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DRAPER, Utah —
The past year has been filled with challenges for members of the Utah Army and Air National Guard. Following more than a decade of unprecedented operational tempo, to include multiple unit and individual deployments, we face looming budget uncertainties that will likely affect force structure and training readiness. We have also faced

furloughs, and a government shutdown.

It has been said, “Adversity does not develop character; it reveals it,” and nowhere was that more apparent than among our federal technician and federally funded state employee workforce over the month of October. You faced the lack of income and uncertainty with courage and an optimism that has defined the National Guard since our inception more than 377 years ago.

With the Budget Control Act becoming the law of the land, cuts to force structure and programs are inevitable. Utah is well positioned for the dynamic changes ahead because of our unit cohesion and demonstrated readiness levels. We have neither faltered nor failed to perform any mission given to us, and indeed, have excelled at performing nonstandard and extremely difficult missions over the past 12 years of war. Our reputation among

those who know us is exceptional, and as a result our confidence in the future should be high.

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

Recent examples of the Guard’s flexibility and capability were demonstrated by Task Force Pioneer led by Lt. Col. Mike Turley and Command Sgt. Maj. Shane Rothwell of the 1457th Engineers as they moved into Colorado and provided swift assistance to those devastated by floods this past summer. The task force completed multiple projects, repairing roads and bridges and relinking communities. They did it all ahead of time and under budget and they did it in a state-active-duty status during the federal government shutdown.

The Chief, National Guard Bureau, said, “This project represents the best of the citizen-soldier—an amazing value proposition for America.”

In these times of change, the National Guard remains true to its motto: “Always ready—Always There.” We will continue to train and prepare to respond when our citizens need us most, and we will continue to keep an optimistic eye on the future as we anticipate, grow and evolve as an organization. As always, I am honored to serve with each one of you—America’s best and brightest! 🇺🇸

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Members of the Utah National Guard’s 116th Engineer Company (Horizontal); 1457th Forward Support Company; 118th Engineer Company (Sapper); Headquarters Company, 1457th Engineer Battalion; and 489th Brigade Support Battalion repair damaged roads in Colorado.

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Staff Sgt. Dan W., engineer sergeant with Operational Detachment Alpha 9123, Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne), climbs an ice wall at Mount Rainer National Park, Ashford, Wash.



Joint Forces and Army Enlisted Comments

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Stacy Berg



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DRAPER, Utah —
With the New Year, I look back and have many things to be grateful for personally: above all, my family, and their continued support. In addition, I treasure the opportunity I have to serve with the many professionals in this great organization.

As we all look back at 2013 and prepare for 2014, we should all be proud of our accomplishments, both

as individuals and as a collective team. Sure, we had some challenges and some difficult mission assignments; however, as we have proved year in and year out, our warriors continue to show resolve and commitment, which has resulted in great success.

Looking ahead, we will be confronted with obstacles both at home and abroad, and it will take each one of us to be prepared as individual warriors. As soldiers and airmen we need to continue to ensure that we remain technically and tactically proficient, that we complete our education and that we continue to reinforce our foundation with our families, employers and communities. Lastly, we must continue to build our resiliency and our untiring efforts to improve our profession and ourselves.

For any unit to be successful, we know it takes every individual to be prepared and complete their areas of responsibility. As an enlisted force, we need to be proficient in our skills in both tactical and garrison environments. One key element for accomplishing this goal is to complete our military-education requirements, not only for our current grade, but also

Col. James Bledsoe, Utah Guard's director of Aviation and Safety, graduated from a two-year Web-based, distance-learning course with a master's degree from the U.S. Army War College.



for the next grade. By doing this we encourage lifelong learning and assist our leaders to further enhance unit capabilities.

Many of our school requirements are multiple phases, including resident and online attendance. In many cases this requires even more time away from our families, employers and personal pursuits. However, with careful planning, communication and dedication, the completion of these requirements is possible.

This year I challenge every soldier and airman to commit to their education and continue to complete above their current requirements or assignments and to be prepared for future opportunities.

Meeting this challenge requires the support of our foundation: our families, employers and unit leadership. Without their involvement, any task becomes difficult. What separates us from any other force in the world is the ability to balance our many commitments. We are able to do this by planning far enough ahead, communicating to those affected and then ensuring we dedicate the time and resources to complete our requirements.

Time is our most valuable resource—something we all cherish. With less time and more responsibility comes stress. Nevertheless, one of the means to manage our stress is embracing the five dimensions of the comprehensive soldier, airman and family fitness model: Social, Emotional, Family, Spiritual and Physical. The resiliency program has invaluable information to help soldiers, airmen and our families handle any condition. Be ready and resilient as you look forward to success down the road.

I commend and give thanks to our soldiers, airmen and families who sacrifice every day for this great organization and our nation. I draw strength and drive from your examples, and I am humbled to be a part of this profession.

NCOs, you are the backbone of the Army and Air Force 🇺🇸



Members of the Utah Air National Guard received their diplomas during the fall graduation ceremony for the Community College of the Air Force at the Utah Air National Guard Base on Oct. 3, 2013.

Air Ambulance Service On Its Way to Afghanistan

Photos by Maj. Shane Manwaring

Story by Ileen Kennedy

WEST JORDAN, Utah — **R**ed crosses painted on a white background of UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters signaled that the Utah Army National Guard's 1-171st Aviation was ready to begin its 12-month deployment to Afghanistan.

Family members and friends gathered at the Army Aviation Support Facility in West Jordan Nov. 5 to watch soldiers board the air ambulances they will be flying on their medevac mission in Afghanistan.

Clint Ashby, an engineer with the West Jordan Fire Department came to support his co-worker, Staff Sgt. Zach Kesler, a platoon sergeant for the 1-171st and paramedic at the West Jordan Fire Department.

"As firefighters, there's a brotherhood there that I think is similar to soldiers, where we spend a lot of time together. It's kind of like our second family at work," said Ashby. "He's doing a lot of the same things in helping people by going to Afghanistan that he does here with his job with the fire department."

Four of the five flight medics deploying are paramedic qualified, which greatly improves their patients' chances of survival on the missions they will be flying.

"The training, experiences and things that he learns over there where there's combat, you just don't learn on the street," added Ashby. "He can bring those back and make him a better firefighter and paramedic for the citizens here."

Capt. Penny McCarthy, Salt Lake City resident and commander for the 1-171st, is leaving on her second deployment in her 17-year career. She had nothing but praise for the unit.

"I'm lucky because some of the soldiers I have now are some of the exact same soldiers that I went on our last deployment with," said McCarthy. "I have the utmost

Senior leaders with the Utah National Guard salute the deploying soldiers as the helicopter prepares to take off.



Blackhawk pilots with the 1-171st Aviation prepare to depart from the West Jordan Army Aviation Facility Nov. 2.

confidence in the abilities of the pilots, of our crew chiefs and especially our flight medics. We have an incredibly talented group."

Rich Barnes, a Farmington resident and father of deploying soldier Sgt. Kevin Barnes reflected on what his son's service means to him.

"I feel he's a little bit more prepared for this deployment than he was for the first one. From a personal standpoint, I think it's a great growing experience for him," said Barnes. "From a global perspective, he's doing the things that need to be done to keep the United States of America free."

The mission of the 1-171st will be to provide medical evacuation and airlift capabilities to coalition forces in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.





Family and friends say their goodbyes as soldiers with the 1-171st depart from the Army Aviation Facility.

The group will first travel to Fort Hood, Texas, for several weeks of deployment-specific training before heading overseas to Afghanistan.

“This medevac mission is so near and dear to my heart. It’s absolutely my true passion,” said McCarthy. “I can’t imagine a

better fit for me and for the soldiers who are in the organization. It’s such an honor, and I truly believe we are prepared for this mission.”



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1457th Engineers Trail-Blaze Highway Reconstruction in Colorado



Members of the Utah National Guard's 116th Engineer Company (Horizontal); 1457th Forward Support Company; 118th Engineer Company (Sapper); Headquarters Company, 1457th Engineer Battalion; and 489th Brigade Support Battalion repair damaged roads in Colorado.

Story by Sgt. 1st Class April Rylander

BOULDER, Colo. — **M**ore than 120 members of the 1457th Engineer Battalion arrived in Colorado Oct. 4 to repair and reconstruct miles of flood-ravaged road along U.S. Highway 36. The damage and destruction came after torrential rains caused severe flooding in September. Utah was the first to support Colorado units already in place.

The main body from the Utah National Guard included members of the 116th Engineer Company (Horizontal); 1457th Forward Support Company; 118th Engineer Company (Sapper); Headquarters Company, 1457th Engineer Battalion; and 489th Brigade Support Battalion. Utah was joined by units from Colorado, Montana and Kansas.

Photos by Sgt. 1st Class April Rylander and Maj. D.J. Gibb

“All of the states coming together to help Colorado’s citizens during their time of need shows the value of the National Guard,” said Maj. Gen. H. Michael Edwards, the adjutant general of Colorado. “The National Guard is all about neighbors helping neighbors, and our neighbors from Utah, Montana and Kansas were there to assist with the manpower and technical expertise needed for a project of this size and scope.”

In a race against the approaching winter the massive project consisting of 18 sites located in two counties was originally set to be completed Dec. 1. With units working from sunrise to sunset, seven days a week, it was announced that the project would be finished with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Nov. 4, almost a month ahead of schedule.

“This mission couldn’t be completed without the help of other states’ National Guards,” said Edwards. “This is a true testament of

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the flexibility of the National Guard and the dedication of our members to continue with this essential project, without delay, even through the recent government shutdown.”

The 25-mile stretch of highway between Estes Park and Lyons became inaccessible after the flood, and several rural communities were cut off from the basic necessities of food, water and electricity.

“We were grateful and excited to see the Utah National Guard come to our rescue,” said Laura Merrill Levy, a resident of Pinewood Springs. “We had to hike in water and supplies by animal trails through the mountainside. There was no other way.”

Guard teams worked more than 20,000 man-hours, placed 320 feet of culvert, and hauled more than 34,000 cubic yards of fill material while replacing and rebuilding road, filling areas washed away by the flood and removing broken asphalt and debris.

“This is the primary mission of the Guard, to help our neighbors in need,” said



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Utah National Guard engineers remove debris and rebuild roads after devastating floods in Colorado.



Task Force Pioneer commander Lt. Col. Michael J. Turley, who oversaw the repair operation. “The communities here have been incredibly supportive, and I know that all of us are proud of the work we’ve been able to do here.”

“It’s a privilege to help the people of Colorado,” said 1st Sgt. Jose A. Sudweeks, first sergeant of the 116th Engineers. “Our troops get a chance to help people in a real-world situation. They get to put all of their training to practical use.”

The flood rerouted St. Vrain and Little Thompson Rivers, leaving behind an ocean of debris that included vehicles and the roofs of homes, enormous boulders and uprooted trees, beds and household items and the remains of peoples’ dreams.

“Seeing the amount of damage that water can do and talking with the locals has given me a newfound respect for nature,” Sudweeks said. “The gratitude and the tears in the eyes of so many makes me appreciate what I have back home.”

In tribute to the multistate Guard teams, local law enforcement and volunteer firefighters, more than 1,000 people of affected communities showed up to honor, thank and embrace the men and women who selflessly served to get the highway operational.

“You’ve given us a road to recovery and a road to hope. Colorado is in your debt,” said Roxane White, chief of staff to Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper, at the event in Longmont, Colo.

“The collaboration of four states to assist the citizens of Colorado following devastating floods represents the very best of the citizen-soldier,” said Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, adjutant general of Utah. “No other organization in the United States possessed the skills and capabilities to accomplish such a mammoth task ahead of time and under budget, and all in the middle of a federal-government shutdown. I am incredibly proud of our Guardsmen and women!”



Soldiers of the Utah National Guard's 19th Special Forces return from Afghanistan Nov. 8.

19th Special Forces Soldiers Return to Utah

Story by Ileen Kennedy

SALT LAKE CITY — **M**embers of Utah National Guard's 19th Special Forces arrived at Salt Lake International Airport after serving for 12 months on deployment to Afghanistan.

Family members cheerfully greeted the soldiers who arrived on different commercial air flights throughout the day and week.

"I was on the last flight," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Brent Chapman. "It's hard waiting when you know you're so close and yet still far away."

"We had a baby just before I left, and I can say it was much easier being in Afghanistan than being home with a baby," said Chapman. "I applaud my wife, but it's exciting to see the baby."

Photos by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Buck Taylor, a human-intelligence technician with the 19th didn't let his children ages 12, 8, 6 and 3 know that he was coming home. His wife told the kids they planned to meet a close family friend at the airport until their dad stepped off the plane.

"It was fantastic to see my kids; they change a lot at those ages," said Taylor. "This is my third deployment and my wife is so supportive. I couldn't ask for an easier reception or transition. She is wonderful."

"It's fantastic to be home," beamed Taylor. 🇺🇸





Capt. Rory McCarthy, with his mother, sister and grandparents at the Army Aviation Facility in West Jordan, Utah.



Chief Warrant Officer 3 Kayce Lowry with her family at the departure of the 2-211th Aviation Nov. 23.

Utah Army Guard's 2-211th Aviation Deploys to Kosovo

Story by Ileen Kennedy

WEST JORDAN, Utah — Newlywed pilot, Capt. Rory McCarthy, assistant operations officer for 2nd Battalion, 211th Aviation, was anxious to get in the air to reach the group's training destination where his new bride, Capt. Penny Matthews, deployed a few weeks earlier.

"We got married on Sept. 21 and she left on Nov. 5. She's down in Fort Hood and that's where we were going, and then we are both leaving sometime in January," said McCarthy. "She's going to Afghanistan and I'm going to Kosovo."

The newlyweds are both helicopter pilots for the Utah National Guard. For a time the two were in the same unit, and they deployed together to Iraq in 2009-2010. Now in different

Photos by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire and Ileen Kennedy

units, McCarthy's wife Matthews is deployed as the operations officer for 1st Battalion, 171st Medevac.

"We just feel fortunate we get to deploy at the same time," said McCarthy. "Worst case scenario, she deploys and comes back then I deploy and then we're apart for two years. We've avoided that, so it'll all work out perfectly. It's going to be tough just recently getting married and having her going to a very challenging mission and me not being able to be there with her."

McCarthy was one of nine soldiers to fly Blackhawks departing from the Army Aviation Support Facility in West Jordan, Utah, Nov. 23. The other 50 Utah soldiers flew on a commercial flight from Utah to Fort Hood, Texas, the following day.



Nine members of 2-211th Aviation wave goodbye as they deploy in two Blackhawks from the Army Aviation Support Facility Nov. 23.



Members of 2-211th Aviation prepare to board commercial flights at the Salt Lake International Airport Nov. 24.



First Sgt. Erick Heywood, center, and Sgt. Jeremy Heywood with their father at the Salt Lake International Airport.

Utah's group will be joined by soldiers from other states, where together they will train for several weeks before heading to Kosovo.

"The group from Utah will be the headquarters element," said Lt. Col. George Barton, commander for the 2-211th. "North Dakota is sending Alpha Company which is mostly the pilots. We also have a Delta Company from Iowa, they will be the mechanics, and a Medevac Company coming from Louisiana."

Heading out on his second deployment, Barton talked with a fellow soldier he deployed with during his first deployment who is the father of two of his deploying soldiers.

"We have the Heywood brothers going, and I deployed with their father to Kuwait," said Barton. "When I saw Command Sgt. Maj. Heywood, I told him that I would take care of his boys for him."

A very experienced pilot deploying on her fourth deployment, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Kayce Lowry, battalion safety officer for the 2-211th and Layton resident, had a young fan club of 13 nieces and nephews lined up to wave goodbye.

"My nieces and nephews are going to have a lot of fun watching me fly out," said Lowry. "I'm excited, but I'm going to miss these guys."

The mission of the 2-211th will be to provide medical evacuation and airlift capabilities to NATO forces, as well as serve as the command-and-control element for soldiers from Albania, France, Germany, Morocco, Poland, Turkey and Ukraine as they conduct security patrols and work with Kosovo Security Forces.

"We got a good mission," said Lowry. "There is going to be a lot of opportunities for us over there to impact them, and it will be for the better. I think it will be a lot of fun."

Barton recently returned from a reconnaissance mission to Kosovo, where he met with the soldiers there now and got details about how things are currently going.

"It helped a lot because I came back really wanting to go over there and help the people," said Barton. "We can keep peace in the area and make life better for the individuals over there. It's a really important mission, and I certainly feel really good about what we will be doing." 🇺🇸



Members of 2-211th Aviation say farewell to family and friends at the Salt Lake International Airport Nov. 24.

151st Civil Engineering Squadron Conducts Training at Fargo Regional Training Site



Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Giacoletto-Stegall

FARGO, N.D. — **T**he 151st Air Refueling Wing's Civil Engineering Squadron can build, repair or save anything from roads and runways to buildings, tents and towers. The 151st CES had a chance to train and practice their skills Sept. 5-8 at the North Dakota Regional Training Site, located at the North Dakota Air National Guard Base in Fargo, N.D.

"Fargo has every piece of civil-engineering equipment imaginable," said Chief Master Sgt. Douglas Lukes, 151st CES chief of operations. "They have all the equipment our troops will encounter when deployed."

Over the course of a four-day weekend, firefighters practiced putting out fires in both building and plane mock-ups, training on aircraft-arresting gear, disabling ejection seats and extracting unconscious crewmembers from downed aircraft.

The Pavement Maintenance shop trained with road graders, bulldozers, bobcats and backhoes. Training took place in an open field, which allowed them to grade and dig in a variety of scenarios.

151st Air Refueling Wing firefighter Senior Master Sgt. Todd Allen, left, leads a junior firefighter into the simulator at the 119th Regional Training Site in Fargo, N.D., during an Annual Training event Sept. 9, 2013.

The Structures shop built and dismantled several semipermanent structures, as well as put together a 3,000-square-foot runway patch, dragging it several hundred yards to cover a simulated crater.

"Our runway is unique," said Staff Sgt. Christopher Larson, 119th Regional Training Site heavy-equipment trainer. "We can conduct full, runway-repair exercises where everyone works together in a realistic environment."

The Utilities shop purified a muddy, rat-infested pool of water into clean, fresh and drinkable water. They also trained on equipment designed to install and remove telephone poles.

The Power Production shop learned how to use multiple generators, from smaller portable units to larger ones, designed to supply power to an entire base. They



Senior Master Sgt. Pamela Hamburg dons firefighter gear during training exercise. Staff Sgt. Jared Davis trains on assembling temporary structures. Staff Sgt. Joe Davis learns to use a concrete impact drill. Senior Airman Jeremy Rodriguez inspects a generator while on location in Fargo, N.D. A firefighter with the 151st CES checks suit integrity of a fellow firefighter. A two-person team prepares to enter and extinguish a burning aircraft during a training simulation at the North Dakota Air National Guard Regional Training Site Sept. 9.



ran several troubleshooting scenarios and gained proficiency with basic and advanced maintenance skills.

The Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioner shop helped to fight the Fargo heat by bringing old air conditioners to life, fixing freezers and practicing their skills on the same types of equipment found in deployment locations around the world.

The Emergency Management shop gained proficiency in the planning, preparing, responding and mitigating of natural and man-made disasters through the use of atmospheric surveying, digital plotting and vulnerability assessments.

“Traveling to remote training sites like Fargo helps build the unit up as a team and teaches us to learn to rely on one another and jell as a group,” said Master Sgt. Carl Greene, first sergeant of the 151st CES. 🇺🇸





Soldiers with the Utah National Guard's 115th Engineer Facilities Detachment deploy to Afghanistan Oct. 15.

Small Contingent of Utah Guard Engineers Deploys to Afghanistan

Story and photos by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — **S**oldiers from the Utah Army National Guard's 115th Engineer Facilities Detachment departed from Utah on the first leg of their deployment to Afghanistan Oct. 15.

Before the 13 soldiers boarded a bus for Salt Lake International Airport, they and their families spent some precious moments together at Lundell Readiness Center.

As they waited, some soldiers huddled quietly with loved ones and fellow Guardmembers who were there to see them off. One father and daughter, however, found a unique way to say goodbye.

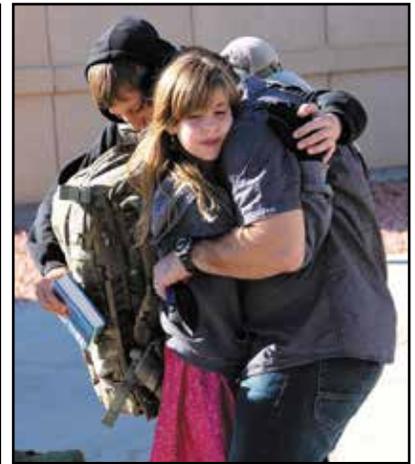
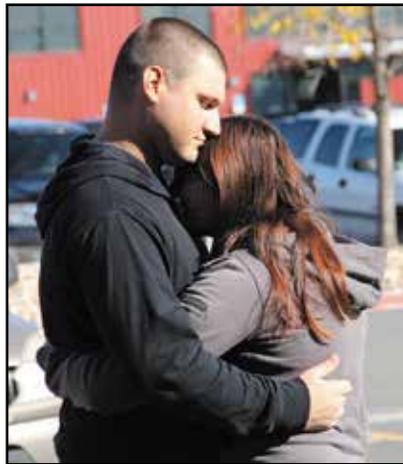
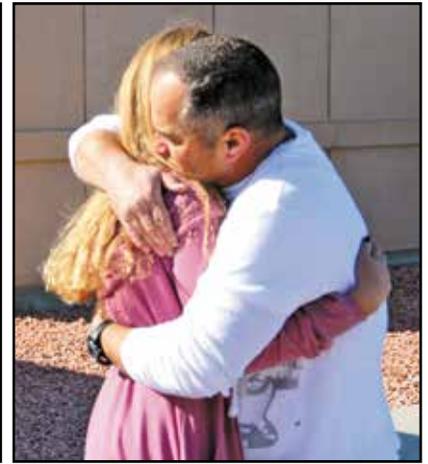
Finding the drill-hall gymnasium empty, Sgt. 1st Class Jason Lyday, of Eagle Mountain, turned the basketball court into a makeshift dance floor, twirling and dipping his 10-year-old daughter Rachel for several minutes without music.

It was tradition, explained Rachel's mother Amanda, also a member of the Utah National Guard.

"Jason will come home from work and Rachel will put on some music and say, 'Daddy, will you dance with me?'" she said, recalling that Lyday would always say yes. "They even did a daddy-daughter dance a couple of years ago for her dance class."



Sgt. 1st Class Jason Lyday dances with his 10-year-old daughter prior to boarding a bus to begin his deployment.

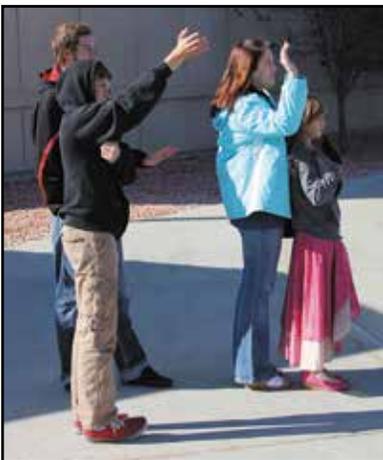


Rachel stayed close to her dad during the all-too-short time before departure, carrying his multicam-patterned backpack out to the sidewalk, where she, her siblings and other soldiers' children and wives bid their fathers and husbands farewell.

The group of 13 soldiers of the 115th will first travel to Camp Shelby, Miss., for several weeks of deployment-specific training before heading overseas to Afghanistan.

Their mission will be to function as a training advisory group, transitioning operations and maintenance responsibilities to the Afghan National Army's Directorate of Public Works.

"I just want him to hurry up and get back home safe," said Amanda Lyday of her husband Jason after he boarded the bus. "We have plans to add to our family." 🇺🇸



Family members and friends say their goodbyes as the 115th Engineer soldiers board buses for the Salt Lake International Airport.



Family and friends of six returning soldiers with Detachment 50, Operational Support Airlift, greet their loved ones at Salt Lake International Airport Nov. 21.

Det 50 Returns from Afghanistan

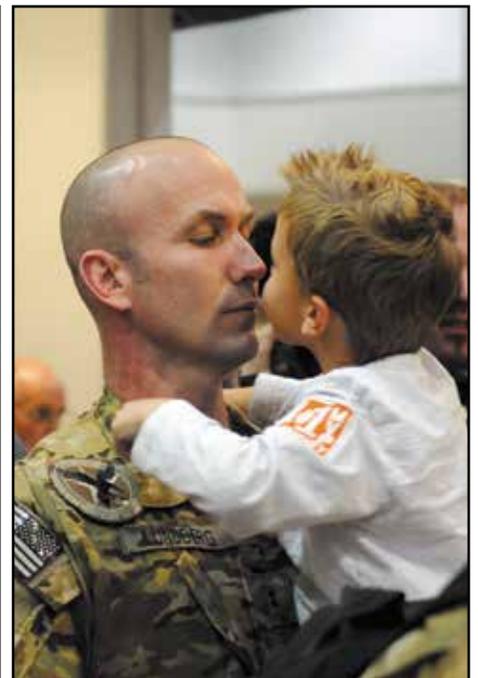
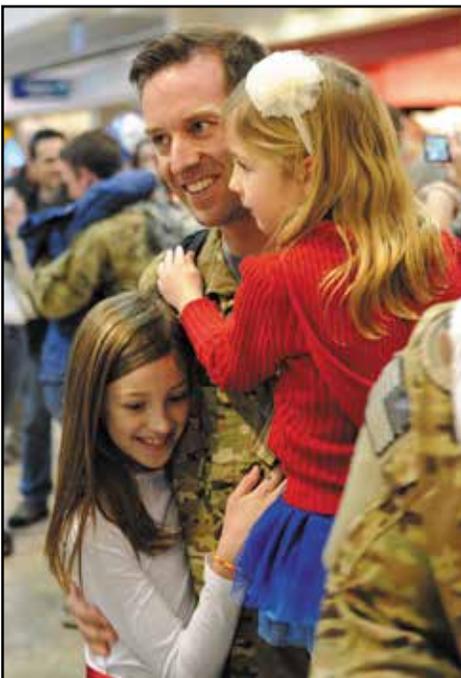
Story by Ileen Kennedy

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Giacoletto-Stegall

DRAPER, Utah — **T**wo pilots and four crewmembers assigned to Detachment 50, Operational Support Airlift, of the Utah Army National Guard returned from their nine-month deployment to Afghanistan Nov. 21 at the Salt Lake International Airport.

“Overjoyed!” Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jared Lundberg said was the first thing that came to his mind upon seeing his family at the airport. “It was amazing to see my wife and my boy when I got off the plane.”

After the airport reunion Lundberg hurried to his six- and nine-year-old daughters’ charter school, Voyager Academy, in Clinton, Utah, where the school had planned a surprise reunion for his girls in the auditorium.





“My oldest, Ashtyn, jumped up and covered her face, then ran and jumped in my arms,” said Lundberg. “Then Attley came running over.”

The school, of about 500 students, had the children line up along the walls of the auditorium holding American flags.

“The kids in their school lined up and said thank you and that was neat,” said Lundberg. “I’m just honored and overwhelmed. It’s just good to be home.”

During his deployment Lundberg said he participated in the United Through Reading program, which allows deployed military personnel to be recorded reading a children’s book aloud for their child, and the video is then sent to their home for their child to watch.

“An amazing program,” said Lundberg. “I would do half

the book and they would finish it. When we would Skype, they would tell me how it ended.”

The mission of Detachment 50 was to transport equipment in its C-12 aircraft in the U.S. Central Command area of operations in support of Task Force Odin and Operation Enduring Freedom.

“Since we were flying it helped me build flight time which is absolutely amazing,” said Lundberg.

Soldiers first arrived from overseas to Fort Hood, Texas, where they underwent demobilization processing, and then they returned to Utah.

“It was an amazing opportunity,” said Lundberg. “I feel like we did some good things and helped some people while we were in Afghanistan.”

Celebrating 100 Years of Service at Camp Williams

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — Camp W.G. Williams turns 100 in April 2014. President Woodrow Wilson set aside 18,000 acres from the public domain in 1914 and designated it for military purposes. To commemorate 100 years of service, Camp Williams has partnered with the surrounding cities of Herriman, Bluffdale, Saratoga Springs, Eagle Mountain, and Lehi and with Evolo Race Events to host a fitness event called Iron Will. The event will be held at Camp Williams on Saturday, May 17, 2014. The intent is to bring the citizens of those communities, soldiers and families of the Utah National Guard together for a common purpose. Events include a 50K and 25K mountain bike race, a half marathon, and 10K and 5K run along the southern part of Camp Williams and a 100K and 50K road bicycle ride through the adjacent communities that ends at Camp Williams. There will also be a 10K ruck march event. Additionally, there will be a fun run for kids and other activities for families and friends.

The purpose of this event goes beyond celebrating the 100-year anniversary of Camp Williams. The communities that surround Camp Williams continue to expand and affect our mission. Conversely, training that is conducted on Camp Williams affects citizens’ quality of life. There has not been a more critical time to build strong bonds and relationships with our neighbors. This event will bring citizens onto Camp Williams where many of them have never set foot. It will allow us to showcase our installation in a manner that they will always remember as neighbors, friends, communities and soldiers sweat and struggle to the finish line together.

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85th Civil Support Team Assists Authorities in Ricin Incident in North Logan

Story by Maj. Christina Lock

NORTH LOGAN, Utah — **T**he Utah National Guard's 85th Civil Support Team assisted local authorities and the FBI Weapons of Mass Destruction coordinator for Utah at a suspected ricin incident in North Logan, Utah Oct. 3.

A relative of a 37-year-old woman, who attempted to commit suicide in her basement apartment at a home in North Logan by grinding up 30 castor beans and ingesting them, called authorities to report a concern about her cousin. Police evacuated the home, including the family living upstairs, after ricin, a deadly toxin, was detected in the basement apartment. Local authorities, the Bear River Health Department, the FBI WMD coordinator for Utah and the 85th CST responded to the scene.

According to Lt. Col. Craig Bello, 85th CST commander, the unit was called in to assist the incident commander with confirming the identification of ricin, establish the presence of the substance throughout the house and provide guidance on mitigation. According to Maj. Jared Gailey of the 85th CST, ricin is derived from the castor bean. Castor beans are commonly used to make castor oil, which is not toxic. The beans are readily available, but different strains contain varying levels of the toxin. Should a whole bean be swallowed, the toxin is difficult for the body to absorb, but if the toxin is purified, pinhead-size amounts can be lethal.

The family living upstairs was evacuated and taken to a hospital where they were examined to



Capt. Spencer Marsh discusses downrange objectives with 85th CST personnel and first responders during entry brief.

Maj. Christina Lock and Sgt. Edward Pryzbylski prepare to address the team and first responders. Capt. Spencer Marsh and Sgt. 1st Class Eric Solie prepare to make initial entry into a basement apartment in North Logan.

Photos by Staff Sgt. Richard Villalobos



Lt. Col. Craig Bello, 85th CST commander talks to the press at the ricin suicide attempt in North Logan.

ensure they were not affected by the deadly toxin. They were later released. According to Gailey, the family upstairs was in little danger due to the nature of the ricin. However, due to the toxic nature of ricin, tests were conducted at areas where contamination could have occurred. As expected, all of these tests were negative.

“The objective of the incident commander was to ensure all traces of ricin in the apartment were detected and mitigated,” said Bello.

The 85th CST, composed of both Army and Air Force personnel, made entry into the basement apartment to complete sampling missions and to extract items used in the attempt to make ricin. The items taken from the apartment were turned over to the FBI.

“There are specialized steps you have to take to actually get a pure form of ricin, which is really toxic if ingested,” said Bello. “The process would take time and planning to develop the pure form.”

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, such as this one, occurs, because the 85th CST and first responders

are familiar with one another and have already trained together, which enables both organizations to respond to an incident in order to support and protect local communities and the state of Utah. 🇺🇸

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Members of the Utah National Guard deployed to Kosovo receive a visit from Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller Sept. 27.

TAG Visits Utah National Guard Troops in Kosovo

Story and photos by Capt. Chris Tarbet

PRISTINA, Kosovo — **I**n September 2013, Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller visited 39 Utah Army National Guard (UTARNG) servicemembers mobilized in support of Kosovo Force (KFOR) 17 located at various NATO camps and outposts throughout Kosovo.

The men and women of the UTARNG are engaged in NATO peacekeeping operations, which have been in place since the early 1990s. They function as administrators and advisors to the Kosovo Defense Forces.

Burton and Miller arrived for their first visit to Kosovo on Sept. 27 and met over dinner with UTARNG Guardmembers assigned to the KFOR and Multi-National Battle Group-East (MNGB-E) staff. These senior staff members provided Utah Guard leaders a situational update and discussed the various missions assigned to UTARNG soldiers throughout the battle space. This discussion was imperative for leaders' understanding of the goals and progress that KFOR has made during the two decades of peacekeeping operations, as well

as the multiple roles of UTARNG soldiers assigned to KFOR. Over the course of two days, Burton and Miller visited with KFOR senior staff and traveled throughout the country.

"I've studied and read about it, but being here is really unique, like nowhere else in the world, and it's a very important mission. It's always different when you actually see it," said Burton. "The human factor takes on a new dimension. You can read about something, but until you come and see it, it's not the same."

The next day, Burton and Miller were provided a tour of Camp Film City by Lt. Col. Coy Bryant, chief of staff, MNGB-E. They visited KFOR headquarters and various staff buildings. The NATO element of the KFOR mission is a difficult operational environment due to the variety of nationalities and military specialties. However, National Guard soldiers have one advantage when faced with the peacekeeping mission: they are well positioned due to the fundamental understanding each soldier possesses of civilian life and community.





“National Guard soldiers are best suited for peace-support operations primarily because we are a community-based organization,” said Bryant. “National Guard soldiers can interface with community leaders better since many Guardsmen are employed within the community itself. We typically have police officers, firemen, postal workers, schoolteachers and private business owners within our formations. Additionally, we understand the impact on business when the government passes policies and legislation that hinder private enterprise. We also are typically older and more mature than active-component soldiers.”

Despite 24-hour operations, a cultural tour of the Gracanica Monastery was arranged just outside of Pristina. It was an important visit for Burton, Miller and the UTARNG soldiers, as the need for peacekeeping operations in Kosovo stemmed from religious tension between Christians and Muslims and the deplorable ethnic cleansing sanctioned by Slobodan Milosevic. Each soldier walked the grounds of the monastery, constructed circa 1320, and admired the architecture and studied the culture and people they were supporting.

Burton, Miller, and Bryant visited Camp Nothing Hill, Gate 1, Dog 31, and Camp Novo Selo via UH-60 helicopter Sept. 29. The aerial tour allowed them to see the

administrative boundary line between Serbia and Kosovo, as well as the operations at each outpost.

“It’s been a great experience. It’s all about relationships, and that’s why the Guard has been so effective here,” said Burton.

The highlight of the day was a traditional Moroccan lunch at Camp Novo Selo, provided by the Moroccan Company assigned to KFOR.

“It’s a tribute to the State Partnership Program and the relationship that has been built between the Moroccan Army and the Utah National Guard,” said Capt. Chris Tarbet. “Even when soldiers from each organization are forward-deployed, they find ways to interact and renew the friendship.”

“I think it’s very special that General Burton was able to come out to visit,” said Lt. Col. Ron Jonas of the command-group visit. “It’s great to know where his troops are and know what they are doing to check out their welfare. It’s awesome.”

Miller echoed this sentiment simply stating that it’s always good “to be reunited with the Utah troops.”

The UTARNG soldiers, derived from various units within the state will be returning in early 2014. Until then, they will remain engaged and active at bettering the standard of living and communities that surround them in Kosovo. 



19th Special Forces Climb the Ice of Mount Rainier



Eight Soldiers from Operational Detachment Alpha 9123, Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne), hone their mountaineering skills as they train on the ice of Mount Rainier National Park in Ashford, Wash., from Aug. 7 through Sept. 13.

Story by Staff Sgt. Ashley Baum

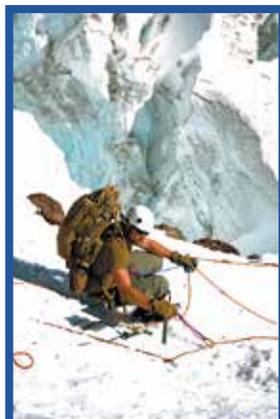
MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK, Wash. — **C**arrying nearly 100 pounds of mission-essential equipment, Special Forces soldiers climbed and clawed their way to the summit of Mount Rainier at Mount Rainier National Park, Ashford, Wash., in a rigorous mountain-sustainment exercise from Aug. 7 through Sept. 13.

Eight soldiers from Operational Detachment Alpha 9123, Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne), pushed their physical and mental limits in conducting multifaceted training exercises in rock, alpine and glacier environments and to refresh, develop, maintain and recertify skills for all members of the team as Basic Mountaineers.

Photos by Sgt. 1st Class David S.

In a mountain team, Special Forces soldiers become experts in their environment and could be called upon to perform search-and-rescue missions in extreme mountain terrain throughout Utah and perform unconventional warfare in mountainous regions throughout the world.

“Mountain warfare training is important to our jobs as members of the Special Forces because the U.S. military often finds itself operating in a mountainous environment,” said Master Sgt. Doug B., detachment operations sergeant from ODA 9123. “The ability to operate in a mountain environment gives us as Special Forces soldiers [the capacity] to use the environment to our advantage and conduct operations.”





Some team members had very limited climbing experience prior to the exercise and were forced to trust in the leadership of experienced climbers and work together in order to successfully and safely complete the mission.

“Being a member of the ODA who has never climbed before and also hates heights, I had to overcome the natural fear of the unknown,” said Staff Sgt. Stephen W., communications sergeant from ODA 9123. “I overcame my fears by having confidence and trust in the experienced team members and their ability to teach and pass on their knowledge. This enabled me to be an asset to the team.”

“Most members volunteered to be on a mountain team because they have a passion for it,” said Sgt. 1st Class David S., senior weapons sergeant from ODA 9123 and Master Mountaineer. “Of all ODA specialties, it is among the most physically demanding. It also takes a certain type of person to lead a climb up the face of a cliff.”

To prepare for Mount Rainier, ODA 9213, along with four soldiers from Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Special Forces, stationed in Texas, performed basic mountaineering

tasks and hands-on practical exercises at the City of Rocks National Preserve, Malta, Idaho, from Aug. 2 to 6. The exercise certified nine personnel in all Level 3 mountain tasks, prepared two soldiers for a future Senior Mountaineer course, sustained Level 2 skills for all Level 1 Master Mountaineers and validated the ODA’s technical capabilities in a mountain environment.

“We honed our skills in the City of Rocks and reacclimated to the mountains, the rock and each other,” said the senior weapons sergeant Sgt. 1st Class David S. “We start slow and start moving forward. As we get into our groove, we get off the ground and start moving vertical. City of Rocks was one big rehearsal for Mount Rainier.”

The ODA culminated its mountain training in the climb of Mount Rainier with each soldier carrying nearly 100 pounds of equipment and food to sustain the team for six days at an elevated base camp. Soldiers maneuvered up steep grades, glaciers, vertical rock and ice walls, rugged terrain and trained in mountaineering, rescue operations, infiltration and learned ice-climbing and rappelling techniques. The initial infiltration





Soldiers with ODA 9123 during mountaineer-sustainment training establish the first ever communication by a Utah element from the summit of Mount Rainier.

was grueling due to the heavy equipment load while climbing up 5,000 vertical feet in four miles, said the detachment operations sergeant.

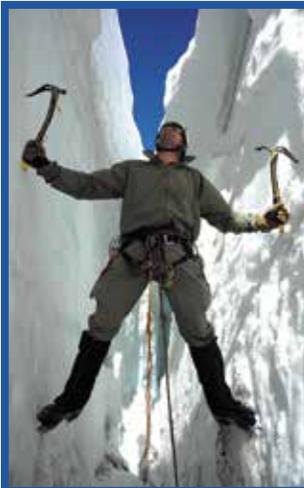
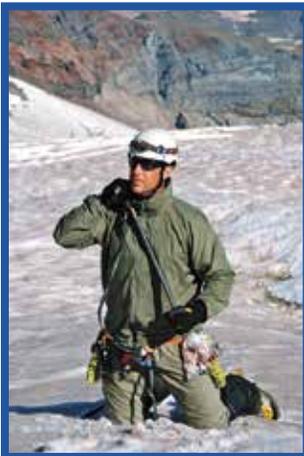
With teamwork and trust, soldiers successfully reached the summit early in the morning on Sept. 11.

“It was only at the summit—after climbing through the night as dawn broke on a perfect sunny day and being the first team to reach the summit in just 13 days—that I realized it was Sept. 11,” said the detachment operations sergeant. “It was an amazing experience to reach the summit and remember all the

events of the last 12 years and to share that experience with my teammates.”

“The view was awe-inspiring,” said the communications sergeant. “It was a relief to have made it to the summit, but even more, we as a team we had accomplished our goal together. I felt it was a huge bonding experience for us.”

To maintain its mountain sustainment proficiency, ODA 9123 plans to continue its mountain training this spring in



Alaska, focusing on winter mountaineering in extreme-cold weather conditions.

“Each time we do this type of training I learn something new,” said the detachment operations sergeant. “The mountain training is a growing experience for me because each event is different and nuanced, and adapting to that situation is part of the challenge.”

“We are better mountaineers and SF soldiers for doing [this exercise],” said the senior weapons sergeant. “Our skills run deeper, our bonds stronger and our experiences broadened.”

Soldiers not identified by full name for security reasons.



The UTNG Counterdrug Task Force: A Joint Effort

The Utah National Guard Counterdrug Task Force (CDTF) is a joint program made up of soldiers and airmen from virtually every major command in the Utah National Guard. The CDTF provides language, analytical, and technical support to the intelligence community and federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. Utah’s CDTF is the largest among the 54 states and territories and makes significant contributions each week to protect the state and nation against transnational criminal organizations.

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151st Air Refueling Wing Gains New Leadership

Photos by Staff Sgt. Amber Monio

Story by Airman 1st Class Emily Hulse

SALT LAKE CITY — **T**he 151st Air Refueling Wing received new leadership during a change-of-command ceremony Jan. 11, where Col. Samuel H. Ramsay III passed the colors of the 151st to Col. Darwin L. Craig.

At the same ceremony, Chief Master Sgt. Barry L. Vance took his position as the command chief master sergeant for the 151st.

Both the change-of-command and transfer-of-responsibility ceremonies are rooted in military tradition, allowing troops to see the transfer of responsibility, authority, and accountability within their units.

In his remarks, Ramsay recalled a 2012 visit to the base by Air Force Gen. Raymond E. Johns, commander of Air Mobility Command. Johns held impromptu interviews with airmen, asking them who they were, what they did, and why it was important. Ramsay said hearing their answers was one of his proudest moments as commander of the 151st.

“I realized then the true depth of commitment and sense of service you all bring to the defense of our nation,” he said.

After officially assuming command, Craig committed to Air Guardmembers to ensure the success of the state and national missions, as those of the Utah National Guard.

“I am committed to the success of our warfighting mission that consists of meeting and exceeding Air Mobility Command’s core competencies of air refueling, airlift and aeromedical evacuation,” said Craig. “I am also equally committed to the continued success of our other Utah National Guard missions supporting joint operations in the areas of intelligence support, informational operations, planning, air control and communications infrastructure.”

At the ceremony, an official transfer of responsibility was also conducted for Guardmembers to see Vance’s official acceptance of the position of command chief for the 151st.

“Thank you to Col. Craig for the opportunity to serve, and I look forward to serving with you all,” said Vance.

In concluding his address to airmen assembled at the ceremony, Ramsay thanked them for their service, and for the opportunity to serve alongside them.

“I thank each of you for the honor and the privilege that it has been to stand shoulder to shoulder with you for the past three-and-a-half years, and to be able to represent you as your commander,” he said. “I will always be proud of your accomplishments and my association with you.”



Maj. Gen. Jeff. Burton officiated the change-of-command ceremony for the 151st Air Refueling Wing Jan. 11, 2014. Col. Darwin Craig took command of the 151st ARW, replacing Col. Samuel Ramsay after three-and-a-half years as wing commander.



Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton hands off the guidon to Col. Darwin Craig during a change-of-command ceremony Jan. 11, 2014.



Chief Master Sgt. Barry L. Vance is recognized as the new command chief for the 151st Air Refueling Wing during a transfer-of-responsibility ceremony Jan. 11, 2014.

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Utah National Guardsman Promoted to Colonel



Lt. Col. Gordon Behunin's father, Dean Behunin, changes his son's uniform rank from lieutenant colonel to colonel Dec. 30.

Story by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

WEST JORDAN, Utah — Utah Army National Guard Lt. Col. Gordon D. Behunin, deputy commander of 97th Aviation Troop Command, was promoted to colonel Dec. 30 in a ceremony at the Utah Guard's Army Aviation Facility in West Jordan.

Surrounded by about a hundred family, friends and colleagues at the ceremony, Behunin asked his father, Dean Behunin, to do the honors in removing his oak-leafed, lieutenant colonel rank from his flight suit and replacing it with an eagle with outstretched wings, the insignia for colonel.

Currently a South Jordan resident, Behunin graduated from Brighton High School in Sandy. He enlisted in the Utah Army Guard's 2-222nd Field Artillery in 1984. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1987, serving in Special Forces and Aviation units. He attended pilot training in 1990-1991 and is currently qualified to fly the AH-64 Apache Longbow and UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters.

During his 30-year military career, Behunin has served as an operations officer, battalion commander and most recently as 97th Aviation Troop Command deputy commander. He has also held various full-time assignments in the Utah National Guard to include comptroller/financial manager and commander of the Army Aviation Support Facility.

Behunin is a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom, serving with the Utah Guard's 1-211th Aviation in Afghanistan in 2004-2005. His full-time assignment is as administrative officer for 97th Aviation Troop Command.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and Senior Army Aviation Badge. 🇺🇸

Utah Guard Supports Yama Sakura 65 in Japan



Spc. Jennifer Taylor and Spc. Ty'lene Puro participate in Yama Sakura 65 cultural events in Chitose, Japan.



Spc. Paul Peterson, 300th Military Intelligence, works with his Japanese counterparts interpreting for Yama Sakura 65.

Story and photos Sgt. Lyndsey Prax

JOINT BASE LEWIS-McCHORD, Wash. and CAMP HIGASHI-CHITOSE, Japan — Utah Army National Guard soldiers of the 65th Fires Brigade, Joint Forces Headquarters (JFHQ), and 2-211th Aviation spent nearly two weeks training in Japan and at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., (JBLM) in support of Yama Sakura 65, from Nov. 30 to Dec. 12, 2013.

Yama Sakura is U.S. Army Pacific's largest simulated-training exercise and consists of more than 1,000 U.S. Forces and 4,000 Japan Ground Self-Defense Forces. Utah soldiers put their training and skills to the test while immersed in a very high operational tempo and joint environment.

"Collaboration and coordination with joint forces and coalition partners is a critical aspect of our training," said Lt. Col. Steve Fairbourne, operations officer of the 65th, who participated in the exercise as a lethal-effects officer. "We will never operate as a stand-alone entity in any battlefield and

will always be a building block to a higher tier, so we need to modify our methods to fit whoever we are working for to operate effectively."

Different command organizations do their business differently, and countries are very much the same, Fairbourne added.

"We are partners with these folks and as we look forward, contingency operations can happen. We have to cross the hurdles of understanding our differences and our similarities and work together effectively before a significant event happens. If we don't we will fail dramatically," he said.

The Soldiers who traveled to JBLM played the role of U.S. forces, allies to the Japanese Northern Army, deployed in a coordinated effort to defeat a simulated aggressor. Each was assigned to small teams or cells that focused on the operations of a specific major-command's assets and were required to function as subject-matter experts.





“This has been a great opportunity to understand how a battle works at a higher level such as a corps versus a battery,” said Capt. Neff Chamberlain, battle captain with Headquarters, 65th Fires Brigade. “The concept is more detailed than I ever imagined.”



The aggressor, or opposing force, was simulated by soldiers who traveled to Chitose, a city on the island of Hokkaido, Japan, who utilized Chinese and North Korean tactics to invade the island. Mostly members of JFHQ, these soldiers were each assigned a Japanese counterpart from the Eastern Army with whom they worked daily to strategize and attack Japanese cities, ports, and areas of national security.



“Without the opposing force, Yama Sakura wouldn’t happen. We’re a training aid and we provide the fight. We’re the bad guys,”



said Lt. Col. Victor Sarkozi, the deputy opposing force commander. “They could fight a computer, but it wouldn’t be as realistic because you don’t have a real commander on the other side who understands the art of war and has a situational understanding of how everything comes together to create a campaign.”

Many soldiers who participated found the training to be very beneficial, not only for themselves but for the Utah National Guard as a whole.

“Up until the last couple of campaigns the abilities of National Guardsmen and Reservists were often underestimated,” Sarkozi said. “Participating in worldwide exercises like this gives us the insight and experience to keep us relevant as a military fighting force.”

During the evening, the Japanese military hosted social events that allowed Guardmembers to spend time learning one another’s culture.

“Going out and seeing the city and interacting with not only the soldiers but the residents, I think helped to build a more trusting relationship with the Japanese,” said Spc. Jennifer Taylor, administrative specialist with JFHQ, who participated in the exercise for the first time. “Understanding their culture and learning a new respect for it was a great experience for me.”



Utah National Guard soldiers participate as opposing forces during Yama Sakura 65 Nov. 30 to Dec. 12, 2013.

151st CES Goes Down Under

Story and photos by Chief Master Sgt. Mark Savage

EXMOUTH, Western Australia — **T**he 151st Civil Engineer Squadron spent two weeks on a volunteered Deployment for Training (DFT) in Australia Nov. 1-17.

“We volunteered to participate in a Deployment for Training to allow our personnel the time to train before participating in their Air Expeditionary Forces (AEF) deployments,” said Maj. Chris Buckner, 151st CES commander. “It is imperative that we deploy a trained force ready to accomplish the mission at hand, and this training helps our members to gain valuable real-world knowledge using their specific skill sets.”

The DFT program was created to provide realistic and flexible training to help produce a highly skilled and motivated force capable of carrying out all tasks and functions to accomplish their Air Force mission. The program complements localized training programs and also enhances the unit’s capabilities in the delivery of such training. Air National Guard units from around the country train their personnel through

the DFT program to help prepare their members for real-world deployments. Several projects are chosen annually by National Guard Bureau, and units are scheduled to work on specific portions of a project, using their Annual Training days, as they rotate through the site.

“The hands-on training that our folks can get during these off-site construction projects simply cannot be duplicated at home station,” said Maj. Sasha Perronne, 151st CES Deputy Base Civil Engineer said. “Our members are able to build great camaraderie while also working to master their skills on a real-world project.”

The 151st CES received the call from the Air National Guard Civil Engineer Readiness Division in June indicating the location, date and time of the DFT. “We had no idea where the DFT would be located or the aggressive timeline that would be needed to complete our portion of this operation, but we were eager to meet the goals set by National Guard Bureau,” said Buckner.



The 151st Civil Engineer Squadron spent two weeks on a volunteered Deployment for Training (DFT) in Australia Nov. 1-17. The squadron was tasked to renovate and support a Space Surveillance Network radar site in Exmouth, Western Australia.



Staff Sgt. Josh David and Staff Sgt. Nathan Jones apply a mortar patch to finish walls on the CBAN radar platform while on a volunteer Deployment for Training in Exmouth, Western Australia.



Tech. Sgt. Jared Webb looks on as Staff Sgt. Merrell Brown cuts galvanized steel to use as a cover plate for piping at the Space Surveillance Network radar site in Exmouth, Western Australia.

In an effort to save money, the Defense Department partnered with the ANG to provide support to renovate a Space Surveillance Network radar site in Exmouth, Western Australia.

The planning began with airlift requests and the teaming of 34 volunteers to deploy. The U.S. Government shutdown had the potential to delay the project because the unit that was supposed to go in before the Utah team had been unable to get off the ground, therefore not completing their portion. The shutdown also threatened the Utah team's involvement. Three weeks before the scheduled departure, the team received the word to go, but the airlift type had changed, as had the scope of work.

The 191st Air Refueling Squadron of the Utah Air Guard picked up the airlift, and the Utah team was on its way Down Under.

The 34-engineer team joined 10 other individuals and immediately got to work to complete the project as planned.

"We arrived as scheduled and identified all of the objectives that were not completed by the team that was unable to deploy prior to us," said Maj. Paul Waite, deployed DFT commander. "Our guys accomplished about four weeks' worth of work in the two-week time frame."

Over the fortnight, the team had many objectives to complete, including the building of a 22-foot Nuform polymer wall, filling it with concrete, then creating a concrete roof to cover the area. The use of Nuform at that height was a first-time occurrence for the ANG, according to Lt. Col. Craig Bradford, DFT project manager.

"I feel that our team exceeded all expectations," said Waite. "We took several drill-status Guardmembers, who didn't know a lot about one another, and created a cohesive team that not only met our objectives but also the objectives for the unit not able to deploy before us. Overall, it was a great deployment." 🇺🇸

A blue background graphic. At the top is a white circular button with the text "SUPPORT OUR TROOPS" in red, with two blue stars on either side of "OUR". Below the button is a white equals sign. Underneath the equals sign is a red-bordered patch with a white background and blue stars, containing the letters "USO" in blue. At the bottom of the graphic is the text "www.uso.org" in white.

Veterans Day Concert

Story and photos by Sgt. Barbara Liau

SALT LAKE CITY — **T**he Utah National Guard hosted the 58th Annual Veterans Day Concert at the University of Utah's Jon M. Huntsman Center Nov. 11.

The event, entitled "The Profession of Arms," emphasized what it means to serve in the military and the sacrifices made by those who choose to do so.

"This is the only job in which men and women are asked to give up their lives if need be," said guest speaker Brig. Gen. Dallen Atack, the Assistant Adjutant General of the Utah National Guard. "We honor those sacrifices today."

Featuring the Utah National Guard's 23rd Army Band, led by Chief Warrant Officer 2 Denny Saunders, and the combined 700-voice high school choirs of the Granite School District, the concert took the audience on a musical journey that highlighted phases in military members' lives: training, overseas service, combat, the pain of separation, the joy of reunion, and the loss of a loved one who gave the ultimate sacrifice in service of his or her country.

"Because of their dedication to their profession," said Lt. Col. Hank McIntire, master of ceremonies for this event. "Our women and men in uniform—along with their families—have secured and safeguarded our liberty."

Several of these servicemembers were spotlighted during the concert: Army Staff Sgt. Hailey Breck and Army Maj. Annette Barnes, both currently deployed in Kosovo; retired Army Pfc. F. Keith Davis of Springville, who served for nine months on the front lines in Europe during World War II; retired Marine Cpl. Ernest Yazhe of Midvale, a Navajo code talker during World War II, and retired Air Force Staff Sgt. Sam Wyruck, a B-17 gunner who flew 35 missions over Germany during World War II.



“Along with the music, the spotlight on individual servicemembers is our favorite part of the concert,” said Connie Woodruff, wife of retired Army Sgt. John Woodruff, who served in Vietnam from 1968-69. “We’ve been coming to the Annual Veterans Concert for about five years now and it’s always good to hear about the individual sacrifices of our military heroes. I think we don’t hear about them enough.”

The Veterans Service Award is also presented during the program. This award honors an individual in the community who is dedicated to improving the quality of life of the military and its veterans. This year, Zions Bank presented William E. Christofferson with the Veterans Service Award in recognition of his service to the military for almost 70 years.

Additionally, winners of the Utah PTA-sponsored essay contest are formally recognized at the concert. This year’s theme was, “Why I Am Proud of My Veteran.” The following students were selected as the contest winners: Landon Mers, a third-grader at J.R. Smith Elementary, Heber City; Megan Wahlquist, South Ogden Junior High, South Ogden; Brynn Peterson, freshman at Manti High School, Manti

The winning essays can be found online at UTAPTA.org.

The origins of Veterans Day can be traced back to the signing of the Armistice on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, which marked the end of World War I. Nov. 11 was known as Armistice Day until 1954 when it was reestablished as Veterans Day by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The Annual Veterans Day concert is free and open to the public. It was made possible through the contributions of members of the Granite School District, and many local businesses and individuals. 🇺🇸

Members of the Utah National Guard’s 23rd Army Band along with a 700-voice high school choir from Granite School District perform at the 58th annual Veterans Day concert.



Utah Guardmembers Assist Alaska Flood Survivors

Story by Capt. Ryan Sutherland

Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Brock Jones

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — **T**he the Utah National Guard responded to a request from the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in the aftermath of the spring flooding, which affected residents along the Yukon River.

Soldiers from the Utah Guard's 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment arrived in Anchorage Sept. 2, where they worked with personnel from FEMA, the State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Alaska suffered severe flooding along the Yukon River in May and June after a longer-than-normal winter and rapid increase in temperatures. A river ice jam occurred near Galena, a remote Alaskan community only accessible by boat or air, which caused flooding and widespread damage by high water and large sheets of ice. Out of the eight

Alaskan communities affected by the spring floods, Galena was the hardest-hit community.

Alaska received a presidential disaster declaration June 25, providing individual and public assistance to the affected boroughs (counties). Local, state, and federal agencies with assistance from volunteer organizations have worked tirelessly in the rebuilding efforts.

Flooding damaged 90 percent of the homes in Galena, a small but vital hub community along

the Yukon River, knocking out power in the community, and bringing a number of secondary problems, including damaged infrastructure and hundreds of pounds of game meat that spoiled in residents' refrigerators and freezers.

Galena is also important for the educational opportunities it offers interior Alaskan communities. The Sidney C. Huntington School provides quality K-8 education to surrounding communities, and the Galena Interior Learning Academy offers grades 9 through 12 and postsecondary adult vocational certification in aviation, automotive technology, cosmetology, health sciences and culinary arts.

During flooding, as many as 300 residents were evacuated to surrounding cities such as Fairbanks, 270 miles to the east. Many of the evacuees are still sheltered outside of Galena while rebuilding efforts continue.

Federal, state and community organizations face several challenges in their rebuilding efforts. Building supplies, fuel and food have to be shipped in by barge or air, as the nearest highway is 180 miles away. The upcoming winter season further complicates the relief effort as larger shipments can no longer be shipped by barge as rivers freeze and become impassable.

According to FEMA estimates, barges have transported nearly 320,000 pounds of building materials, sheltering supplies and donated items on more than 60 shipments to affected communities, most of which went to Galena.

Utah Guardmembers Capt. Ryan Sutherland, of Salt Lake City, and Sgt. 1st Class Brock Jones, of Kaysville,



In late May 2013, huge sheets of ice clogged the Yukon River downstream from Galena. The river's water rapidly rose and breached its banks, flooding the town, destroying homes, and leaving months of recovery work to do when the waters receded.



worked in the Joint Field Office in Anchorage and in the field at the city of Galena along the Yukon River. The scope of their duties included documentation of the rebuilding efforts in Galena and the timely and accurate release of critical information to the flood survivors through a community newsletter. The newsletter provided information such as winter shelter plans, mass-care and feeding programs, donation centers, volunteer information and deadlines for requesting state and federal assistance. 🇺🇸

Government officials and local citizens have started to rebuild and repair flood damage homes, businesses and infrastructure along the Yukon River in Galena, Alaska.

Opposite page: An Alaskan resident works on repairs to her flood damaged home along the Yukon River. A Yukon River barge docks at Galena, where barge workers unload construction materials to be used in rebuilding the town.



In Memoriam

Sgt. Matthew C. Larson

118th Engineer
Sapper Company



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Master Sgt. Eric Hill and Maj. Stephan Jarvis monitor the situation during a force-protection exercise at Camp Bondsteel Aug. 28.



Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Moulton mans the front desk at the military police station at Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo.

204th MEB Soldiers Work as MPs in Kosovo

Story and photos by Maj. Wencke Tate

CAMP BONDSTEEL, Kosovo — **A**pproximately 6,000 miles on the other side of the globe, military police from the 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade are coming to the end of their nine-month deployment supporting the peacekeeping mission in Kosovo.

Soldiers left Utah in early April 2013, did a short train-up at Camp Atterbury, Ind., at the mobilization station and participated in a training exercise at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Germany, before settling in to work at Camp Bondsteel for Area Support Team (AST) Balkans in support of Operation Joint Guardian.

For Maj. Stephan Jarvis, U.S. Provost Marshal Kosovo Force 17 and a native of La Verkin, Utah, keeping positive is a priority.

“I have found from experience that a deployment is not what they tell you it’s going to be, but it’s what you make of it. I am making the best of it,” said Jarvis.

Jarvis is responsible for all U.S.-connected law enforcement incidents in Kosovo with his primary duties being law-and-order operations at Camp Bondsteel.

“Provost marshals are the heads of the military police, whose duties are policing solely within the armed forces, as opposed to chief-of-police or sheriff duties in the civilian population,” explained Jarvis.

Jarvis said that MP duties for the KFOR mission deal primarily with law enforcement, including criminal investigations involving U.S. military property and concerning U.S. military and civilian personnel, installation security, personal protection of senior military officers, traffic control, route signing and resupply-route management. And they are also involved with the escorts of logistics packages, money and fuel.

“We are an integral part of the antiterrorism, force-protection mission and work closely with the intelligence assets in the area,” said Jarvis.

Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Moulton, Provost Marshal's Office desk sergeant and native of Ephraim, Utah, is no stranger to deployments, having served in Operation Noble Eagle II in 2002 and Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2007.

"Each deployment has been unique and came with its own challenges. I have enjoyed this deployment, as it has allowed me to learn to help operate a provost marshal office. It has also been interesting to work with different soldiers from different countries," said Moulton.

Along with work, there were days off, and that gave several of the MPs time to travel to parts of the world they might not have had the chance to, and catch up on some important, life-changing events.

"My wife had a baby while I was gone," said Moulton. "I was able to enjoy paternity leave and return home to see the new baby, as well as the rest of my family."

For most people, deployments rarely seem to come at the perfect time.

Sgt. Robert Brinton, a police officer in West Valley City, Utah, said there was a lot of stress and uncertainty that came with this deployment and felt the timing was horrible. He left his pregnant wife back home in Layton, Utah, not knowing what the future would hold.

"My wife felt she was being left at the worst possible time in our lives. We had been trying to have a baby for several years. When we found out she was pregnant we were so excited. Then we found out I was leaving on a deployment and possibly wouldn't be around for the birth and miss the first year of my child's life," said Brinton.

"There are times in life when you don't know how things will turn out; you can't see the future. You just have to push forward and trust in your relationship. The right time for anything in life will almost never come; you have to create that timing and adjust to the ill timings."

And it did work out. Although Brinton was not able to attend the birth, he did participate through technology and still made a memory he will not soon forget.

"I was not there for the birth, but I did watch the entire thing over Skype as I was sitting in the barracks at Camp Atterbury.

I will never forget that experience."

All three soldiers are leaving with great experiences during their deployment and an appreciation for working with the eight other nations working in Multinational Battle Group-East.

"The best part of the deployment is being able to network with the other countries' MPs and creating relationships that harvest an environment geared toward success," said Brinton.

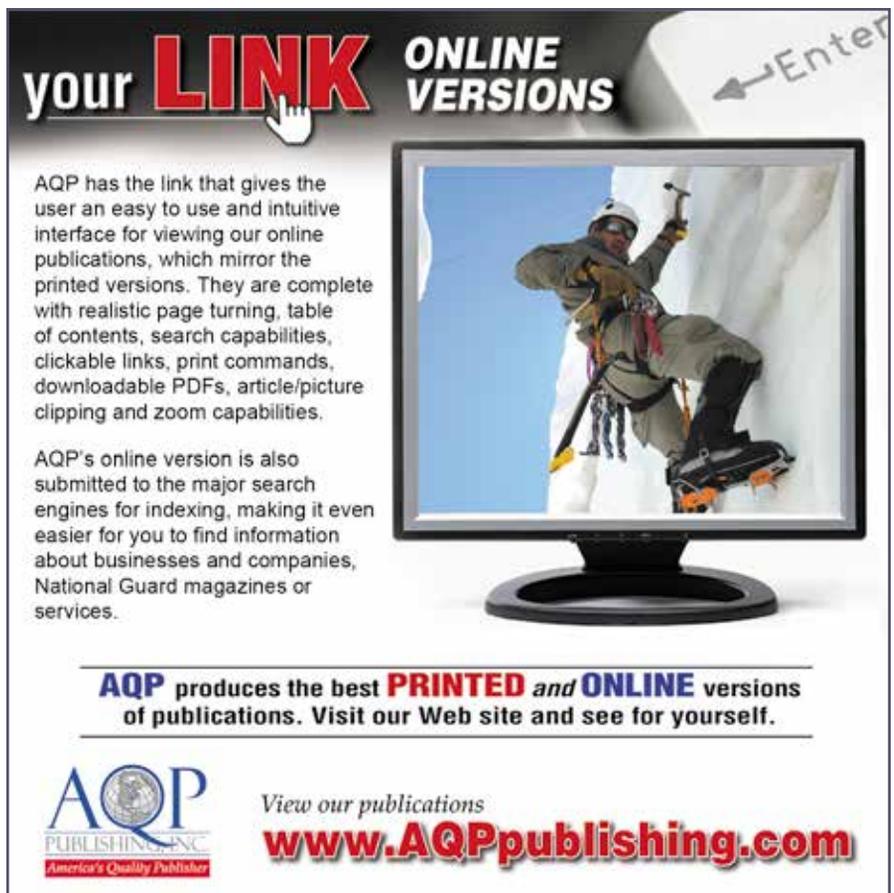
Jarvis echoed those sentiments.

"The best thing about this deployment is working with a great MP team on a challenging mission that requires the full cooperation of multiple units, agencies, organizations, governments and over a dozen countries whose goal is to provide a chance to heal the wounds of Kosovo's past, strengthen and nurture the present and build a foundation of hope and safety for the future."

Soon they will return to their regular life, but they will have taken their experiences and training back with them.

"This deployment has allowed me to expand on my duties as an MP in the Utah Army National Guard, and it will enable all of the MPs to take what we have learned back to our unit and create training so that we are better prepared for future deployments," said Brinton.

MNBG-E has approximately 1,500 troops from nine countries: Armenia, France, Germany, Morocco, Poland, Romania, Turkey, Ukraine and the United States. The Kosovo Force mission is to contribute to a safe and secure environment for all people and communities of Kosovo. KFOR cooperates with and assists the UN, the EU and other international actors to support the development of a stable, democratic, multiethnic and peaceful Kosovo. 



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Volunteers Give Time, Money to Make Sub for Santa Happen

Story and photos by Sgt. 1st Class Brock Jones

SALT LAKE CITY — A group of approximately 50 Goldman Sachs Salt Lake City employees, still dressed in business attire from a day's work, together with a few soldiers and civilians from the Utah National Guard, took part in a Sub-for-Santa shopping spree at a Salt Lake City Walmart Dec. 11.

Goldman Sachs employees volunteered their time to assist the huge and logistically challenging work of shopping for the Utah National Guard Sub-for-Santa program, administered by the Utah Guard Charitable Trust. Volunteer shoppers hustled around the store, armed with request forms that included basic child information such as age and gender, as well as the child's Christmas needs and wishes, filling their carts, standing in checkout lines and then doing it all again and again.

Three hours after the first volunteers showed up to shop, many Sub-for-Santa requests had been processed and filled, and soldiers began loading bags of gifts, clothes and bicycles into a rented truck for transport back to the Sub-for-Santa center of operations at Camp Williams.

The Utah Guard's Sub-for-Santa program depends on both in-kind and monetary donations from individuals, groups and corporations, as well as volunteered time. Goldman Sachs is one the largest annual donors of both time and money to the program, spurred by the company's continuing involvement in a variety of veterans programs.

Mike Burgin, an employee of Goldman Sachs, is also a captain in the Utah Guard and serves as commander of Alpha Battery, 1-145th Field Artillery. He said that Goldman Sachs has an in-house veteran network that seeks involvement in as many ways as possible in veteran initiatives and programs. Goldman Sachs has been involved with the Utah Guard's Sub-for-Santa program for five years. The company's Sub-for-Santa involvement is indicative of a larger company-wide commitment to and sponsorship of veteran programs generally, said Burgin.

Through the Veterans Network at Goldman Sachs, Burgin said volunteers have not only served as Sub-for-Santa shoppers to go with the thousands of dollars donated by the company, but they've also given time at the food bank and VA Hospital, and volunteered with Operation Give and Fisher House.

"Goldman Sachs has a number of what they call Affinity Networks, one of which is the Veterans Network, which looks for ways to better support veterans and servicemembers within the company, as well as for ways to support the greater veteran community outside the company," said Ryan McQueen, co-head of the Veterans Network at Goldman Sachs Salt Lake City. He is also a former Apache helicopter pilot who served with the 101st Airborne and 4th Infantry Divisions. The Salt Lake City Veterans Network was established two years ago, McQueen said.

"There's a big veteran emphasis at Goldman Sachs," said Emilio Suazo, a UTARNG captain who works for Goldman Sachs and serves as commander of Charlie Battery, 1-145th Field Artillery. Suazo also said that not only is assisting the Sub-for-Santa program great from the perspective of an employee of Goldman Sachs, but also as a commander of a UTARNG unit.

"We have people in our units who need this kind of help," he said.

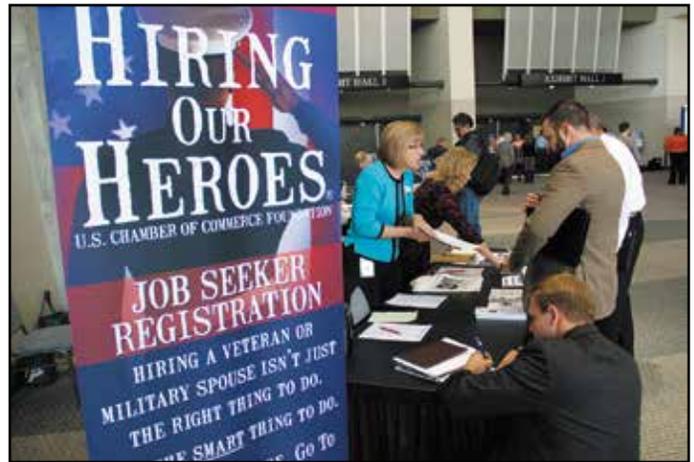
With the gifts bought by Goldman Sachs volunteers unloaded at Camp Williams later that night, the work of getting the donations to their intended recipients began early the next morning and continued until days before Christmas. Mindy Larsen, who works in the Camp Williams Family Assistance Center and who has assisted the program for many years, took over this year as director of the Sub-for-Santa program. Larsen oversaw a team of civilians and soldiers who worked to get donated Christmas assistance to more than 100 Utah Guard families, including hundreds of children. 📧



Goldman Sachs employees, along with soldiers and civilians with the Utah National Guard, shop at a Salt Lake City Walmart to fill the Christmas needs of Guard families for the Utah National Guard Sub-for-Santa program.



Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton addresses those in attendance for the Hiring Our Heroes job fair held at the South Towne Expo Center.



Military members from all branches of service register at the Hiring Our Heroes job fair Oct. 30.

'Hiring Our Heroes' Job Fair at South Towne Expo Center

Story and photos by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

SANDY, Utah — **A** 'Hiring Our Heroes' job fair was held Oct. 30, 2013, at the South Towne Expo Center in Sandy.

The fair was one of a series of events intended to assist veterans, active-duty military, members of the National Guard and Reserve and military spouses to obtain information on veteran benefits, employment or to upgrade their current job situations.

More than 140 employers were on hand to discuss job opportunities, many of whom were prepared to extend solid offers to qualified applicants.

At the fair, 738 resumes were accepted, and 241 interviews were held. As a result, employers extended 121 provisional job offers and 29 firm offers of employment to jobseekers.

"This was the best job fair in terms of quality that we have had at any of these events this year," said Bart Davis, chairman of the Utah Veterans and Military Employment Coalition.

Two types of workshops were held in connection with the job fair. One was a resume-writing and interviewing workshop, and the other was a business-development seminar for veterans interested in starting their own businesses.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the University of Phoenix sponsored the event, which was conducted by the Utah Veterans and Military Employment Coalition, Utah Committee of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, Utah Department of Veterans Affairs, Utah Department of Workforce Services, Salt Lake, Davis, and Ogden-Weber Chambers of Commerce and the U.S. Departments of Labor and Veterans Affairs. 



Military members talk with potential employers at the Hiring Our Heroes job fair.

Juana Cenicerros Sworn in as a New American Citizen

Story and photos by Lt. Col. Hank McIntire

SALT LAKE CITY — Juana Cenicerros, longtime civilian employee of the Utah National Guard, took the oath of U.S. citizenship Dec. 9, 2013, at Abravanel Hall in Salt Lake City.

U.S. District Judge David Sam officiated at the ceremony, where 454 candidates from 83 countries were to be sworn in as citizens of the United States.

After welcoming the audience, Sam introduced the keynote speaker, Salt Lake County Mayor Ben McAdams.

“After today, you will become my boss,” said McAdams, encouraging Utah’s soon-to-be newest citizens to exercise their right to decide who leads them. “I ask you to use your power of citizenship to advance those rights.”

Returning to the podium after McAdams’ remarks, Sam explained that the icy weather had prevented the arrival of a children’s choir slated to perform at the ceremony. He took time to tell the story of his immigrant Romanian parents, who settled in Indiana, and who instilled in him a love of this country and its opportunities.

Then Cenicerros and her fellow candidates were invited to stand as a group and take the oath.

Sam invited the newly sworn-in citizens to take advantage of the open microphone to express their feelings on this great day. Immigrants from Sudan, Ireland, Tonga, Iraq, Brazil and Mexico were among those who spoke up.

“I am now going to be a nurse in America,” announced Mary Acu Atak, of Sudan.

Closing the ceremony, Sam explained that his father’s last name, Sirb, was rendered as Sam in his immigration documents.

“My name is Sam, and I am sent to you by Uncle Sam,” said the judge he closed the ceremony. “Let freedom ring in your lives. Welcome to the USA as its newest citizens.”

Family, friends, supervisors and co-workers braved cold and icy conditions to support Cenicerros in taking this significant step.

A native of Tampico, Mexico, Cenicerros began her citizenship process in 2000, waiting seven years instead of the customary five for residency. “The events of 9/11 really set things back,” she recalled.

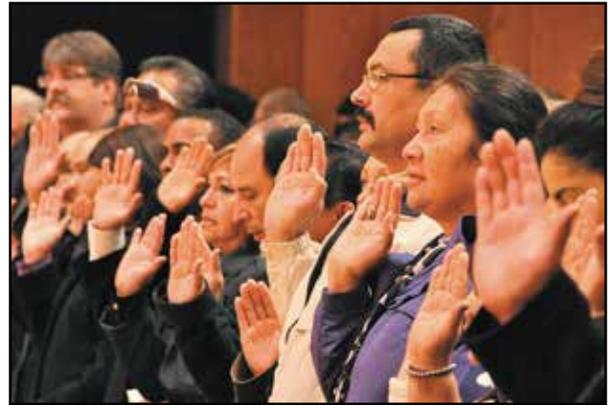
It was six more years before this landmark day came, when Cenicerros officially became an American. She was overcome with emotion as she posed for a photo after the ceremony with her husband and sons.

“I never had the opportunities in my home country that I have here in the United States,” she said. “I will defend the U.S. with all my heart because it is my country.”

A friend asked her if it all was worth it.

“Absolutely!” she beamed. “I don’t have words to describe what I’m feeling right now. God bless the United States!” 🇺🇸

Juana Cenicerros, a Utah National Guard civilian employee took the oath of U.S. citizenship along with 453 others at Abravanel Hall Dec. 9.





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Updating Camp Williams

Story and photos by Sgt. 1st Class DaleAnne Maxwell

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — **T**hrough all of the woes associated with construction at Camp Williams, it is a pleasant surprise to see some of the finished work. Recently the new youth center, fitness center and Building 6150 have been completed.

The new youth center, Building 5110, opened in September and hosts a variety of activities and youth council for the children of Utah National Guard soldiers and airmen.



A Utah National Guard child shows off his Lego Robotics vehicle in the new youth center in Building 5110.

Youth Programs needed to relocate because their previous building had to be torn down to make space for the upcoming Bachelor Enlisted Quarters.

“I am appreciative to see that the program is viable enough for dedicated space,” said Kelly Barnes, lead Child and Youth Program coordinator. “We are the only National Guard Child and Youth Program that has dedicated space.”

However, the space is smaller than the previous building, added Barnes. But she is excited to have a brand-new building with a better location for programs such as our gardening club. The Child and Youth Program is a valuable asset to National Guard families.

“We take the kids and give them an opportunity to shine, lead and mentor,” said Conniegene Packer, a Child and Youth Program coordinator.

Thanks to the generosity of the 640th Regional Training Institute (RTI), Camp Williams has a wonderful new fitness center, which is an exciting upgrade to Camp Williams.

With more than 10,000 square feet, Building 6150 has long been sought after for units to utilize for training events. Because of this constant need it was necessary to update the building.

The building was rewired, the drywall and carpet were replaced, and a new updated latrine was added.

It wasn't just the updating that brought the necessity of the upgrade. As one of the oldest buildings on Camp Williams it was necessary to preserve the history of the camp.

“Building 6150 is eligible for the State Historical Register,” said Ryan Jessop, construction project manager. “We brought the building back to more closely reflect the historical building; this included replacing the windows to the 12-grid style and added wood siding like the original building.”



Outside the newly remodeled Building 6150. A highly sought after training building, it is eligible for the State of Utah Historical Register.

Below: Inside the newly remodeled Building 6150.





The new state-of-the-art equipment in the new fitness center.

“The new fitness center offers soldiers of Camp Williams a better opportunity than the previous one,” said 1st Sgt. Gray Hansen, Utah Training Center first sergeant. “It offers more space and brand-new, state-of-the-art equipment for soldiers to improve their physical fitness.”

Overall it has been an exciting few months of improvements, and the members of Camp Williams are excited to continue improving for the future. 📧

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Mackie Zane Ishtiaque
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Massie Kyle Armstrong
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Clayton Allan Junius
Conger Dylan Robert
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Robinson Austin Greg
Robison Alek William
Sirriner Tanner J
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Terry Tyler Creg
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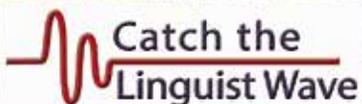
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