technical air deconfliction. The Blackhawks hover in a nearby assembly area awaiting word to advance and recover the pilots.

“It is very difficult to get in, find the survivor, authenticate them, and differentiate between the survivor and any bad guys,” said Maj. Ricky Smith, commander of the 1-211th Aviation Regiment. “The coordination piece is immensely important to train.”

The call comes at 3:38 p.m. that the area is secure, and the Blackhawks roll into a hard turn toward their target. Dust mounts as the two Blackhawks quickly descend to the ground into a small valley with the Apaches circling above to provide security. Crew chiefs dismount and authenticate the approaching pilots as they emerge from cover.

In moments the pilots are on board, and with the clicking of their buckles the aircraft burst into the air once again with their precious cargo recovered. The Blackhawks zoom through the air flying nap-of-the-earth to get the pilots and crew to safety.

Joint training events such as the Lone Survivor exercise are critical to the successful preparation of servicemembers to complete their mission when called upon.

“The U.S. Military does this better than anybody,” Burton said. “We do this well because we practice.” 🇺🇸

# On the Road to Morocco with the 191st Air Refueling Squadron

*Story and Photos by Sgt. Nicolas Cloward*

MARRAKECH, Morocco — **T**he 191st Air Refueling Squadron of Utah's Air National Guard supported the 2014 Aeroexpo here and performed an air-refueling exercise with the Royal Moroccan Armed Forces (RMAF) April 19-27.

The Utah National Guard works directly with Morocco in the State Partnership Program (SPP), which gives Utah Guardmembers the ability to work one on one with the RMAF and build stronger relationships with Morocco and promote interoperability.

When the KC-135 landed in Marrakech, they began unloading donations that came from Utah as part of a humanitarian-aid mission. That task completed, the crew then flew to Ben Guerir Air Base and met with the crew of F-16 pilots to prepare for the air-refueling mission.

Maj. Dylan Wilde, pilot in command for the KC-135 Stratotanker, 191st Air Refueling Squadron, said the crew of three pilots and two boom operators worked closely with the Moroccan liaison to make sure everything was in order for the mission.

"If there's one thing we do, we train like we fight." Wilde said enthusiastically.

Once in the air, the two boom operators, Staff Sgt. Sean Price and Staff Sgt. Brad Harris, manned the



*Utah Air National Guard's KC-135 Stratotanker crewmembers are greeted by U.S. ambassador to Morocco Dwight L. Bush, Sr. during the Marrakech Air Expo.*



*Utah Air National Guard Brig. Gen. Kenneth Gammon watches from the refueling boom Royal Moroccan Air Force F-16 pilots train with Utah's KC-135 air-refueling exercises.*



controls in the tail of the aircraft and performed the mock refueling. Even though the crew was prepared for the mission, Harris said they came back with some valuable experience of their own.

“The training was great. We see F-16s all the time, but seeing F-16s with conformal fuel tanks is different for us. We don’t always do that,” explained Harris. “The language barrier is also difficult, but that’s always good training.”

After the two-day exercise with the RMAF, the KC-135 and its crew were set up as a static display as part of the Aeroexpo. The crew even got a chance to meet the American ambassador to Morocco, Dwight Bush, and show him around the aircraft.

On the last day the expo was open to the public, which gave the crew a chance to show people the aircraft and tell them about its capabilities. These kinds of events strengthen relations with Morocco and reinforce the SPP.

Wilde says he’s seen an uptick in the tempo of Utah’s involvement with the SPP and hopes to do more.

“It’s fun. They’re very excited to have us here. They’re fun to work with and a pleasure to be around,” said Wilde. 🇲🇦



*Staff Sgt. Sean Price from the 191st Air Refueling Squadron, Utah Air National Guard controls a refueling boom on a KC-135 Stratotanker while conducting air-refueling exercises with F-16 pilots of the Royal Moroccan Armed Force at Ben Guerir Air Base, Morocco April 21, 2014. This exercise is part of an annual training exercise, which is part of the State Partnership Program between the state of Utah and the Royal Moroccan Armed Force. Utah has been involved with the State Partnership Program with Morocco for 10 years.*



# Purple Heart

## for Utah Guard Engineer Soldier from Afghanistan Service

*Story and photos by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire*

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — Spc. Joey Artalejo, of the 118th Engineer (Sapper) Company, Utah Army National Guard, received the Purple Heart in a ceremony Jan. 25 at the Lundell Readiness Center at Camp Williams.

Artalejo, of Pleasant Grove, qualified for the Purple Heart due to wounds he received during an improvised-explosive-device incident on Dec. 24, 2010, in Khowst Province, Afghanistan. At the time he was on a route-clearance mission when his armored vehicle was struck by an IED.

His wife, son, daughter, extended family and Guard colleagues were on hand to see Artalejo receive his Purple Heart, which is awarded to members of the Armed Forces for wounds, injuries or death suffered as a result of any action against an enemy of the United States.

Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, presided at the ceremony and pinned the medal on Artalejo as the award citation was read.

“He is part of a brotherhood and sisterhood that has bonds stronger than the cords of death,” said Burton. “We honor him and respect him. He will always be one of us.”

“For the things you did to protect our country and to protect all of us,” added Burton as he spoke directly to Artalejo, “we are very proud of you.”

Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Jason Chaffetz, representing Artalejo’s congressional district, was also on hand to honor him.

“You did not seek to get this award, but your service on the front lines, serving your nation . . . serving your fellow soldiers, there’s nothing more honorable than that,” said Chaffetz.

After the ceremony, Artalejo’s father Joe explained what this ceremony meant to him and his family.

“I didn’t realize how big of a deal this was until I got here; it’s quite emotional,” said the senior Artalejo. “The military has always been everything to Joey. He did it because he wanted to follow in his grandfather’s footsteps, who served in the Second World War.”

After he was wounded, Artalejo spent 10 days in the hospital, returned to duty and completed his Afghanistan deployment with the 118th, returning in July 2011. Recently he completed his enlistment in the Utah National Guard, but he is still experiencing the effects of the traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder that resulted from the incident.

The Dec. 24, 2010, incident was actually the second instance where Artalejo’s vehicle was struck by an IED. The first occurred on Sept. 16, 2010, in the same general location in Afghanistan.



*Major Gen. Jeff Burton presents the Purple Heart to Spc. Joey Artalejo, 118th Engineer (Sapper) Company at a ceremony at Camp Williams Jan. 25.*

Artalejo sustained similar injuries in this first incident.

Summing up his feelings after the ceremony, Artalejo’s first thoughts were of his fellow soldiers.

“It means a lot to have my platoon here,” he said. “I feel it’s more of an award for all of us. It’s a tribute to what we did and what we went through over there.”

Artalejo now looks ahead to a civilian career as an electrician. He is concurrently fulfilling an apprenticeship in a line school and pursuing a degree in finance—in addition to his employment is at Kennecott Copper in Bingham Canyon.

“The military has prepared me for tough challenges ahead,” said Artalejo. 🇺🇸



*Left to right: Lt. Col. Michael Turley, Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, Congressman Jason Chaffetz and Spc. Joey Artalejo at the Lundell Readiness Center at Camp Williams Jan. 25.*



1st Sgt. Daniel Fellingham renders aid to a fallen soldier during an improvised explosive device lane. Spec. Alex Davis conducts the ruck march during the competition. Staff Sgt. Devin Jameson plots locations during the land-navigation lane.

## Utah National Guard Elite Advance to Regional Best Warrior Competition

Story by Lt. Col. Steve Fairbourn

Staff Sgt. Annie Edwards contributed to story

Photos by Tech Sgt. Jeremy Stegall and Staff Sgt. Annie Edwards

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — Three servicemembers prevailed during the Utah Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition conducted at Camp Williams April 3-5. Two will represent the state in May at the regional competition.

Spc. Alex Davis, Charlie Company, 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion; Staff Sgt. Devin Jameson and 1st Sgt. Daniel Fellingham, both from 640th Regional Training Institute, were selected in the categories of best soldier, noncommissioned officer, and first sergeant, respectively, during the statewide event, which had representatives from each of the state's major Army commands.

"It was a well-organized competition where all aspects of being a warrior and a soldier were tested," Fellingham said.

"The best part for me was just the opportunity to rub shoulders with all the other top soldiers and get to know people outside of my company and just be a part of the bigger picture for a little bit," said Davis.

The 21 competitors faced both physical and mental rigors during the three-day event, which included a physical-fitness test, completion of various Army warrior tasks, day and night land navigation, written exam, personal board appearance, written essay, stress-fire marksmanship, and a six-mile road march with 35-pound backpack.

"The best part of the experience was the stress shoot,

because we were able to engage the targets while moving and it was a real test of marksmanship and physical fitness together," said Fellingham.

"I had a great all-around experience," Jameson said. "It was really challenging, but fun."

Each competitor started their journey weeks prior at the company level, advanced through the battalion level, and represented their major command at the state level among the elite of the state. Davis and Jameson will now represent the Utah National Guard at the Region VII Best Warrior Competition to be held May 19-22 at Camp Williams, where they will compete against representatives from Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, New Mexico, and Nevada for the opportunity to advance to the Army National Guard competition at Little Rock, Arkansas, in July.

"I was grateful to all the competitors," Fellingham said. "The team spirit and esprit de corps that I saw there were empowering."

"These soldiers represent the highest quality of soldiers the Utah Army National Guard has amongst its formations," said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller, state command sergeant major. "Their will to win and compete is unmatched." 

Utah competitors photographed during the Utah Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition April 3-5 at Camp Williams, Utah.



# Operation Spider Man in the San Rafael Swell



*Maj. Rob Dent 'On Rappel.'*

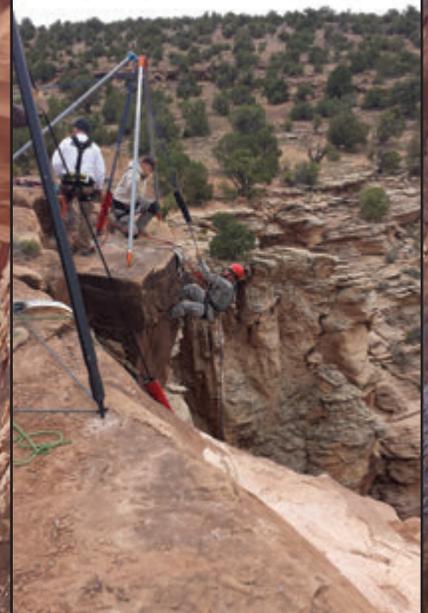
*Story by Lt. Col. Craig Bello*

CASTLE DALE, Utah — **T**he Utah National Guard's 85th Civil Support Team conducted high-angle, rope-rescue training with the Emery County Sheriff's search-and-rescue team in the canyons of the San Rafael Swell area April 21 - 23.

Rope rescue and confined-space rescue are skills that are required by members of the 85th CST to be certified technicians. Such skills are highly technical and need to be practiced often in order to maintain certifications and for the unit to safely operate in a rescue environment.

According to Captain Jeremy Wells, operations officer for the 85th, the unit has been requested annually by the Emery County Sheriff's Office to participate in rescue training with the county's search-and-rescue team. This year the training was fittingly named Operation Spider Man. 🇺🇸

*1st Sgt. Ray Sanchez 'On Rappel.'*



*85th CST with Emery and Wayne County Search and Rescue.*



*Emery County Search and Rescue preparing the rappel line.*

# 85th CST Identifies Unlabeled Containers of Liquid in Emery County

Story by Lt. Col. Craig Bello

CASTLE DALE, Utah — The Utah National Guard's 85th Civil Support Team responded to a request by the Emery County Sheriff to identify unlabeled containers of liquid April 24.

After completing rope-rescue training in the San Rafael Swell, Capt. Kyle Ekker of the Emery County Sheriff's office requested that the 85th conduct a real-world mission in Castle Dale, Utah, to identify unknown liquids at the old county mosquito-abatement facility.

The 85th changed gears from rescue training to conducting a hazmat survey-and-analysis mission. The unit was requested to characterize a building that housed chemicals used in mosquito abatement in order to identify liquid substances in unlabeled plastic containers. The abatement facility had not been used for at least five years, and there were no current Emery County employees who could identify the containers.

The 85th assisted the incident commander with site characterization, sampling and identification of the unknown substances.

"The objective of the incident commander was to ensure that the substances could be identified in order to properly dispose of or store the unknown chemicals," said Lt. Col. Craig Bello, 85th CST commander.

The 85th CST, composed of both Army and Air Force personnel, made entry into the facility to complete sampling in order for the team to properly identify the liquids. The items were identified and instructions were given to Emery County officials on how to properly dispose of the liquids.

The 85th routinely conducts training events with local first responders throughout Utah to develop a working relationship between the Utah National Guard and the first-responder community. These relationships prove to be valuable when an incident occurs, because the 85th CST and their civilian counterparts are familiar with one another and have already trained together. **E**

*Photos from top down: Staff Sgt. White, Tech. Sgt. Gatherum, and Sgt. Sullivan head downrange to collect samples of unknown chemicals. Mission Brief with 85th CST and Emery County Sheriff outside the Emery County mosquito-abatement facility in Castle Dale, Utah. 85th CST members prepare to enter the abandoned Emery County mosquito-abatement facility April 24. Lt. Col. Craig Bello, 85th CST commander, and Capt. Kyle Eckert, Emery County Sheriff incident commander, discuss objectives at the abandoned mosquito-abatement facility.*





## Utah Wins Gold at Biathlon National Championships

*Story by Master Sgt. Shawn Blanke*

JERICHO, Vermont — **B**raving subzero temperatures and world-class competition, the Utah National Guard biathlon team succeeded in bringing home two gold medals and placing two athletes on the All-Guard team at the Chief National Guard Bureau Biathlon National Championships, held Feb. 28 - Mar. 7, 2014 at Camp Ethan Allen, Jericho, Vermont.

Biathlon is an Olympic sport that combines Nordic ski racing with precision marksmanship. A successful biathlete must not only master rifle marksmanship, but apply those skills during the intensity, stress and often brutal winter conditions of a Nordic ski race. Skilled soldiers/competitors spend hundreds of hours a year acquiring and developing the intense fitness, skill and strategy needed to compete for National Guard teams.

For the 2014 Chief National Guard Bureau Biathlon National Championships, Utah sent a team of men and women comprised of both veterans and relatively new athletes. Maj. Dan Morken, 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade; Capt. Barbara Blanke, Medical Command; 1st Lt. Brandon Adams, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne); Chief Warrant Officer 3 Eric Kreitzer, 1-211th Aviation Regiment; Master Sgt. Shawn Blanke, 640th Regional Training Institute; Sgt. 1st Class Shawn Robison, 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion; and Staff Sgt. Trish Rich, 191st Air Refueling Squadron were selected to compete for Utah.

The competition at this year's championships was intense, and included four current and ex-Olympians in the sport of biathlon. Additionally, high winds, sub-zero temperatures and a very difficult course made this year's event extraordinarily challenging.

Utah's gold medals came during the individual events as Capt. Blanke, in her first year competing for Utah, swept the individual events. Blanke won the 7.5K Sprint race on the first day of competition by over two and a half minutes with a combination of precise shooting and fast ski splits. The following day brought

*Utah's biathlon team competes during the Patrol Team Race at the Biathlon National Championships held in Jericho, Vermont Feb. 28 - Mar. 7.*

*Photos by Chief Warrant Officer 3 Eric Kreitzer*



*Biathlon involves shooting from two positions, standing and prone, as shown by Maj. Dan Morken. Sgt. 1st Class Shawn Robison, team manager, skis during one of the individual events. Master Sgt. Shawn Blanke and his wife, Capt. Barb Blanke, hug after the grueling Patrol Race held in sub-zero temperatures.*

another gold, but not without struggle. Early on in the 10K Pursuit race, Blanke lost the lead to Vermont's Sgt. 1st Class Erin Graham, but managed to pull ahead of her in the last few meters to win by two seconds.

"I didn't know where I was in the race exactly until I saw Graham ahead of me on the last lap, so I had a lot of time to make up. I passed her on the last hill but knew I had to make up at least fifteen seconds, so I skied as hard as I could all the way to the finish. Luckily it was enough," said Blanke when asked about her close finish. Blanke was subsequently named to the All-Guard team.

In the men's field, Morken, only four weeks after a year-long deployment to Afghanistan, turned in extraordinary performances in both the Men's 10K Sprint and the 12.5K Pursuit race. Morken's eighth-place finish

in the sprint and seventh-place finish in the pursuit, not only earned him a spot on the All-Guard team, but was, of itself, an extraordinary accomplishment considering the depth of the men's field.

The Utah patrol and relay teams also turned in strong performances (sixth and fifth places respectively) on the final days of competition. Although not finding itself on the podium, always a goal for Utah, Utah was singled out by coaches from other teams for exceptional team work.

"I watched all of the teams carefully during the Military Patrol Race, and Utah did an extraordinary job of working together; it's great to see that at this level of competition," commented Staff Sgt. John Kurtz, coach of the second-place Minnesota team. 🇺🇸

*The biathlon team is open to all Guardmembers, if you are interested in participating please contact Sgt. 1st Class Shawn Robison, team manager, [shawn.k.robison.mil@mail.mil](mailto:shawn.k.robison.mil@mail.mil).*

*Utah's patrol team members 1st Lt. Brandon Adams, Master Sgt. Shawn Blanke, Capt. Barbara Blanke and Maj. Dan Morken, ski into the finish line earning a close sixth place.*



# Utah Guard Marathon Team Shines at Lincoln, Passes the Torch



*Racers take their place for the start of the Lincoln Marathon May 4.*

*Story and photos by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire*

LINCOLN, Neb. — It was a blend of the old and the new as five members of the Utah National Guard marathon team competed May 4 for spots on the All-Guard team.

The race, known for the last several years as the Lincoln-National Guard Marathon, is jointly sponsored by the Lincoln Track Club and the National Guard.

Two team members, Maj. DeAnne Trauba and Lt. Col. Eric Petersen, each have more than a dozen Lincoln races under their belts, qualifying each time for All-Guard honors. With them were three “sophomores,” Capt. Cody Adamson, Capt. Lex Grimley and Sgt. Andrea Graff, running their second Lincoln after making the All-Guard team here a year ago.

Graff, of St. George, and a member of the 213th Forward Support Company, has three years in the Guard and served a combat tour in Iraq in 2011 with 2nd Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery. She not only has Trauba and Petersen to help her learn the ropes, but her father, Col. George Graff, is also a mentor as a longtime member of both the Utah Guard and the All-Guard marathon team.

“I feel a whole lot of pressure, like I have to do good,” chuckled Graff. “Ninety percent of my decision to enlist was the fact that my dad was in the Guard and on the marathon team. I loved coming to the events with him and

being around the runners and soldiers.”

Competing at this level was also a draw for Adamson and Grimley to join the Utah team.

“I do marathons anyway,” said Adamson, a Lehi resident and executive officer for the 144th Area Support Medical Company. He deployed to Iraq in 2003-2004 with the 1457th Engineer Battalion. “Competing with the Guard seemed like a lot of fun, and I like racing and traveling.”

“I had never heard of the marathon team,” admitted Grimley, of Saratoga Springs, a medical officer with the 300th Military Intelligence Brigade, who served in Iraq in 2003-2005 with the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion. “I got an email last year. They heard I was a runner and asked me to run.”

Petersen, of Holladay, is a judge advocate with the 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade. He returned just weeks ago from a yearlong deployment to Kosovo. Early on, his commander there asked him to help train 45 soldiers of Multi-National Battle Group East to run in the Athens (Greece) Marathon. Petersen competed himself and saw 39 of his trainees meet their time goals in the race.

“It was a challenge to find time to exercise in Kosovo,” said Petersen, “I don’t feel quite as prepared for this race as in years past.”



*Sgt. Andrea Graff*



*Maj. DeAnne Trauba*



*Lt. Col. Eric Petersen*



*Utah National Guard Marathon Team  
Front row: Maj. DeAnne Trauba, Capt. Cody Adamson, Sgt. Andrea Graff. Back row: Lt. Col. Eric Petersen and Sgt. Lex Grimley.*



*Sgt. Lex Grimley crosses the Lincoln-National Guard Marathon finish line in 3:04 qualifying him for the All-Guard Team.*

And Trauba, deputy state surgeon for the Utah Guard and a Draper resident, also had some hurdles to clear before coming to Lincoln, nursing a sore Achilles tendon, and there was the small matter of running the Boston Marathon just two weeks ago.

“I haven’t been able to train the way I normally do, with my injury—no speed and no hills,” she explained. “I didn’t want to push too hard at Boston, knowing I was coming straight to Lincoln.”

But setbacks aside, each of the five Utah athletes were here, ready to give it their best. They joined the other 12,500 marathoners and half-marathoners on race morning in gusty winds and warm temperatures. They snaked their way on the fairly flat course through the greater Lincoln area, finishing at the 50-yard line of Memorial Stadium, the football home of the five-time, national champion Nebraska Cornhuskers.

Grimley crossed the finish line first in 3:04, followed by Peterson with a 3:15 time. Adamson came in with a 3:46, and Graff and Trauba finished in 3:51 and 4:02, respectively.

While each runner had hopes to make the All-Guard team, the competition was fierce, and Grimley was the only Utah Guardmember selected. For the coming year he will represent the National Guard at selected marathons or half-marathons throughout the U.S.

They will all be back in Lincoln next year, looking to make the All-Guard once again. And for now, Grimley will carry the torch for the other four as he competes nationally.

“There’s nothing better than getting out and representing the National Guard and your individual state,” Grimley said. “You want to perform well, but in the end it doesn’t really matter because there’s a brotherhood in all of this.”

## In Memoriam

Second Lieutenant  
**James Ryan Handley**

151st Medical Group

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Specialist  
**Kolby Bryant Horton**

Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion,  
145th Field Artillery

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Sergeant  
**Alison Blair Ramsey**

Charlie Company,  
142nd Military Intelligence

— — —

Private Second Class  
**Austin Shawn Rhinehart**

Charlie Company,  
Recruit Sustainment Program



# Military Members Enjoy Dancing at the 49th Annual Military Ball

Story by Staff Sgt. Shana R. Hutchins

Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Stacey Berg

SALT LAKE CITY — The 49th annual Utah National Guard Military Ball was held at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Salt Lake City during the evening of March 29.

Every year the Utah National Guard hosts the Military Ball, giving Servicemembers, their families and retirees the chance to dress up and dance the night away.

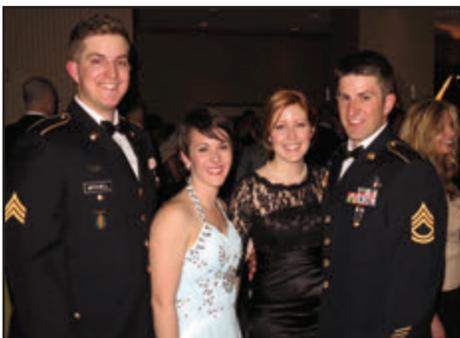
Having the ball at the hotel gave many the opportunity to get a room for the night and be able to stay after the ball shut down at midnight. Prior to the ball, the elegantly clad military personnel and their family members started the evening off by visiting the restaurant of the hotel.

There was a photographer available to take formal photos and the Utah National Guard Youth Council set up a coat check station.

An assortment of music was provided by the 23rd Army Band with pieces ranging from the big band era to more modern sounds. Father's danced with daughters and mother's danced with sons making this a fun activity for the whole family.

"This year's ball had approximately 700-750 people attend. Last year's ball had 450-500 people attend," stated Maj. David Christopherson, a commander in Alpha Company, 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion. "The increase in attendance made us realize we need to find a larger venue."

Every year the Military Ball changes in small ways but the tradition of dressing up in formal military attire, escorting your family members or guests, dancing and enjoying the camaraderie of our military community doesn't change. 🇺🇸



Utah National Guard members enjoy the 49th annual 2014 Military Ball held at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Salt Lake City Mar. 29.

## 130th EIS Completes Fiber Cutover with Hands-on Field Training

*Story by Airman 1st Class Emily Hulse*

SALT LAKE CITY — The 130th Engineering and Installation Squadron sent a nine-man team to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to assist with moving the temporary Network Control Center for the 154th Communications Flight to its permanent position.

The 130th EIS is tasked to cover installation projects in six states, including Hawaii. The unit's assignment recently changed due to the closing of installations squadrons in other states.

Chief Master Sgt. Mark Michie, 130th EIS installation chief, said one of the biggest challenges was completing the job in the span of a single weekend.

"We were able to come in on a Friday night, take them completely out of service, and have them back up and running before they showed up to work the next week," said Michie.

The team started the project Feb. 14, and continued with 24-hour operations through the President's Day holiday to complete the job.

Master Sgt. Mark Hoferitza, 130th cyber transport team chief and team chief for the project, said overall the assignment went smoothly, with no failures in the cable transfer.

"We had to interconnect 672 fiber optic fusion splices, with zero problems," said Hoferitza. "Everything tested 100 percent, both fiber optic and copper cables."

Hoferitza said he hasn't been on a job with the 130th before, but that the success seems to be typical for the unit.

"Given the experience of the senior members of our team, I can see that this would be the norm for the 130th," said Hoferitza.

Michie said that the 24-hour operations were a good way to allow for hands-on training with Airmen who wouldn't otherwise get the training.

"There were opportunities for on-the-job training, which is great because we can carry that back home and help train the rest of the unit on things that we learned on the job," said Staff Sgt. Lamont Class, 130th EIS cable installation technician.

Airman 1st Class Alex Bernier, a 130th cable installation technician who recently returned to the unit



*Airman 1st Class Alex Bernier looks on as Staff Sgt. Dave Hendrickson pulls cables from a temporary shelter in preparation for a communications cutover.*

from technical school at Sheppard Air Force Base, said he learned more on this trip that he could add to his education.

“This job gave me a better understanding of what my career entails,” said Bernier. “School gave me the technical skills, but this pulled it all together.”

Additionally, more experienced airmen got the opportunity to see another side of how a project runs.

Senior Airman Jeremy Anderson, another 130th cable installation technician, said he enjoys getting to work on outside projects because he feels he can be a better asset to the team by getting hands-on practice. He also said that this time he was able to see further into the planning of a project.

“On this last job, I was able to see a bigger picture, especially as far as logistics and supply go,” said Anderson. “Seeing that all the time we put in actually resulted in a good product was cool to see. It was exhausting, but worth it to see the end result.”

Class said he feels the job was well done, and the unit will continue with that same standard regarding product quality and training opportunities.

“The 130th has always done professional work,” said Class. “We won’t put our sticker on it if it’s anything less.”



*Airman 1st Class Alex Bernier and Staff Sgt. Lamont Class splice fiber optic cable in preparation to transfer communication equipment from a temporary shelter to a permanent facility at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.*

## Air Promotions

### COLONEL

Love Corey McBeth  
Melton Susan L

### LIEUTENANT COLONEL

Buckner Gene C  
Waite Paul J

### CAPTAIN

Asay Aaron S  
Deagostine Keith M  
Thompson Micheal S  
Thompson Nicholas Andrew

### FIRST LIEUTENANT

Jonkman Christina N  
Lozano Leonardo Nmn

### CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT

Cook Patricia Anita  
Driggs Sheen T  
Eisert Gary Lee  
Johnson Bradley W

### SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT

Castleton Jon C  
Christian Christopher P  
Christensen Phillip R  
Davis Joseph D  
Decker Scott V  
Fox Russell A  
Kelly Ronald D  
Langille Cody R

Rasmussen Eric Michael  
Sparto Joseph Jr

### MASTER SERGEANT

Brockbrader Mikel D  
Dowdin Wesley Allan  
Johansen James L  
Olsen Tyler K  
Sage William E  
Whetstone Fenton B  
Veenstra Ryan

### TECHNICAL SERGEANT

Asay Robert J  
Goodfellow Nikalus R  
Harvey Zachariah Michael  
Huff Jon Curtis  
Jensen Timothy Lee  
Keller Todd M  
McCombs Jason M  
McDonald Andrew M  
Sanders Gabriel S  
Savage Wendy M  
Sayers Joshua R  
Slayton Jada L  
Stumm Timothy A  
Wall Brandon S  
Ward Christian Allen  
Watson Adam A  
Young Joshua M

### STAFF SERGEANT

Annis Tammy K  
Bagley Rebecca A

Branham Jeremy R  
Evans Martin C  
Hughes Jeremy D  
Johnson Jason K  
Marsh Sarah Jo  
Miller Casey J  
Moser Tyler D  
Pappas Jordan M  
Rea Geiber E  
Robison Robin R  
Ward Berkeley A  
Willis Triton L

### SENIOR AIRMAN

Bills Jayden K  
Brown Camn W  
Caldwell Samuel W  
Flatau Zachary A  
Hibbert Shari L  
Hibler Austin J  
Heckel Dean W  
Humenberger Nathan A  
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Johnson Tyrel M  
Miller Vincent I Ii  
Mooney Preston A  
Rasmussen Philip E  
Treseder Kelsey N  
Wood William J

### AIRMAN

Jackson Julian Marcus

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Merryweather Erin Marie  
Powell Tina Margareta

### MAJOR

Anderson Patrick Ivan  
Day Shane Draper  
Jensen Tyler James  
Jones David Heber

### CAPTAIN

Johnson Jeremy Jennings  
Luu Jonathan Jungleung  
Ottley Colby Dean  
Reitzel Alexander Mark  
Rogers Christopher Lynn

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Boyle Kylie Thomas  
Crane Brandon Lee  
Criddle Richard John  
Glazier Aaron Harold  
Long Matthew Eric

### SECOND LIEUTENANT

Anderson Brian James  
Bandy Boyd Collon  
Delph Jessica Angelique  
Sestak Keith Alan

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3**  
Curtis Craig Charles  
Ellington Joel Scott

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Chatwin Scott Anthony  
Davis David Bernard  
Hawkes Shawn Nickolaus  
Jacobson Joshua Don  
Oswald Braeden James  
Sorensen John Howard  
Zettel Gabriel Stephen

### COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR

Shaw Anthony Lakay  
Warner Kent Orange Jr

### SERGEANT MAJOR

Barkey Charles Michael  
Evans Andrew Scott

### FIRST SERGEANT

Burnham Brant Argyle

### MASTER SERGEANT

Blackburn Jeffrey Mark  
Crockett Wade Allen  
Ennis Jonathan Spencer  
Gifford Sean Christopher  
Huntsman Eric Preston  
Jansen Kenneth Douglas Jr  
Johnston Skip Jordan

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Jones Scott Lyle	Jones Jakob Michael	Bell Amanda Mae Marguerite	Moxon Dennis Scott	Armijo Eric Paul
Keefer Rory Joseph	Jurgens Joshua Kurt	Bell Michael Peter	Mulcahy Molly Christine	Beckrich Nathan William
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Koltermann Troy Richard	Kendall Robert Allen	Berdan Heidi Ann	Mylott Ronald Matthew	Betancourtperez Alicia G
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Patten Kelly Ryan	Clement Sherry Nichole	Shepherd Andy Dean	McGee Kaitlin Elizabeth	Lawrence Keatley McKae
Pease Dominic David	Combe Chase Kim	Simpson Paul Richard	Mecham Logan Donald	Lewis Andrew Gregory
Pendleton Stuart Joshua	Connell Cody Douglas	Sirrine Tanner J	Mendez Andrea Vanessa Baiza	Lihme Kelby Krispin
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Pyle Michael Alan	Covington Mikah Anna	Stanton Nathan Robert	Milburn Carek Dawson	McCurry Caleb James
Ramos Byron Abraham	Dasilva Jose Roberto Alves	Staples Michael Brent	Moore Tyler Matthew	Merrill Arin Kay
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Robinson Jeremiah Lynn	Dkhissi Rabab	Taylor Kaydee Lynn	Needham Cadence Elliot	Miller Zachary Ryan
Ross Jason Aaron	Duffield Thomas Cole	Taylor Kiel James	Olschewski Kierra Lynn	Mohler Christopher James
Rubio Juan Carlos	Dyer Braden James	Teets Dustin Aubrey	Pace Candace Nicole	Moosman Steve Cj
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Simmons Nicholas Steven	Flores Karen Lizbeth	Warner Paul Mark	Ramirez Juan	Oswald Travis James
Sloan Matthew Brian	Flores Karen Lizbeth	Weatherford Matthew Ryan	Rivera Jose Valentino	Packer Raigne Dakota
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Starr Jonathan Mark	Guzman Jonathan Francisco		Torres Carlos Alberto	Robbins Taylor David
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Stotts Jonathon Raymond	Hansen Jorgen Neal	Anderson Halleyann Bliss	Vigohayes Justice Bradley	Shook Megan Kylyghe
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# Officer Candidate School



## OCS PREREQUISITES

- Be of strong moral character.
- Letter of recommendation from company and battalion commander.
- Must have or be able to acquire secret security clearance by commission.
- Age eligibility: 18 to 42 minus 1 day by commissioning date.
- GT score of 110 or higher on ASVAB.
- Current Army Physical Fitness Test score with at least 70 points per event.
- Meet HT/WT standards in accordance with AR 600-9.
- Pass a Chap. 2 commissioning physical within 2 years of commission.
- U.S. citizen by birth or naturalization.
- Bachelor's degree or minimum 90 semester hours toward an accredited degree with an approved degree plan.



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# The Soldier's Creed

I am an American Soldier.

I am a warrior and a member of a team.

I serve the people of the United States, and live the Army Values.

**I will always place the mission first.**

**I will never accept defeat.**

**I will never quit.**

**I will never leave a fallen comrade.**

I am disciplined, physically and mentally tough,  
trained and proficient in my warrior tasks and drills.

I always maintain my arms, my equipment and myself.

I am an expert and I am a professional.

I stand ready to deploy, engage, and destroy, the enemies  
of the United States of America in close combat.

I am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life.

I am an American Soldier.



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