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The Adjutant General's Corner

DRAPER, Utah — **R**ecently there has been a lively exchange among the adjutants general regarding the first mustering of the militia, which constituted the beginnings of the National Guard. Differing opinions exist over our beginning in Utah, whether it was at statehood, or earlier in our pioneer history. Suffice it to say that we in the National Guard have a long and distinguished heritage dating back nearly 375 years.

Over the course of the past several years beginning with the events of 9/11, through the prosecution of the warfight in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, the performance of the Soldiers and Airmen of the Utah National Guard has been exceptional. The sacrifice that both you and your families have made is and should be cherished by all of Utah's citizens.

At present, the Utah National Guard finds itself as busy as it has been in some time. In Iraq today, we have elements of the 2-285th Aviation; 141st Military Intelligence Battalion; and Group Support Company, 19th Special Forces; engaged in a large battlespace as we move into the battle hand-off to the Iraqis. In Afghanistan, the 118th Sapper Company and the 144th Area Support Medical Company are on the front lines in a dangerous and challenging tactical and strategic environment. Today in Qatar, the 151st Air Refueling Wing is deployed for its regularly scheduled Air Expeditionary Force rotation during the months of September and October. Also in Qatar, the 109th Air Control Squadron is engaged in a lengthy deployment. The 169th Intelligence Squadron continues its challenging OPTEMPO with deployments in SOUTHCOM and CENTCOM. We continue our involvement in Africa with the deployment of the 19th Special Forces Group Headquarters in Djibouti. This is



Photo by Greg Cullis

*The Adjutant General
Major General Brian L. Tarbet*

a daunting array of commitment and sacrifice by our Soldiers and Airmen.

Domestically, we are striving to make sure our units are organized for success in terms of structure and manning. Our current mix of Engineers, Special Forces, Military Intelligence, Aviation and Field Artillery are well suited for the future needs of the Army. On the Air side, the tanker mission is well positioned for future success, as well as our intelligence, air control and electronic installation missions. This will require vigilance and continuous monitoring.

As we exercise our dual mission, we will be focusing on our duty to support the citizens of Utah in the event of natural or man-made disasters. To this end, Utah has been selected as one of ten states that will field a homeland-response force, a unit consisting of nearly 600 Soldiers and Airmen with the mission to deal with chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear events. This is a huge and difficult mission that will be met by Soldiers and Airmen who have underlying missions in their host units. This will be our greatest domestic challenge in the next two years.

We completed a successful and eventful year within our state-partnership affiliation with Morocco. Of note was the last-minute deployment of the 23rd Army Band to Rabat and Casablanca to perform at several events associated with the Fourth of July. The Band performed at the invitation of Samuel Kaplan, U.S. ambassador to Morocco.


In sum, another challenging year, another superb performance. Thanks for fighting, training and performing to the best of your ability. I express an emotion I felt with the passing of CSM James Sproul: hug those you love and serve—none of us are guaranteed tomorrow. 



Photo by LTC Hank McIntire

MG Brian Tarbet (seated) on a mountaintop in Oukaimeden, Morocco, with Moroccan officials looking on as he signs the pledge of friendship book with the State Partnership Program.

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Photo by SSG DaleAnne Maxwell

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Joint Forces and Army Enlisted Comments

Story by CSM Bruce Summers

Photo by Greg Cullis



*Bruce D. Summers
Command Sergeant Major
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DRAPER, Utah

— **T**his summer we lost a great American and Guardmember. Command Sergeant Major James Sproul lost his fight with cancer and passed away Aug. 15. Command Sergeant Major Sproul was an integral member of the command team for the 300th Military Intelligence Brigade for the last four years. His leadership,

wisdom and compassion for his Soldiers will be missed in that organization. Jim leaves a legacy of respect, devotion to family and duty and an example of what we all should strive for. He will be missed from our ranks. He was a great father, great American and a great Guardsman.

It has been a busy spring and summer with multiple organizations preparing and leaving for deployments in multiple areas of responsibility. In late September, we will welcome home the 2-285th Aviation from Iraq. Last spring the 144th Area Support Medical Company left for deployment in Afghanistan. The 141st Military Intelligence Battalion and 19th Special Forces' Group Support Company are in Iraq performing their missions and supporting the warfight there. Members of the 19th are also in the Horn of Africa, and the 118th Sappers are in Afghanistan. Also, the Air Guard's 109th Air Control Squadron has deployed again. As you can tell, we have many diverse units deployed, and we are supporting many different theaters around the world. Please make sure your thoughts and prayers are with Servicemembers and their families while these Warriors are away from home supporting Overseas Contingency Operations.

It was my pleasure to visit the 97th Troop Command and members of the 197th Special Troops Company while they were in Cambodia working and supporting the Multinational Peacekeeping Exercise Angkor Sentinel 2010. The exercise consisted of participating troops from nine different countries. Our 97th Troop Command had responsibilities for command, control and coordination for all support requirements during

the exercise. The staff also worked as trainers and mentors for their Cambodian counterparts. One platoon from the 197th supported Cambodian engineers in building a three-room schoolhouse, latrines and playground equipment as part of the Humanitarian Assistance Program. During their stay, members of the organization donated from their own pockets to purchase unfunded items for the school, as well as 2.2 metric tons of rice for the local village. These great Americans are truly teaching other countries what is so good about the American spirit.

As we finish Fiscal Year 2010 and launch into Fiscal Year 2011, we are going to be facing some new challenges that we have not had to face for some time. We have worked very hard this past year on our Duty Military Occupational Specialty Qualification (DMOSQ) from our position in the bottom 10 of the 54 states and territories. We have been successful in getting many of our Soldiers into school in both DMOSQ and the Noncommissioned Officer Education System. This must remain our number-one priority in the coming year. We are going to need all senior noncommissioned officers to understand and educate the Force during this time of limited resources that are in our future. Being active members of our professional organizations is the means to help us maintain and fight for the benefits that our Soldiers and Airmen have earned and should continue to receive. I highly encourage all of you to learn about these organizations, what they have done for you and what they are fighting for in the future.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you for your dedication to duty and the support you give to our organizations. Our Family Support team is the best in the nation, and they continue to work hard to support Servicemembers and their families. When you see them, take the opportunity to tell them thanks for

all they do. It is my pleasure and honor to serve with you. God Bless. 🇺🇸



*CSM James
Sproul, 300th
MI, at Pointe
du Hoc, France,
during the
Normandy staff
ride in 2009.*

*Photo by MSgt
Mario Reeve*



Soldiers with the 141st MI stand in formation in front of the plane that will take them on the first leg of their deployment to Iraq.

141st MI Heads to Iraq

Story by SSG Scott Wolfe

Photos by Ileen Kennedy

SALT LAKE CITY — **T**he last Friday in June saw Utah National Guard's 141st Military Intelligence Battalion leave their home state for a year-long deployment to Iraq.

On the evening of June 25, more than 270 Soldiers of the 141st piled the last of their bags together for transport, had a decent meal and spent time with their families and friends prior to a final formation. Directly afterward, Governor Gary Herbert, MG Brian Tarbet, Utah National Guard adjutant general, and COL Val Peterson, commander of the 141st's parent unit, the 300th Military Intelligence Brigade, praised Soldiers for their courage to join the military during a time of war and their families for supporting them in their trials.

Lieutenant Colonel Matt Price, who commands the 141st, has been to Iraq before and has a positive outlook on his unit's arrival in the theater.

"We're optimistic that our Soldiers will be able to go to Iraq and provide force protection and really make a difference as far as helping the stability and the security of the Iraqi forces, as well as the general population in stability operations," said Price.

Family members spent this last bit of time with their loved ones doing things they always did: eating, laughing at children's antics and telling stories.

Dorothy Freeman, the mother of SSG Vanessa Elliott, a multi-function team member in Company B, 141st MI, says she is proud of her daughter, but her thoughts on the deployment are rather simple.

"I'm just hoping she comes back safely."

A chapter of the Freedom Riders provided a visual backdrop of more than 30 American flags guiding the Battalion onto the awaiting planes at the Utah Air National Guard Base in Salt Lake City. A long line of dignitaries and officers shook

*RIGHT and BELOW:
Families and friends say
a tearful good-bye to
their deploying Soldiers.*



*BOTTOM: Jake Kennedy,
a Boy Scout from Troop
527, presents SSG Bryan
Lennon, a deploying MI
Soldier, one of the care
packages he prepared for
Soldiers as part of his
Eagle project.*



every Soldier's hand in the Battalion at the base of the stairs leading up to the waiting aircraft. The last hand every Soldier shook was that of General Tarbet. A few turned for last looks at loved ones or friends.

As the last plane took off, the crowd slowly drifted apart, lone husbands and wives leading tired children back to a car ride and a bed, and moms and dads headed back to houses that seemed emptier without their son or daughter. This scene is familiar in Utah, but so is the more joyful one that eventually marks the Soldiers' return home. 🇺🇸

Face of Defense: Eagle Scouts Soar in Intel Battalion



These 83 deploying Soldiers with the Utah National Guard's 141st Military Intelligence Battalion have earned the rank of Eagle Scout from the Boy Scouts of America.

Story by LTC Ellen Krenke

Photo by SPC Scott Faddis

ARLINGTON, Va., — **T**he Utah National Guard's 141st Military Intelligence Battalion will deploy to Iraq in a few weeks with 83 Soldiers who have earned Eagle Scout badges from the Boy Scouts of America.

"It's easy being a battalion commander of Eagle Scouts, because you don't have to worry about them," said LTC Matt Price, the battalion commander and a Scout leader for his sons, who include three Eagle Scouts. "They have high values, because they have been taught that as young men. You can trust them."

The 286-member unit is in field training at its pre-mobilization site, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

During a recent meeting with civilian employers, Price said, he asked all the Eagle Scouts in the room to stand. Almost

half of his unit stood up. So during the next battalion formation, the Eagle Scouts were asked to stay behind for a group photo. That is when they counted off as 83 Eagle Scouts representing all ranks and many military occupational specialties.

The unit's senior noncommissioned officer, CSM Michael Lofland, is a scoutmaster.

"We feel like [part of] the Scout program," Price said. "To me, the Scout Law is similar to Army values."

Price said he believes Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Boy Scouts, would be proud of his creation.

"We're celebrating 100 years of Boy Scouting this year, and if he could look back and see what is going on, he would be quite happy."

In Iraq, the battalion will conduct human intelligence missions with Iraqi security forces. "We will be directly training and advising them how to do force protection," Price said.

Price said he appreciates the uniqueness of his Citizen-Soldiers. They are older and college educated, with more real-world experience as teachers and police officers, he noted.

"I am bringing a group of community leaders with me to Iraq," he said.

Price said his Eagle Scouts also bring additional skills to the Guard. "The Boy Scout program itself teaches young men to be men," he said. "You teach them values. ... You are teaching them survivability skills. They are used to camping, and used to roughing it."

Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts. Since its introduction in 1911, the Eagle Scout rank has been earned by more than 2 million young men, according to published reports. The title is held for life.

Between the ages of 12 and 18, a Scout will work to achieve Eagle rank by earning 12 required merit badges and nine elective merit badges. He also must demonstrate "Scout Spirit" through the Boy Scout Oath and Law and through community service and leadership, which includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads and manages.

Earning the Eagle Scout badge was "the only thing I had done in my life that led me to think that I could make a difference, that I could be a leader," Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates told an estimated crowd of 45,000 gathered on 12,000 acres on Fort A.P. Hill, Va., as part of the annual National Scout Jamboree yesterday.

"It was the first thing I had done that told me I might be different, because I had worked harder, was more determined, more goal-oriented, more persistent than most others," Gates said.

Price said the key to Scouting is service to others.

"To be able to protect yourself and your family but also look outwards and help others," he said. "These are different kinds of Soldiers. They look beyond themselves. We are bringing a higher quality of Citizen-Soldier with us who is looking for ways to help other people." 🇺🇸

19th SF Soldiers Complete Basic Combat Course

Story and photos by Ileen Kennedy

DRAPER, Utah—**M**achine-gun fire and multiple explosions could be heard throughout the hills at Camp Williams as the 19th Special Forces Group Support Company participated in an eight-day Basic Combat Course a few weeks before their deployment. A portion of the training covered marksmanship, day and night live-fire exercises, combatives, Tactical Combat Casualty Care and convoy operations. Each day was packed with training.

“As long as I’ve been in the military, which is 18-plus years, it’s some of the best training that I’ve had,” said 2LT Bobby Sorensen, a platoon leader with Support Company, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne).

During the stress-test phase, Soldiers have to run uphill wearing full protective gear to a number of stations where they exit vehicles while under attack and practice engaging the enemy by first securing good cover behind the vehicle or other barriers. They must distinguish between threat and non-threat targets while under fire. At one station Soldiers pull a 165-pound dummy casualty, placing it behind cover while they continue to experience more threats.

“It was challenging to drag it,” explained CW2 Robert Goldsberry, referring to Soldiers’ lugging the life-sized injured dummy uphill.

Many of the stress-test stations were designed to reinforce certain types of positions used during shooting. Soldiers had to engage a target while kneeling, standing or moving around a piece of equipment for cover to minimize exposure while responding to the threat. All of the positions, in some way, will familiarize Soldiers with a variety of situations.

“The entire sequence of events is designed to get their heart rate up so they experience—as close as we can come to simulating—what they’re going to experience in a firefight or an ambush,” said Goldsberry. “It gets their heart rate up and their adrenaline flowing.”

At the last station of the stress test, Soldiers pass through a doorway as if entering a building. At that point the instructor tells them they have taken a round in an arm or a leg. Each Soldier then has to pull out the tourniquet from their personal first aid kit and apply it to the affected limb within 30 seconds.

“Experience has shown it takes about 30 seconds if you have a severed arterial bleed for you to lose consciousness to where you’re no longer able to apply your own tourniquet,” said Goldsberry. “That’s why we reinforce the 30-second time frame to make sure they have the tourniquet readily available where they can get to it with either hand and they know how to apply it and can get it on themselves.”

“After the amount of physical activity and the tasks you have to perform in between each movement, it’s pretty difficult,” said Sorensen about his experience in applying the tourniquet.

Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) is a system of combat medicine that has been developed through experience from the present conflict. Instead of paramedic-type training, Soldiers are trained that while under attack they will need to deal with whatever injury they might sustain. They are also trained to stay in the firefight as long as they can, to get behind cover and continue to treat themselves until someone else can help them.

“We teach them what kit they need available on their person to take care of themselves in that situation,” explained Goldsberry, “and what they need to do to try to save themselves and stop the flow of blood.”

The next phase in TCCC is Field Care, which can be applied by a medic once the injured Soldier is behind cover. They are also taught how to help their fellow Soldiers with basic lifesaving techniques when the individual themselves cannot address their own injuries.

The final phase of TCCC is the actual casualty evacuation. For the CasEvac phase a casualty evacuation is called in to get the injured Soldier to an even higher level of medical care.

“The [medical training] covers the things we need to know,” said Sorensen. “They did a really good job covering



the possibilities and scenarios. It keeps it basic, which is really important for a Soldier because you can be in a stressful environment and not be able to conduct yourself like you would in a classroom environment. Keeping things simple is the way to go because it's easier to fall back on."

The TCCC trains Soldiers, through hard experiences, to stay in the firefight and not to quit just because they get hit. It also teaches Soldiers to treat any serious injury they may sustain as they continue to suppress the threat and get behind cover.

Soldiers learn the fundamentals of combat that will serve them no matter what environment they find themselves in and how to treat the most preventable causes of death in a combat situation.

"I think most people tend to try to keep tuned in to what they need to do," said Sorensen. "That's not to say you're not going to make mistakes, but we do our best not to."

Years ago, convoy training taught Soldiers when a vehicle is hit and immobilized they would exit the vehicle and walk around to help any injured Soldiers. This would place their body between the injured Soldier and the incoming rounds. Experience found that this created more casualties. Now Soldiers are taught to bring the running vehicle to a position between the downed vehicle and the side under attack to create a barrier for Soldiers to exit the downed vehicle and climb into other vehicles in the convoy, preventing the loss of life.

"Obviously you can't ever have enough training because you can't ever know what's going to happen or what the environment is going to give you," said Sorensen. "But I think as far as the basic things we need to know, we have been given a good amount of things to take with us."

The simulated IED explosions and gunfire continued during the training. Soldiers built muscle memory while practicing to exit a downed vehicle with their 'go bag,' which consisted of a full pack and machine gun, while their convoy was under attack from opposing forces.

"The only real danger with this training scenario is if we start shooting and throwing RD simulators, the drivers tend to stop," said MSG John Hill. "The most intelligent thing to do is if something goes boom is to accelerate."

Soldiers practiced multiple convoy scenarios where they had to move from one downed vehicle to the protection of another, provide cover for their body to help prevent injury when leaving a vehicle or tow a disabled vehicle, all



while opposing forces hidden in the hills ambushed the unsuspecting convoy.

"It was really physically demanding," said Sorensen. "Mentally, I know there are some things that I missed in some of the tasks that you're supposed to perform, but it did give me a good idea of what I need to think about. Performing under stress before you go there and then being able to look back and do a self-evaluation, or get an evaluation from a cadre member, is going to be pretty invaluable." 🇺🇸

ABOVE: During convoy training, 19th SF Soldiers build muscle memory with scenarios they may encounter in a combat situation.

BELOW: Members of the 19th Special Forces practice using medical supplies from their go bag.



19th SFG Soldiers Deploy to Iraq

Story and photos by ILT Casey Staheli

SALT LAKE CITY — The words used most often throughout the morning were “family,” “service,” “dedication” and “devotion” as approximately 150 Soldiers and leaders of the Utah Army National Guard’s 19th Special Forces Group departed June 27 on a 12-month deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

While members of the 19th expressed their excitement and enthusiasm for doing their job and getting to work, those emotions were put on hold as Soldiers and family members expressed their love and devotion to one another at the pending separation. Looking around the Salt Lake Air Base hangar it wasn’t hard to see tear-filled eyes, gentle hugs and soft kisses as loved ones bid heartfelt goodbyes.

“The hardest thing about sending a husband downrange is knowing that they are missing out on so much at home, but also knowing that they are in harm’s way,” said Emily Mount, whose husband was among the deploying Soldiers.

But Mount knows she’s not alone in feeling this way.

“I’ve found comfort and support with other military families and spouses. It makes it nice to be surrounded by people who feel the way you do and know what you are going through,” she said.

Michelle Jessop shared those same sentiments as her boyfriend, SSG Steven Hilton, left for his third deployment.

“It’s so hard not knowing when he’s going to come back,” said Jessop. “It’s hard to think about how long he’s going to be gone, but you look to families for support and help.”

Hilton said he deals with these separations “by looking forward and doing my best to get back safely. That means fulfilling my duties and responsibilities the best I can while in theater.”

And while Hilton acknowledges it’s hard to deploy so many times, he stands committed to his choice to serve.



Members of the 19th Special Forces gather at the Salt Lake Air Base with family and friends June 27. Soldiers departed on a 12-month deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“After my uncle retired from the 19th in 2000, I thought somebody in my family should be representing us in the military, and then I realized that if I was wanting our family to do this, it would have to be me to step up and do it. So I joined the military to fulfill the obligations of helping and defending our country,” he said.

For others, such as SGM Stephan Vogl, Joint Forces Headquarters, whose son is deploying, what’s most difficult isn’t saying goodbye; it’s staying behind.

“The hardest thing is staying home,” said Vogl. “You want to go with him, you want to take his place. And I don’t





think that's just father and son; I think that's any section, any company, any platoon. If you're the one staying home it's going to be tougher."

But whether one is staying behind or being deployed, Soldiers and family members often seek a means of support and sustainment.

The deploying Soldiers of the 19th will be able to look to Chaplain Gerald White for that support. White said his job is to "provide a spiritual, moral and ethical foundation for

Soldiers who are faced each and every day with difficulties and dilemmas in a war zone."

"I'm there to support them, their families and the efforts of the command," White continued. "As a chaplain, my main responsibility over there is to be there for all of them, but especially the Soldiers."

Meanwhile, Hilton's father, Allen, encourages families with deployed Servicemembers to take comfort in shared hardship.

"Look to each other for comfort, cling to each other and try to make frequent contact with your Soldier," he said.

"We're proud of all the Soldiers and their service," Allen added, looking at the bigger picture. "I've seen the benefit to the country, the individual and to the international community, and we're proud that they're all willing to serve."

Major General Brian L. Tarbet, adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, took a moment before Soldiers departed to express to them his appreciation of their continued sacrifices.

"They're the best we have; the 19th is synonymous with dedication," said Tarbet. "Nowhere is it better exemplified than these Special Forces guys," he said. "Theirs has been a continuous pace of deployments—for nearly ten years now—to some of the nastier places on the globe. As a father and a citizen of Utah and the nation, I appreciate the devotion of these Soldiers."

As the departing Soldiers filed onto the tarmac and boarded the plane, they did so under dozens of U.S. flags provided by the Salt Lake Area Patriot Guard, another reminder of



what their selfless service, dedication and devotion means to others within the community, state and nation.

"We love our troops, the families and what the troops do for us," said Wayne Hunting, Salt Lake Area ride captain for the Patriot Guard, about why he and fellow Patriot Guard riders showed up to support the troops. "We can't ever repay all they do. This is just a small gesture we can give to let them know that they're not forgotten here at home while they're gone." 🇺🇸

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Utah Guard Engineers Deploy to Afghanistan

Story by LTC Hank McIntire Photos by 1LT Ryan Sutherland

SALT LAKE CITY — Approximately 120 Soldiers of the Utah Guard's 118th Engineer Sapper Company departed Utah July 9 en route to a 12-month deployment to Afghanistan.

Families and loved ones of departing troops gathered to see off their Soldier at the Utah Air National Guard Base's south hangar.

At the departure ceremony, MG Brian L. Tarbet, adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, addressed the crowd.

"These are great Soldiers; they are ready to go," said Tarbet. "I do not worry about this unit. It is you people who will pray them home. Never forget them."

Major James Montoya, chaplain of the 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, offered a prayer at the ceremony, asking for divine protection upon Soldiers and families.


"Bless these Soldiers with safety and success," he said. "Bless them to fulfill their responsibilities with honor, [and] bless those who remain with comfort and strength and safety. May the days go by quickly until they are reunited."

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Grimmett, commander of the 1457th Engineer Battalion, the parent unit of the 118th, captured the feelings of many Soldiers as he watched them say goodbye to their families.

"It's a part of you," said Grimmett. "Anytime an Engineer unit goes out, you want to be with them."

After the ceremony, Soldiers boarded a charter aircraft bound for Fort McCoy, Wis., where they will receive several weeks of training for their assigned mission to provide route-clearance support to Coalition forces in Afghanistan.

"We're going to bring them home safely," assured CPT Blake Bingham, commander of the 118th, as he stood on the tarmac. "We've got the best training, the best equipment, the best Soldiers."

"Being a commander shed an entirely different light on the deployment," said Bingham, contrasting today's departure with his previous deployment with the 116th Convoy Security Company in 2007-2008. "My heart goes out to all the families, not just mine. It's amazing to see the outpouring of support from the local populace. My heart is so full of pride, [but] it's a bittersweet feeling." 



Members of 118th Engineer Sapper Company and their families gather at the Salt Lake Air National Guard, where the Soldiers boarded the plane to embark on the first leg of their 12-month deployment to Afghanistan.

The 1993rd CCT Returns from Kosovo

Story by LTC Hank McIntire

DRAPER, Utah — **T**he smallest unit in the Utah National Guard, the 1993rd Contingency Contracting Team, which boasts four Soldiers, returned in July from a one-year deployment to Kosovo.

Unit members SPC Daniel Christensen, of Spanish Fork; SSG Joseph Warby, of West Jordan; CPT John Merlette, of Sandy; and MAJ Chris Patterson, of American Fork, joined the 1,400 Soldiers in the task force, most of whom were from the North Dakota National Guard, in support of Kosovo Force (KFOR) 12. The 1993rd's mission was to provide supplies and services for the task force on the ground including U.S. Soldiers in Camp Bondsteel.

"We [also] supported reconstruction efforts throughout the Balkans," explained Patterson. "[We handled] contracts for refurbishing elementary schools in Macedonia and Montenegro and supported contracting needs in Croatia and Serbia."

As important as it was to ensure that active-duty, Guard and

Reserve U.S. Soldiers and Department of Defense civilians had the proper supplies and equipment to meet their needs, the most rewarding aspect of the mission was working directly with citizens in Kosovo and the surrounding nations.

"We got to go out and interface with the local population, contractors and vendors, and supply them a means to earn some money and monitor them to make sure they did a good job," said Patterson.

Because their job was to administer numerous contracts for millions of dollars of goods and services, the unit's tongue-in-cheek goal was to keep accurate records and 'stay out of jail' joked Patterson.

"Our goal was to make sure we took good care of taxpayer dollars," he said. "We felt that we did a good job, and the validation from our active-duty higher-ups was particularly rewarding.

The 1993rd is young, having been organized just two years ago. Patterson is proud of his Soldiers and what they accomplished in a very short time.

"We took a new unit and we all got trained," he said. "During the course of the deployment, 75 percent of us got Level 2 certified. We reached that level faster than any other unit I'm aware of. We took the people we had, got prepared and went out and accomplished the mission." 🇺🇸

Employers Get a Taste of Deployment with 141st MI Battalion Soldiers at Fort Lewis

Story and photos by LTC Hank McIntire

DRAPER, Utah — **C**ivilian employers of members of the 141st Military Intelligence Battalion, Utah National Guard, traveled to Fort Lewis, Wash., July 10-12 to meet and observe their Soldier-Employees preparing for deployment to Iraq.

This 'Boss Lift,' sponsored by the Utah Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, is part of a national ESGR program that gives civilian employers of Guard and Reserve members an up-close look at what their employees are going through as they prepare to deploy.

The 36 employers from local Utah businesses and government agencies boarded a Utah Air National Guard KC-135R Stratotanker bound for McChord Air Force Base, adjacent to Fort Lewis.

En route to McChord, the KC-135 crew refueled a handful of F-16 fighters from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, as employers descended into the pod to observe the refueling operation over the shoulders of the boom operator.

"It was amazing to be a part of something that you only see in the movies, said Danae Fowers, general merchandise manager at ShopKo in Logan. "It was a neat opportunity to experience that."

Once on the ground at Fort Lewis, employers received a briefing from leaders of the 1st Joint Mobilization Brigade and 191st Training Brigade, the units charged with readying the 141st for its combat mission to provide intelligence support to Coalition forces in Iraq.

Later in the evening, employers spent time with officer and enlisted leaders of the 141st at a formal dinner, where MG Brian Tarbet explained what the visitors would see the next day when they observed their Soldiers in the field.

"By tomorrow night you will be changed by what you see," said Tarbet. "These are extraordinary Soldiers. When this battalion shows up, that's when the 'A' team gets there."

The following day, employers ate all three meals with their Soldiers in the field dining facility, donned combat gear like their employees wear, toured the barracks, lunched on MREs and saw trainers from the 191st Training Brigade run Soldiers through a variety of classes and scenarios to prepare them for the dangerous environment they will face overseas.

"One of the biggest threats we see in Iraq and Afghanistan is the IED (Improvised Explosive Device)," said LTC Silas Martinez, commander of 3rd Engineer Battalion of the 191st. "The three-day, IED-defeat program we give to units that come

Employers with the 141st MI Battalion receive a demonstration from their employee-Soldiers at Fort Lewis, Wash.



CPT John Darrington explains their training to visiting employers during the Boss Lift July 10-12.



through here really provides them that baseline knowledge to make them aware of the threat.”

Returning from the field, Soldiers and employers lined up to enjoy a traditional American barbecue dinner complete with hot dogs, hamburgers, grilled chicken and ribs. Many bosses delivered care packages from home and spent some all-too-brief time with their Soldiers before they had to return to duty.

Staff Sergeant Angel Lopez, of Tremonton, a counter-intelligence agent with the 141st and an unloader at Wal-Mart Distribution Center, enjoyed the visit from his boss, Travis Rose.

“I thought it was awesome that [Travis] got to experience a little bit of everything of what we do,” said Lopez. “He got to see the things that we do, how we work, all the ‘suck’ we have to go through sometimes.”

“[A trip like this] gives you some insight-especially if you have never served in the military,” added Rose. “I’ve always had respect for our Armed Services, but this really opens my eyes.”

Sergeant Randy Smith, of Logan, appreciated time with his ShopKo supervisor, Danae Fowers.

“It’s a pretty good experience to have the support,” said Smith. “My manager is pretty good about stuff. She has been helpful and willing to facilitate whatever the Army needs from me.”

In return, Fowers gets an employee who, due to his Army experience, “doesn’t question things if he knows that something just needs to be done,” she said. “He sees the bigger picture of what’s important. There is a maturity level when you have someone in the military.”

“[And being here], you get to see what their ‘other life’ is,” added Fowers. “These are people, not employees.”

By the end of the trip, as General Tarbet predicted, Soldiers’ bosses saw their Soldier-Employees differently.

“I had several employers come up to me and say, ‘We can’t describe this,’ said LTC Matt Price, commander of the 141st. “That’s how moved they were.”

“I appreciated how kind and thoughtful these bosses were, bringing gifts and stuff from their families,” Price added. “That’s just a great boss. It’s a pleasure to work for that kind of people.”



Employers don protective gear to view the field training exercises of their employees.



Employer observers watch as an IED explosion hits a convoy carrying their employee-Soldiers during field training.

Makeover at Camp Williams

Youth Programs and Soldier Center Buildings

Story and photos by Ileen Kennedy

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — **T**his year, America's Freedom Festival and the Utah National Parks Council of the Boy Scouts of America not only celebrated Independence Day, but they also recognized and celebrated the 100th anniversary of Scouting.

In the spirit of the Boy Scout slogan, 'Do a Good Turn Daily' the producers of Stadium of Fire arranged for the Boy Scouts' 'good turn' to be service to Utah National

LEFT: Boy Scouts from local Utah troops perform service at the Youth Programs building preparing an area for horseshoe pits. RIGHT: The 20-foot tower with tube slide and rope climbing wall is nestled behind the Youth Programs Building 8050 at Camp Williams.



Scenic murals were painted on the walls at the Soldier Center and Internet cafe.

Guard Soldiers, Airmen and their families. Their good turn renovated areas at both the Youth Program courtyard and Soldier Center at Camp Williams, Utah.

"You have a lot of youth that come into the area and you have a lot of folks that are deployed throughout the world," said Carl Bacon, senior executive producer of Stadium of Fire and board of trustees for America's Freedom Festival. "This is a place that they can come and relax and have enjoyment while their parents are serving this country."

The Utah National Guard's Youth Programs was in desperate need of a makeover. Through generous sponsor donations the courtyard around the Youth Programs building was transformed into an inviting, kid-friendly activity area.


"The renovation will enhance the experience of the youth visiting the center," said Kelly Barnes, state youth coordinator. "It will enable us to provide safe and fun activities in a controlled environment."

"You serve us, so let us serve you," was the underlying theme of the project. Boy Scouts, volunteers and local businesses donated items, time and labor to make the project succeed. Their hard work prepared the courtyard for an in-ground trampoline, a 20-foot tower that will house both a ropes wall and tube slide, two sets of horseshoe

pits, playground chips, a new fence and sod.

"The addition of picnic tables will give us an area to gather and spend time together outside," said Barnes. "This facility will be accessed by all youth who have a parent in the National Guard. For the youth to have an established "HUB" to gather and engage other youth with similar issues is a priority for the Youth Program."

Youth Program holds monthly group events at the Youth Center as well as a monthly Youth Council meeting.

"I'm not sure who will benefit more from this service project—the Soldiers and their families or the young Boy Scouts who sacrificed their time and labor to do something so memorable and special," said Maughn Pearson, Activities and Civic Service Chairman for the BSA's Utah National Parks Council. "It was a unique opportunity for them to express their appreciation to those involved in the military." 

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Utah Guard, Families Recognized at 2010 Governor's Day

Story by AIC Lillian Chatwin

SALT LAKE CITY — As part of the 57th annual Governor's Day event, more than 6,000 Utah Air and Army National Guardsmen marched in a pass-and-review parade before the commander in chief of the Utah National Guard, Governor Gary Herbert, at Rice-Eccles Stadium Sept. 18.

In observance of this time-honored military tradition, Governor Herbert inspected the units alongside the Adjutant General of Utah, MG Brian Tarbet, and commander of the Utah National Guard's Land Component Command, BG Michael Liechty. Approximately 20 Air Force flights and 70 Army companies stood in formation across the breadth of the field for the official review.

"You get a feeling of the strength of the Guard visually when you see them in that particular formation, concentrated on the football field," said Tarbet during an appraisal of the review after the parade. "You get a feeling of just how big the Guard is, how diverse it is, and how many different functions it has. I think it's a great pictorial display of what the Guard is. I thought they looked great today."

"The other thing we always notice is who is not there," said Tarbet. "We are approaching 1,000 deployed Soldiers and Airmen again. There is a substantial number out there saving lives, working in the direct action, refueling and performing a whole host of other functions. It's what we do, the specialties that we have, and we're bringing those to bear right now."

At the ceremony, the official reviewing party presented awards to Utah Guard Outstanding Performers of the Year.

Soldier of the Year:

SPC Joshua Wardle, 1457th Engineer Battalion

Airman of the Year:

SrA Marc Crosby, 169th Intelligence Squadron

Noncommissioned Officer of the Year:

TSgt Kristi Tuero, 151st Communications Flight

Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year:

SMSgt Sterling Poulson, Headquarters Utah Air National Guard

First Sergeant of the Year:

SMSgt Richard Miller, 151st Civil Engineer Squadron

Also during the ceremony, unit colors were presented to the governor and a 19-volley cannon salute was fired in his honor. A combination of six Black Hawk and Apache helicopters performed a formation fly-by over the stadium, followed by a KC-135 Stratotanker poised in refueling position.

In a speech during the review, Governor Herbert thanked both the Guardsmen and their family members for their contributions.

"Thanks for your service. Thanks for your sacrifice," said Herbert. "What you are doing is not insignificant. It's important for our state. It's important for our country. It's important for the world."

Both General Tarbet and the commander of the 151st Air Refueling Wing,



Photo by Ileen Kennedy



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Photo by SPC Rebecca Hansen



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Photo by SPC Lyndsey Dransfield

Col Samuel Ramsay, praised Governor Herbert during a reception following the review.

“The governor is very supportive of the Guard,” said Ramsay. “His personal experience as a Guardsman has really helped him empathize with what we’re going through. We know that he knows. He’s had a significant impact with employers whenever we have people deploying downrange.”

“We’re grateful to hear Governor Herbert thank the families,” said Tarbet. “In a large part it’s Governor’s Day today, but for many units it’s also a family weekend, and that’s what it ought to be. The Airmen and the Soldiers, we volunteered for this. We know what we’re doing. The families kind of come along with us. Anytime we can recognize their sacrifice, their commitment, their dedication, that’s what we need to do.”

Many units provided concession stands and activity booths to support their Family Readiness activities.

Tech Sgt Mark Garcia, a transportation assistant with the 151st Logistics Readiness Squadron, brought his wife and kids to enjoy the activities. Sergeant Garcia’s wife Regina said the kids had fun on the zipline and bounce houses, but it was the ceremony that carried the adults.

“It’s a proud moment for us to spot our family member as they march by,” said Regina Garcia. “It’s moving to watch the sea of faces of people who are so brave and so selfless. There are a lot emotional parts during the ceremony, like when they play the National Anthem, but when the governor thanked the families...it just about brought us to tears.” 🇺🇸

OPPOSITE PAGE TOP DOWN: Governor Gary Herbert, MG Brian Tarbet and BG Michael Liechty salute Utah National Guard Troops during the official pass and review. Gov. Herbert and MG Tarbet congratulate this year’s Utah Guard outstanding performers. Guard members stand in formation on the parade field. Family, friends and dignitaries watch the ceremony from the stands at Rice-Eccles Stadium. Recruiters entertain crowds with bull rides. TOP DOWN: Governor Herbert salutes the flag during the National Anthem. Guard members march across Rice-Eccles field during the pass and review. Utah National Guard Airmen and Soldiers stand in formation while a KC-135 flies over the stadium.

Music, History and Culture Converge as the 23rd Army Band Performs in Morocco

Story and photos by 1LT Ryan Sutherland

KENITRA, Morocco — **W**ith the historic landing site of U.S. and Allied forces in World War II as the backdrop, the Utah National Guard's 23rd Army Band performed one in a series of memorable patriotic concerts throughout Morocco July 1-7.

Kenitra, known under French rule as Port Lyautey (1932–1956), was captured by the U.S. Navy from the Vichy French in November 1942 during the American invasion of North Africa.

Nearly 70 years later, beneath the shadows of the Kasbat Mehdiya, was a top-notch music ensemble featuring the ceremonial 23rd Army Band and crowd favorite Rock Band, performing under the direction of CW2 Denny Saunders.

The contrast in cultures was evident as a group of horsemen wearing traditional clothes, gave an honorable welcome as they charged in unison past the Americans in attendance, a performance inspired from historical wartime attacks of Berber and desert knights.

TOP DOWN: An element of the 23rd Army Band performs at the U.S. Embassy in celebration of National Day July 1. Commanded by CW2 Denny Saunders, the Band performs at the Sidi Elabed Beach in Temara July 2. The 23rd Army Band performs in Kenitra, the historic landing site of U.S. Forces in WWII, July 3.



There was nothing remotely resembling American pop culture at this historic venue, yet the packed venue came to life as the Rock Band played Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean." The crowd gave ovation after ovation as the show went on late into the evening.

"Given the historical significance of the location, the way we were received and treated by the local people, the national attention the event attracted, it was then that I realized what a big deal this trip really was," said Saunders.

"The significance of the event cannot be understated," said LTC Brent Baxter, executive officer of 97th Troop Command, the unit that oversees the Band. "Ultimately, fulfilling the request of the U.S. ambassador to Morocco and performing at nine venues in a 10-day period was an amazing feat."

One of many challenges in coordinating the trip was making arrangements for a Utah Air National Guard KC-135 to fly the nearly 40 band members and their equipment to Morocco.

The Utah Guard began its relationship with Morocco in 2003 through the National Guard's State Partnership Program. Since 2004 the Utah Guard has participated in more than 75 events with the Moroccan military in Morocco and in Utah.

But this trip, in particular, offered a glimpse of the diversity, traditions and social customs found throughout Morocco and how the common-shared love of music unites us all.

Nestled in the sprawling streets of Rabat, the capital of Morocco, the Band's tour officially kicked off with a night under the stars at the U.S. Embassy. Full of the same glamour and glitz of a Hollywood red-carpet event, guests were swept through security checkpoints, and the flashing of cameras lit up the night as the greater diplomatic community descended upon the Embassy's grounds. What more appropriate venue than to perform for the person who helped make this all possible, Samuel Kaplan, U.S. ambassador to Morocco.

With one prominent exception, the evening belonged to the Band's jazz combo. In Kaplan's own words, "a band rolled in from the State of Utah and took Morocco by storm."

Guests danced well into the night, and as the set came to a close they were asked for one, two and then three encores.

"Your team brought the spirit and joy of America to this far-off place in Africa," Kaplan told the Band. "[You] made me and everyone else smile; [you] made us all proud."

Prior to the performance at Sidi El Abed beach, each Band event had intended to draw in visitors, but here on the coast a few miles southwest of Rabat, it was clear that the 23rd Army Band

TOP DOWN: A group of horsemen wearing traditional clothes give an honorable welcome as they charge in unison past the Americans in attendance at Kenitra, Morocco. Moroccan children gather on the beach to enjoy the 23rd Army Band's performance at Kenitra. The 23rd Army Band performs at the Sidi Elabed Beach in Temara July 2. Guests danced along the Sidi Elabed Beach as the 23rd Army Rock Band performed American pop music hits.



were in fact the visitors. Here was a secluded beach, hidden from the general population and city traffic, beachgoers lay soaking up the sun, and out of nowhere emerges a sizeable group of Americans carting loads of musical equipment.

It was clear that many of the locals were caught off guard by the American “invasion,” but the ear-catching rehearsal drew in curious beachgoers, and their wonder quickly turned to fascination as the Rock Band’s electric energy engulfed the listeners.

A vivid ocean sunset complemented the Band’s musical score with the crowd silhouetted against the Atlantic backdrop. What began as a seaside anomaly ended as an intimate and memorable experience shared by all.

There is much to be said about celebrating America’s birthday in Morocco. First, the significance of the day underscores the long-standing relationship between the U.S. and Morocco, which began in 1777 when this African nation was the first to recognize the independence of the U.S. from Great Britain.

But more importantly, this was a day shared with other Americans abroad, where one truly felt what it is like to be an American.

Baxter, who has spent the Fourth of July away from home numerous times in the past, may have put it best: “Despite being a long way from [Utah], I felt at home that day, celebrating with other Americans,” he said. “It was nice to be with a group of people who were unified in purpose. For once, I felt at home in a country so far away.”

The trip concluded amidst a sea of children at the Harhoura Summer Camp in Temara. The Rock Band played with an extra zip and attentiveness beyond its usual high level as they performed for more than 1,000 raucous youth.

After all was said and done, Soldiers of the 23rd were all excellent ambassadors and

performed their mission above and beyond anyone’s expectations.

Major Karen Nuccitelli, coordinator for the Utah National Guard’s State Partnership Program, expressed that the benefits went beyond the typical band mission.

“I witnessed firsthand the numerous benefits bringing the Band overseas paid,” she said. “They drew a large amount of positive press exposure on Moroccan television helping to further the strong relationship Utah has developed with Morocco.”

“But even beyond the obvious benefit of offering morale to the U.S. Servicemembers and their families stationed in Morocco and the goodwill performing for the Moroccan public delivered,” she continued, “the Band had the opportunity to receive training such as attending pre-deployment briefings, immunizations and completing other Soldier-readiness tasks.”

Looking back on the trip, the performance that resonated most with Saunders was the concert in Kenitra.

“The part of that event that was most touching was at the end of the concert when all those little kids were dancing to the music of the Rock Band,” he said. “It was as if all language and cultural barriers had come down, and we were able to come together and enjoy the international language of music.”

Perhaps most important of all is the lasting impression that the 23rd Army Band left on its audiences: a shared experience between Moroccans and Americans that will last a lifetime. 🇺🇸

To view more photos of the 23rd Army Band in Morocco, visit our flickr site at www.flickr.com/photos/utahnationalguard/sets.



The 23rd Army Band members perform in a series of memorable patriotic concerts throughout Morocco July 1-7. Staged in front of a magnificent Moroccan castle, the Band wows the audience on the Kenitra beach.





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Utah National Guard Youth Summer Camp

Story and photos by SSG Brock Jones

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — Approximately 200 children and youth from military families gathered at Camp Williams for the Utah National Guard's annual Youth Camp June 21-26.

The kids, whose parents or guardians are members of the Utah Army or Air National Guard, were divided into two separate camps according to age, with those 9-13 years old attending from June 21-23, and those 14-18 years old attending June 24-26.

Many of the older youth volunteered to participate the entire week of camp, first as youth counselors during the younger kids' camp, then as actual camp participants. Most of the kids at the camp have come multiple years, or have participated in the various activities put on for Guard youth across the state.

"I probably know, on a first-name basis, 90 percent of the kids who are at this camp," said Kelly Barnes, Utah National Guard state youth coordinator. "The relationship I've built with them is the most important thing to me. I have kids who have come through the program who are Soldiers now and are working for us. All my junior counselors—they get to be junior counselors after they're 14 years old—all of them have come to camp for four or five years."

Barnes and his staff plan and prepare a rigorous schedule for the kids of both age groups with activities ranging from rappelling the 45-foot tower and



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navigating obstacles in the leadership reaction course, to making arrowheads or green “snot.”

“They do everything. It’s really fun,” said Dee LeMay, a youth specialist from Rhode Island who was invited to come to this year’s youth camp to conduct team-building exercises. “They do arts and crafts. They do a lot of activities from the 4-H program. They did potato shooting, (air pressure) rockets; they do team building with me. We have a dance instructor that comes in, and movies at night. They make funky things like bird feeders, as well as this gloppy stuff they call snot...It’s really cool.”

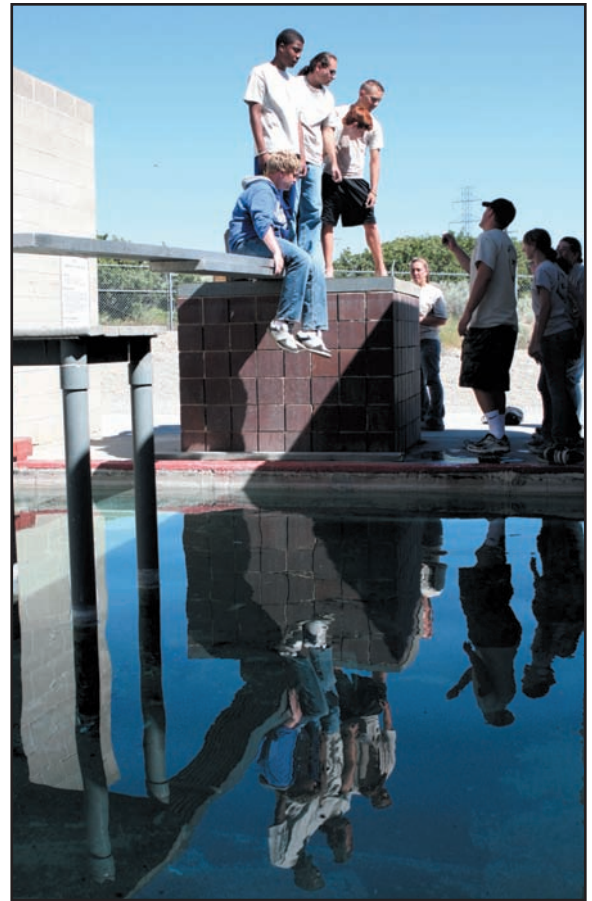
Barnes said many activities conducted during camp are designed to be fun, but he sees the camp’s main purpose as giving opportunities for military kids to meet others in the same situation and create friendships and a support system based on that mutual fact.

“If they have cell phones, they’ll leave here with 30 kids’ cell phone numbers, and hopefully they’ll stay in touch so that if there’s a deployment, they have a built-in support system,” said Barnes. “I’ve seen it time and time again...It’s pretty powerful when you think about it.”

In addition to summer camp, Barnes and his staff remain busy throughout the year conducting three to four Guard youth activities per month from Logan to St. George, as well as a youth-exchange program with the Moroccan military. 

OPPOSITE PAGE: Two friends rappel down the 45-foot tower during the Utah National Guard’s annual youth camp held at Camp Williams.

RIGHT: A group of youth and camp counselors discuss the best way to negotiate one of the obstacles in the Leadership Reaction Course June 21-25



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Utah Air Guardsman's Life Saved ... By A Safety Brief

Story by AIC Lillian Chatwin

SALT LAKE CITY — Staff Sergeant Jason Butterfield, an intelligence analyst with the 151st Operations Group Intelligence, suffered a left wrist and hand injury when riding in a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle that rolled near Helmand Province, Afghanistan, Feb. 10, 2009.

The injury could have been much worse, possibly even fatal, had it not been for the mandatory safety brief Sergeant Butterfield attended just one day before the accident.

As a Utah Air National Guard intelligence analyst, stationed within the 2nd Brigade, Embedded Training Team in Qalat, Afghanistan, Sergeant Butterfield's job was to mentor an Afghan National Army (ANA) intelligence analyst. Along with a linguist, Butterfield and his ANA partner would travel in convoys along mission routes. Their mission was to extricate and discern information from the locals, and then report any findings that could help locate terrorists or insurgents.

The night before Butterfield's accident, insurgents in stolen uniforms set up a fake checkpoint, killed several bodyguards and kidnapped an Afghan diplomat. Butterfield and his team went out the following day looking for leads.

"Helmand is a known Taliban stronghold province," said Butterfield. "It was an intense investigation because of the possibility of an ambush. The insurgents would know that we would be coming out there that day to investigate the incident."

The 2nd Brigade, ETT made their time in Helmand's Province as efficient as possible, and expedited their trip back to Qalat by speeding. Butterfield was the gunner that day, standing in the turret of the MRAP. He was riding backwards, facing the sector of fire.

"I heard the driver shout, 'We're going to lose it!'" said Butterfield. "So I dived down into the vehicle, just as we started rolling down a hill."

Butterfield sustained a concussion during the roll. The turret crushed his left wrist and hand, breaking it into four compound fractures. This, in turn, severed every tendon in his wrist. To free him from the vehicle, the ANA had to dig his right arm out from under the turret. His right arm was not injured.

The other three passengers in the MRAP were wearing seat belts, and they escaped unharmed.

Butterfield was wearing his helmet - strapped to his chin, safety goggles, and a bullet-proof vest. But most importantly, thanks to a mandatory MRAP safety briefing held just one day before the accident, he wore the turret harness for the very first time, he said.

"It could have been a lot worse," said Butterfield. "That harness kept me from getting tossed out. Then the MRAP probably would have rolled over me."

Butterfield was promptly evacuated back to the U.S. where he spent the next two months in recovery at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas.



SSgt Jason Butterfield suffered a left wrist and hand injury when riding in the turret of a Mine-Resistant, Ambush-Protected vehicle, which rolled near Helmand Province, Afghanistan, Feb. 10, 2009.

Photo Courtesy of SSgt Jason Butterfield

"The doctors wanted to amputate my hand more than once," said Butterfield. "They debated it several times, but thankfully decided not to."

After eight surgeries and many months of therapy, he has regained partial use of his hand.

"My left hand is more of an assisting hand rather than a fully-functional hand," said Butterfield. "I don't have full range-of-motion. I can't grip with it. I can't lace up my boots or button my uniform."

Doctors anticipate two more surgeries, but they don't expect he will regain full use of his left hand, said Butterfield, who is right-handed.

"The injury has humbled me and given me a more positive outlook on life," said Butterfield. "Being at Brooke, seeing the other more serious injuries there and how other people dealt with their injuries, gave me perspective on my own injury. I decided that it is what it is, and I can either be depressed or deal with it. I chose to adapt and move on with life. I don't dwell on what I can't do. I dwell on what I can do."


Since [Butterfield's] injury makes him non-deployable, he is expecting honorable discharge papers from the military to arrive in September, he said.

"I don't want to stay in the military if I'm non-deployable," said Butterfield. "Deploying is what I like to do."

A board is reviewing the incident to see if Butterfield can be awarded the Purple Heart, said his superior, 2LT Scott Waddell, a 151st OGI officer.

"We're going to be sad to lose Jason," said Waddell. "He's one of the best guys we have. I've secretly been fighting to keep him. I wish we had more people like Jason, who are willing to go on deployment, come to work on time and be happy to do the job."

Butterfield has been back in Utah since the end of April 2009. Though he has served in several other deployments around the world, this was his first deployment to Afghanistan. Before this deployment, Butterfield was in training at Utah Valley University to become a pilot. His plan now is to major in Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Utah and then gain employment as an intelligence analyst for the FBI, CIA or the National Security Agency.

As an apex to his recovery experience, Butterfield has recently started a non-profit organization to help wounded Servicemembers returning from war zones. For more information about how to help, please visit the official site at www.afflictedwarheros.org. 

204th MEB and Malaysians Experience Peacekeeping

Story and photos by SSG DaleAnne Maxwell

KUANTAN, Malaysia — **M**embers of the Utah Army National Guard's 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade joined forces with the Malaysian Armed Forces July 7-24 during Exercise Keris Strike 2010.

Keris Strike is an annual event hosted in Malaysia that is designed to strengthen U.S.-Malaysian relations and further build on the operational peace support capacity of participants.

The two weeks of training included an academics portion, mini-exercise and command-post exercise (CPX).

After two long days of academics, the 204th and their Malaysian counterparts were ready to practice their new peacekeeping skills during a staff mini-exercise and the CPX.

During the mini-exercise, the 204th staff joined with the Malaysian Armed Forces, 4th Infantry Mechanized, to create a multinational brigade headquarters.

"Utah is providing half of the multinational force brigade staff and Soldiers," said LTC Mel Anderson, operations officer of the 204th MEB. "We joined with the Malaysian Armed Forces 4th Infantry Mechanized to stand up a multinational brigade in peacekeeping operations."

During the mini-exercise and the CPX, participants were faced with possible real-world challenges of supporting a peacekeeping operation.

Members received incident reports and would have to find appropriate responses while working through their normal channels and the added channels of the United Nations and nongovernmental officials.



ABOVE: Major Mike Watkins, right foreground, civil-military officer for the 204th MEB, sits in a simulated meeting with his Malaysian counterpart, CPT Hanan, left, and two civilian role players. LEFT: A Soldier from the Royal Malaysian Army shows members of the 204th MEB how to kick the sepaktakraw ball July 13.

The main goal of the CPX was for the multinational brigade to establish a demilitarized zone between two fighting nations by a deadline set up in a U.N. peace agreement, signed by both nations.

“We were able to have both of the nations out of the DMZ by the date the peace agreement stated,” said SGT Ian Napper, the intelligence noncommissioned officer in charge for the 204th.

“Although it has been a challenge, I feel that we have overcome that challenge,” said COL Don Summit, commander of the 204th, as well as the brigade deputy commanding officer for the exercise. “We have worked through the challenges and have come together seamlessly as a team.”

While building their team, U.S. Soldiers were able to build upon their relationships with the Malaysians.

“I found that interaction with my counterpart was as valuable as the exercise itself,” said CPT Todd Christensen, logistics officer for the 204th and an Orem resident. “When it came to comparing strategies and procedures, I was able to work with an experienced officer who provided valuable mentoring to me.”

One of the memorable events for U.S. Soldiers was when the Malaysians taught their counterparts one of their traditional games, *sepaktakraw*, a form of kick volleyball in which players kick the ball over a net and refrain from using their hands.

“Sepaktakraw was a really fun sport that some of us want to take back to the States,” said SPC Daniel Strange, a military police officer for the 204th and the Request for Information noncommissioned officer for the exercise. “It was fun being able to play a game with the Malaysian brigade chief of staff and win a game.”

Overall, the Malaysian hosts were extremely friendly and helpful.

“I have had a lot of fun,” said SGT Daniel Lemley, assistant operations noncommissioned officer for the 204th. “It has been great meeting different people from different cultures. I have enjoyed learning the way they do things and getting to know them.”

“They (the Malaysians) have been wonderful hosts and have provided much more than I expected, and I am extremely grateful,” said LTC Karl Wright, deputy commanding officer of the 204th. 🇺🇸

Civilians Race Soldiers to Support the UTNG Charitable Trust



Story and photos by Ileen Kennedy

Draper, Utah — **T**he Utah National Guard Charitable Trust held the sixth annual Minuteman 5K Run/Walk at Rio Tinto Stadium Aug. 14.

Proceeds from the race assist Utah military families with medical, home or property emergencies, lost wages, travel expenses of wounded Soldiers’ families or other unexpected financial needs that arise during deployment of their Servicemember.

Since its creation, the Trust has disbursed approximately \$450,000 among hundreds of Utah families, typically to offset financial hardships incurred during deployment.

Major sponsors for the race include Ralph L. Wadsworth Construction Company, Rio Tinto Stadium, Chick-fil-A, Fresh Market, Snowbird and Pacific Bridge and Steel. 🇺🇸

TOP: A Utah National Guard 75mm cannon fires to begin the 6th annual Minuteman 5K Run/Walk at Rio Tinto Stadium.

BELOW: Kip Wadsworth (right), the founder of the race, sprints to the finish line Aug. 14.



Utah Guard Soldiers Jump into History with Cambodians during Angkor Sentinel 2010

Story and photos by CPT Choli Ence

KAMPONG SPEU, Cambodia — **F**or airborne Soldiers, getting the chance to jump with airborne forces from other countries is a highly coveted and sought-after event. Such was the case for 49 Utah Army National Guard Soldiers of the 197th Special Troops Company (Airborne), 97th Troop Command, and 1st Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group.

These Soldiers participated in a friendship jump with the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces during Angkor Sentinel 2010, the Global Peace Operation Initiative capstone event, held here at the newly built Training School for Multinational Peacekeeping Forces July 12-30.

The Global Peace Operation Initiative is a State Department-led initiative to address gaps in international peacekeeping operations and normally doesn't include a friendship jump. According to Sgt. Maj. Gary Barnes, operations noncommissioned officer for Headquarters, 97th Troop Command, the idea to include a friendship jump in the exercise was first conceptualized during the initial planning conference in October 2009. However, obtaining actual approval to include the friendship jump in the exercise proved more difficult.


In fact, Barnes said the approval for the jump came only after COL Edward Gundersen, co-exercise support group director for Angkor Sentinel and commander of the 97th, met with defense and Army attaché, COL Mark Gillette, during the exercise rehearsal. Once approval for the friendship jump was granted by the U.S. Embassy in Phnom Penh, U.S. Pacific Command, and U.S. Army Pacific, the task of coordinating for the necessary equipment and support personnel began.

The KC-130J aircraft used during the friendship jump was supplied by the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing out of Okinawa, Japan, and the jumpmaster, safeties, parachute riggers and parachutes were all supplied by U.S. Army's 1st Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group, also based in Okinawa. Prior to this jump, according to Barnes, the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and 1st Battalion, 1st Special Forces, had never worked together.

Despite these challenges, the friendship jump was deemed a success as 66 U.S. and 30 Royal Cambodian Armed Forces Soldiers carried out a perfectly executed jump.

This friendship jump was only the second time that the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces had ever jumped with U.S. Servicemembers.

"It makes me feel very proud and lucky to be here," said SPC Daniel Griffin, 1st Battalion, 19th Special Forces, upon learning about the significance of this jump.

At the conclusion of this exercise, all U.S. Soldiers who participated in the friendship jump were awarded Cambodian jump wings. Unlike the U.S., the Cambodian jump wings are individually serial numbered and assigned to each Soldier. 



Royal Cambodian Armed Forces Soldiers watch U.S. and Cambodian airborne troops during the friendship jump at Angkor Sentinel 2010.



Staff Sergeant Gregory Haskell, 197th Special Troops Company, right, gets some help from a parachute rigger prior to the friendship jump.



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Utah Guard Wife and Husband Promoted to Colonel on Same Day

Story by LTC Hank McIntire

DRAPER, Utah — **A** Utah National Guard wife and husband, LTC Milada A. Copeland and LTC William C. French, both of Sandy, Utah, were promoted to colonel in a ceremony recently at the Utah Guard headquarters.

Copeland enlisted in the Utah Army National Guard in 1985 and was commissioned as a Field Artillery officer in 1988. Subsequently, she transitioned to the Engineer Corps, where she has served as an operations officer, logistics officer, executive officer, commander of the 115th Engineer Battalion and deputy commander of the 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade.

French joined the Utah Army Guard's 1457th Engineers as a heavy-wheeled vehicle mechanic in 1985. He received his commission as an Engineer officer in 1990. During his career he has served as a platoon leader, training officer, executive officer, commander of the 1457th Engineer Battalion and deputy commander of the 115th Engineer Group.

Major General Brian L. Tarbet, adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, spoke at the promotion gathering and offered a description of the Army's efficiency at promoting a single officer, let alone pinning two simultaneously.

"I want to take full credit for the elaborate choreography that allowed these two officers to be promoted on the same day," said Tarbet, tongue in cheek. "It is serendipity, and it's a great occasion for the Utah Guard to recognize both of you today."

Tarbet then pointed to the dozens of fellow officers and Soldiers in the auditorium.

"This room today is filled with mentors and colleagues, and you both know that's why you're here," Tarbet reminded them, "because they took the time to teach you, to worry about your career and labor with you as you learned the art of soldiering."

Copeland and French were then invited up to the stage as the promotion order was read, and then they pinned each other in another elaborately choreographed maneuver worthy of Army Engineers that was captured on video and posted on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=nmOn56W7FTk.

Earlier this year Copeland returned from service in Kuwait in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom as a member of the Army Central Command staff. Her current assignment is as full-time comptroller for the United States



At their joint promotion ceremony LTCs William French (left) with his wife Milada Copeland were promoted to colonel.

Photo by Ileen Kennedy

Property and Fiscal Office at the Utah Guard's Draper headquarters.

In 2003-2004 French deployed with the 1457th Engineer Battalion in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is currently assigned to Joint Forces Headquarters, Utah National Guard, as chief of Training Branch.

When invited to offer some remarks at the ceremony, Copeland recognized her colleagues for their mentoring and support.

"I thank my friends in uniform," she said. "There is no way I would be standing here if it weren't for you guys and gals."

She singled out two individuals in attendance who had helped her at key times in her career: retired CSM Craig Hone and retired COL Linda Higgins.

Copeland recalled Hone's words to her on a day many years ago when things weren't going so well: "Someday you are going to make [colonel], and when you do, I'll be there to celebrate your promotion no matter where I'm at."

She explained that Hone had flown in from Ukraine, where he is employed, with only a week's notice.

Copeland also acknowledged Higgins, who was the first non-medical female officer to be promoted to colonel in the Utah Guard and who commanded 97th Troop Command, the same unit that Copeland will lead beginning in September.

"I'm very honored to be following in her footsteps," she said.

French was equally appreciative of the many in attendance who had helped him over the years.

"It's so amazing to come to work every day to a job you love," he said. "Within the confines of the Guard are the best people you will meet. Anywhere."

French, with a smile, also expressed gratitude for the mentoring provided to him by his seasoned enlisted colleagues along the way.

"I would like to thank all senior NCOs who came into my office, closed the door, and said, 'Sir, what the hell were you thinking?'"

Last of all, French thanked his wife and fellow colonel, Milada.

"When I deployed," he explained, "I had three day's notice. I would have left with [just my uniform] if she hadn't packed my stuff," he admitted, to the laughter of the audience. "We couldn't do it without each other." **E**

Utah Guard's 85th CST Trains in Guam on Maritime Operations

Story and photos by SPC Ashley Baum

PORT AUTHORITY, Guam — **H**eat, humidity and an unfamiliar environment didn't hinder the expertise and determination of Utah Army National Guard's 85th Weapons of Mass Destruction-Civil Support Team while conducting maritime exercises at the Port Authority of Guam June 7-10.

The 85th CST worked in conjunction with Guam National Guard's 94th CST during three days of nautical exercises. Their intent was to strengthen the 85th's existing skills as expert hazardous materials technicians and provide them with the opportunity to train in a foreign environment: on a boat.

"Chemical, radiological, and biological – no matter how you try to change it, it's still chemical, radiological, and biological," said 1LT Spencer Marsh, 85th Survey Team leader. "But where you find the chemical, biological and radiological is the difference. This is a boat. Operationally, it was different."

Ssg Jason Poulson and SGT Robert Christensen check for radioactive sources in the hull of a cargo ship.



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Members of the 85th get instructed by the ship's safety officer on evacuation procedures.

The maritime training prepares the 85th for possible future missions. Currently there are 57 CSTs in the National Guard spread across the nation. The 85th is part of Region V along with eight other teams including the Guam National Guard's 94th CST. If Guam or any coastal state in Region V, including Hawaii and California, needed support in an emergency situation, the 85th would be able to provide assistance due to its expert training and increasing familiarity with working in a marine environment, should they be called on to do so.

"The United States is very vulnerable with all the states that border the ocean," said LTC Tyler Smith, commander of the 85th. "Large and small vessels are very difficult, if not impossible, to control coming into our borders. The 85th's participation in Hurricanes Katrina and Ike in Louisiana and Texas are solid examples of how our mission often takes us to maritime states."

The 85th wore Level A suits during the missions. These suits are industrial strength and offer additional protection to the Mission



Members of the 85th CST get familiar with the layout of the cargo vessel.

Orientated Protective Posture (MOPP) gear worn by most military personnel in a toxic environment. The 85th Survey Team chief, SSG Jason Poulsen, says the suits create a fully capsulated, positive-pressured environment that isolates the individual from hazardous liquid and vapor agents while MOPP gear does not provide splash protection.

Smith said for three days the 85th trained in swimming-assessment drills, man-overboard drills in Level A and while wearing personal protection equipment, maritime and vessel familiarization, port operations, jurisdiction issues and a situational-training exercise on a vessel.

Marsh said his team relied on their previous training in maneuvering through the ship. The survey members had to avoid a number of dangerous obstacles while moving around a commercial cargo vessel in search of hazardous materials. They squeezed through narrow passageways, navigated through dark rooms, lost radio communication due to the steel walls, had limited visibility and movement while wearing Level A suits and endured extreme temperatures reaching as high as 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

"These guys have some good fundamentals that we worked with," said Marsh. "So no matter what you do, as long as you stick to the fundamentals [such as] moving clockwise through rooms, you'll always end up back where you started. The difficulty goes up due to the lack of familiarity [on a ship], so the fundamentals were critical."

According to Smith, the mission in Guam was part of the crawl phase in the three-part, crawl-walk-run training model. The 85th is already planning on executing future maritime training missions next year to enhance crew members' expertise. The more the unit becomes familiar and proficient with maritime standard operating procedures, the more successful it will become in handling real-life WMD and natural disasters in nautical environments. 🇺🇸

SGT Adam Gatherum checks his instruments before making entry.



Blood Brothers: Utah Doc Shares Story of Selfless Soldier

Story by Matthew D. LaPlante, Salt Lake Tribune

SALT LAKE CITY — They didn't know how it had happened. Not where nor why nor when.

They didn't know his name, his rank nor his unit.

At Forward Operating Base Salerno, in southeastern Afghanistan, the men and women gathered outside the concrete walls of the base hospital had come knowing only one thing: A Soldier needed blood.

The date was July 10. A Saturday at war. By the time the day was over, hundreds of Soldiers had given a small part of their lives in an attempt to save one man.

They didn't know he had been wounded trying to save some of them.

The call came over the base's public address system just past 5 a.m. — an all-too-familiar voice heralding all-too-familiar news: Incoming wounded.

There had been an explosion. An accident. Two Soldiers were injured. That's all Army physician COL Peter Taillac

Soldiers wait in line—some for more than three hours—to donate blood for a wounded Soldier in the operating room next door, whom doctors are heroically trying to save.



knew as he arrived at the hospital emergency room early that morning.

Taillac's patient was already there.

"He was essentially deaf and his right eye was swollen shut," said the Army Reservist, an emergency room doctor at the University of Utah.

But at least he was stable.

In a nearby operating room, doctors and medics swarmed around the battered body of SPC Joseph Dimock. The 21-year-old Soldier from Illinois had charred burns on his face, neck and chest. Parts of his intestines were protruding from a gash in his abdomen.

Taillac went to work on the first Soldier, keeping a wary eye on the room down the hall, where doctors were battling to keep Dimock alive.

But they could not do it alone.

The "walking blood bank" is an old battlefield tradition, first employed in combat during the waning years of World War I.

The process of taking whole blood from one Soldier for immediate transfusion into another has evolved during the past century, but one thing has never changed: When the call goes out, the supply of comradeship has always been sufficient to meet the demand for blood.

"Not even three minutes after the base-wide call went out, we were suddenly inundated with donors," said SGT Timothy McFall, a medic with the Utah-based 144th Area Support Medical Company. "They filled our waiting room, our physical therapy room, and then formed a line stretching far out our doors and down the way."

For more than three hours, the Utah medics managed the surge of donors — retrieving supplies, directing traffic, drawing blood and shuttling the life-sustaining liquid to the operating room, where it was infused, still warm, into Dimock's body.



A medical team deployed to Afghanistan work on a patient in the operating room.



Utah medics with the 144th Area Support Medical Company draw blood from Soldiers who answered the call for needed blood which is a battlefield tradition known as the walking blood bank.

“He received nearly 40 units of whole blood taken directly from those donors,” Taillac said. “Everyone put up such a heroic fight to save him.”

But, in the end, it wasn’t enough.

By the time Dimock was declared dead, nearly five hours after he was brought into the hospital, almost all of the blood that coursed through his veins had come from other Soldiers.

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Investigators have spent weeks looking into the accident that caused Dimock’s death. They still don’t know enough to tell the fallen Soldier’s parents what happened. And they might never know for certain.

But Taillac believes there is ample evidence that Dimock made a split-second decision that saved the lives of other Soldiers.

Before his patient was ferried from Salerno to a larger hospital at Bagram Air Base, Taillac received an account from the only surviving witness to the blast.

The two Soldiers were in an ammunition bunker, conducting an inventory of weapons, including a cache of stun grenades. Also known as “flashbangs,” the explosives are used to create diversions and disorient enemies by causing an extremely bright flash of light and a loud blast.

Flashbangs are not supposed to be lethal. But they’re not supposed to be activated anywhere close to other ammunition, either.

Taillac said his patient, who is still undergoing treatment for his wounds and has not been identified by the Army, recalled hearing a clicking sound — and recognized it immediately as the sound of the pin discharging from the “spoon,” a thin lever which triggers the grenade.

“He turned around and saw that his buddy had a look of horror on his face,” Taillac said. “He was holding the flashbang without the spoon.”

A mistake? A malfunction? There was not time to tell. And in that moment, it didn’t matter. A live grenade had been activated inside an ammunition storage shed. The two Soldiers’ lives were at risk. And if the explosion caused

Medics from Utah’s 144th Area Support Medical Company.



other ammunition to detonate, many more could be killed or wounded.

Taillac's Soldier turned away and dove to the ground.

"The next thing he knew, he was in a vehicle, being driven to the hospital," the doctor recalled.

In the midst of a crisis, Army medics don't spend a lot of time trying to figure out what happened — not any more than it takes to understand what needs to be done to save a patient's life.

But Taillac said that the character of Dimock's injuries leave little doubt as to what occurred in the moment before the grenade exploded.

"In the last second and a half of his life, he made the decision to bury that grenade in his belly and lean over it to protect everyone and everything around him," Taillac said. "He didn't attempt to throw it away. His buddy was right there, no more than a few feet away from him. He was in the middle of an ammo shed and the explosion could have set off a chain reaction of other explosions that could have injured or killed others. So he took the blast in his body."

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Set at the base of a wide valley in the middle of a turbulent province, FOB Salerno goes dark after sunset, each night, to limit enemy fighters' ability to target it with mortars, rockets and sniper fire.

So, on the night of Dimock's death, only the light of a thin crescent moon illuminated the long rows of Soldiers who came to pay their respects to their dead comrade.

"We rendered a slow salute as his friends escorted his body past," McFall said. "There are literally no words for that emotional experience."

Most of the Soldiers that turned out for the ceremony didn't know Dimock. They didn't know that he was on his third combat tour. They didn't know that his fellow Army Rangers called him "Sunshine." And they didn't know that he had sacrificed himself in hopes of saving the life of another Soldier and others who may have been near the ammunition shed.

As the helicopter disappeared into the starry night, the hundreds of men and women gathered along the road leading to the landing pad had come knowing only one thing: A Soldier had fallen.

And with him went a small piece of them all. 🇺🇸

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The Department of Defense announced the death of a Soldier who was supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

SPC Joseph W. Dimock II, 21, of Wildwood, Ill, died July 10 in Salerno, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained from a non-combat related incident when an explosion occurred in an ammunition holding facility during an inventory. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, Ga.

Boss Lift Sends Employers to Visit 118th Sapper Company Soldiers

Story and photos by PFC Ariel Solomon

FORT MCCOY, Wis. — **T**wenty-two employers of Utah National Guard Soldiers left their businesses and homes to travel to Fort McCoy, Wis., to visit their Soldier-employees serving with the 118th Sapper Company, 1457th Engineer Battalion, while they prepared for deployment to Afghanistan.

Employers reunited with their Soldiers and watched them train to gain an understanding of what National Guard Soldiers do. They watched a night live-fire exercise, convoy training and spent an evening with their employees.

"It's amazing to see," said Renea Neiderman, of Brigham Young University, about the dedication of these Citizen-Soldiers. "Everyone thinks it's a part-time commitment when they commit fully."

The first night, employers got a chance to meet their Soldiers for the first time in training, as well as to have a close

look at some of the equipment and weapons Soldiers would be using on the night course. They climbed aboard up-armored Humvees to take in a view from the gunner's position and got some hands-on instruction on the weapons at the range.

As night fell, night-vision goggles were passed around while Soldiers mounted up and ran through the nighttime course, lighting up targets with a tracer mix from both the M249 Squad Automatic Weapon, or light machine gun, and the M2 .50-caliber heavy machine gun.

"It was awesome," said Chad Hanks from Aspen Ranch, a center for troubled teens near Loa, Utah. "It's a great experience for an employer, and for the five [no-shows] who didn't come, they missed out."

On the second day employers watched a convoy live-fire exercise, with a few bosses riding in Mine Resistant, Ambush-



A Soldier from the 118th Sapper Company shows his civilian employer a mounted .50-caliber machine gun with a thermal sight attached during the Boss Lift July 22.



Employers of Soldiers who serve in the 118th Sapper Company get ready to watch the night live-fire exercise at Fort McCoy.

Protected (MRAP) vehicles, following behind the Soldiers. After the exercise, they met with their Soldiers again for an MRE lunch and an off-road training course.

“It’s a good program,” said SGT Thad Fitzsimmons, 118th Sapper Company, about the Boss Lift. “It gives our employers an idea of what our jobs are going to be.”

In the evening employers ate with their Soldiers at the Fort McCoy dining facility and listened to speeches from BG Michael Liechty, the Utah Guard’s land component commander; CSM Bruce Summers, Utah’s senior enlisted leader; CPT Blake Bingham, commander of the 118th; and 1SG Charles Barkey, senior enlisted leader of the unit.


Included in the dinner event was an awards ceremony where officials from the Utah Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve presented Patriot Awards to Chad Hanks,



Soldiers of the 118th Sapper Company and their employers eat breakfast at Fort McCoy’s dining facility during the Boss Lift put on by the Utah office of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

of Aspen Ranch; Jason Houghton, Barnes Bullets; and Ed Rhoads, of Heber City Police Department. Coins were given to selected Soldiers of the 118th for outstanding performance in their duties.

After the formalities, Soldiers and employers had time to mingle. Gary Behrendt, of Energy Solutions in Moab, Utah, presented SPC Joshua Stocks, a member of 1st Platoon, 118th Sappers, with a card signed by his fellow employees. Other employers tossed around a football with Soldiers and talked.

“Their heritage is the men at Lexington and Concord who put down their plows, locked up their stores and picked up their muskets to fight the British,” said retired COL Kim Watts of ESGR Utah, during his remarks at the dinner. “That’s who they are. It’s the tradition of the Minuteman.” 



Gary Behrendt of Energy Solutions in Moab, Utah, reads a poem and presents a card to a Soldier-employee who serves with the 118th Sapper Company, in front of his platoon

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MAC VII Participants Aim to Win

Story and photos by SGT Shana Hutchins

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — **T**he Marksmanship Advisory Council VII shooting competition, a marksmanship contest for Soldiers and Airmen of the National Guard living and working in Region VII, was held at Camp Williams June 25 – 27.

More than 100 Soldiers and Airmen from various teams from around the region, consisting of six states and one territory, came to Utah to test their shooting skills against one another.

The three-day competition consisted of diverse shooting ranges which tested competitors' abilities with various weapon systems. The events included a machine gunner's course, an unknown distance range, reflexive fire, Patton pistol competition, known-distance rifle range and 9 mm pistol competitions.

"Marksmanship is one skill that you always take with you when you deploy," said SFC Levi Boardman, a platoon sergeant with Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery Regiment, who works full-time as the State Marksmanship Coordinator in the Utah National Guard's Plans and Operations section. He is also the state ammo manager.

"This competition has been going on for eight years in Utah," said Boardman.

Teams in the machine-gun event consisted of two Soldiers or Airmen, a spotter who would run, get a belt of ammunition, then run back and spot for the gunner. The gunner would then engage targets downrange. The team members then switch places and repeat the process.

Soldiers and Airmen "rush the hill" in order to get into position to fire on targets at different distances during the MAC VII rifle match. Soldiers and Airmen from as far away as Guam competed in Utah at the National Guard's Marksmanship Advisory Council VII regional shooting competition June 25-27.

The unknown-distance range tests shooters' skills by having a two-man team shoot random targets at different distances called out by the person scoring the match. One shooter spots and directs while the other shooter engages the target. Like the machine gun match, the team members then switch off.

There is also a steel-plates match where shooters have to knock down as many steel plates as possible in a minimum amount of time with a minimum amount of ammo. During the pistol course, marksmen have to shoot at different distances in different positions in a certain amount of time.

"There's no better platform for training than having stress induced by either time or competition to build their skills," said Boardman.

The most popular competition is the rifle match where competitors start in the prone position, shoot targets out at three hundred meters, then walk forward to two hundred meters and "rush the hill." When the shooters get on line with each other, they sight their targets quickly and shoot. They then progress forward in increments of one hundred meters to zero meters, explained Boardman.

Private 1st Class Ariel Solomon, a public affairs specialist who serves





with the 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, took part in the competition with 97th Troop Command's Team B. Solomon said he learned a lot and had a great time competing with Team B.

"This competition has been good training," he said. "It's definitely helped me improve my shooting skills and knowledge."

The experience and skills gained by competitors in marksmanship competitions such as the MAC VII contest hopefully serve to better the units they represent.


"More than competition, it is the platform of combat exercise to hone the skills so that these Soldiers and Airmen go back to their units to continue

Competitors raise and lower targets for their fellow Servicemembers during the distance rifle match. Two-man teams compete in the unknown distance event which was one of many marksmanship events held during the competition.

to train those skills to their units," Boardman said.

Guam Army National Guard infantryman SGT Mark Torre said the competition was well coordinated and a worthwhile experience. He explained that he was pleased to be able to share his expertise with people from other states and learn from them as well.

The end of the three-day competition culminated with an awards ceremony where the top competitors received plaques, coins, and bragging rights as the top shooters in Region VII.

The winners of the MAC VII competition go on to Arkansas to compete in the national competition, the Winston P. Wilson Combat Arms Sustainment Exercise, held at Camp Robinson in Little Rock in October. This year's top shooter was Air Force Master Sergeant Bryant Buttars, who serves with the 151st Logistics Readiness Squadron, Utah Air National Guard. 



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Purple Heart and Naturalization Ceremony

Story and photos by Ileen Kennedy



SGT Robert Kelley, 118th Engineer Sapper Company, was presented with a Purple Heart during a ceremony at Camp Williams June 14.

RIVERTON, Utah — Utah National Guard Soldier, SGT Robert A. Kelley, of the 118th Engineer Sapper Company, was presented with a Purple Heart at the Forward Operating Base at Camp Williams during a ceremony June 14.

Kelley, a Park City resident, was presented the medal in recognition of injuries he sustained while deployed to Iraq with Utah National Guard's 116th Convoy Security Company in 2007-2008.

During Kelly's military career he has deployed three times. His first deployment was to lend support in New Orleans following the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Next came an assignment for security along the Arizona and Mexico border. In 2008, while deployed to Iraq on a convoy security mission Kelley sustained his injuries.

Kelley tried to explain a few of his feelings and gratitude for receiving this recognition.

"[I feel] a lot of pride, a lot of anticipation for it. It's been two years. I didn't think it was going to be this big a ceremony."

Kelley will begin his fourth deployment July 9 as a team leader on a route-clearance mission to Afghanistan with the 118th Sapper Company.

Of this current mission Kelley said, "I fought my way to get in the 118th Sappers so I can go with them. Because of my experience and everything, it will help out and hopefully get everyone home safe."


"What a remarkable story of service packed into a five-year career," said MG Brian Tarbet, the adjutant general. "What a great example to all of us. You are certainly an inspiration to us who wear the uniform. You are a credit to your family, and you are a great example to your fellow citizens. Be safe in Afghanistan."

At the same ceremony, which took place in the field because units were conducting their two-week Annual Training, SPC Juan Moreno, of Detachment 1, 624th Engineer Company, Utah Army National Guard, a Price resident, and SPC David Israel Luviano, 807th Medical Support Command, U.S. Army Reserve, took the oath of citizenship.

"Each prior to this ceremony, even though not citizens yet, have taken, to wear this uniform, an oath that they would 'support and defend the constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign or domestic' as members of our ranks," said LTC Joseph Grimmett, Utah National Guard Training Site commander. "These two men have demonstrated that they live by the seven Army values. Those values are Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage. We will celebrate with them as they become eligible for all the privileges that this nation has to offer and the added responsibility of being a citizen."

After repeating the oath of allegiance, Specialists Moreno and Luviano were honored by the cheers of hundreds of fellow Soldiers standing in formation to show their support.

"I feel like I'm a part of the family," said Moreno. "I've really been welcomed by my unit, the 624th, by my platoon, squad leader, everybody. They are always there for me."

After waiting five years to become a citizen, and four of those years serving as a Utah National Guard Soldier, Moreno explained, "[I want] to be an American and be able to raise my family here especially in this state; it's a good place to live and raise a family. I'm really happy about it; I have a baby on the way, and I want him to be raised here; I want him to be an American, too." 



BELOW: Specialists Juan Moreno and David Israel Luviano recite the oath of citizenship at a ceremony June 14 at Camp Williams. RIGHT: MG Brian Tarbet congratulates the two new citizens.



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Utah Guard Hosts 2nd Annual Sapper Joe Race

Story and photo by SPC Lyndsey Dransfield

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah – Utah National Guard and Wasatch Running Center hosted and sponsored the second annual Sapper Joe Trail Race at Camp Williams May 29.

At approximately 6 a.m., the thunder of an artillery cannon echoed through the main post, and more than 150 runners dashed from the starting line toward Camp Williams' rolling backcountry.

"I don't think I've ever run a race that started with a cannon firing," said Erik Jeppsen, the Southern California native currently residing in Salt Lake City, who came in first place in the Men's 50K with a time of 4:22:21.

The Sapper Joe was started in 2009 as a 30K and 50K trail race with the aim of getting the Utah National Guard more involved with the local community, as well as to provide a chance for members of the military to run side by side with friends, neighbors and loved ones, said LTC Alan Garrett, deputy base operations manager of Camp Williams. This year a 15K trail race was added to the agenda to encourage more runners to participate.

"This race is a great way to give residents the opportunity to see areas of Utah normally closed off to the public, as well as give them the chance to see what we (the Utah National Guard) do," he said.

Soldiers from 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 65th Fires Brigade, 97th Troop Command, 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, 300th Military Intelligence Brigade, 640th Regional Training Institute, Training Site Command, 23rd Army Band and members of Wasatch Running Center sacrificed part of their Memorial Day weekend to ensure the race was a success.

Together they directed traffic, operated aid stations, entertained family, and most important, provided encouragement to runners throughout the course.

"The aid stations were consistent and stocked with all our needs," said Jessica LaRoche, winner of the Women's 50K with a time of 6:16:41. "I really appreciated the National Guard members' taking time out of their Memorial Day weekend; it was inspiring to have their encouragement along the way."

Jeppsen said the course markings of the race were the biggest difference from other trail races and contributed to his victory.

"I've run two other trail races and ran off course in both of them," he said. "Here there were ribbons every 100 to 200 feet and signs and arrows at every intersection. I probably couldn't have run off course even if I wanted to. It's amazing how much faster you can finish without unnecessary detours."

"This is the only race I've ever participated in that is run by the military, and it certainly had a different flavor than any



Downrange and on the back hills at Camp Williams, Utah, runners compete in the 2nd annual Sapper Joe Trail Race.

other race," said SGM Gary Barnes, operations sergeant major of 97th Troop Command. "It's obvious a great amount of effort was put forth to make it a success."

Barnes ran the 15K alongside his son Andrew, both finishing with a time of 2:13:10.

"We enjoy running trail races together, and I thought this would be a fun way to show my son what a beautiful training area Camp Williams is," he said. "I enjoyed the climb up to the highest point and running along the ridgeline above the range complex. I got to see areas of Camp Williams I had only seen from the air."


Other than sitting down at the finish line, Jeppsen said his favorite part of the race was running a long stretch between the first and third aid stations.

"I was alone at this point and I loved the rolling hills and beautiful mountains. I never knew there was so much great land back in the base," he said.

Colonel Jerry Acton started training for Sapper Joe 30K after completing Utah's Buffalo Run on Antelope Island in March. He was the second National Guard member to cross the finish line of the men's 30K with a time of 5:11:43.

"I knew there were going to be a lot of hills, so I was physically prepared for the race," Acton said. "My goal was to finish in [4 hours, 30 minutes], so it took me a little longer than I thought it would, but I think I did well and I plan on doing it again next year."

"I hope to do this race every year, and I've told my running friends about it," LaRoche added. "It really was one of the most well-organized events I've participated in."

For complete race results, visit the following website: www.fatpackracing.com/2010-sapper-joe-results.html. 

Members of the 19th SF UAV Section Prepare for Deployment



Story and Photos by LTC Hank McIntire

DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, Utah — **S**oldiers from the Utah Guard's 19th Special Forces Group spent nine weeks at Dugway this summer preparing for deployment to Iraq to fulfill a very unique mission: to maintain and operate the Unmanned Aerial System (UAS).

Soldiers demonstrated the capability—new to the Utah National Guard—at a special preview event for Utah Guard leaders at Dugway July 9.

Consisting of multiple Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV), the 25 Soldiers assigned to the UAS are divided into two groups: operators and maintainers.

Young maintainer, PFC Nathan Tromposh, of Kaysville, makes sure that his UAV is in perfect working order before, during and after the mission.

"I check over everything: fuel, oil, cleaning, refueling, defueling and make sure the bird is airworthy," he explained.

A former Kiowa helicopter armament repairer, Tromposh underwent several months of training at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., to help give a critical capability to Coalition forces.

"[I can] provide an asset to Soldiers on the front lines," he said. "An eye in the sky 24/7 [to] find the danger before it finds them."

Once the UAV was ready to get airborne, Tromposh and his crew loaded the vehicle onto the launcher, which seemed little more than a high-tech slingshot. Observers had to pay close attention or they would miss the less-than-one-second takeoff.

Keeping in touch with maintainers by radio, operators like SPC Chelsea Smith, of Ogden, run the flight and camera controls from a truck-mounted console decked out with screens, computers, trackballs and joysticks.

"This is a great asset to anybody who wants to know what is on the ground around them," said Smith.

Overseeing Tromposh, Smith and their fellow Soldiers in the UAV Section is CW2 Dustin Williams, of Cottonwood Heights, heading out on his fourth deployment, having served in Iraq/Kuwait, Kosovo and Macedonia.

"UAS brings a camera up in the air without [putting] a manned aviator in a dangerous situation," said Williams of how the UAS mitigates the threat to troop safety.

Williams, responsible for the maintenance, safety, and flight operations of the UAS, adds that his

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Soldiers have little trouble staying motivated in taking on this unique mission.

“The new technology keeps morale up,” he said. “It’s interesting, it’s fun.” 

Soldiers with the 19th SF Group prepare the UAV for its test flight at Dugway Proving Ground July 9.



Family Assistance Centers

By Katrina Rhinehart

DRAPER, Utah — **W**hat is a family assistance center?

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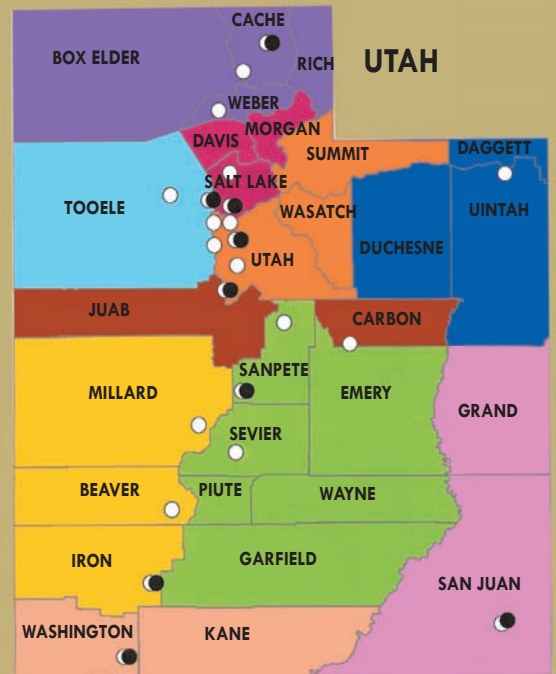
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Utah's Future Leaders Participate in 49th Freedom Academy

Story by PFC Ariel Solomon

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — **T**he Utah National Guard's Freedom Academy welcomed high school student-leaders to Camp Williams for the 49th time Aug. 1-6.

The 91 delegates in attendance listened to guest speakers, toured government buildings, participated in various military-related activities and graduated from the weeklong leadership camp.

Several speakers focused on leadership and the mindset needed to be a leader. Among others, the list of speakers included Paralympic gold medal-winner Mike Schlappi, retired Brigadier General and U.S. Senator Jake Garn, and Utah National Guard Assistant Adjutant General BG Jefferson Burton.

"The most important part is passing on the traditions of freedom, sacrifice and patriotism to young people, the future leaders of our country," said retired COL David Felt of the Honorary Colonels Corps, as he spoke to the delegates. "If we don't do that, there is no future."

The week's tours included the Utah State Prison, State Capitol building and senate chambers, KUTV newsroom and studio and the Frank E. Moss U.S. Courthouse in Salt Lake City.



Delegates prepare for the morning's flag ceremony during the Utah National Guard's 49th annual Freedom Academy Aug. 4. Photo by PFC Ariel Solomon

"It's not just one thing we see; it's a lot of different angles of freedom we see," said Stephanie Osborne of Bingham High School.

Between speakers and tours, students participated in several military-related activities. At the Leadership Reaction Course, students led their groups over obstacles. On Air Guard Day, students traveled to the Utah Air National Guard Base near the airport and climbed aboard air tankers, participated in demonstrations put on by explosive ordnance disposal technicians, and held a competition in the firefighter building for best firefighter team, which the students won against the staff with a time of 1:04.

On Army Guard Day, delegates shot M-16 rifles on a pop-up target qualification range, rappelled from a tower and jumped from a 34-foot high parachute training tower.

"I'm going to cherish the memories I've gotten from this," said Samuel Anderson of Copper Hills High School about his week at Freedom Academy.

The final day of the weeklong camp came, and students packed their bags and were reunited with their parents once again. During the graduation ceremony students themselves took charge of the final flag ceremony and posted the colors with honor and respect using the skills they had learned through the week. **E**



Guest speaker Chad Hymas, right, shakes hands with a delegate after his remarks. More than 90 student-leaders from Utah and Colorado came to Camp Williams to participate in the weeklong leadership camp. Photo by Mike Evans

General Hooper and Chief Hill Formally Retire

Story by AIC Lillian Chatwin Photo by SSgt Emily Monson

SALT LAKE CITY — **T**he Assistant Adjutant General of the Utah Air National Guard, Brig Gen David Hooper, and Command Chief Master Sgt Robert Hill, retired in a ceremony on base July 10.

At the commencement of the ceremony, Hooper and Hill were presented with the Utah Joint Medal of Merit for their distinctive accomplishments, service before self, and for their distinguished careers in the service of their country and state.

General Hooper said he thought it was appropriate that he had his retirement ceremony together with Chief Hill as they are good friends and have traveled and deployed around the world together.

“As the senior enlisted advisor, Hill has been the greatest advocate for the Utah Air National Guard,” said Hooper of his friend. “He has given more of his free time to the Guard, than anyone else I know.”

Numerous officers and senior-enlisted Guardmembers took the stage to thank Hooper and Hill for their service. Along with several gag gifts, shadow boxes, coins and other mementos, they gave words of praise in honor of the two retirees.

However, when Hooper took the microphone, he disputed their words, saying that flying airplanes has always been his dream, and it never really seemed like a job.



A retirement ceremony was held on the Utah Air National Guard Base for Brig Gen David Hooper and Chief Robert Hill July 10. Hooper (left) and Hill both served in the military for 32 years.

“I’m a little uncomfortable with all the things that have been said today, because for the past 31 years it has been my honor to wear this uniform,” said Hooper in a soft, broken voice. “It has been my privilege to work alongside so many people who have given the full measure of devotion.”

At the request of both Hooper and Hill the ceremony concluded with Retreat.

“As a member of the military, one of the things that have kept me grounded is the Retreat ceremony,” said Hill. “Watching the flags lower and hearing the Star Spangled Banner play at the end of every workday would always remind me why I serve.”

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