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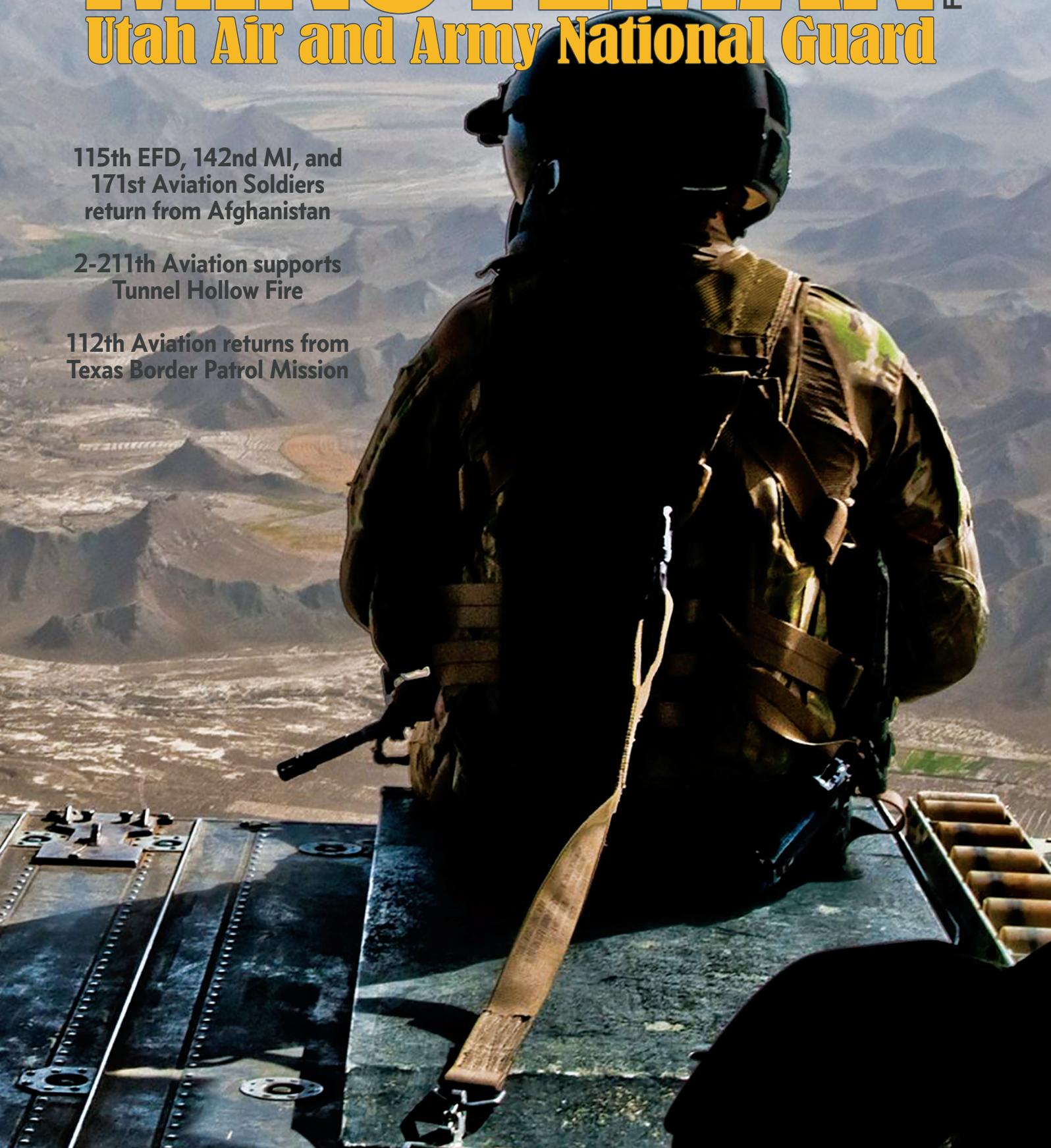
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## Major General Jefferson Burton The Adjutant General

As we approach the end of another fiscal year, I think that it is healthy to reflect on our many accomplishments as well as our shortfalls in an effort to grow and develop as individuals and as an organization. For more than 32 years now, I have proudly worn the uniform of this great nation in peacetime and in war. I have always been honored to serve, but today I feel a particularly strong reverence for all who have served here at home and abroad since 9/11. If I were to ask you where you were when the first aircraft hit the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, there is no doubt in my mind that you would remember that fateful day with clarity. Thousands of innocents were murdered for an ideology of oppression. We must never forget that tyrants and despots seek to suppress freedom the world over, and as members of the United States Military we must be ready to stand up against evil in support of a free and transparent society; a place where our children can be safe and accomplish their dreams. We stand as the equalizer for the oppressed across the globe.

As we enter times of decreased budgets we will need to streamline and improve our processes to be more efficient and lethal. Officers and non-commissioned officers alike must work synergistically to plan, resource, conduct and assess great training events that inspire, motivate, train and

retain the very best Soldiers and Airmen that our Nation can produce. I recently spent some time with more than 100 of our high school student-body leaders at the 53rd annual Freedom Academy at Camp Williams. I left that event with a feeling of gratitude, first for the many great volunteers who spent so much time putting together an amazing leadership event, and secondly, with an appreciation for the quality of our youth and their desires to serve and to make a positive difference in this world.

As you reflect over this past fiscal year, it is my hope that you will do a collective “gut check.” What accomplishments are you most proud of? And what areas can you improve upon as a person and as a warrior? Your community, your state and your nation need you to live a balanced and healthy personal life, so that we are prepared to answer the call to support and defend the constitution of this great land against all the enemies of our republic. We must be prepared to answer any challenge with a collective resolve to perform our duty with distinction just as we have in the past. We should approach every day as if it were a “job interview,” and remember that as an organization, we are only as good as our last performance. In combat, complacency kills, and in peacetime, “eternal vigilance is the price of freedom.”

I am genuinely proud of each one of our great Soldiers, Airmen and family members. Your daily sacrifice is a constant example of what is right with the great State of Utah and the greatest country on the face of the earth, the United States of America. May God continue to bless each one of you in your armed service.

MG Burton



*Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton meets with Engineers from the Utah National Guard at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Germany during their annual training in June.*

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*A Soldier sits on the tail of a CH-47 Chinook and monitors the valley below in Zabul Province, Afghanistan, June 18, 2014. The helicopter was transporting U.S. Soldiers to Combat Outpost Sweeney, where they launch air assaults to prevent weapons trafficking along the Afghanistan/Pakistan border.*



## Command Sergeant Major Michael Miller Senior Enlisted Comments

Like any profession, it relies upon those professionals within to maintain, strengthen, mentor, and prepare for the future. Our profession, be it the Army or the Air, functions and strives for the same in order to remain at the top in the eyes of other members, our families, and the citizens we serve each and every day. A method or means in which we accomplish this task is constant through our individual and collective actions. It has been said that every day is a job interview. What we do or do not do is on display. I would like to remind all our professionals to remember the three C's: Character, Competence, and Commitment as they accomplish their many responsibilities each and every day.

Our organization is top-notch because of the Servicemembers, our families, and our employers and citizens that support us. Yet, to maintain and strengthen this relationship we need to constantly uphold the highest possible character. One of the methods to accomplish this task is by living and leading with the Army and Air Force values in mind. Each day it doesn't matter who you are; we are all presented with challenges. Living the values affords us the opportunity to overcome or defeat those challenges. I encourage every member to build upon the foundation the profession has built. Serve and live with the strongest character possible and expect the same from those at your side.

Those at our side also rely upon us as leaders, as a unit, and an organization to be competent in our profession. Our competence levels at the individual, up through the collective team and organization levels, are essential as we train and deliver expectations of our nation and state. I challenge every Soldier and Airman to continue

to complete their individual education and military occupation requirements. By doing so, we will allow our commanders the opportunity to bring the unit together and accomplish the missions at hand and do so in a very proficient and excellent manner. It takes every member doing their part in order to be successful as a team.

The success of the team is measured by the commitment of the individuals. Our organization and profession is unique in a way that our members voluntarily serve; they raise their right hand to defend, protect, and provide for others. We have tremendous pride in ourselves, our team and unit, and the citizens of the great nation and state. As we continue to build atop our solid foundation, the continued commitment of our Servicemembers is required. The leadership is constantly reminded everyday of the commitment our Servicemembers give and it is always exceptional. In addition, it does not go unnoticed what our families and employers sacrifice; without them our ability to accomplish missions would be very difficult.

By living and applying the three C's into all we do, our profession and organization will continue to grow and strengthen and our capabilities will expand. I sincerely appreciate each of our Soldiers, Airmen, and families. Serving on our team is a humbling and extraordinary opportunity, which I am grateful for. Together as a team there is nothing we cannot accomplish or complete. I ask that each of you continue to apply these characteristics into your daily lives. The future is bright and I am extremely proud to be a part of such an amazing organization, filled with true warriors and professionals.

"Prepare and train today for tomorrow."



## 115th Engineer Facilities Detachment Soldiers Return from Afghanistan Deployment

*Story by Capt. Ryan Sutherland*

SALT LAKE CITY — Soldiers from the Utah Army National Guard’s 115th Engineer Facilities Detachment (EFD), returned home from a 12-month deployment to Afghanistan, Aug. 21.

The mission of the 115th EFD was to function as a training advisory group, transitioning operations and maintenance responsibilities to the Afghan National Army’s Directorate of Public Works.

The group of 13 Soldiers was met in the terminal with an enthusiastic reception by family, friends, and colleagues.

Lt. Col. Michael Turley, Brigade AO for 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade and Battalion Commander for the 1457th Engineers, was amongst the crowd in attendance.

“The 115th EFD did an outstanding job in a very challenging environment,” said Turley. “As they went into

*Photos by Sgt. Nicolas Cloward*

Afghanistan, their job was to help close down bases and FOBs, and either turn them over to the Afghani National Army, or to close them down altogether. You’ve got to give those people credit for functioning in that type of environment. I’m just glad that they’re home.”

There are a lot of moving parts involved in the drawdown in Afghanistan, a mission in which the 115th EFD played a key role.

“It’s such a broad experience, my unit was spread out across the entire country, so everyone’s got their own different story to tell,” said Capt. Patrick Carucci, commander of the 115th EFD.

“It’s an amazing experience to see how far the Afghans have come in the 13 years that we’ve been there, and to be a part of the closing down and basically letting them go on their own is an amazing experience.”

*Utah National Guard’s 115th Engineer Facilities Detachment Soldiers arrive at the Salt Lake International Airport Aug. 21.*





When asked what the first thing he will do when he gets home, he simply said, "I'm going to go home, take my shoes off and step on the carpet and grass, because I have not felt carpet and grass in nine months."

Carucci's wife, Tiffany Carucci, was equally eager to get her husband home.

"The day he left was hard, it felt like it was going to be forever," she said. "Our daughter was only a month old, our son was three years old, so I'm relieved that he's home, that he can be with his kids, and that he can be with his family and just slowly get everything back to normal."

"I'm very proud of him," she added. "I'm very happy that I'm the one that stands behind him." 🇺🇸





# 1-171st Aviation Soldiers Return Home

Story by Lt. Col Steve Fairbourn

SALT LAKE CITY — Members of Utah National Guard’s 1-171st Aviation arrived at the Salt Lake International Airport Sunday, Sept. 7, after serving 10 months on deployment to Afghanistan.

Family members cheered and young children burst through the barricades to hug their Soldiers as they emerged after three separate commercial air flights that day.

“[I’m] a little overwhelmed and excited,” said Spc. John Tani, flight medic for the 171st who met his 3-month-old daughter for the first time that night. “All of the family was there. [I’m] just excited to be home.”

The 171st provided 24-7 medevac support to Regional Command Southwest and West in the Afghan theater. Cpt. Penny McCarthy, commander of the 171st beamed with pride of the Soldiers’ performance stating, “We completed the mission and had a great reputation in theater. Overall it was a successful mission.”

The 171st mobilized in November 2013 for a planned 12-month deployment, but replacements arrived early. The unit had to wait for word if they were to be reassigned elsewhere or redeploy home early.

“The end was slow,” said Spc. Jennifer Davis, flight medic and resident of Orem. “Our replacements got there, and then we were waiting for months before we knew if we were going to Kuwait or home.”

Although frustrated by the wait, all were joyful to return to Utah and reunite with family and friends.

“I actually surprised my family at home,” said Sgt. Nathan McLaughlin, 171st crew chief and resident of West Jordan, who shocked his wife and two kids with the surprise. “[There were] looks of confusion, and then, of course they were excited.”

“As a whole, it was a great learning experience,” said Tani as he described the air ambulance mission of the 171st. “Everyone was our patient, whoever it was. They all got the same treatment. All human life is important.”





*Utah National Guard Soldiers with the 171st Aviation arrive at the Salt Lake International Airport after serving 10 months on deployment to Afghanistan Sept. 7.*

*Photos by Lt. Col Steve Fairbourn and John Seeley*

# Afghanistan Draw-Down Sends 142nd MI Soldiers Home Early

Story by Capt. Ryan Sutherland and Ileen Kennedy

SALT LAKE CITY — Four Soldiers, assigned to the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion, returned home early after a five-month deployment on Aug. 19, as a result of draw-down initiatives in Afghanistan.

The mission of these Soldiers from the 142nd was to provide intelligence support to the various special operations task forces assigned to Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force Afghanistan, enabling the success of Afghan National Forces to provide a safe and secure environment.

Family and friends waited anxiously for the return of the four Soldiers in the busy American Airlines terminal.

“I am just excited that he is coming home safe,” said Lisa Crookston, mother of Sgt. Thomas Pittman. “He’s had quite an experience, and I know that they are all coming home safe, but I’m just excited that he is coming in the first wave.”

Lisa is the Family Support Leader for the deployed Servicemembers of the 142nd and while noticeably excited that her son is returning home, is equally anxious for the rest of the Servicemembers to return home to their families as well.

Over the next few months, additional Soldiers from the 32-Soldier element of the Utah Army National Guard will return ahead of schedule from the planned 12-month deployment to Afghanistan.

“Because of the retrograde, we got to leave a little early, so it’s exciting,” said Sgt. Thomas Pittman, B Company 142nd MI Battalion. “We supported some Special Forces units and got to learn about their realm of the world—it was a good experience.”

As the family and friends welcomed their Soldiers home, one Soldier’s homecoming had yet to begin. Staff Sgt. Casey Kirkland and his wife decided to keep the news of his early return from their three boys.

“I have three, they are not here, they are at football practice, and we are going to go surprise them,” said Kirkland. “It’s obviously good to see my wife, but that’s what both of us are looking forward to.”

For Sgt. First Class Aaron Olsen, whose return marked his second deployment to Afghanistan, the homecoming was especially sweet as he was able to meet his newborn daughter in person for the first time.

“I have been in Afghanistan for the last three months, and I missed the birth of this little one here, so the news of returning home early was exciting,” said Olsen with noticeable emotion in his voice.

“We didn’t know how long we would be gone, so I think coming home was comforting in a lot of ways knowing that you had an end date,” he said. “I knew that life would be tough with these two little ones and a newborn; I knew that it would be helpful for my wife if I was home early.”

Aaron’s wife, Dana Olsen, was equally excited of the early homecoming.

“I had hoped that he would be back by Christmas, and so we are having Christmas in August,” she said. “He gets to see her while she is little, have a newborn close to him, and I don’t have to do it all on my own. I’m just overwhelmed and grateful!” 🇺🇸



Sgt. Thomas Pittman is surrounded by his parents and brother. Staff Sgt. Casey Kirkland and his wife plan to surprise their sons after leaving the airport. Sgt. First Class Aaron Olsen greets his family then sees his newborn daughter in person for the first time. Staff Sgt. David Rodgers embraces his wife upon returning from deployment Aug. 19.

Photos by Ileen Kennedy

## Utah Apaches Return from History-Making California Training

# Operation Thunder Hammer

Story and photos by CW4 Jared Jones

FORT HUNTER LIGGETT, Calif. — The 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 211th Aviation participated in Operation Thunder Hammer with 40th Combat Aviation Brigade in the division-level training event that made history by setting new firsts in the Utah and California Guards June 2014.

“There were two divisions at this exercise and we supported both divisions,” said Maj. Ricky Smith, 1-211th Battalion commander.

Numerous missions were flown across California, including Camp Roberts, Hunter Liggett, and the remote Mountain Warfare Training Center (MWTC) on the Marine Corps base near Bridgeport. Collective, complex, and often-challenging missions were flown day and night, with a mix of AH-64 Apaches, UH-60 Black Hawks, and CH-47 Chinooks. The 1-211th supported the exercise with 16 aircraft, 48 vehicles and more than 300 personnel on the ground for this first-ever operation of the entire battalion in direct support of 40th CAB.

“This was one of the first opportunities we had to operate with the 40th,” said Smith. “We would provide close-combat, attack-air support for elements of their infantry and brigade combat teams.”

Missions flown at the MWTC include rugged terrain and high-altitude landing zones, with some landing zones well above 10,000 feet MSL.

In addition to supporting Marines at MWTC, 40th CAB also was in direct support of 1,500 Soldiers working with 1-160th Infantry Battalion, 1-184th Infantry Regiment, and 1-18th Cavalry, all of which fall under the 79th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 40th Infantry Division.

“We participated in an 18- to 20-aircraft, air assault over an eight-hour period where more than 1,200 troops were assaulted

into objective, as well as cargo and equipment,” said Capt. Kelly Kimber, assistant S3 and Delta Company commander in the 1-211th ARB.

Aviation training included medical evacuation, hoist operations, convoy escort, armed over watch, Close-Combat Attack, and reconnaissance, all of which were conducted as part of numerous situation training exercise lanes, working closely with ground elements to enhance air-to-ground integration.

“At one point the aviation and ground commanders left station for refuel,” said Kimber. “I was unexpectedly given the entire battle through my Apache. It was eye opening.”

The exercise culminated in a complex, air-assault operation, inserting approximately 500 Soldiers into an objective utilizing 11 UH-60s, two CH-47s, four AH-64s, two HH-60s, two LUH-72s, and one Shadow UAV—making



1-211th Aviation participates in Operation Thunder Hammer with 12 Apaches June 2014.

*Members of the 1-211th Aviation participate in Operation Thunder Hammer making California and Utah Guard history with one of the largest combined operations executed on record. The 1-211th supported the exercise with 16 aircraft, 48 vehicles and more than 300 personnel on the ground June 2014.*



California Guard history as one of the largest combined operations executed on record.

“Anytime you do training in a new environment [it] makes the training valuable,” said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Ryan Eyre, standardization instructor pilot for the 1-211th. “The environment was good and the training was excellent.”

Utah’s 1-211th ARB moved en masse to Fort Hunter Liggett for this exercise, and in addition to participating in the exercise simultaneously conducted aerial gunnery in the ranges inside the restricted airspace at Hunter Liggett. The unit returned to Utah as a flight of 12 Apache helicopters—a truly impressive sight to behold. This was the largest-ever flight of AH-64D Longbow Apaches flown in formation over Utah.

“As a whole, that large of an exercise was amazing to be a part of,” said Kimber. “It was amazing to see that many aircraft in that small of an area kick off the way it was supposed to. We were successful.”



## 128th MPAD Deploys for Third Time to Support Downrange Public Affairs Operations

*Story by Sgt. 1st Class Brock Jones*

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — The 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment became one of the last Utah National Guard units to deploy to Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom when eight Soldiers from the unit left Utah in March.

After six weeks of training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, the team of military photo and video journalists arrived to their assignment of providing public affairs support to the Regional Command-South public affairs office at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan.

“Since being deployed, the Soldiers of the MPAD have all had the opportunity to tell some amazing stories and experiences,” said Maj. Choli Ence, commander, 128th MPAD. “As Guard Soldiers, it has been a very good experience to integrate and work alongside our active-duty peers.”



*Eight members of 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment (from left) Spc. Ariel Solomon, Sgt. Chloe Barnes, Staff Sgt. Rich Stowell, Staff Sgt. Lyndsey Prax, Staff Sgt. Whitney Houston, Staff Sgt. John Etheridge, Sgt. 1st Class Brock Jones, Maj. Choli Ence, pose for a photo following a “patching” ceremony in which all received 1st Cavalry combat patch Aug. 1, 2014.*

Having arrived in Afghanistan in early May, the members of the MPAD have settled into various roles, from photographing regional command leaders on battlefield circulations, to manning a position in the combined joint operations center, to producing video and print journalism stories about U.S., Afghan, and coalition service members.

“My last deployment I did a lot of the menial public affairs tasks that weren’t telling the Soldier’s story,” said Staff Sgt. John Etheridge of Roy, a public affairs NCO with the 128th MPAD. “This deployment I’m doing more of the traditional public affairs work of telling the Soldiers’ stories using photos and written articles. It’s a lot of fun. You get to meet a lot of neat people doing different jobs. It’s something different every day.”

The 128th deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, from 2004-2005 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, then to Baghdad in 2008-2009 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. This deployment to RC-South, the detachment’s third since operations began in Afghanistan in 2001, has been challenging and rewarding for the Utah Guardmember in many ways.

“I think we can all honestly say we have become better Soldiers because of this deployment and we look forward to sharing our knowledge and experience with others upon our return back to Utah,” said Ence. “There is a certain amount of pride that comes with knowing not only are we the last MPAD still left in Afghanistan, but we are one of the last Utah units that deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, which is transitioning to Resolute Support in January 2015.” 🇺🇸

*Photos top down: Staff Sgt. Lyndsey Prax records a key-leader engagement in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, June 11. Staff Sgt. Whitney Houston of Cedar City (left), and Staff Sgt. Lyndsey Prax of Draper, conduct an interview on Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, July 18. U.S. Army Soldiers along with Afghan National Army soldiers wait for helicopters to arrive on Forward Operating Base Sweeney, Afghanistan, in the dark hours of June 23.*





*Utah Airmen load equipment on a West Virginia Air National Guard C-5 Galaxy bound for Volk Field, Wis., in support of Patriot 14. Senior Airman Caleb Palmer, left, Tennessee's 119th Command and Control Squadron, and Tech. Sgt. Bryan Scharman, Utah's 151st Communications Flight, develop a solution to broadcast an outside video feed to other systems on a communications network during Patriot 14. Airmen from Utah's 151st Communications Flight and 130th Engineering Installation Squadron, and Tennessee Guard's 228th Combat Communications Squadron setup a BlueSky Mast used for lateral communications and to direct radio traffic.*

*Photos by Staff Sgt. Annie Edwards and Master Sgt. David Fernelius*

## Utah National Guard Participates in Patriot 14

*Story by 2nd Lt. Brian Moss*

VOLK FIELD, WISC. — **M**embers of the Utah National Guard traveled to Volk Field, Wisc., in support of Patriot 14 on July 19.

The joint exercise provided large-scale, emergency-response training and experience for 1,100 federal, civilian and military participants, which included 167 members from nine Utah National Guard units.

The roots of the Patriot exercise are tied to the state of Utah. The Utah Army National Guard began the exercise in 1995, conducting training at the Utah Test and Training Range. From its small beginning in 1995, Patriot has grown into an essential, large-scale exercise, involving multiple National Guard units, civilian and federal agencies.

"Patriot focuses on increasing the understanding of coordination, policies, and procedures required in conducting a Joint Inter-Agency domestic response," said Capt. Christine Bringard, lead medical planner for Patriot 14.

This year, the exercise began on the flight line of the Utah Air National Guard base. The 151st Operations Group and 151st Logistics Readiness Squadron prepared and loaded 254,224 pounds of cargo on five different aircraft. It required more than a week of loading and inspecting cargo to prepare the team for departure.

After arriving at Volk Field, members from the 151st Medical Group, 151st Chaplain Corps, 118th Engineering Company, 97th Troop Command, 115th Maintenance Company, 141st Military Intelligence Battalion, and 145th Field Artillery Battalion put their training into practice in responding to large-scale disasters while operating in harsh conditions.

As part of the exercise, a mock disaster area was established, where survivors from the disaster situations sustained various types of simulated injuries. The survivors were first received by the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Enterprise Response Force Package (CERFP), a team of Soldiers and Airmen, who put into practice their training in search and extraction, CBRNE decontamination and providing medical care to survivors.

After being treated by the CERFP team, the patients were transported to the field hospital, which was operated by the Expeditionary Medical Support team (EMEDS). Here, the EMEDS team received training in treating patients with simulated minor to severe injuries.

Upon stabilizing the patients, the Critical Care Air Transport Team (CCAT) was able to practice transporting them out of the area through an aeromedical evacuation process. The CCAT teams, consisting of doctors, nurses and respiratory therapists are equipped with advanced, life-sustaining equipment on specially outfitted aircraft that allow advanced in-flight care. Medical teams also participated in a downed aircraft scenario, requiring them to respond to an airplane crash in a wooded area.

"They organized teams and sent response personnel into the woods to find survivors and recover casualties," commented Maj. Micah Smith, medical element commander for CERFP. "And that lent a different dimension from what we normally do," Smith said. "It shows the flexibility of our group, not just do we function in the role we normally do, but we have lots of skills where we can spread out and use them for other things."

## EANGUS in Arizona

*Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Shana Hutchins*

Reliable communication systems were also critical in the execution of the disaster response exercise. Members from the 130th Engineering Installation Squadron and the 151st Communication Flight set up a Joint Incident Site Communications Capability (JISCC) package, which was the backbone structure to the infield data and radio communication for the CERFP team.

Prior training and experience became a priority as the communication teams were informed that their pre-planned communication package would not arrive on site due to problems with the transportation equipment. To overcome this setback, a communication package was borrowed from the 228th Combat Communications Squadron, Tennessee Air National Guard, which also participated in the exercise.

“Due to previous experience, the teams were able to take the system out of the box and configure equipment for first-time use,” said Master Sgt. David Fernelius, 151st Communications Flight. “The very positive outcome of this situation was the team members’ willingness to adjust to the situation. Prior knowledge of the system and its capabilities allowed for a successful operation.”

Patriot 14 was a crucial exercise in providing Utah National Guard members essential training and experience in preparation for large-scale disasters.

“Working successfully with other military teams as well as civilians does not happen overnight, nor does it happen if not practiced,” Bringard said. “Players did not get everything they needed nor what they were used to having. This builds character, creativity, and resiliency by requiring them to learn and work through the routes of communication and options available for getting resources needed to complete their mission. When responding to a natural disaster, we need to feel comfortable with being able to work through these challenges when everything around us is destroyed.” 🇺🇸

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Several members of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Utah (EANGUT) attended the 43rd annual Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) Conference and Expo in Phoenix, Ariz., Aug. 9-13, with approximately 1,000 other members from our country and its commonwealths.

EANGUT was awarded first place in the entire U.S. as the Highest Overall Membership Growth for 2014.

“This is a change from previous years and only shows our enlisted members’ commitment to making a difference for the present and future of our Servicemembers by being involved in the legislative process,” said EANGUT President Todd Perry. “This is due to the hard work of your executive council promoting membership statewide.”

EANGUT had several wins during this time: EANGUT past president, Wyatt Davis, was voted as the new EANGUS Area VI Director Army and Chairmen; 1st Sgt. (Ret) Brad Howell is the national EANGUS treasurer; and Scott Evans is the national EANGUS Vice President. These gentlemen were sworn in Aug. 13 by the selected delegates from each state.

EANGUT is a professional organization that enlisted Soldiers can be involved in and affect change, regardless of rank or job description of a Soldier.

“If you want to have a voice in today’s and tomorrow’s issues then become involved,” said Sgt. Anthony Hutchins, a Utah National Guard Soldier. 🇺🇸



*Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Utah members accept the first place award for the Highest Overall Membership Growth for 2014 from EANGUS president: (left to right) past president, Wyatt Davis; EANGUT president, Todd Perry; EANGUS president, Command Master Sgt. (Ret) John Harris; Chief Master Sgt. (ret) Joe Guimond; and Michelle McIntire.*

# 19th SF Soldiers Conduct Operation Skyline in Sanpete County

*Story by Staff Sgt. Ashley Baum and Spc. Skyeler Lucero*

SANPETE COUNTY, Utah — Approximately 300 Soldiers from 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) participated in Operation Skyline 2014 for annual training Aug. 1-24 in Manti-La Sal National Forest.

The unconventional warfare exercise (UWEX) focused on Operation Detachment-Alphas (ODAs) performing tasks utilized by SF Soldiers, who specialize in guerrilla-warfare tactics and subversion for their unique missions.

“[This exercise] is the culmination of a lot of staff effort, and effort by our support section and subordinate elements,” said 1st Battalion, 19th SF Command Sgt. Maj. Steve Wooldridge. “This prepares us for operating in the worst conditions operationally and environmentally for whatever challenge comes across in the world.”

The UWEX provided ODAs terrain features and climate conditions similar to the various regions the 19th SF teams continue to operate in.

“This operation is occurring anywhere from 5,900-10,000 feet and even though it’s summer, mountainous terrain does provide environmental challenges,” said Wooldridge. “It gives us all an appreciation for what we have to prepare for if we’re going to operate in any mountainous environment.”

Several support elements from 19th SF Group Support Battalion and Forward Support Company (FSC) played a vital role ensuring the UWEX had the critical sustainment ODAs needed.

“We’re here to support the teams in any way we can whether they need extra bodies or for us to remain here and

do our job and keep equipment maintained when they need it,” said Sgt. Robert Jaques, all-wheeled mechanic for FSC, 19th SF.

Soldiers built and established, from the ground up, a Special Operations Task Force (SOTF) headquarters and several smaller outlying bases in the Sanpete County vicinity. Many Soldiers role-played as opposition forces and guerrilla fighters to create a realistic-training environment during the exercise. Other support elements worked around the clock ensuring the operation ran smoothly.

The support elements performed duties in water purification, preparing meals, feeding troops, maintaining equipment and distributing supplies to the various camps, bases and the SOTF.

“Whether it is my sustainment platoon, the maintenance platoon or the distribution platoon, they have far exceeded my expectations,” said 1st Lt. Doug Spencer, Charlie Company commander, FSC, 19th SF.

Soldiers also further enhanced their military training by conducting sling-load and airborne operations during Operation Skyline. Approximately 45 Soldiers performed



*Members of the 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) volunteered to help local residents repair a run-off canal in Spring City, Utah during Operation Skyline in Sanpete County.*

*Photos by Spc. Skyeler Lucero*

static-line and military-free-fall operations from a U.S. Army UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter. Participants took off from Ephraim-Manti Airport and landed in a drop zone owned by a local Ephraim City resident.

In addition to the UWEX, approximately 20 Soldiers volunteered and worked alongside local residents in repairing a canal in Spring City, Utah, resulting in a more stable foundation for water flow during rainy seasons.

“This project was an opportunity for us to say thanks for letting us utilize the area and its resources,” said Spencer. “The canal not only looks better, but will be more resilient in future water flows.”

Operation Skyline 2014 took months to prepare and required the collaboration of local city governments and 19th SF leadership. The goal was to ensure the UWEX has little impact on the environment while creating a positive

impression on Sanpete County’s residents.

“The military is doing a wonderful job in trying not to impact the civilian population,” said Richard Squire, Ephraim City mayor. “I think the way things are going right now would make a partnership in the future more readily accessible.”



*19th Special Forces Soldiers built a Special Operations Task Force headquarters, maintained equipment, and conducted sling-load and airborne operations as some of the duties during their unconventional warfare exercise August 1-24.*

## Utah National Guard Hero Saves Lives at West Jordan Plane Crash



*Staff Sgt. Robert Kelley, 1457th Engineer Battalion*

*Story by Lt. Col. Steve Fairbourn*

WEST JORDAN, Utah — It was a calm Sunday morning in West Jordan as Staff Sgt. Robert Kelley waited at a red light at Airport Road and 8400 South on his way to work. The roads were quiet at 9 a.m. as Kelley, a 1457th Engineer Battalion Soldier, headed to work where he works full-time for the Regional Training Institute as a Warrior Leader Course instructor.

Kelley heard the distant whining of a plane taking off from the South Valley Regional Airport on Aug. 10. This sound was familiar to Kelley as he has been working on his pilot's license for years now and spends a good deal of time at airports. He could see the plane now on its southbound take off. Kelley's instinct triggered as he could see there was a problem—the plane was not gaining altitude. Only seconds pass as the plane nears stalling, landing gear is deployed, and it rolls to the left.



He's not going to make it, Kelley realized. They are going down.

Light still red, Kelley burst into action as he cleared the intersection and dialed 911. Talking to the dispatcher, he swerved through the neighborhood penetrating his way to the crash. Approaching the West Jordan park, he could see the plane already burning from the impact. His truck jumped as he blasted over the curb onto the grass field. Kelley shot around another car responding to the accident.

The vehicles skid to a stop as his eyes pan left and right to scan the site. The passenger door is open. "Good, they are out," Kelley initially thought. Getting out of his truck, however, he could see no movement. The 9-1-1 dispatcher instructed him to wait for emergency responders.

"I've got to get them out of there," Kelley said as he tossed his phone to Kirby Crump, the civilian that he just passed arriving to the scene. "I'm going in."

Kelley could see three individuals in the plane: a man and woman in the front seat, and a younger woman in the back. The plane's engine was ablaze and the left wing had snapped off due to the impact. Having been around planes in his training, he recognized the danger as the plane would have taken off with full tanks and there was real potential for an explosion with the engine fire. Those in the front seat were obviously injured, so Kelley determined that he would get them out first.

Crump was now at his side as he and Kelley pulled out Kate Sedlacek, from the passenger seat, to safety behind the shelter of his truck. Kelley asked a passerby, who was walking his dog, to watch her.

Kelley bolted back to the plane to get the pilot. As he rounded the plane, he realized there was no pilot's door. The fire was growing, so there was no time to spare. Kelley would get the passenger in the back since he was already there. She was awake.



*A small plane crashed into a West Jordan soccer field adjacent to Airport No. 2, Aug. 10. Witnesses rushed to the scene and rescued the injured people before the aircraft burst into flames.*

*Photos courtesy of Scott G. Winterton, Deseret News*

Ann Looper, Sedlacek’s married daughter was in the back seat. Looper crouched to walk to Kelley and immediately dropped to her knees. Kelley climbed in to retrieve her. A third civilian, David Lawrence, was now on scene and assisted Kelley in pulling Looper to safety and Lawrence remained by her side.

When Kelley returned to the plane for the pilot, Steve Sedlacek, Crump was already leaning in struggling to get Steve’s seatbelt off. Flames were now curling across the ceiling of the cab. The door was small and could not fit another to assist, so Kelley gripped Crump’s shirt to yank him out as the situation became too dire in the searing heat.

Steve’s arm popped into view and Kelley grabbed it. Kelley and Crump pulled Steve out to safety. Police were now on scene establishing a perimeter. The cab of the plane was fully engulfed in flames now as Kelley’s heart beat hard in his chest. Kelley and Crump briskly shook hands in celebration of their success as both swirled with adrenaline.

Steve and Kate were evacuated by air and Looper by ground as the situation stabilized. The fire was extinguished by firefighters and the police collected witness statements. The morning slowly returned to its former calm—time for work.

Kelley reported to Camp Williams to teach his classes. His initial inspection of his uniform was good, but a co-instructor advised him to wash the blood from his collar. Media, referred by the police, called for interviews.

“I was just at the right place at the right time,” he said to reporters during an interview later that day.

Days later Kelley inquired on the status of the victims and asked if he could visit them. He knocked at the door at the Intermountain Health Care Hospital and introduced himself. Kate and her niece cried as they met him for the first time. On a subsequent visit when Steve was able to speak Kelley asked how he was doing.

“I’m in a lot of pain, but it’s better than dying,” said Steve. He says his flying career is over.

Kelley has stayed in touch with the family and hopes to have new life-long friends. A sushi dinner is planned once their recovery is completed.

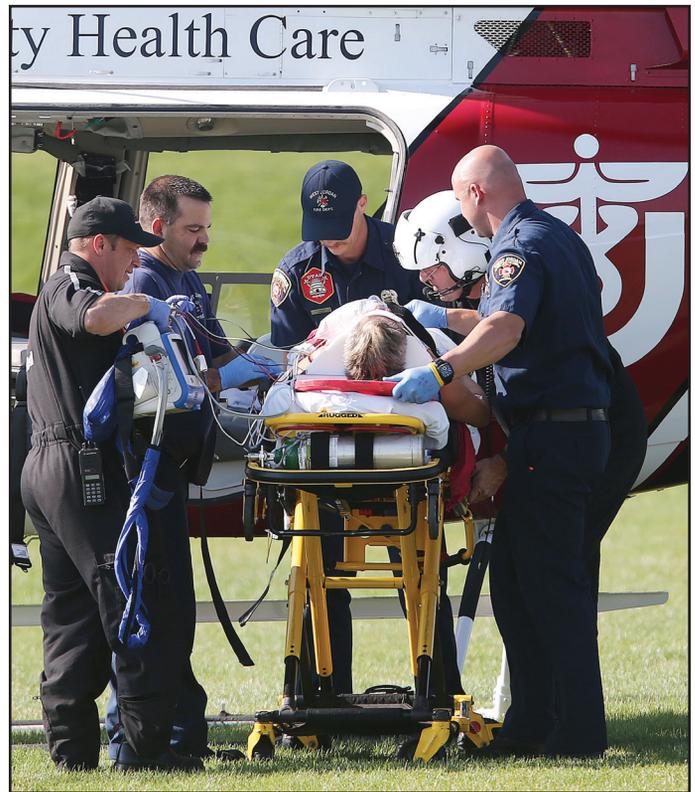
*Staff Sgt. Robert Kelley visits Steve and Kate Sedlacek, and their daughter, Ann Looper while they recover from their injuries after the plane crash.*



When interviewed, Kelley doesn’t consider himself a hero stating, “Anyone would have done what I did if they had been here.”

Many would beg to differ.

“I am proud of Staff Sgt. Kelley for his heroic actions on that fateful day,” said Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, the adjutant general of the Utah National Guard. “Our Soldiers exemplify bravery and selflessness in times of need, and do it without thought of personal gain or publicity. Being heroes is just who they are.”



*A plane carrying a family of three from Boise, Idaho crashed on takeoff from the South Valley Regional Airport. West Jordan emergency crews respond where two people were transported by air ambulance, the third by ground ambulance.*

*Above photo courtesy of Scott G. Winterton, Deseret News*

*Below photos courtesy of Staff Sgt. Robert Kelley*

# Utah Guard Provide Eyes in the Sky for Texas Border Patrol

*Story by Ileen Kennedy*

LAREDO, Texas — “Five members of Detachment 2, Bravo Company, 1-112th Aviation, known as Team Hawk Eye, deployed with a UH-72A Lakota helicopter to Laredo, Texas to provide air support to U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers from January to June 2014.

“This is a new aircraft for us and it was a great experience for our crews and pilots to learn how to operate that aircraft efficiently,” said

*Right: Pilot, CW2 Jeremy Hoagland prepares for border patrol in the UH-72 Lakota.*

*Below: Sgt. Matthew Delgado operates the Forward Looking Infrared Radar along the border in Laredo, Texas.*

*Photos courtesy 1-112th Aviation*



Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton. “The Forward Looking Infrared Radar (FLIR), the camera, was invaluable to the Border Patrol in their efforts to find undocumented aliens trying to come across the border illegally.”

Utah’s UH-72 Alpha Detachment is part of a Security and Support Battalion, which is a civil-support asset tasked with five core missions: Support for Joint Interagency Multinational (JIM) Operations, Border Security Operations, Law Enforcement Agency (LEA) Operations, Civilian Extraction/Rescue Operations and Counterdrug Aviation Operations. It operates within the U.S. principally for homeland security and disaster-response missions.

“They have an amazing array of maps and capabilities in that helicopter and it takes a pretty skilled operator to work them,” said Burton. “Those operators in the back of the helicopter are really well trained.”

Utah’s UH-72A is outfitted with the Mission Equipment Package (MEP) that provides a robust platform that works well on the border.



*Photos top down: Sgt. Matthew Delgado performs an outside observation during flight. Sgt. Justin Peterson conducts maintenance on the Lakota in Laredo, Texas. View from the Lakota overlooking the Rio Grand River.*



It comprises a FLIR, a day, color, wide-angle camera, a color narrow-angle camera and a laser illuminator. It has a moving-map console that links to the FLIR, a 30-million candle, power spotlight, a live-video downlink and civil-band communication radios.

“The platform is designed for a crew of three,” said CW2 Jeremy Hoagland, a pilot with 1st Battalion, 112th Aviation. “Two pilots up front and [in back a] crew chief operating the camera. Next to him is usually a border patrol agent that radios to ground.”

U.S. Customs and Border Protection, is a multi-task law enforcement agency within the Department of Homeland Security whose primary function is to enforce immigration laws and prevent illegal entry of aliens into the country as they manage, control and protect our nation’s borders.

“Everyone works in a professional manner,” said Hoagland referring to the border patrol agents he worked with. “Just seeing the amount of work and the way these guys operate. We are a huge asset for those guys.”

According to those working along the border there is no shortage of work that continues 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week.

“On average I’ve been flying 60 to 70 hours per month,” said Hoagland. “The terrain is difficult to maneuver through. We go every night and every night we usually come back with apprehensions or turn backs.”

Part of the Lakota UH-72A helicopter’s communication system is a radio that can operate on multiple civil-band frequencies that military helicopters don’t usually have. That ability is an important asset in its special mission roles making communication with local law enforcement effortless.

“Our primary duty is to be the eyes in the air for customs on the ground,” said Hoagland. “We find, locate and assist in apprehending.”

Crews from different states rotate every 90 days to Texas. During their rotation they can be assigned to fly during a day or night shift. Utah Guard crews have primarily been on the night shift taking advantage of the ability of UH-72As crew to fly with night-vision goggles and spot persons on the ground with the aircraft’s FLIR.

“We cover the night shift from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. due to the sensors,” said Hoagland. “It’s been a great experience, and a great experience for the aircraft. It’s priceless.” 🇺🇸

## Family Assistance Centers

Utah Family Assistance Centers (FAC) assist Servicemembers and their families during peacetime, training or mobilization. FACs are open to all branches of the military: Army Guard, Air Guard, active-duty Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy and all Reserve components. Contact your local FAC for any questions or issues you may have.

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### Utah FAC and Armory Locations and Regions

○ Armory and FAC	● Armory		
1 Logan	801-476-3811	4 SLC	801-715-3708
2 Ogden	801-476-3811	5 Orem	801-722-6913
3 Bluffdale	801-878-5037	6 Vernal	435-789-3619
3 West Jordan	801-816-3577	7 Spanish Fork	801-794-6011
4 Draper	801-432-4902	8 Cedar City	435-867-6513
4 Draper	801-432-4522	9 Blanding	435-678-2008
		10 St. George	435-986-5417

Regardless of location, services provided by FACs include:

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# Tunnel Hollow Fire Gets Support From Utah Guard Black Hawks

Story by Ileen Kennedy

MORGAN COUNTY, Utah — Utah National Guard members fly two Black Hawk helicopters in support of firefighting efforts on the Tunnel Hollow Fire in Morgan County July 22-24.

“That one was very challenging because it was a tight area with several helicopters flying,” said Maj. Jeremy Tannahill, instructor pilot for Army Aviation Support Facility. “Aircraft performance is always an issue when you’re flying high, hot and heavy, but we mitigate that with extensive training and the proper crew mix.”

The Black Hawks made water drops by dipping their buckets in ponds adjacent to the Weber River. Over the three-day period they dropped more than 190 buckets, totaling 101,230 gallons of water.

Utah Division of Forestry officials say the fire is one of several burning that was started by lightning. The steep, rugged terrain has provided difficulty for crews fighting the fire.

“This is steep, steep country,” said Jason Curry, spokesman for the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. “A lot of these rocks are held in place by trees and other vegetation and when that vegetation burns it releases rocks—large rocks, boulders that can go down and hit the rivers as well as burning material.”

While fire is not threatening any structures, the Weber River was closed to recreational activities due to the fire burning along Interstate 84. When fire is burning on the tops of canyons it sucks air in from the valley below creating large updrafts and turbulent air.

“Every fire is challenging. As a crew you have to pay attention to air patterns and plan your approach accordingly,” said Tannahill. “That, coupled with the smoke from the fire, requires extra vigilance from the crew.”

“Our pilots and crew chiefs are absolutely among the best,” said Tannahill. “They work hard, train hard, and study hard, and they are safe with what they do. Dedication to what they do and service is paramount.” 🇺🇸



*Members of the Utah National Guard 2-211th Aviation Battalion battle the Tunnel Hollow fire near Morgan, Utah July 23. Utah National Guard Staff Sgt. Jason*

*Townsend, 2-211th Aviation Battalion, drops water on the Tunnel Hollow fire. The two UH-60 Black Hawks assisting with the fire were able to drop more than 29,000 gallons of water on the fire.*

*Photos by Staff Sgt. Tim Chacon*

# Panther Strike 2014

## Military Intelligence Joint Training Exercise

*Story by Staff Sgt. Robert Walden*

CAMP WILLIAMS — **M**ore than 600 Soldiers from 13 states and Canada participated in Panther Strike 2014, a simulated, full-spectrum, intelligence-gathering exercise at Camp Williams, Utah, June 8-22.

This annual event attracts military intelligence (MI) professionals from across various U.S. units and partner nations to simulate a large-scale, world-class intelligence training opportunity.

The field portion of Panther Strike was held at a Forward Operating Base (FOB) at Camp Williams. Intelligence collectors interacted with more than 100 role-players who wore Afghan attire and occupied simulated villages in order to provide realistic intelligence data for analysis.

“Being a role-player at this exercise is very interesting, and I have been able to learn from the teams as we have interacted with each other,” said Spc. Kevin Culligan, a human intelligence collector with Florida’s 260th Military Intelligence Battalion. “I’ve seen things from the teams that I want to use myself, and realized that there are things I was doing that could be done better.”

The HUMINT teams focus on building rapport with the locals while eliciting critical information which aids commanders in making operational decisions.

Sgt. Nicholas Gines, a HUMINT collector from the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion, explained that human intelligence is the process of getting information by talking with people.

“They may have information about enemy activity in the area that they will share with us for any number of reasons,” he said. “The information, or data, is then sent to a centralized location for analysis.”

Gines, who was a part of the HUMINT collection teams at the exercise, said that he was excited to be able to participate in Panther Strike because of the depth and of the training that is available.

“Panther Strike is as close to real life as possible without deploying to a combat zone,” stated Gines. “It is the best exercise that I will ever attend to gain skills in my [job]. I’ve been able to get to know others in the MI community and be able to



*Military Intelligence Soldiers conduct interviews with role-players at the Camp Williams Afghan Village during the intelligence-gathering exercise Panther Strike 2014.*

*Photos by Spc. Brianne Roudebush*

network, and learn from their experiences.”

The mission has grown from a battalion-level exercise to an international training event where coalition countries like Australia, Britain, Canada, and the U.S. can come together to develop policy that decides what information can be shared between the nations, and how it will be shared.

“The Panther Strike exercise is defining and clarifying policy on how we work with our coalition partners,” said Maj. Scott Chalmers, executive officer, 141st Military Intelligence Battalion.

This strengthens the international partnership and improves the countries’ ability to work together as a team while conducting MI operations.

Some of the goals of the exercise were to provide the Soldiers with the experience of working in a classified environment, to utilize the same automated systems currently being used on deployments, and to exercise the entire intelligence life cycle from the Soldier in the field to the brigade intelligence section.

A key theme of the Panther Strike exercise was teamwork. This was evident as the different intelligence fields worked together to depict an accurate assessment of the operational environment. This cohesion was also evident throughout the planning phases.

“One of the past hurdles of organizing an exercise of this magnitude was the diversity of equipment being used within the MI community. Each of the computer systems with various software, telephones, and radios need to work together in order to communicate effectively. This communication is needed not only between National Guard units, but with the rest of the DoD and the other coalition nations as well,” explained Chalmers.

“This event would not have been successful without the support of the RTI [Regimental Training Institute], and support from the leaders at state who found ways to make it happen,” said Chalmers.

The annual Panther Strike exercise may be held in other locations but it is often held at Camp Williams due to the resident command support and the essential organic infrastructure already in place. The similarities between the local terrain and Afghanistan also lend a sense of realism to scenario. There is a simulated FOB and an Afghan village within walking distance of each other which aids in logistics and transportation, and also provides work space, classrooms, and lodging to those participating in the field portion of the exercise.

As the Panther Strike exercise evolves in years to come, leaders throughout the 300th Military Intelligence Brigade would like to incorporate additional training objectives that will make the exercise an even greater asset to the MI community.

“Our goal is to become the premier Military Intelligence exercise in the country,” said Chalmers. “In the future, we would like to integrate remote locations into the exercise which would minimize the cost of bringing Soldiers and equipment to a centralized location and allow participation by groups that may not be able to attend from other states, or the [coalition] countries.” 🇺🇸



# UTANG Trains with NATO Allies in Geilenkirchen Germany

*Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Annie Edwards*

NATO AIR BASE GEILENKIRCHEN, Germany — Three air crews and several maintenance personnel from the Utah Air National Guard provided crucial air refueling support during training flights for NATO E-3A pilots here April 28-May 8.

The E-3A Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft are currently conducting surveillance operations over Poland and Romania to monitor activities in the surrounding areas for NATO commands and to provide reassurance to NATO allies in the area.

“We do all the training at this air base to get the pilots qualified and maintain their currency before they head out to those real-world missions,” said Tech. Sgt. Santiago Avila, a boom operator with the 191st Air Refueling Squadron.

The AWACS fly surveillance missions, which can last 10 hours or longer, daily over Romania and every other day over Poland.

Air refueling is essential to keep the AWACS in the air during these extended operations, said Commander Gunther Bauer, a German Navy Commander serving as a mission commander in the NATO E-3A Component.

“Air National Guard support helps us to provide the mission and to do our task, and we receive very valuable training during that mission, and it gives us a daily opportunity to exercise and utilize AR (air refueling),” said Bauer.

Working with the NATO E-3A component provided Guardmembers the opportunity to train with AR aircrew from a multinational force with members from 16 different countries.

“One challenge the aircrew faced while flying with the international pilots was the language barrier,” said Maj. Mike Flocco, an instructor pilot with the 191st. “Although English is the international language for aviation, sometimes communication can be difficult.”

“We need to be very clear and concise when we are air refueling because it can be a very dangerous operation otherwise,” said Flocco.



*A NATO E-3A AWACS aircraft approaches a Utah Air National Guard KC-135R Stratotanker for air refueling during a training exercise over Germany in May 2014.*

Staff Sgt. Patricia Rich, a boom operator with the 191st, said the best part of the training flights was the challenge of working with receiver pilots with less training and experience. This provided a great opportunity to improve and test her skills, she said.

The maintenance group ensured each aircraft was refueled, inspected and ready for flight. Crew chiefs and personnel from several sections—including hydraulics, electrical, communication and navigation, guidance and control, engine shop, and supply—were ready to take care of any maintenance issues.

“In case one of the planes does break, we have the specialists here to be able to fix it, to keep the airplanes in the air and get the training with the AWACS,” said Senior Master Sgt. Steve Martin, a maintenance operation controller with the 151st Air Refueling Wing.

Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Bollschweiler, an avionics guidance and control technician with the 151st, said working on the NATO Air Base provided valuable training for the maintenance personnel because they had to be able to adapt to overcome the challenges of language barriers and different facilities.

“We get away from home where there is a lot we’re used to, having our own toolboxes ready, having our supply system set up in the warehouse, and we kind of have to operate on a limited basis as far as tools and equipment,” said Bollschweiler.

*Staff Sgt. Patricia Rich, a boom operator with the 191st Air Refueling Squadron, trains NATO E-3A pilots in air refueling during a flight over Germany in May 2014.*



The Utah Air National Guard mission here attracted the interest of the German civilian media. Journalists from Jet & Prop magazine, German television and German public radio, highlighted the importance of the Air National Guard training in the success of the real-world missions here. 🇩🇪



*Maj. Jeremy Morrison and Maj. Zachery Love, pilots with the 191st Air Refueling Squadron, fly a KC-135R during a night-training exercise over Germany. Master Sgt. Tony Garr and Tech. Sgt. Cory Hardy, 151st Maintenance Group, refuel a KC-135R before a training flight at NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen, Germany in May 2014. Master Sgt. Tim Hart, 151st Maintenance Group, inspects a KC-135R engine at NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen, Germany.*

## 65th FAB Supports Exercise Rochambeau

*Story by Lt. Col. Christopher Caldwell*

MOURMELON, France — **T**he 65th Field Artillery Brigade participated in Exercise Rochambeau during May 7-27, 2014.

Exercise Rochambeau is a multinational exercise with joint components and took place in two locations in France: Mourmelon and Mailly. The exercise consisted of more than 3,200 military personnel from 14 nations. The primary players in the exercise were the Combined Joint Expeditionary Force from France and UK; the 3rd Light Armored Brigade from France; and the 28th Infantry Division (28ID), Pennsylvania National Guard.

The overall purpose of Rochambeau is to train a multinational force called the Rapid Reaction Corps-France, a NATO Security Force, to prepare for intervention using a scenario involving a complex crisis in the Horn of Africa. This scenario was designed to be representative of the type of modern crisis that NATO could face. Members of the artillery brigade worked in both locations supporting the division fires cell and functioning as the force field artillery headquarters.



*Members of the 65th FAB at Exercise Rochambeau 2014 with one of their French counterparts.*

The brigade supported the exercise with 14 officers and noncommissioned officers led by Col. Brent Stark, and functioned as the artillery brigade for the 28ID. The 28ID was also supported by two members of Utah's 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade who assisted the division staff with engineer expertise. 🇩🇪



## Utah Guardmember Advances to All Army Best Warrior Competition

*Story by Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller and Ileen Kennedy*

CAMP ROBINSON, Ark. — After mastering and winning the state and regional Best Warrior Competitions, Staff Sgt. Devin Jameson, 640th Regimental Training Institute, Utah Army National Guard, represented Region VII at that Army National Guard National Best Warrior Competition (BWC) held at Camp Robinson, Army National Guard Professional Education Center, Little Rock, Arkansas, July 13-16.

Jameson was one of seven, noncommissioned officers vying to win the national competition and the opportunity to represent the Army National Guard at the All-Army Best Warrior Competition. The competition was tough; Jameson went up against the “best of the best” the Army National Guard has to offer. Each of the seven competitors have been training, studying, and winning at various levels for the better part of a year. Each started at the unit level, up through the state, region, and now the national level.

The first day of the competition started with high-humidity and dark skies in the early hours of the morning—0400. Competitors began with the Army Physical Fitness Test, which includes push-ups, sit-ups, and a two-mile run. After finishing the two-mile run, each competitor had to run an additional three miles for time. Each event thereafter would test the Soldiers physically, mentally, and emotionally. In addition, the weather was hot and humid with scattered showers throughout the competition.

“I really enjoyed the stress-shoot event the most,” said Staff Sgt. Devin Jameson. “It’s a lot of fun to be challenged physically like that and then fire weapons. It’s more realistic.”



*Utah Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Devin Jameson, 640th Regimental Training Institute, competes in the Army National Guard National Best Warrior Competition held at Camp Robinson, Ark., July 13-16.*

*Photos by Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller*



As soon as one event ended, Soldiers began preparing for the next, leaving little time for rest, recovery and training. Over the next two days each were tested in weapons qualification, weapon assembly and disassembly, urban-assault scenarios which included clearing a building and recovering a downed pilot, stress fire with numerous weapon lanes—with physical demands in between lanes: day and night land navigation, and a 12-mile ruck march carrying 40 pounds. The last day consisted of a written examination, an essay, and a personal appearance board in front of six command sergeants major.

“I was personally impressed with Staff Sgt. Jameson even before he started the BWC at the state level,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller, state command sergeant major. “At each level my admiration only grew, and I am in awe of his candor, attitude, and capabilities.”

By the end of the competition the Soldiers were exhausted, yet relieved. Each was excited to be done, but proud of all they had accomplished.

“I really enjoyed the entire event,” said Jameson. “Going through the experience showed me where I have room to improve as a Soldier.”

The culminating event was the awards dinner, where the winners were announced.

Jameson placed second overall. Even though he didn’t win, he gave it his all and represented Utah and the Region in a very professional and excellent manner. He is a great example and a testament of how amazing our Soldiers are, no matter what mission they’re given. To be recognized by the National Guard Bureau and Army National Guard Senior Enlisted Leaders as the 2014 number two NCO in the entire Army Guard is a pretty amazing and significant achievement.

“Jameson embodies the Army values and the warrior ethos in all he does,” said Miller. “I am proud of his accomplishments and thankful for his service and commitment.” 

Jameson has advanced to the All-Army Best Warrior Competition in October.



*Airman 1st Class Aaron Grubbs, in a bomb suit, prepares to make his initial approach on a training IED.*



*Grubbs became a simulated casualty and Cunningham assisted West Valley Bomb Squad members in providing first aid.*



*Airman 1st Class Lance Steck uses a remote control to operate the F6A robot during Operation Canyon Thunder.*

## 151st EOD Technicians Support Operation Canyon Thunder

*Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Annie Edwards*

SALT LAKE CITY — Five Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) technicians from the Utah Air National Guard's 151st Civil Engineering Squadron (CES) took part in a two-day training exercise with bomb technicians from local police and fire departments during the fourth annual Operation Canyon Thunder held June 25-26 in Spanish Fork Canyon.

The Airmen trained alongside approximately 70 individuals from several different public safety entities, including local law enforcement and first responders,

Transportation Security Administration, Questar Gas, and both active duty and National Guard Servicemembers.

Participants were divided into teams for training and evaluation at six different stations featuring scenarios—sets of obstacles or tasks that the technicians had to complete.

“Each year we take the most recent threats or some of the real-life incidents that have occurred that involve bombings or explosives and we replicate those in the scenarios,” said Ryan Albrecht, the chairman of the Utah State Bomb Squad Task Force.



*151st Civil Engineering Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal technicians train with members of the West Valley City Bomb Squad. Staff Sgt. Chris Johnson and Senior Airman Chris Cunningham use a sniper rifle from the police department to aid in mitigating an improvised explosive device (IED) threat during a training scenario.*

This year, the participants were tasked with navigating a robot obstacle course, providing first aid for an individual injured during an explosion, shooting weapons while wearing a bomb suit, demolishing some old explosives found by a civilian, managing a bomb threat to Questar's natural gas pipelines, and integrating with a SWAT team to support their response to a hostage situation involving multiple explosive devices.

The operation provides an excellent training opportunity for Air Guard technicians because they can be called on to assist local police and fire departments if military-related ordnances are encountered, or if additional personnel or equipment are needed when responding to incidents.

"This gives us an opportunity to train with our counterparts so that if a real-world situation does arise where we will have to work with them, it won't be the first time we are exposed to their response procedures and considerations," said Master Sgt. Timothy Edwards, 151st CES EOD team leader.



*Airman 1st Class Lance Steck uses a remote control to operate the F6A robot during the Operation Canyon Thunder robot rodeo.*

During the competition, the Airmen were on a team with bomb technicians from the West Valley Police and Fire Departments.

It was particularly helpful for EOD technicians to work with bomb technicians from West Valley City, because of the city's proximity to the Salt Lake Air Guard Base. Utah Airmen could potentially work with the West Valley City team on a regular basis.

"This lets us know that we are able to integrate and we're able to work well together and come up with one solution to the problem we are facing," said Staff Sgt. Chris Johnson, an EOD technician with the 151st CES.

Additionally, Johnson said the opportunity to see how different technicians from various agencies approach a situation gave him a new perspective on the different angles to a problem they might encounter.

Though this was the first year that Airmen from the 151st CES participated in the event, Edwards said they plan to continue to represent the Utah Air National Guard in future events. 



*Explosive Ordnance Disposal technicians from 151st CES train with members of the West Valley City Bomb Squad during a SWAT integration exercise on June 25, 2014.*

## Engineers Conduct Demolition at Camp Williams

*Story and photos by Ileen Kennedy*

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — **T**he Utah National Guard's 1457th Engineer Battalion conducted a small demolitions event at Camp William June 9.

The Engineers, known as Sappers, conducted the activity on the Camp Williams demolitions range in order to maintain their proficiency.

This training is required annually for all combat engineers to be certified in the use of demolitions. The training allows for the 1457th to be ready to complete its assigned combat mission, which includes the clearance and reduction of Improvised Explosive Devices or IEDs. 



# Utah Engineers Improve Historic Hohenfels

Story and photos by Sgt. 1st Class April Rylander

HOHENFELS, Germany — As the 2014 annual training season begins, members of the Utah National Guard's 116th Engineer Company (Horizontal) and the 624th Engineer Company (Vertical) arrive at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center (JMRC) in Hohenfels, Germany to improve several areas of the training site and train on unit tasks for three weeks in June.

The training area, founded by the German Army in 1938, is located on the outskirts of Hohenfels, Bavaria. It became a U.S. Forces training area in 1951. From 1956 to 1988, the Hohenfels Training Area was primarily used by NATO forces. The area was transformed and officially named the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in 2005.

The JMRC has hosted more than 95 percent of foreign allies in the Global War on Terrorism and provides the best opportunity for U.S. Forces to train with coalition forces prior to joining them in combat.

"There is so much history here! The military history of this area goes back to the Roman Empire," said 1st Sgt. Jose Sudweeks, 116th first sergeant. "Training at a post that was a prisoner-of-war camp during World War II is a bit haunting and humbling."

Sudweeks gazes off at the ruins of the 11th century Hohenburg castle resting quietly above a dense forest of beech, fir and pine trees.

"It's hard to imagine the number of Soldiers, of warriors that have moved through these woods," said Sudweeks.



At the JMRC each year more than 60,000 troops, both U.S. and allied, are trained. Capt. David Jensen, commander of the 624th, describes some of the improvements being made in the training area and the impact it has on the Soldiers.

"Part of our mission here is to refurbish eight existing guard towers, construct and redesigned six towers and pour 20 concrete tent pads," said Jensen. "We have several other projects including maintenance of equipment and overhauling and constructing b-huts while training on our mission-essential-tasks list."



*Engineers from the Utah National Guard put their skills to work improving 11 sites located at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Germany during annual training in June.*

“As a horizontal unit, we use heavy equipment to clear and level sites, remove boulders and debris, basically preparing the areas for the vertical construction teams to come in,” said Capt. Eric Holland, commander of the 116th. “We are working 11 sites, most of them simultaneously. We expect to put in more than 7,300 man hours on these projects.”

The 11 sites are scattered within the 40 square miles that comprise the Hohenfels Training Area.

By the end of the three-week mission, the horizontal company worked more than 7,200 man-hours, moving more than 24,000 cubic yards of terrain, hauling away 98, 10-ton loads of boulders, and removing more than 5,900 linear feet of triple-strand concertina wire. They also found time to lift and mount a UH-1 Iroquois “Huey” helicopter onto a display structure.



The vertical company worked 5,200 man-hours utilizing 40 tons of 3/4 inch fill, pouring 75 cubic meters of cement, erecting 132 sheets of plywood stabilized with 671 linear feet of two by four lumber and 569 linear feet of other lumber of various sizes.

“This has been a good mission,” said 1st Sgt. David S. Hegg, 624th first sergeant. “We have trained hard this AT. We get to leave Hohenfels in better shape than we found it for the Servicemembers coming in behind us.”

# THERE COMES A MOMENT

WHEN A LEADER IS BORN

THE BORN LEADER IS A MYTH

IT TAKES TIME, EFFORT AND DISCIPLINE

SKILLS MUST BE DEVELOPED, PRACTICED AND DEFINED

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*Right to left: Dan Ashby, Associate Marketing Manager, SolarCity; Ricy Jones, Energy Manager, Utah National Guard; Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, The Adjutant General, Utah National Guard; Gov. Gary Herbert; Josh Haines, Director, State of Utah's Division of Facilities Construction and Management; Bryan Anderson, Regional Customer and Community Relations Manager, Rocky Mountain Power.*

## Utah Guard Switched the Switch for Solar Energy Savings

*Story and photos by Ileen Kennedy*

DRAPER, Utah — **T**he Utah National Guard Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton and Gov. Gary Herbert switched the switch for solar-energy savings at an official ceremony July 16 at the Utah Guard's Draper headquarters.

The Utah National Guard's energy-creation program includes solar and wind power. On the roof of the Guard's headquarters building are more than 1,400 new solar panels that were ceremoniously switched on.

"We are very proud of this, and all of our green-energy projects," said Burton. "We seek to be good stewards of our precious resources and will continue as an organization to seek innovative ways to conserve and reduce our footprint."

This solar project is one of 10 that are scheduled to be completed this year and are estimated to save more than \$10 million over the next 20 years. The installation of solar panels in Draper will be equivalent to powering nearly 50 homes. The Utah National Guard and the State of Utah are leading the way in increasing energy efficiency, reducing energy costs and improving the environment and air quality in Utah.

"These renewable-energy sites will produce electricity for critical functions in our facilities," said

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Christopher Swihart, nationwide energy-program manager for the Army National Guard.

Solar projects were funded cooperatively with grants from National Guard Bureau and Rocky Mountain Power and additional funding from the State of Utah's Division of Facilities Construction and Management. 🇺🇸



*Gov. Gary Herbert and Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton stand on the Utah National Guard's Draper headquarters roof in front of more than 1,400 solar panels after the Switch the Switch for Solar Energy Savings ceremony July 16.*

# Honorary Colonels Corps Present the 2014 Bronze Minuteman Awards

Story by Lt. Col. Steven Fairbourn

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Stacey Berg

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah National Guard hosted its 53rd Annual Bronze Minuteman Awards Dinner at Salt Lake's Little America Hotel June 11.

The Honorary Colonels Corps of Utah is sponsor of the event. The Corps is an organization that promotes goodwill and positive relations between the National Guard and local Utah communities. Members provide annual support for Utah Army and Air National Guard activities such as the Freedom Academy and Veterans Day concert.

At the event Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, adjutant general of the Utah National Guard; retired Brig. Gen. E.J. "Jake" Garn, Honorary Colonels Corps commander; and Utah Lt. Gov. Spencer J. Cox presented Bronze Minuteman awards to Mrs. Nell Bright, Mr. Dennis Farnsworth Jr., retired Maj. Gen. John Hafen, Mr. Paul Hitzelberger, Dr. David Pershing, Honorary Col. L. Richard Raybould, Mr. Adam Sklute, and Rabbi Benny Zippel for their individual devoted service to and leadership among the citizens of Utah. 🇺🇸



Back row: Hon. Col. Richard Raybould, Dr. David Pershing, Mrs. Nell Bright, daughter of Mr. Dennis Farnsworth.  
Front row: Rabbi Benny Zippel, Maj. Gen. (Ret) John Hafen, Mr. Adam Sklute, Mr. Paul Hitzelberger.

## 2014 Bronze Minuteman Award Recipients

### **Mrs. Nell Bright**

Received her private pilot's license in 1942. She joined the Women's Air Force Service Pilot Program, earned her wings, and helped train male pilots for combat. She also was a successful stockbroker and financial advisor.

### **Mr. Dennis Farnsworth**

Served for 35 years in the Army's Active and Reserve components as a Chinese linguist and intelligence officer. He is also an educator, having taught at Utah Valley University for 40 years.

### **Maj. Gen. (Ret.) John Hafen**

Served nearly 40 years in uniform with the U.S. Air Force and Utah Air National Guard. He was qualified to fly 10 different aircraft and he served honorably in Vietnam and as a senior advisor to the Air Force.

### **Mr. Paul Hitzelberger**

Is owner of dozens of Del Taco restaurants in Utah. A tremendous supporter of the Utah military community, he and his company have given very generously to the Utah Guard Charitable Trust.

### **Dr. David Pershing**

Is President of the University of Utah, having taught on the faculty since 1977. He has made great strides in improving the undergraduate experience on campus and has opened a satellite campus in Korea.

### **Hon. Col. Richard Raybould**

Served 21 years as an Army officer, seeing intense combat in Korea. He was Chief of Programming at the Pentagon and in civilian life was Director of Planning and Computing for the State of Utah.

### **Mr. Adam Sklute**

A distinguished performer, choreographer, and director for Ballet West. He teaches and mentors there, at local universities, and continues to encourage and develop young dancers and choreographers.

### **Rabbi Benny Zippel**

He leads Chabad Lubavitch, an orthodox synagogue in Salt Lake City. Born in Italy, he is fluent in seven languages. He started the H.E.A.R.T outreach program, a resource to help troubled Jewish teens in Utah.



# Utah High School Students Descend Upon Camp Williams for Freedom Academy

Story by Staff Sgt. Robert Walden

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — The Utah National Guard hosted the 53rd annual Freedom Academy July 27 – Aug 1.

Since 1961, this annual leadership academy has been provided for young leaders throughout Utah to teach them the importance of all aspects of freedom, the concept that “freedom isn’t free,” and that it is every American citizen’s responsibility to ensure freedom is there for generations to come.

“It’s our intent to get as many leaders from as many high schools throughout Utah, and bring them to one place to teach them about freedom and leadership,” said Army Maj. John Darrington, director of Freedom Academy. “We want them to take what they’ve learned here and incorporate it into their leadership capabilities and potential.”

Every year, one or two student-body officers from each high school senior class are invited to attend the academy. Teachers may also nominate students in other leadership positions; additionally, as the host for this program, the Utah National Guard is also allowed to nominate family members, neighbors, or friends who meet the criteria of a student leader.

Delegates participated in a variety of activities designed to teach about freedoms experienced in the U.S. — freedom of the press, freedom of religion, and the cost of freedom. Activities included tours of the State Capitol to meet members of the Senate, House of Representatives, and the Governor; the state prison where delegates participated in a discussion with a prisoner panel; the Federal Courthouse and discussion with a judge; a local news station; and the Utah Air National Guard Base. Delegates also spend time at Camp Williams learning about the Army, going to the shooting range, rappelling, participating in a speech contest, and talent show, as well as having a host of motivational speakers address them throughout the week.

“This was an eye-opening experience for me,” said Dallin M., a senior from Wellsville, Utah, and his school’s model United Nations team captain. “I’ve learned about the military and what it takes to serve with a pure love and pure duty. I’ve learned how the people, government, and military work towards a common goal and pick each other up when they’re down—and that’s what makes America great.”

Learning about freedom is only one aspect of Freedom Academy. It’s also about changing attitudes and channeling that into being better leaders.

“The delegates may not remember all the details of the activities or the words that they heard, but they will definitely remember the emotion they felt,” said Army Staff Sgt. Tyler Hill, one of the Freedom Academy counselors. “It’s my hope that they will harness that emotion and use it to help influence others.”

Darrington echoes that same sentiment. “This week has been amazing. Emotions have run high, and I hope the delegates take that feeling back and

*Utah high school seniors attend Freedom Academy hosted by the Utah National Guard. Students learn about America’s freedoms, meet with Governor Gary Herbert and other government leaders and participate in building teamwork skills on the Leadership Reaction Course at Camp Williams.*

teach aspects of freedom to their high school student body. This academy has afforded them the opportunity to teach that.”

“The youths’ energy is so contagious,” said Darrington. “It lets you see that you can’t be disappointed in the future’s leaders. Seeing these delegates, these future leaders, and seeing their energy, and genuine concern and desire to do good—I have great hope in them. I really do.”

“It’s all about service and selflessness. As a student leader, you have the responsibility to be selfless and serve

your peers,” said Dallin. “You’re the example. You’re the standard. It’s servant leadership that will bring us to a better future.”

“Almost 50 high schools were represented at this year’s Freedom Academy. Eventually, the goal is to get at least one representative from each high school in the state to attend Freedom Academy,” said Darrington.

For more information on Freedom Academy, please visit [www.freedomacademyutah.org](http://www.freedomacademyutah.org).

This year’s Freedom Academy was made possible through the generous sponsorship of the Honorary Colonels Corps, Costco, Nicholas and Company, and Zion’s Bank. 🇺🇸

## Air Promotions

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Brown, David Billings  
Martinez, Eli Joseph

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Edwards, Oliver L  
Horsley, Grant A

### FIRST LIEUTENANT

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De Vita, Vincente Nicola  
Reiprich, Laurie Ann

### CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT

Santistevan, John Alex

### MASTER SERGEANT

Eckersley, James S  
Gowers, Kevin J

### TECHNICAL SERGEANT

Bawden, Spencer Judd  
Flanders, James Robert  
Gill, James B  
Gout, Joshua Darrell  
Juergens, Justin Douglas  
Parr, Daniel Lester  
Schlittler, Holly Elizabeth  
Whetstone, William Allen

### STAFF SERGEANT

Anderson, Nathan L  
Barry, David M

Bell, Lyndi  
Betts, Jesse W  
Cooper, Ryan C  
Hard, Cody A  
Johnson, Tucker B  
Kohl, K J  
Lund, Colter James  
Mapley, Nicholas Garrett  
McIntosh Oldaker, Sarah E  
Palmer, Jason L  
Rice, John Reuben  
Schultz, Clinton Randy  
Smith, Steven S  
Trinchitella, Ainslee E  
Vouvalis, Wayne Emmanuel  
Washer, Benjamin K  
Webb, John K

### SENIOR AIRMAN

Bernier, Alexander X  
Bornemeier, Erik D  
Burns, Christopher T  
Burt, Ryan M  
Butler, Timothy J  
Carter, Chance B  
Coffey, Samuel C  
Dorsey, Peter M  
Farnsworth, Joseph T  
Frady, Joshua P  
Gardner, Braden L  
Guillen, Sandra  
Guymon, Brendon K  
Jacobs, Justin B  
Keck, Justin P  
Kinzie, Daniel J

Kinzie, Jordan D  
Larsen, Colton C  
Pehrson, Christopher P  
Pehrson, Katherine  
Rowland, Margaret E  
Sagato, Milan Natalie  
Shettell, Jordan A  
Tanner, Jack S  
Tooke, Lisa E  
Tuttle, Matthew J  
Vigo, Marie F  
Whitaker, Adam R  
Zobell, Austin R

### AIRMAN

Allred, Derek F  
Noorda, Kent W

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### COLONEL

Coates David Jon  
Smith Tyler Bert

### LIEUTENANT COLONEL

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Buhman Jeffrey Ray  
Christensen Joseph Daniel  
Jacketta Brian Dale  
Merryweather Erin Marie  
Scoubes Keir Andrew  
Springer Gaylan Royal  
Wood Brian Reeve

### MAJOR

Allen Jacob Jedediah  
Anderson Clayton Fredrick  
Berg Ian Olen  
Elphick Jason Michael  
Evans Mark Thain  
Jensen Dustin Ty  
Jones David Heber  
Kuhni Matthew Scott  
Oshitoye Emmanuel O Jr  
Peterson James Spencer  
Wadman Nathan Gene

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Call Jonathon Richard  
Cox Garrett Michael  
Cox Robin Hannah  
Curzon Lance Robert  
Fitzhugh Adam Christopher

Johnson Jeremy Jennings  
Jones Eric Lynn  
Kaanga Jared Kahakauwila  
Knight Taylor Martin  
Luu Jonathan Jungleung  
Munns Rylee Boyd  
Pierce Garland Lamont  
Reitzel Alexander Mark  
Reuling Jennifer Brook  
Rogers Christopher Lynn

### FIRST LIEUTENANT

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Cox Brad Leigh  
Lakey Benjamin Thomas  
Macgregor Laureen  
Monson Mark Allen  
Morris Jedediah Scott  
Rushton Ethan Tate  
Sokolik Benjamin R

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### CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4

Jackson Richard Robert

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Mercer Clark Orton

### COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR

Wooldridge Steven Brian

### SERGEANT MAJOR

Bailey Edward Alex  
Barnes Gary Winter

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Barlow Steven Andrew  
Boyack Dustin  
Haskell Gregory Scott  
Larsen Justin Dean  
Ricks Marc Douglas  
Sammis Matthew A  
Shepherd Eric Douglas  
Villalona Miguel Vladimir

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Branch Christopher H  
Cunningham Barry L  
Gifford Darren Lloyd  
Kluse John Robert  
McNichol John Joseph Jr  
McVay Russell Joel Tony  
Sorensen Kenneth Ray  
Thornsbury Robert Boyd  
Trone Robert Allan  
Yocum Jason Bryce

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Crandall Justin Bryant

Creer Kyle Dain  
Crowther Jeremy Bingham  
Draper Garth Branden  
Dressel Nathan William  
Empey Blake Alan  
Fish Tracy Scott  
Fonua Sunia Max  
Harris Daniel James  
Holt Jeff Michael  
Jones Scott Lyle  
Lux Thomas James  
Mease Brian Cory  
Millward Stephen Anthony  
Nelson Michael Richard  
Olivares Rodolfo Tirso Jr  
Perkins Bradley Cooper  
Pharmer Travis Jeremy  
Poulsen Jarren Lamont  
Quinn Adam Christopher  
Smith Randall Kent  
Smith Travis J  
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Stewart Nicholas Spencer  
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Belliston Nina Michelle  
Bible James Lewis II

Burgess Christopher Michael  
Carpenter Robert Walter  
Decker Alexander Jonathan  
Desautels Mark Leonard  
Durfee Hyrum Cy  
Erickson Jonathan Odell  
Estey Brian Patrick  
Grisham Colton Earl  
Himes John Wesley  
Hoekema Alex Jon  
Howlett Justin Samuel  
Kissilles Joseph Anthony  
Linford Daniel Stephen  
Lopez Bryan Oswaldo  
Love Benjamin Seth  
Madsen Russell Charles  
Ocrowley Jacob Sam  
Parnes Ira Darrow  
Pena Kenneth Scott  
Puffer Lenzy Jared  
Rivera Jose Alberto  
Rogers Frank Anthony  
Steele Eli J  
Stevens Richard Patrick  
Stilson Benjamin Kevin  
Turner Garrison Emery  
Walkenhorst Dallin John  
White Stephanie Raye  
White Zachary Benjamin  
Wong Ian Keith

### SERGEANT

Anderson Spencer Todd

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Bell Shane Michael	Wilson Scott Eric	Lowe Joshua Jordan	Braun Anthony Johnston	Terry Tyler Creg
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Blackmon David Scott	Woodward David Lee	Marble Steven David	Burke Ryan Okeefe	Truitt Brian Ray
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Breuer Wesley James	Aland Michael Winn	McDonald Tanner Jay	Carter Derik	Vanfleet Zachary Stewart
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Dean Jason Alan	Bennion Blake Wayne	Pantos Brayden Coy	Costello Patrick Anderson	Wildman Colby Randall
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Smuin Jeremy Hyrum	Jett Isaac Duane	Barranco Adrian Ike	Osmond Cody Dennis	Strong Taffin Kelly
Sorensen Dale Ryan	John Marcus	Barsdorf Joshua Rosemead	Palmer Takumi Winston	Thompson Joseph Robert
Springer Ryan Kelly	Johnson Thayne Elam	Beck Chandler Stephan	Partridge Alan Arthur	Torres Carlos Alberto
Standing Cambridge Joseph	Julander Tyler Lee	Berdan Lacey Marie	Pavia Kenneth Scott Jr	Wayment Brittany Dianne
Strange Kenji Owen	Kocherhans Braden	Bergeson Sean Dan	Peck Jayden Kolton	Whipple Chase Michel
Thornley Nicholas B	Larsen Andrew David	Biesinger James Andrew	Petranovich Sabastian P	Wilkinson David Lynn II
		Bills Benjamin Thomas	Ramirez Ismael Bedolla	Wright Shelby Aloha
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**110 GT SCORE ON APTITUDE TEST**

**HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED**

**SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCE**

**CURRENT PT TEST**

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