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## Major General Jefferson Burton The Adjutant General

Soldiers and Airmen of the Utah National Guard, we live in some very interesting times as they relate to the Department of Defense and the State Military Department. We are faced with new challenges of actually doing “less with less,” as our budgets decrease. Now, more than ever, leadership is crucial to our success. From the squad and section, all the way to the MACOM level, leaders need to be engaged and carefully consider how to squeeze maximum readiness from limited resources. At the time of this writing, I am extremely proud of our Noncommissioned Officer Corps for their creativity and their commitment to quality training. Our formations historically do a complete turn over every four years. This means that during any given year, we lose 25 percent of our force to retirements, unit transfers and expiration to terms of service. In order to maintain proficiency in our warrior tasks and drills and our response to disaster at the state and regional level, our training plans must be honed, focused and executable with the resources we have available.

As I recently attended portions of the Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition, I was extremely proud of the professionalism, pride and dedication of not only our competitors, but of the coaches and cadre as well. These fine Soldiers represent the very best our nation has to offer, and this event demonstrated that “world-class” training can be executed in spite of limited budgets. Talented, committed and resourceful NCOs make it happen! It is no accident that Utah has been selected to host the National Best Warrior Competition for all 54 states and territories at Camp Williams for 2015! This is a once-in-career honor that was extended to our state as a direct result of the professionalism of the NCO Corps. My hat is off to you all!

As we plan and execute challenging training that inspires our Servicemembers, it goes without saying that as

professionals, we mitigate risk by conducting detailed risk assessments of every training event. All leaders must “bring their entire brains to work.” We must apply our considerable skills to ensure that we maintain readiness while caring for the needs of our Servicemembers. Our business is filled with risks, but engaged leaders can manage and reduce risk with some thoughtful and deliberate actions in both the planning and execution processes. Our Soldiers and Airmen deserve nothing less than our very best leadership efforts.

These past few months have found our Air National Guardsmen as busy as they have been in a decade. As part of our expeditionary Air Force, the Air National Guard is receiving an unprecedented number of missions to respond to growing demand signals worldwide. These multiple and varied deployments are testing our equipment, our levels of maintenance and our personnel. As always, our Airmen are answering the call and rising to meet any challenge that is sent their way, with an attitude of excellence.

Right now is the time for us to reevaluate our commitment to the “Profession of Arms.” Right now is the time for each one of us to elevate our personal performance; to rededicate ourselves to physical, spiritual, mental and emotional excellence. Take the time to consider and to make healthy personal choices in your lives. Take the time to reconnect and to recommit with your loved ones. Take the time to enjoy moments of rest and relaxation that will enable you to respond positively when the stressful and challenging times associated with military service come to you and your families.

As your Adjutant General, I salute each and every one of you! You are truly the finest people I know, and the absolute best that the United States of America has to offer. May we band together as a winning team--committed to the values that we hold dear, committed to our profession, and committed to our families. ONE TEAM!

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*Sgt. Stefanie Ty'Lene Puro, Headquarters, Headquarters Battery, 65th Field Artillery Brigade, Utah Army National Guard, waits to continue a mystery event as part of the Region VII Best Warrior Competition (BWC) May 5, 2015, at the Keaukaha Military Reservation, Hawaii.*

*Photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Hubenthal*



## Command Sergeant Major Michael Miller Senior Enlisted Comments

It is often said that one of the many reasons we love living in Utah is that we get to enjoy the four seasons of the year. However, it seems that we skipped winter, and we got an extended spring, which will bring significant challenges as we head into the summer months. The lack of snow fall and spring showers will intensify and increase the wildfire danger. We all need to be cognizant and aware of the conditions and reduce fire danger; whether it is firing on the ranges with ammunition, training in the back country, or recreating with others, we all need to do our part. With any training, leaders at all levels need to assess, identify, and reduce any danger. What we do before conducting any training will directly affect the outcome of any objective. I would ask every leader to conduct their PCC/PCI and risk assessments before the mission, with special consideration while training at Camp Williams.

Numerous great achievements this past quarter continue to spotlight our Soldiers, Airmen, and our units. Our Airmen continue to exceed the mark on continued military and personal education. The Wing also remains a vital component to the Air Force and the global force as it executes its mission around the world and does so with distinction and honor, receiving positive comments and praise from senior leaders. From operations to logistical and support elements and all Airmen throughout, the emphasis on leader development and education is paying huge dividends. The success of any unit is based upon the abilities of the individuals that make up the team. Continuing to promote education and mentorship is critical to any mission now and well into the future.

Equally important to leader development is a cohesive team. Our 1457th Engineer Battalion will be awarded the General Walter T. Kerwin Award for the best Engineer

Battalion. A significant achievement for these Soldiers, NCOs and Officers. Qualifying for this award is extremely difficult, but to be selected is tremendous. Congratulations to the 1457th—job well done. Another achievement was the TRADOC accreditation results for the 640th Regiment, Regimental Training Institute (RTI) and its four battalions. The 640th received Institute of Excellence and received many accolades from the inspecting team. Again, it took every Soldier to reach this achievement, proving again that there is no limit nor obstacle we cannot accomplish given we do our part as individuals, as leaders, and as a team.

I also want to congratulate Sgt. Stefanie T. Puro, 65th Fires Brigade; Staff Sgt. Robert A. Kendall, 640th RTI; and Master Sgt. Norman Rentschler, 640th RTI for competing and winning this year's state Soldier, NCO, and Senior NCO of the Year. The competition was close and every Soldier who competed represented their command with honor and should be very proud of their selection. Puro and Kendall went on to represent Utah at the Region VII Best Warrior. Both Soldiers did a remarkable job and left no question of their work ethic and professionalism. At the end, they both finished second in their respective categories.

We could go on and on about the success of our units, our Soldiers and Airmen. I believe this success comes with living by our core values, putting emphasis on leader development, mentorship and training as we would fight. The little things do matter, and ensuring we are prepared at the individual level affords our units the opportunity to be effective during any collective mission. Train today to affect tomorrow; be that GIANT that will prepare our force for any mission, on or off duty. I am humbled to serve and wear this uniform and belong to the greatest organization—the Utah National Guard.



## 19th SF Soldiers Return Home After Deployment

*Photos by Lt. Col. Steven Fairbourn and Staff Sgt. Ashley Baum*

*Story by Staff Sgt. Ashley Baum*

SALT LAKE CITY — Family members and friends anxiously waited at Salt Lake International Airport clutching handmade signs painted in patriotic red, white and blue welcoming their beloved heroes home. After more than six months away from family and loved ones, the final group of Soldiers from 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) returned home from Fort Bragg, North Carolina May 5, 2015 after a deployment to Afghanistan.

Mikaela Hoffman, seven-year-old daughter of Staff Sgt. Charles Hoffman from Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Group Support Battalion, 19th SF was one of the several children who voiced their excitement regarding their returning mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, sons and daughters.

“It makes me feel like I want to squeeze him for the rest of my life!” screeched Hoffman.

In all, 21 Soldiers from the 19th SF deployed to various regions throughout Afghanistan including Baghram and

Camp Jones to train and mentor Afghan National Army Special Operations Command and working with 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne). The 19th SF Soldiers were part of the transition from Operation Enduring Freedom to Operation Resolute Support. The first group of Soldiers returned home Mar. 27.

“We were able to integrate with active duty very well,” said 1st Lt. Michael Lambert from Alpha Company, GSB, 19th SF. “Even though active-duty Soldiers may have more experience than we do as National Guard, we were able to go in there with an open mind, and we got very good feedback from the leadership and peers.”

Some Soldiers walked away from their six months overseas with a sense of accomplishment and gained incredible learning experiences from their time deployed.

“I worked alongside my Afghan counterparts, and to see them learning new ideas and watching them implement them on their own was incredibly rewarding,” said Sgt. Olaf from Group Special Troop Company, 19th SF.

The Soldiers will now return to life on the home front with their civilian education, work and military career, but





*Utah National Guard Soldiers with 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne); GSB, 19th SF; and 1st Battalion, 19th SF arrive at the Salt Lake International Airport to excitedly awaiting family and friends after serving six months on deployment to Afghanistan March 27 and May 7.*

not before spending much-needed and deserved time with families and loved ones.

Alisha Pullen, wife of Staff Sgt. Kyle Pullen from 1st Battalion, 19th SF, said she had a lot of support from family and friends while her husband was deployed. But when asked what the family planned to do now with Pullen back: "We're going to Disneyland." 🇺🇸



# Utah National Guard Soldiers Depart for Operation Enduring Freedom

*Story by Sgt. 1st Class Shana Hutchins*

DRAPER, Utah — **S**oldiers from the Utah Army National Guard participated in a departure ceremony Saturday, May 9, in the Draper Headquarters auditorium to say farewell to 15 of their own. Soldiers from the 142nd and 141st Military Intelligence Battalions are departing to provide support for Central Command in support of Operation Enduring Freedom mission.

“Assalamu alaikum,” Lt. Col. Shahram Takmili, 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion, greets the Soldiers and their families. “I hope you understand what I just said or it’s going to be a hard one-year as a linguist.”

The mission of these Soldiers will be to provide support in the battle operations theater through their skills with the Arabic language to military and civilian personnel during their deployment.

Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, the adjutant general for Utah Army National Guard, spoke at the departure ceremony encouraging the Soldiers and stating how grateful he and all of the Utah National Guard are to the Soldiers and their families.

“I feel a sense of gratitude looking out at this group. I am very appreciative of you and the people that you are, your willingness to do what you do, and especially the families that stay behind,” stated Burton.

As a Soldier we are always asked to sacrifice, said Takmili. You guys are heroes and we appreciate the sacrifice.

The departing Soldiers had family and friends in attendance for



*Photos top down: Utah National Guard’s deploying Soldiers stand on the Draper Headquarters stage during their departure ceremony. Maj Gen. Jeff Burton, left, and Lt. Col. Shahram Takmili addressed the departing Soldiers and their families. Utah National Guard senior leaders sit on the front row to say farewell to the 15 Soldiers deploying to Central Command.*



the ceremony and Maj. Gen. Burton encouraged the Soldiers and their families to look at this deployment in a positive light.

Takmili referred to the Soldiers families as the silent warriors at home who march on.

“I hope that you would look at this as a growth opportunity and it can be if you approach this positively. You can grow together and gain strength.”

Burton also reminded Soldiers of their job to their families upon their return, “When they [the Soldiers] get back you are going to want to keep control of the things you have been in control of and their [the Soldiers] job is to calm down and let that happen.”

Fort Hood, Texas, will be the Soldiers’ home for the next several weeks as they engage in training specific to their deployment. After the deployment training has been completed; the Soldiers will be leaving for 12 months to put this training into use.

Maj. Gen. Burton stated these Soldiers are the ‘best in the inventory’ and they are the best Military Intelligence professionals in the U.S. Army.

“To go downrange in harm’s way is a tribute to living Army Values,” stated Takmili. He then ended his remarks with an excerpt from a monument in Arlington Cemetery.

‘Not for fame or reward, not for place or rank, not lured by ambition, or goaded by necessity, but in simple obedience to duty, as they understood it. These men and women suffered all sacrificed all and dared all.’

“You are the real heroes,” said Takmili. “There is no Thor hammer or Captain America shield. I salute you and may God bless you and thank you very much.”

*Utah National Guard MI Soldiers sit with their family and friends during their deployment ceremony May 9.*

*Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Shana Hutchins and Lt. Col. Steven Fairbourn*





## Victory in Europe 70th Anniversary Commemorative Event

*Story and photos by Lt. Col. Steven Fairbourn*

TOOELE, Utah — Veterans and service members of the WWII, Korean War, Vietnam, and the more current Global War on Terrorism campaigns were honored in conjunction with the 70th anniversary of the Victory in Europe, or VE Day, at Karl Smith's Military Vehicle Collection warehouse on May 9.

"This is a very special event for me," recalled Fort Douglas Museum Director Col. (Retired) Robert Voyles. "My father was a P-51 pilot in WWII. He was shot down and a prisoner of war for the last three months in Europe. He was actually recuperating during VE Day and so it's always been a part of our family history."

The event, sponsored by the Fort Douglas Museum and Karl Smith, brought together veterans and military personnel to celebrate VE Day with USO singers, a tour of the WWII vehicle collection, anti-tank gun and individual weapons demonstrations, and a 'Bastogne to Berlin-Victory' presentation. The finale of the all-day event was the recognition ceremony when Utah National Guard Brig. Gen. Dallen Attack was honored to present the medals.

"Each one of you has provided us with an outstanding legacy," said Attack, assistant adjutant general of the Utah Guard, in his speech prior to presenting the awards.

"Thank you for your service," he reverently uttered to each as he placed the medals on the recipients.

Former B-52 crew chief Tech. Sgt. Ralph Holding, who enlisted at the ripe age of 18 and served more than three years overseas during WWII, enjoyed the event as he stated "It's a finale so to speak. This is kind of nice."

"It means to me more than it does to other people," said Army Sgt. Jim Vanderwel, born outside the U.S. His family lost everything during WWII when Germans bombed their home in 1940. They later moved to the U.S. He joined the U.S. Army, serving during the Vietnam War. He showed his pride stating, "This country has been very good to me and I owe it a lot. That is why I am proud to wear this uniform after 53 years."

"Every one of the vets, starting with WWII, are so important to us. You can definitely collect all of the equipment, but you don't know anything about it until you really meet the true vets," said Karl Smith, co-sponsor of the event and private owner of the WWII collection. "What a treat to have all these vets here."

While we certainly need to recognize the Greatest Generation, as coined by Tom Brokaw, it is but one warranting recognition as Voyles stated "We have a lot of great generations- especially the current ones who were all volunteers and none of them were drafted like in WWII. We need to continue these kind of programs to honor those service men and women who gave so much for our country and still are." 🇺🇸



*Army Sgt. Jim Vanderwel receives the Commemorative VE Day Medal, proudly standing tall wearing his uniform issued at Fort Ord in 1961.*



*Former Air Force Tech. Sgt. Ralph Holding, crew chief of a B-52 bomber, receives the VE Day Commemorative Medal May 9.*



*WWII Veteran presented the VE Day Commemoration Medal by Utah Guard Brig. Gen. Dallen Attack May 9 in Tooele.*



## 19th Special Forces Activates Group Support Battalion

*Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Ashley Baum*

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — After patiently waiting more than two years, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) publicly welcomed the activation of its newest battalion, Group Support Battalion, during an activation ceremony Mar. 15 at Tarbet Field.

The ceremony highlighted the uncasing of GSB's official colors, which symbolizes the battalion's recognition as an official 19th SF element.

"The uncasing of a unit's colors represents the formal recognition of a unit being a federally recognized military formation," said Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Mitchell, GSB Command Sgt. Maj.

Headquartered at the Browning Armory in Ogden, the GSB not only focuses on the sustainment and logistics function for the 19th SF, but also on the logistics capability the Utah National Guard can utilize in response to state natural disasters and emergencies. The battalion is one of seven GSB's Army-wide, and one of two in the National Guard.

Even though the GSB officially came online Dec. 5, 2014, the unit could not conduct a proper activation ceremony due to its high up-tempo.

"Historically, the 19th SF was part of the 1st Special Service Force, or the Devil's Brigade, which was named for their effective night fighting skills by German forces during WWII," said Mitchell.

The First Special Service Force comprised of both American and Canadian soldiers.

"All American and Canadian Army Special Forces draw their lineage from this unit," said Mitchell. "The GSB is proud to carry on their heritage of excellence, duty and quiet professionalism." 🇺🇸



# Officer Candidate School

Story by Maj. Martin Kerbo

CAMP WILLIAMS — Do you want to make a positive impact on the future of the Army? Do you want a career that gives you opportunities to lead Soldiers, achieve goals and overcome challenges that you never thought you could? Then join the Officer Corps by attending and completing Officer Candidate School (OCS)!

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Why attend OCS?

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-Greater service. Soldiers will depend on you to make the right decisions and ensure that they have what it takes to successfully accomplish their mission. OCS will help you understand the importance of serving the Soldiers who are under your care and leadership.

-Prestige. Being a commissioned Army officer requires leadership and management skills that are in high demand in both military and civilian sectors. A commissioned officer is, by virtue of assignment and training, a Leader. OCS will provide



*Brig. Gen. Dallen Attack and officer candidates attending Alabama's accelerated Officer Candidate School (OCS) program.*

*Photo by Maj. Martin Kerbo*

*Photos opposite page by Maj. Erick Wiedmeier:*

*Officer Candidates perform sand-table brief during Situational Training Exercise (STX).*

*Officer Candidates during physical fitness operations order brief during STX at Alabama accelerated OCS.*

you with training that will develop your leadership capabilities and will increase your self confidence to perform in any environment.

-Challenge yourself. Not all officer candidates that begin the program will make it through. It will take hard work and commitment. You need to be physically, emotionally, and mentally prepared to make it through the accelerated OCS program. OCS Pre-phase will help you get ready before you begin the accelerated OCS program.

The Army needs competent leaders today who are prepared to face the dynamic leadership challenges of tomorrow. The leaders of tomorrow will need to be versatile, agile, engaged, energetic and competent. OCS can provide you the tools to be that future leader.

For more information on requirements to attend OCS and begin your journey toward becoming a commissioned officer, contact: OCS/ROTC Coordinator at 801-432-4346. 🇺🇸

*Capt. Montgomery Matheson performs small-units tactics brief to an OCS Class. Capt. Joe Brandt counsels Officer Candidates after performing land-navigation course at Camp Williams. Photos by Maj. Erick Wiedmeier*



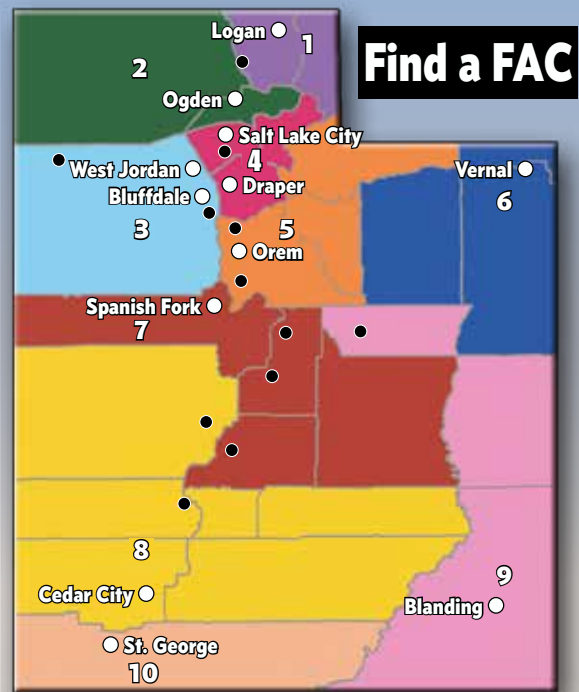
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# Utah's 85th CST and HRF are Triumphant During Red-Rock Exercise

*Story and photos by 2nd Lt. Vince Pierce*

OREM, Utah — Operation Red Rocks is a triumphant exercise in Washington County, once again.

St. George Fire Department invited the Utah National Guard's 85th Weapons of Mass Destruction-Civil Support Team (WMD-CST) and Utah Homeland Response Force to assist in exercising various aspects of the regional emergency management infrastructure, in what has developed into an annual, multiagency exercise. The exercise typically takes place in the waning weeks of winter, a fine time to be in Utah's Dixie. During that time, the public can expect to see emergency response vehicles, convoys of blue trucks, non-descript SUVs, military Humvees, and people in HAZMAT suits at various locations. Fear not! This is only a drill.

"We are in our fifth year of joint training with the Southwest region," said Maj. Rob Dent, 85th CST. "Each year, we try to incorporate new venues and change up the scenarios to add new challenges for the participants—keep it fresh, so to speak. We have some perennial players in our semi-scripted, artificial mayhem. It appears to provide the desired outcomes—we are welcomed back year after year—and have no shortage of eager participants and contributors."

The exercise takes place at multiple sites around the county. These sites have included, among others: Dixie Applied Technology College, Dixie State University, Bloomington Wastewater Treatment Plant, Red Cliffs Power Plant, Quail Creek Water Treatment Plant, the old St. George Airport, Desert Hills Storage, and Blue Bunny.

A host of agencies have been involved, to include: St. George Police and Fire Departments; Washington County Bomb Squad, Office of Emergency Management, and Water Conservancy District; Dixie Regional Medical Center; Gold Cross Ambulance Services; Southwest Regional HAZMAT Alliance; Booze-Allen-Hamilton; 85th WMD-



*Gold Cross Ambulance personnel receive some "just-in-time" training from CST members (Maj. Rob Dent and Sgt. 1st Class Troy Thompson) on considerations for transporting CBRNE contaminated patients.*



*A Cedar City Fire safety officer looks on as a CST member (Capt. Jeremy Wells) rigs for a high-angle descent above the city of St. George.*



*CBRNE survey-team members characterize a transport-accident scene involving radioactive materials as part of a larger scenario involving the Regional HAZMAT team and Dixie Regional Medical Center.*



CST (Utah National Guard); FEMA Region VIII Homeland Response Force (Utah National Guard); 8th WMD-CST (Colorado National Guard); 92nd WMD-CST (Nevada National Guard); 9th WMD-CST (California National Guard); 94th WMD-CST (Guam National Guard); 64th WMD-CST (New Mexico National Guard); Department of Homeland Security, Department of Energy, and Radiological Assistance Program Regions 6 and 7.

“We consider it a privilege to work with such professionals; it prepares us for the harsh realities that are now a part of our world,” said St. George Fire Battalion Chief Ken Guard. “It reminds us that we are not alone; there are a lot of phenomenal resources at our disposal to help us keep our communities safe.”

Operation Red Rocks was originally developed as a mechanism to foster a working relationship between local responders and the nearest WMD-CST located in Las Vegas, Nevada. If an event occurred that required the special brand of services the WMD-CSTs provide, Nevada’s team would be able to reach the local area first. Since then, the annual event has grown to include more agencies and a broader

scope of operations in an effort to exercise more of the emergency management/emergency response infrastructure.

“I feel a little bit guilty,” said Guard. “We always seem to gain more from the exercise than you (the Utah National Guard) do, and you expend the majority of the effort to put it together!”

Scenario play includes acts of terrorism, illicit substances, explosive devices, chemical, biological, and radiological materials; industrial accidents, confined-space rescue, and high-angle-rope rescue.

“We really look forward to putting this event together each year,” said Lt. Col. Craig Bello, commander of the 85th WMD-CST. “The overwhelming welcome and support we receive from government, responders, and private industry alike displays exceptional patriotism and dedication to the citizenry of the area that make this community a model for the nation. Their open-mindedness and forward-thinking will pay dividends. I offer my sincerest gratitude, on behalf of the Utah National Guard, for the selfless donation of so many of the resources of this area from current, as well as past participants.”

## Guardian Rescue Enlists UVU Student Role Players During Exercise



*The medical element of the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Emergency Response Force Package (CERFP) assesses a Utah Valley University (UVU) student role-players during Guardian Rescue Mar. 7.*

*Story and photos by Maj. Bruce Roberts*

OREM, Utah — Emergency managers from multiple agencies and services came together March 7 to test Utah County’s ability to respond to a major disaster in an exercise dubbed Guardian Rescue 2015.

The disaster, as described by the exercise scenario, was a terrorist attack on Deer Creek Reservoir and Utah Valley University (UVU). This year the cities of Orem, Provo, the



*A member of the CERFP performs decon operations on a UVU student role players on the West campus of UVU.*

Red Cross, UVU, Medical Reserve Corps (to include three area hospitals), State Division of Emergency Management, Utah County Search and Rescue (SAR), and members of the Utah National Guard’s (UTNG) Homeland Response Force (HRF), CERFP, and 2-211th Aviation were called upon to augment the civilian authorities. The County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) stood up to assist the cities of



*Above and below photos: CERFP medical element performs patient assessment and decon operations on UVU student role-players during Guardian Rescue on the West campus of UVU March 7.*

Orem and Provo in dealing with the disaster. This is the second year Utah County and the Utah National Guard have worked in conjunction on the Guardian exercise and it has already grown in scope significantly.

“I think we are very fortunate to live in a county where so many are willing to work with each other; that is not as easy as it may look or sound,” said Robin Ebmeyer, UVU emergency manager. “I don’t think any of us realize how unique our situation is until we go to another state or county and realize there is great difficulty in bringing together so many agencies, personalities and different ways of doing similar tasks, plans, or responses.”

Part of the scenario was the UVU west campus suffered from a simulated, dirty bomb which resulted in a mass-casualty situation and a requirement for decontamination of students before transport to area hospitals. The call for additional resources went out from UVU campus police and Robin Ebmeyer.

Orem Special Response Team and the County Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team responded to the event and made the initial assessments. Ebmeyer describes how it wasn’t without flaws and lessons were learned.

“At UVU, a unified command was activated and there were representatives of responding agencies working together to effectively respond to the situation,” said

Ebmeyer. “We lacked representation from some of the agencies that were providing assistance. They were in essence out there, responding on their own, without understanding the entire picture or action plan formulated by the Unified Command; they put themselves and others in danger because they did not know the entire scope of the problem.”

The scope of the attack on UVU caused the first responders to call in the National Guard HRF to assist with mass decontamination and patient triage. The UTNG CERFP responded to UVU and learned some valuable lessons about deployment.

Capt. Keith Garner, commented on the CERFP response to the incident, “The military often has the habit of sending in everything then scaling down from there,” said Garner. “We need to work more as a bottom-up organization and start by pushing the smallest force package available then building as the incident demands. This exercise identified this shortfall. The CERFP maintained a smaller footprint than normal, and still had many more resources than necessary to accomplish the mission. This exercise was a great way to identify and validate issues such as these.”

UVU student volunteers role-played the student casualties for the exercise and in some cases were transported to local hospitals.





In another major portion of the exercise, the Utah County SAR teams were deployed to Provo Canyon to rescue people injured and trapped by the flooding caused by the simulated rupture of Deer Creek Reservoir. The SAR teams included the mounted-horse teams who were eventually supported by helicopters from the Army Aviation Support Facility in West Jordan.

“We used every type of aircraft available to us,” said Maj. Jeremy Tannahill, one of the UTNG pilots. “Each airframe had its own mission and its own specialty.”

The advanced optics and detection capabilities helped find and lead the mounted SAR teams to lost and trapped hikers. The SAR teams began initial medical treatment and called for Medevac helicopters dispatched from the County EOC to Big Springs Park in Provo Canyon where they conducted hoist operations in conjunction with mounted SAR assets to evacuate casualties.

When asked about working with the mounted teams Tannahill replied, “Awesome! I was very surprised at how well-trained their horses were and how well they operated near the aircraft.”

*Photos to right: 171st Aviation Medevac and Utah County Search and Rescue perform hoist operations above Big Springs Park, Provo Canyon as part of the search and rescue mission associated with Guardian Rescue.*



*Photos above: Members of the Utah County Mounted Search and Rescue prepare for their mission to support the Utah National Guard’s Aviation to find lost and injured hikers in Big Springs Park, Provo Canyon, Utah March 7.*





*Maj. Jeremy Morrison and Capt. Jamie Ridgeway, 191st Air Refueling Squadron pilots, fly a training mission over Germany to help NATO pilots meet air-refueling training requirements.*



*Staff Sgt. Brad Harris, 191st Air Refueling Squadron boom operator conducts air-refueling training with NATO E-3A AWACS pilots during a flight over Germany on Jan. 7.*

## Utah ANG Conducts Crucial Air-Refueling Training with NATO Allies in Germany

*Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Annie Edwards*

SALT LAKE CITY — Three aircrews and 19 maintenance personnel from the Utah Air National Guard's (ANG) 151st Air Refueling Wing spent two weeks at NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen, Germany, Jan. 4-16 to provide air-refueling support during training flights for NATO E-3A Sentry aircraft pilots.

The E-3A component, made up of members from 15 different countries, operates Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft which are used primarily for surveillance, as well as command, control and communications.

These surveillance flights can often last more than 10 hours, and require air refueling for completion.

"The air refueling is used to extend our time on station; meaning we can provide a longer time on station, and therefore provide a longer air picture to the receiving units," said Lt. Col. Frank Bareither, an E-3A training wing branch chief for the flight technicians.

As the primary providers for training and refueling experience for the AWACS crews, the ANG deploys air-refueling units for two-week rotations to practice aerial refueling and maintain the pilots' currency in this crucial skill.

"To get the air refueling done, since it is really the highest complexity of flying skills, we need that training," Bareither said.

During air refueling, the two aircraft are approximately 40 feet apart.

"Every pilot needs to be very proficient; there is not much room for error, so every pilot needs to practice a lot," said Capt. Justin Christiansen, a pilot with the 191st Air Refueling Squadron. "We come and allow them that practice, and get everybody used to it for when they really need to use it."

The ANG maintenance personnel ensured the KC-135R aircraft were refueled, inspected and ready for flight. The group consisted of crew chiefs and personnel from several sections, including the engine shop, supply, communications and navigation, guidance and control, hydraulics, electrical, sheet metal, and one maintenance operation controller.

The trip to Germany afforded some of the part-time maintenance personnel an opportunity to gain experience they otherwise would not have had during their regular drill weekends.

"It allows us to do a lot of training for our traditional Guardsmen," said Chief Master Sgt. Gary Eisert, maintenance chief with the 151st Maintenance Group. "They get two weeks' worth of hands-on aircraft maintenance, where they don't get that much when they're back home."

*A Utah Air National Guard KC-135 Stratotanker refuels a NATO E-3A AWACS over Germany.*



## Utah National Guard and Boy Scouts Help Fight Utah's Hunger

Story by Ileen Kennedy

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah National Guard sent 135 Air and Army personnel to join more than 55,000 local Scouts from all three Utah Scout councils, as well as the Utah Food Bank, and partnered with more than 130 food pantries and other agencies to help fight hunger statewide for the 29th annual Scouting for Food drive March 21.

“You have Utah National Guard Soldiers here today who also participated when they were young Boy Scouts,” said Maj. Brady-Joe Pollock, Joint Force Headquarters, Utah National Guard. “So it has come full circle for these Soldiers.”

Collected bags were delivered to the Utah Food Bank, regional food banks, and emergency food pantries statewide.

“At the Utah Food Bank we processed more than 400,000 pounds of food,” said Pollock.

This year’s food drive went green, meaning residents received door hangers in lieu of plastic bags. The Utah Food Bank asked residents to participate by filling any bag or box they already had at home with non-perishable food donations.

“The great thing about the scouts is they understand community service,” said Ginette Bott, Utah Food Bank. “They understand giving back. This is a great lesson, regardless of the age of the scout, the scout leader or the member of the community. Helping those in need is so important, and these guys set a great example.”

The need in Utah is real; one in five Utah children are unsure where their next meal will come from, and 444,000 Utahns are at risk of missing a meal today. That is 16 percent of our population. Organizers said last year’s drive collected more than 1.3 million meals for Utahns in need.



*During training in Germany, Senior Airman Josh Wasden, a crew chief with the 151st Maintenance Group, adds hydraulic fluid to a KC-135 Stratotanker on Jan. 6, 2015.*

The group faced several challenges while in Germany, including the language barrier and working in an unfamiliar environment, as well as challenging weather conditions that caused some flight delays and cancellations for the AWACS and the KC-135 aircraft.

“There are multiple languages being spoken and that translates into English in different ways, so understanding the pilots and their requirements or requests and also understanding the controllers is sometimes difficult,” said Capt. Eric Cronk, a pilot with the 191st Air Refueling Squadron.

In addition to benefiting the NATO mission and AWACS crews, the trip was also a valuable training opportunity for the Utah Air Guard members.

Christiansen said that, while challenging, flying in this weather gave them the opportunity to improve their skills in different conditions.

“This benefits the Utah Air National Guard and myself personally by providing experiences outside of what we normally see in the states,” said Cronk. “It puts us in more of a global work force and provides great training for real-world situations.”

*The boom of a Utah KC-135 is visible through the window of a NATO E-3A AWACS as it approaches for refueling.*



*Master Sgt. Russell Liddell weighs a boxed pallet of donated food at the Utah Food Bank March 21. Sgt. 1st Class Shawn Roach and Sgt. Kyle Smith locate and track food-pallet placement during the 29th annual Scouting for Food drive.*



*Master Sgt. Timothy Edwards gives a presentation about Utah Air Guard explosive ordnance disposal capabilities to members of the Moroccan military visiting the Roland R. Wright Air National Guard Base on April 7, 2015. The Moroccan delegates visited the state to work with Utah Guardsmen as part of the State Partnership Program.*

## Moroccan State Partners Observe Utah Guard Land-Mine Removal Training

*Story by Staff Sgt. Annie Edwards*

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — Two members of the Moroccan military, serving as delegates through the State Partnership Program, spent three days observing training events and demonstrations put on by their Utah Army and Air National Guard counterparts at the Roland R. Wright Air National Guard Base and Camp Williams, April 7-9.

During their visit to Utah, the Moroccan delegates spent time with explosive ordnance technicians from the Air Guard's 151st Civil Engineering Squadron. The delegates also attended a presentation taught by a civilian contractor about how the Army trains Soldiers to deal with improvised explosive devices and unexploded ordnance.

The visit culminated in the observation of a training exercise conducted at the IED Training Lane at Camp Williams during which a simulated land mine was found in a village. Engineers from the Army's 1457th Engineer Battalion responded to the incident and called in Air Guard EOD assets to remove the hazard.

*Photos by Capt. Jill Jimenez and Staff Sgt. Annie Edwards*

2nd Lt. Corey Lewis, training officer with 1457th, said this training event was very beneficial for the Guardsmen because it provided them an opportunity to improve their job skills while working with individuals from another branch of service.

Additionally, the opportunity to participate in the State Partnership Program brought a different perspective to the training event.

"We get to work closely with the Moroccan delegation that is here and demonstrate some of our capabilities and through a question and answer session, we both benefit from each other by lessons learned," said Lewis.

Master Sgt. Timothy Edwards, an EOD technician with the 151st EOD Flight, has put on demonstrations of EOD capabilities for past delegation visits, but said this visit was different for his flight because of the discussion following the training event.



*Master Sgt. Timothy Edwards, 151st Civil Engineering Squadron explosive ordnance technician, prepares to move a simulated land mine at Camp Williams, Utah on April 9, 2015.*



*Members of the Army National Guard's 1457th Engineer Battalion participate in a training exercise conducted with explosive ordnance technicians from the Air National Guard's 151st Civil Engineering Squadron at the Improvised Explosive Device Training Lane at Camp Williams, Utah on April 9, 2015. The training scenario involved the removal of a simulated land mine, followed by a discussion with Moroccan State*

“The opportunity to hear another country’s approach to dealing with UXO was interesting,” said Edwards. “It can be beneficial for us to hear a new perspective.”

The State Partnership Program, first established in 1993, links a state’s National Guard with armed forces from a partner nation and includes 68 security partnerships involving 74 nations. These partnerships provide the opportunity to create cooperative, mutually beneficial relationships.

Utah National Guard members have been working with their Moroccan counterparts since 2003. 🇲🇦





*The Utah National Guard's state-level Best Warrior Competition took place on Camp Williams between a simulated Forward Operating Base and a Military Operations in Urban Terrain site. Competitors rucked, evaluated casualties, called in and rode helicopters, charted land-navigation coordinates and conducted chemical operations as part of the competition April 10-12.*

## Utah's Soldiers Compete in the State-Level Best Warrior Competition

*Story by Staff Sgt. John Etheridge*

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — **T**he Utah Army National Guard held its annual state-level Best Warrior Competition April 10-12, 2015 at Camp Williams, Utah.

The competition selects this year's Soldier, Noncommissioned Officer, and Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the year. A total of 23 Soldiers competed, representing the major commands throughout the state.

"We're going to test them physically; we're going to test them mentally, but also emotionally," said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller, Utah National Guard's senior enlisted leader. "We never know the environment we are going into as a Soldier, so when we set up the competition, we want to test

their core competencies to test that the warrior can go in any environment and be able to execute the desired mission of the commander."

Soldiers competed in several events over the three-day period that tested their strength, physical endurance, military bearing and military knowledge. The competition was a culmination of weeks of studying military topics, practicing soldier skills, and extra physical training for the competitors.

"I've been practicing a lot and studying. I usually spend about two or three hours a day including physical fitness," said Spc. Andrew Sais, a human intelligence specialist with the 141st Military Intelligence Battalion. He also said that he and his mentor have spent a lot of time breaking down weapons systems and going to the range to shoot.







The competition started Friday afternoon with the administration of the Army Physical Fitness Test to all the participants, testing the competitors' strength and endurance.

Following the APFT, the Soldiers had to appear in front of a military board consisting of the state command sergeant major and other senior noncommissioned officers from the Utah Guard. During the board they were asked questions about tactics, leadership and other areas to test their military knowledge. They were also judged on their military appearance while wearing the Army Service Uniform and on their bearing during the board.

"The board was really hard and they asked really difficult questions. But I feel like I maintained my composure very well which is important," said Sgt. Ty'Lene Puro, a human resources specialist from the 65th Field Artillery Brigade.

The second day of the competition was the longest and most strenuous of the event and lasted well into the evening. Soldiers were tested on their core competency Soldier skills, weapons skills, and land-navigation skills. Lanes were set up to test their skills and knowledge in different soldiering areas.

"I've got all the competitors going through nine different warrior tasks: treat a bleeding extremity, assemble a SINCGARS radio, request medical evacuation, throw a hand grenade, call for fire, and search an individual," said Sgt. 1st Class Matt Pace, 640th Regional Training Institute, noncommissioned officer in charge of the lanes.

"This is scenario-based and tests their ability to walk up on

a situation assess it, and complete the task without us giving them too much instruction," he continued.

At another range, Soldiers were tested on marksmanship and other weapons abilities with a variety of firearms to include pistol, grenade launcher and automatic rifles. Day two was capped off with a land-navigation test and seven-mile ruck march.

The final day consisted of a mystery event where the competitor's Soldier competency skills were used and their ability to work with and lead a team tested.

The winners of the competition were announced at an awards banquet Sunday afternoon, a few hours after the last event. The winners of the 2015 Utah National Guard Best Warrior Competition are as follows:

Soldier of the Year: Sgt. Ty'Lene Puro, 65th FAB.

NCO of the Year: Staff Sgt. Robert Kendall, 640th RTI

Senior NCO of the Year: Master Sgt. Norman Rentschler, 640th RTI.

"It's really awesome to be at this level of competition and interact and work with people of this caliber," said Puro. "I've definitely learned a lot from the competition itself, and working with the other Soldiers."

She added that she will continue practicing Soldier-skills and maintain her physical readiness in preparation for the next level of competition.

Both Puro and Kendall will represent the Utah National Guard at the Regional VII Best Warrior Competition to be held in May in Hawaii. 🇺🇸



# Utah's Best Soldiers Compete at Region VII Best Warrior Competition

Story by Ileen Kennedy

Photos by Ileen Kennedy, Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller and Staff Sgt. Christopher Hubenthal

BELLOWS AIRFIELD STATION, Hawaii — Utah National Guard members Sgt. Stefanie Ty'Lene Puro, 65th Field Artillery and Staff Sgt. Robert Kendall, 640th Regiment, Regional Training Institute, compete at Region VII Best Warrior Competition held at Hawaii's 298th Regiment, Regional Training Institute on Bellows Field, Hawaii May 3-7.

"Best Warrior events are designed to execute a dynamic, realistic, and challenging individual- and team-learning environment," said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller, state command sergeant major. "These Soldier's will to win and compete is unmatched."

As the sun rose over the Pacific Ocean, creating serene conditions, competitors pushed to max the Army Physical Fitness Test of sit-ups, push-ups and a two-mile run.

The Soldiers and noncommissioned officers (NCOs) then donned their Army Service Uniforms for the appearance board to answer a series of questions by a panel chaired by Utah's Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller and Nevada's Command Sgt. Maj. Jared Kopacki for the NCO and Soldiers, respectively.

Upon leaving the room, Puro flashed a noticeable smile and said, "Now we can start the fun stuff."

Once the boards were over, competitors seemed to let out a deep breath and relax.

"Complete relief, for me I think they are the most stressful part of the competition. The boards are stressful because you're in front of the sergeants major," said Kendall. "We've had numerous boards, including this one, and every one is just as stressful."

The boards, written test and essay complete, the competitors were airlifted from the island's Windward side inland to Schofield Barracks, where they were tested on day- and night-land navigation.

Day two started with a Chinook helicopter transport to the Big Island, and the start of warrior tasks conducted in a round-robin type scenario and the mystery event.

During the last event of the day, competitors had to extract an injured pilot, treat injuries and put an actual Soldier in a litter and tie them down. They then moved to another litter that had two 45-pound dumbbell sets tied down. Utah competitors were partnered together working as a two-man team, and they packed the 90-plus pound litter out to the original starting point.

"It was about 1.5 miles, through dense vegetation, uneven terrain and everyone was soaked," said Miller. "To say it smoked them is an understatement. Their forearms, hands, and legs were burning. The height difference was a

*Below: Utah National Guard Soldiers Staff Sgt. Robert Kendall, 640th Regional Training Institute and Sgt. Stefanie Ty'Lene Puro, Headquarters, Headquarters Battery, 65th Field Artillery Brigade, both receive the highest score on the boards and 60-minute written test during Region VII Best Warrior Competition (BWC) May 4. Right: Puro cuts more than a minute from her two-mile run time during the Army Physical Fitness Test at Region VII BWC. Kendall maxes his push-ups and sit ups at regionals at Bellows Airfield Station, Hawaii May 4.*

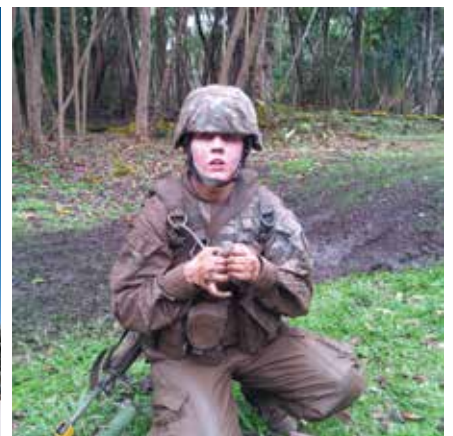




*U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers listen to a land navigation briefing during the Region VII Best Warrior Competition May 4, 2015, at the Kawaiiloa Training Area East Range, Hawaii.*



*Kendall participates in a weapons qualification event as part of the Region VII Best Warrior Competition (BWC) May 6, 2015, at the Pohakuloa Training Area, Hawaii.*



*Photos left to right: Puro treats wounds of a simulated casualty during the Region VII BWC May 5, at the Keaukaha Military Reservation, Hawaii. Puro plots points on a map during a land-navigation course May 4. Kendall crawls under wire in the rain-soaked mud during the warrior-task event in Hawaii. Kendall fires down range during a weapons-qualification event May 6, at the Pohakuloa Training Area, Hawaii. Puro takes a breather during the mystery event May 5 at the Keaukaha Military Reservation, Hawaii.*

*Puro plots points on a map during a land-navigation course May 4. Kendall crawls under wire in the rain-soaked mud during the warrior-task event in Hawaii. Kendall fires down range during a weapons-qualification event May 6, at the Pohakuloa Training Area, Hawaii. Puro takes a breather during the mystery event May 5 at the Keaukaha Military Reservation, Hawaii.*

factor as well. Yet, they never quit. It took them 41 minutes, and they finished.”

“It was definitely mentally and physically challenging,” said Puro. “It was for sure the hardest part of the competition for me.”

Another helicopter transported them to around six thousand elevation. Soldiers conducted call for fire, operated a radio, adjusted fire, and fire for effect (live fire).

“Sergeant Puro gave it her all, hitting some marks, but needed a little assistance on a couple of tasks,” said Miller. “Not that big of a deal.”

“It went pretty well, it was something I’ve never done before, and possibly will never do again,” said Puro. “Overall, it teaches you to be more accurate with your map skills.”

NCOs demonstrated their weapons skills on the M4, 9mm, M249 and M240B.

“Staff Sergeant Kendall hit 32/40 rifle and all 9mm,” said Miller.

“The M4 and M9 weren’t that challenging,” said Kendall. “The M249 and M240B were definitely challenging because I don’t get the opportunity to use those.”

After the completion of the live-fire events, a Chinook transport returned them to Bellows Field.

“Both just smile and keep focusing on the task at hand—great Soldiers and mentors,” said Miller. “They are tired and worn out, but always have a smile. They are warriors.”

The last event, starting before sunrise on a very humid day, was a 6.5-mile ruck march with a 35-pound dry pack. The last three days had taken its toll on each of the 16 competitors, and the ruck was the only thing standing between them and a successful accomplishment of finishing Region BWC.

“The ruck was hard, but fun. I had my mentor with me, and it helped to have that support,” said Puro. “The humidity definitely got to me. The guys were pouring water down my Kevlar, but I think I passed someone every lap.”

The end of the competition brought relief that they endured and persevered, but also a sense of pride for what they had accomplished. Both Puro and Kendall took second



*Puro and Kendall receive instructions for the station to assemble a radio and do a radio check in under three minutes.*

overall competing against representatives from Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, New Mexico, and Nevada.

Staff Sgt. Robert Zapata, Arizona Army National Guard won NCO of the Year and Spc. Crusier Barnes, 1st Squadron, 299th Cavalry Regiment, Hawaii Army National Guard won the Soldier, both great Soldiers that now advance to compete at the Army National Guard’s national Best Warrior Competition to be held for the first time at Camp Williams June 21-25.

“It was one of the best experiences I’ve had so far in my military career,” said Puro. “We learned a lot. If you compare the Soldier I was in the beginning to now, I’ve improved ten fold. Even though I didn’t represent as well as I wanted to, its an experience that will effect the rest of my career, and help me influence other Soldiers.” 🇺🇸



*Puro and Kendall work as a two-man team to carry a litter with two 45-pound weights, simulating a casualty, 1.5 miles through the dense, rain-soaked jungle for airlift transport.*

# Utah Honor Flight Brings Veterans to WWII Memorial

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Annie Edwards

SALT LAKE CITY — Seventy years after the end of fighting in Europe, fifty World War II veterans and their guardians returned from a trip to Washington, D.C., Nov. 7-9, to see the memorial built in their honor.

The trip, organized through the Utah Honor Flight program, began with a ceremony at the Utah State Fair Park to honor the veterans. The Adjutant General of the Utah National Guard, Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, addressed the veterans, thanking them for their service.

The ceremony also included a performance by the 23rd Army Band Quintet.

While in Washington, D.C., the veterans and their guardians visited the World War II Memorial and watched a flyover of dozens of restored World War II aircraft.

This Honor Flight, made possible through donations, was the first of four this spring that will give several Utah veterans the opportunity to see the memorial in Washington, D.C. honoring their service. Since their first flight in October 2013, the Utah Honor Flight program has taken nearly 300 veterans and their guardians to see the memorial.

“Even as you came in the entrance there was a different feeling. It felt like you left the outside world and you were in a very sacred place,” said Grant Woolley, a World War II medic.

Upon returning to Utah, the veterans were met by a cheering crowd of friends, family and community members waiting at the Utah State Fair Park to welcome them home. Each veteran was presented with a World War II photo book and an American flag by boy scouts from Troop 125 in Springville, Utah. James Cope, a member of Troop 125, raised money to pay for the flags as part of his Eagle Scout project. Cope’s great grandfather, Ray Cope, was one of the veterans returning from this Honor Flight trip. 🇺🇸

*Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, adjutant general, Utah National Guard, addresses a group of WW II Veterans and their guardians at a ceremony at the Utah State Fair Park May 7, before their departure on an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., to see the memorial built in their honor. Senior Master Sgt. Ronald Kelly, 151st Logistics Readiness Squadron, assists WW II Veterans boarding a bus to take them to the airport. WW II Veterans are welcomed home by friends and family after returning from an Honor Flight. Boy Scouts from Troop 125 in Springfield, Utah, present flags and WW II photo books to WW II Veterans May 9. The Veterans had just returned from an Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C., May 9.*



# Field Artillery Conducts Boss Lifts During Dugway Live Fire

Story by 1st Lt. Rory Mele

DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, Utah — Soldiers from the 1-145th and 2-222nd Field Artillery Battalions, and the 65th Field Artillery Brigade invited their employers to a Boss Lift hosted by the brigade and sponsored by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve during part of the brigade's annual training exercise at Dugway Proving Ground May 2 and 8, 2015.

"This event was sponsored to help increase awareness and support from employers that demonstrate active support of Soldiers from the Utah Army National Guard," said Col. Todd Thursby, commanding officer of the 65th FAB.

Employers were introduced to Field Artillery, explored static displays of the weapon systems, and received a live-fire demonstration, which included each employer taking the opportunity to shoot one round from a 109A6 155mm Howitzer, also known as a Paladin.

"My son, Jonah, and I had the once in a lifetime opportunity to spend the day with the 2-222nd as they train on their weapons," said Keith Bevan, who was invited by Lt. Col. Christopher Caldwell, battalion commander of the 2-222nd. "The experience was beyond belief, and the opportunity for it to be hands-on made it even better. It was an experience that Jonah and I will not soon forget!"

The event was conducted in a military training environment, allowing employers to see and feel what their Soldier-employees experience while they are away at training, explained Thursby. This event enabled employers to empathize with our Soldiers, while feeling some of the military adrenaline rush.

The employers were served a catered breakfast during a briefing given by retired Army Col. Kim Watts, ESGR program support technician and chief of staff of the committee. He explained the importance of the event, and expressed gratitude for their support of their Soldier-employees.

"A lot of the employers who have to give up an employee one weekend, sometimes two weekends a month, and two weeks during the summer, don't really know what their employees do in their military positions and obligations," said Watts. "This gave them a chance to really see and appreciate what their employee does when putting on his or her uniform to perform military duties."

Employers met with brigade and battalion leaders and learned how training missions are conducted and what goes into making artillery operations successful. Key leaders explained their role and function in the operation, and added their appreciation for the support these employers offer to military personnel.

Employers and their employees traveled by Humvee from the tactical operations center to the battery locations. Employers rotated between firing a round from the Paladins and demonstrations of the crew-served weapons. Soldiers fired the .50 caliber machine gun and the Mark 19 automatic grenade launcher for employers to observe.



Between rotations employers ate MRE's, explored the weapon systems, and spoke with their Soldiers, the gun crews and leaders getting to experience a day in the life of artillery.

"I was absolutely impressed by the professionalism of the gun crew," said Watts. "Both Boss Lifts this week were very successful and it was a great experience all the way around."

This event is great for the employers, but is also a visual example to the Soldiers of how their employers support them, by accepting the invitation and taking the time to come to a training with their employee.

"I am grateful to my boss and all of the bosses who came to this event to understand what we do as Soldiers," said Sgt. Kristen Calderwood, public affairs NCO for the 65th FAB. "You really can't fully comprehend what Soldiers do until you get out there and experience it with them. We owe our employers a lot of respect for the support they give us, and they deserve a lot of thanks, just as much thanks as Soldiers receive for serving our country."

Brigade and battalion leaders also benefit from these Boss Lifts. The level of support that Soldiers receive from their employers can have a significant impact on the mission and the organization.

"I would like to add that they (the employers) get more than just an average employee," said Thursby. "They get an individual that has leadership skills, dedication and is mission oriented. These qualities are a recipe for success in any organization."



*Photos top down: Maj. Toby Adamson, 1-145th Field Artillery Battalion, addresses civilian employers at Dugway Proving Ground, May 2. Civilian employers stand with their Soldier employee during a Boss Lift sponsored by the Employer Support of Guard and Reserve to help increase empathy and understanding of employers that support National Guard Soldiers.*

*Utah Army National Guard Soldiers of the 2-222nd Field Artillery Battalion and 65th Field Artillery Brigade conduct a live-fire demonstration of crew-served weapons with their civilian-employers, observing at Dugway Proving Ground, May 8.*

*Photos by 1st Lt. Rory Mele and Sgt. Kristin Calderwood*





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The employers seemed pleased with the visit, as smiles lit up their faces throughout the event, and as they expressed their gratitude for the experience.

“Thank you for involving us and helping us understand what our Soldiers go through while they are away from us,” said Kenyan Allen, employer of Sgt. 1st Class Donovan Strain. “This helped me better empathize with my employee and my respect level for Mr. Strain went up quite a bit by understanding how he juggles the responsibility of what he does for us with what he does for the military.”

“The responsibility that these Soldiers take on, the sacrifices their families make being without them for weeks and months on end, and the risk of losing their lives or the possibility of never seeing their loved ones again can’t and never should be taken lightly,” said Lori Westwood, who has had several service members work for her. “I have more appreciation for them now than ever, and appreciated the opportunity to get to experience some of what military life entails.”

Boss Lifts support the mission of the ESGR, which is to gain and maintain the support of American employers throughout the country for the military service of their employees that serve in the National Guard and Reserve, said Watts.

“We want them to not only support their employees’ military service, but to encourage it, and also commit to looking for Guardsmen and Reservists and their spouses when they are hiring for vacancies in their companies,” said Watts.

“It is important that employers get to see the time and dedication these Soldiers, not only show to local communities,” said Thursby, “but also the training, hard work and dedication these Soldiers give to support and defend this great country and their state. 🇺🇸



# Utah National Guard Legislative Affairs Committee Assists on the Hill

*Story and photos by Capt. Ryan Sutherland*

SALT LAKE CITY — After 45 days, the 2015 Utah legislative session ended March 12. With the passage of 528 bills, the governor started the long process of signing bills into law, several of which directly supported Utah National Guard (UTNG).

With those bills came countless hours of behind the scenes work as members of the UTNG's legislative affairs committee worked tirelessly to assist the adjutant general with legislative affairs and community relations requests pertaining to the UTNG.

The UTNG legislative affairs committee consists of a primary Legislative Liaison, as well as representatives from State Judge Advocate, Construction Facility Management, Public Affairs, State Military Department, and as needed, Utah Training Center-Camp Williams.

Maj. Aaron Drake, Legislative Liaison for the UTNG, explains that the makeup of the legislative affairs committee provides the adjutant general a broad base of support for the variety of issues confronted throughout the legislative process.

“The legislative process spans the entire year—not just



*Utah State Capitol*

the 45-day session—so from the moment the current year's session ends, we immediately begin planning and preparing for the next year,” said Drake.

“The bottom line is, we never stop working toward this important aspect of the Utah National Guard. Because our primary mission is to educate and inform legislators and policy makers, we have to maintain continual awareness and understanding of the many issues that can affect the Guard.”

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The Guard maintains a near constant presence on the Hill during the 45 days legislative session, which the legislative affairs committee stresses is key to educating and informing policy makers on Guard related issues.

Mr. Mike Norton, state resource manager for the UTNG and a primary member of the legislative affairs committee, explains one aspect of the information provided to legislators.

“With every piece of legislation, there is a fiscal analysis,” said Norton. “If a piece of legislation effects a state agency, we’re required to respond to the legislative fiscal analyst’s office with what that fiscal impact is.”

He explains that even in the case of proposed legislation that could potentially negatively impact the Guard, our legislative affairs representatives still maintain their role as a representative, to inform and educate.

“Our role is simply to educate, inform, and adopt an equal opportunity approach to doing so; we don’t try to sway,” said Norton. “We just say, ‘Here is the impact on the Utah National Guard.’”

The committee responds to requests with written information, personal visits from the adjutant general and other subject matter experts, and reports addressing budgetary concerns that could impact the UTNG.

During the legislative session, most bills go through a House committee, a Senate committee, the House floor, the Senate floor, and the Governor’s office. The bill sponsor is the one responsible for testifying, and carrying his or her bill. During committee hearings, the sponsor may call on subject matter experts to be a part of his or her presentation on the bill. That is where representatives of the UTNG are often called upon to address issues on behalf of the Guard or issues within their subject matter expertise.

Several bills favorable to the UTNG passed on Capitol Hill this year, including amendments to the Utah Code of Military Justice sponsored by Representative Val Petersen of

Orem. Also passed, was House Concurrent Resolution 10. H.C.R 10, expresses support for and finds value in re-locating Utah Air National Guard operations at Hill Air Force Base.

“HCR10 is not just about moving the Guard to Hill Air Force Base, it’s about ensuring that the senior defense leaders know that Utah, its citizens, its businesses, its legislators, and its governor, are ready and willing to collaborate on solutions to the national-level security issues of our day: waning defense budgets, an ever-evolving, highly complex operating environment, a quickening pace of technology, and a lack of any meaningful recapitalization at our bases and armories,” said Drake. “We are pursuing a number of proposals and initiatives to this end—one of which is moving Air Guard operations to Hill Air Force Base.”

Following testimony on H.C.R 10 at the senate committee hearing, the Chair, Senator Margaret Dayton, took a moment from a much hastened schedule to express gratitude and full support of the committee for Utah’s service members.

“The fact of the matter is that we have great support from nearly all legislators, irrespective of their political affiliation, and I think that’s a reflection of the thoughtful and patriotic state that we live in,” said Norton.

“It’s a reflection of the tremendous service that our Soldiers and Airmen have given since September, 2001. The sacrifices that all of the Soldiers and Airmen and their families have made is respected and appreciated, and with that respect comes a certain amount of responsibility that I hope our Guard family will understand. We have to earn it, every day.”

To learn more about 2015 passed legislation effecting military services, type in the following Utah.gov link: <http://le.utah.gov/asp/billsintro/SubResults.asp?Listbox4=02224u&Passed=ye>. 🇺🇸

## Soldiers Honored at Military Appreciation Night at Real Stadium

*Story and photos by Lt. Col. Steven Fairbourn*

SANDY, Utah — On a pleasant Friday evening, thousands of anxious soccer fans converged at Real Stadium in Sandy for the Military Appreciation Night on May 1, 2015, where two Utah National Guardmembers were honored during the evening’s events.



*Utah Guardmembers, left to right, Sgts. 1st Class Troy Koltermann and Matthew Raines, and Staff Sgts. Aaron Bonzo and Sarah Francis proudly present the colors for the National Anthem at the military appreciation Real soccer game May 1.*



*Capt. Brett Anderson, MacArthur Award recipient for 2015, watches as an image of his deployment group is shown at Real Stadium prior to his recognition May 1.*

proud testimony of the selflessness and bravery of our members celebrated by the applause of all.

Capt. Brett Anderson, communications officer for the 65th Field Artillery Brigade headquarters, had the privilege of flipping the customary coin toss to kick off the game.

“I really felt like my award recognition was really because of the team I was part of during my deployment,” said Anderson. “A tiny light got shined on what really the whole team did.”

Anderson would again take center stage during the game’s halftime when he was recognized for being selected as one of the few 2015 recipients of the prestigious MacArthur Award for

leadership. Anderson, too, had emotions swelling as he listened to the booming announcements and peered up to images of his training and deployments.

“It was humbling to have all those people appreciate not only what I’ve done, but what the military does in general,” continued Anderson. “It was great to feel that outpouring of support for the military.”

The game was intense, but ended in a tie with overtime excitement. However, the Utah National Guard can certainly chalk the game up as a win for the celebration of Anderson and Kelley and the public recognition of the excellence of the Soldiers and Airmen of the Utah National Guard.

“I am so impressed with everybody I get to serve with in the Utah National Guard,” Anderson said. “Everywhere I have served in the Utah Guard is amazing with people of such a high level of professionalism, talent and motivation. I am honored to be a part of it.”

The soft glow from the setting sun was quickly replaced by the brilliant white lights of the stadium, which shined down on the Utah National Guard Honor Guard as they reverently presented the colors for the National Anthem as rows of players and children stood proudly behind them with their hands over their hearts.

Eyes drew center field as Staff Sgt. Robert Kelley, who risked his life to pull three injured from a plane crash last August, was recognized as a ‘Hero Among Us’ during the pre-game events.

“I felt very proud,” said Kelley, reconnaissance sergeant from Headquarters Company, 1457th Engineer Battalion. “It was pretty cool to be at my second game in the Real Stadium, and be down on the field and see myself on the big screen in front of all these people and kind of be the man of the hour.” Kelley waved to the spectators as images cataloging his heroism from the actual crash, visits to the family during their recovery, and his acceptance of the Soldiers Medal from Gen. Grass appeared on the stadium screens. It was a



*Capt. Brett Anderson and Sgt. 1st Class Lee Johnson stand at midfield in Real Stadium during military appreciation night.*



*Staff Sgt. Robert Kelley, 1457th Engineer Battalion, is recognized as a ‘Hero Among Us’ at Real Stadium during military appreciation night on the field with Real executives.*

# Utah National Guard Launches Sisters-In-Arms Forum for Issues Most Relevant to Servicewomen

Story and photos by Capt. Jennifer Eaton

DRAPER, Utah — **M**ore than 100 men and women, including senior Air Force and Army National Guard leaders, attended the official kickoff of the recently launched Utah Sisters-in-Arms (SIA) program held April 1 at the Utah National Guard Headquarters in Draper.

The SIA branches have been established at installations nationwide to foster an environment where female military members feel comfortable discussing the issues most relevant to them in an informal setting. The forum is designed to facilitate mentorship and guidance opportunities from other women in uniform, as well as prominent female civic leaders.

Sharlene Wells Hawkes, one of ESPN's first female sportscasters, 1985 Miss America winner, author, and long-time Utah businesswoman served as the keynote speaker. Hawkes' credentials also include her appointment as one of the newest members of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS).

The DACOWITS committee is composed of civilian women and men selected by the Secretary of Defense to provide recommendations on matters pertaining to the

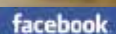


*Keynote speaker Sharlene Wells Hawkes, Utah businesswoman and DACOWITS member, addresses attendees during the Sisters-In-Arms program kickoff event April 1, 2015 at Utah National Guard Joint Force Headquarters in Draper. The purpose of the initiative is to mentor, educate, train and empower Servicemembers to become future leaders.*

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While addressing the crowd, Hawkes focused on the importance of identifying and tackling issues women face in the workplace and as they strive for balance in their personal and professional lives. She emphatically reinforced the notion that initiatives like SIA are meant to be inclusive, not divisive, noting that, “work-life balance is also important to me.”

“It’s not about separation, it’s about strengthening and fortifying talent for the sake of national defense,” Hawkes said. “Fostering a climate of dignity and respect is the best way to accomplish that goal.”

Army Master Sgt. Tammy Sower, event organizer and founder of the local SIA chapter, said its mission is to “mentor, educate, train and empower Servicemembers to become future leaders.” She also noted that the group’s advisory board is always interested in recruiting new members, including male counterparts.

“Every voice is relevant and valued in this dialogue,” said Sower. “This organization is about inclusion and building trust.”

Army Sgt. Mercedes Millward, administrative specialist for the Utah National Guard, said she had hoped for the creation of an organization like SIA ever since joining the military.



*Army Sgt. Mercedes Millward, Sisters-In-Arms advisory board member, thanks Sharlene Wells Hawkes for setting an example for female leaders by sharing her personal stories and message.*

“I’m excited to serve on the committee because we need to foster better relationships and enhance opportunities,” she said. “Listening to the presentation today and knowing that our senior leaders value efforts to address issues and find effective ways forward is inspiring.”

For more information on the SIA program, including how to get involved, call 801-432-4583. 📞



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## The Adjutant General Travels to Rabat for the State Partnership Program to Morocco



*Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton receives a briefing from a Royal Moroccan Air Force F-16 Pilot.*



*Utah National Guard delegates meet with Brig. Gen. Ahmed MOUDENE, Inspector of Health Services.*

*Story and photos by Capt. Jill Jimenez*

RABAT, Morocco — Major Gen. Jeff Burton and five Utah Air and Army National Guard members traveled to Morocco March 7-13 in support of the State Partnership Program.

The annual adjutant general's trip provides an opportunity for the leaders of both the Utah National Guard and the Royal Moroccan Armed Forces to discuss this mutually beneficial security cooperation program.

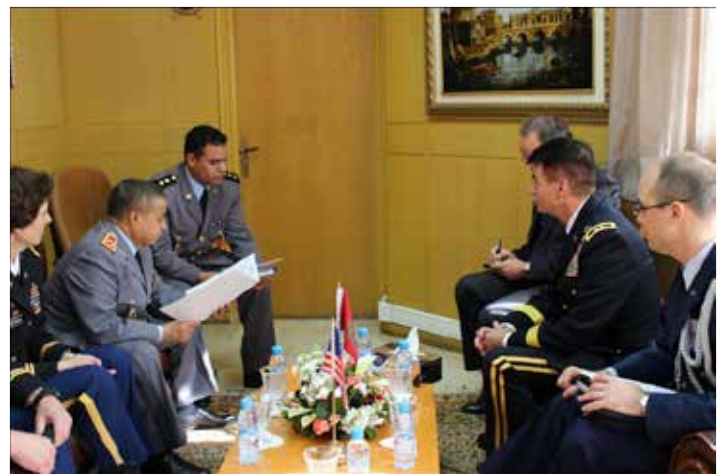
The partnership with the Kingdom of Morocco was established in 2003, and was the first partnership with a predominantly Muslim nation in Africa. The Utah National Guard had the unique opportunity early in the partnership

to provide humanitarian support in early 2004 after a major earthquake struck Northern Morocco. This gave the partnership a strong beginning, which has continued to strengthen over the last 12 years.

Through the State Partnership Program, the Utah National Guard conducts military-to-military and civilian-to-military exchanges in support of defense security goals, but also leverages the whole of society relationships and capabilities to facilitate broader interagency and corollary engagements spanning military, government, economic and social spheres. 🇺🇸



*Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton meets with Lt. Gen. Bouchaib ARROUB, Inspector General of the Royal Armed Forces and Southern Zone Commander.*

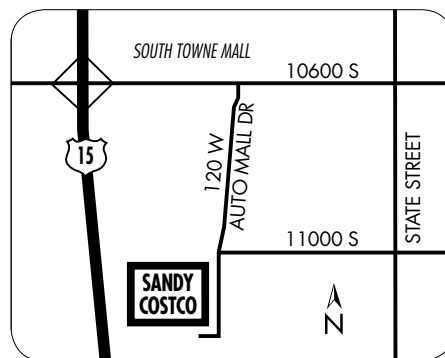


*Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton meets with Maj. Gen. Abdellah MOUAAF, Royal Moroccan Armed Forces Engineer Inspector General.*



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# Utah Air National Guard Hosts Weapons System Council Conference

*Story and photo by Capt. Jennifer Eaton*

SALT LAKE CITY — **M**ore than 30 representatives from the Air Force intelligence community attended a Weapons System Council Conference hosted by the 169th Intelligence Squadron at Roland R. Wright Air National Guard Base, Feb. 3-4.

A Utah Air National Guard tenant unit, the 169th IS, includes some of the most highly trained and experienced linguists and personnel in the Air Force. These Airmen provide critical intelligence in support of warfighters across the Department of Defense as part of the Deployed Common Ground System (DCGS).

During the conference, the group of Active-Duty and Air National Guard counterparts and leaders from across the nation discussed existing and emerging issues central to current and future DCGS operations.

Col. Kip Clark, commander of the 181st Intelligence Wing, Indiana Air National Guard, and chairman of the Weapons System Council for the past three years, led the conference. Also in attendance were Col. John Knabel, chief, Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance (ISR) Forces Division, Air National Guard, National Guard Bureau; and Col. Michael Lovell, Air National Guard advisor to the Air Force ISR Agency commander.

Though the council generally meets twice a year, this was the first opportunity for the 169th to assume responsibility for coordination of the venue, logistics, and all subsequent support.

“I have to start by saying that I’ve been thoroughly impressed by the exceptional hospitality Lt. Col. Troy Drennan, 169th IS commander, and his team of professionals, have provided during our stay,” said Clark.

*Lt. Col. Troy Drennan, 169th Intelligence Squadron commander, brainstorms with Col. John Knabel, chief, Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance Forces Division, Air National Guard, National Guard Bureau, during a break between sessions at the Weapons Systems Council Conference held at Wright Air National Guard Base Feb. 3. More than two dozen members of the intelligence community gathered from across the nation to discuss existing and emerging issues.*

Clark explained that the conference provides a unique opportunity for the units that represent the common weapons system to present a united message to Air National Guard leadership.

“In addition, the group uses the forum to identify the top-three issues we plan to present to the Air Directorate Functional Advisory Council—a gathering of all the Air Force Weapons Systems” Clark said.

After lengthy discussion and deliberation, this year’s top three included equipment distribution, resource allocation, and training and exercises.

Additional agenda highlights included discussion on the importance of “right-sizing” traditional and full-time manning, as well as the establishment of working groups to address a variety of DCGS topics.

“It was an honor to host so many key players from across the country,” said Drennan. “Not only were we able to showcase our unit, but it allowed everyone to see firsthand the extraordinary support the wing provides us for our mission.”

Drennan noted that participant feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

“It was a wonderful opportunity; we look forward to spearheading the event again,” he said. 🇺🇸



# Utah Guard Participates in Morocco Disaster Preparedness

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Shana Hutchins

KENITRA, Morocco — Members from the Utah Army National Guard, Utah Unified Fire Authority, Defense Threat Reduction Agency and various Moroccan military and civilian agencies joined together for Maghreb-Mantelet beginning April 13, a 12-day exercise established to exchange ideas and work together regarding emergency response in their respective areas.

“Maghreb is the region of Northwest Africa and Mantelet is a shelter or symbol of protection, and that’s why we (the exercise planners) chose that name for the emergency preparedness training event,” stated Capt. Tambra West, Utah Army National Guard lead Maghreb-Mantelet planner and operations officer from the 97th Troop Command and Homeland Response Force.

The exercise has been planned with the focus of sharing training and demonstrations from several different disciplines and models used to develop the planning and the intervention of the numerous agencies in the case of a national catastrophe.

Chief Erik Sandstrom, Unified Fire Authority and civilian Maghreb-Mantelet exercise director, said the relationships and partnerships that are and have been cultivated with the Utah National Guard and Morocco have created great opportunities to exchange and learn and benefit from different experiences.

“The Moroccans always welcome us with open arms and ensure our needs are met. They are capable and hard-working,” stated Lt. Col. Ryan M. King, Utah Army National Guard military Maghreb-Mantelet exercise director, Homeland Response Force executive officer and 640th Regiment 2nd Battalion commander.

The exercise began in Kenitra, Morocco with four different break-out groups both in the classroom and functional zones that addressed different topics. The first workshop concentrated on the improved coordination between civilian and military players, becoming familiar with the procedures used in the command center during an incident and developing different techniques to use in order to communicate effectively with the public.

West said this is her sixth training event with Moroccans and second year of this type of full-scale exercise. This gives all civilian and military entities the chance to enhance their readiness training, and this leads to better interoperability.

*Utah Army National Guard and Moroccan military personnel work together learning different structural and swift-water rope techniques for rescue scenarios April 15-16.*





The rest of the workshops were dedicated to sharing tactical capabilities of the different intervention teams highlighted during this exercise. They were search and retrieval teams, primarily focused on structural rescue, search and water rescue, and decontamination.

The participants then put their combined knowledge into a table top exercise (TTX) according to a structure of incident command post, with the scenario being based on an earthquake having hit the Ouezzane region, that generates flooding with a chemical incident.

“We look forward to learning from the Moroccans. Especially their boat operations and their ability to move large amounts of people and animals during floods,” said Sandstrom.

After the TTX, the participants entered the functional part of the exercise at Lamjaara, Morocco, which was dedicated to the application of search and rescue elements in the aquatic environment, evacuation and chemical decontamination.

Eagerness to improve on both sides, will and initiative to learn, and growth of relationships between all entities and individuals are things Capt. West says she has seen more and more of during this event.



*Above: Utah Army National Guard and Moroccan military personnel at Maghreb-Mantelet 2015 in Kenitra, Morocco. Right: U.S. and Moroccan civilian and military agency personnel share swift-water rescue techniques during Maghreb-Mantelet 2015 in Lamjaara, Morocco.*

“This is a positive experience, and expanding and continuing the long-standing deeply-invested relationship we have is the most important aspect of these operations,” said King. “As well as being open to new ideas, facilitating conversations, and reviewing and integrating the training.” 🇲🇦

*Moroccan and U.S. civilian and military agency personnel work together during a tabletop exercise in Kenitra, Morocco during Maghreb-Mantelet 2015.*



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| <b>STAFF SERGEANT</b><br>Ansley Shaylynn June<br>Bone Brian Richard<br>Braddy Christina Rae<br>Brady Macklin Judd<br>Carleton Brett T<br>Carter Kristalyn S<br>Craig Brady J  |  |

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|---|---|
| <b>COLONEL</b><br>Hadlock Gregg Lynn  | <b>CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2</b><br>Anderson Kathryn Elaine<br>Bourgeois Jess Wade<br>Lopez David John<br>Shurtleff Daniel William  |
| <b>LIEUTENANT COLONEL</b><br>Larsen Chris Rawlin<br>Odom Steven R   | <b>WARRANT OFFICER</b><br>Clark Derik Allen<br>Gerfen Travis Jw<br>Thatcher Christopher Dougla  |
| <b>MAJOR</b><br>Fullmer Travis Gregory<br>Isom John Michael<br>Merlette James Brook   | <b>COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR</b><br>Belford John Christopher<br>West Joseph Glen<br>Wooldridge Steven Brian  |
| <b>CAPTAIN</b><br>Abe Tadashi Andrew<br>Berry Thomas Glen<br>Fuller Paul Steven   | <b>SERGEANT MAJOR</b><br>Hegg David Scott<br>Nelson Kody Ryan   |
| <b>FIRST LIEUTENANT</b><br>Frenza Shaun David<br>Jensen David Peter<br>Johnson Eric Arvid<br>Kartchner Nathan Joseph<br>Petersen Joseph Hyrum<br>Smith Cole Wayne<br>Teagle Skyler Winston<br>Tidwell Megan Noelle<br>Weidner John Joseph | <b>FIRST SERGEANT</b><br>Garcia Edmundo Israel<br>Gardner Glen Micheals<br>Gifford Darren Lloyd<br>Hohosh Linda Jean<br>Legler Jason Roy<br>Miller Clayton Liberty<br>Robinson Gerald Lawrence<br>Thomas Justin A   |
| <b>SECOND LIEUTENANT</b><br>Bybee Johnathan Aaron<br>Carpenter Jared Vincent<br>Helfer Yuliya<br>Johnson Richard Matthew<br>Robinson Jeremiah Thomas<br>Rusk Jason David<br>Twitchell Ronald Dennis<br>Woodward David Lee                 | <b>MASTER SERGEANT</b><br>Baum Ryan Bud<br>Bills Bryan M<br>Carlson Jonathon Joseph<br>Christensen Joseph Jensen<br>Eckles Robert Dan<br>Evans Lucas Steven<br>Harris Shaun Bret<br>Hicks Frank Jason<br>Ingels Robert Ray II<br>Ivory Richard Daniel<br>Love Jonathan Christian<br>Martinez Delilah<br>Miller Sean Perry<br>Shute Gordon Reginald<br>Smith Jaclyn Rae<br>Smith Tyler Leigh |
| <b>CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4</b><br>Carter Douglas Shane<br>Koyle Gregory Merrill<br>Smith Stewart Alexander<br>Wheeler Alan David  |   |
| <b>CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3</b><br>Hoagland Jeremy Dean<br>Wedekind Nikolai Heinz  |   |

Thompson Kevin Todd  
White Samuel Cosand

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Brinkerhoff Corinne Marie  
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Faulkner Jason Matthew  
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Fowler Doug Warren  
Graham David Justin  
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Howard Jeffrey Jay  
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Jorgenson Robert Eric  
Knudsen Sean Nielson  
Kunsky Jacob Frederick  
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Sawyer Cody David  
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Bell Benjamin Taylor  
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Bishop Tyler Kenneth  
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Bowman Rose Mari  
Broadhead Colton Grant  
Brown Nycole Ann  
Burns Thomas Emmett  
Call Jason Holland  
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Christiansen John Michael  
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Cochegrus Candice Merie  
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Falcon Marcos Jose

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Fryer Joshua Thomas  
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Jones Tyler Brent  
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Kittell David Lawrence  
Ledbetter Forrest Dean  
Liessmann Robert Joseph  
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Lucero Chance Alex  
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Mackelprang Scott Roy  
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| Layne Christy Lyn          | Boring Eric Steven          | Oviatt Mckenzie Ann         | Figuroa Barbosa Stephanie    | Fallentine Nathan Michael |
| Lihme Kelby Krispin        | Boutelle Paul Matthew       | Pace Candace Nicole         | Gailey Jeffrey Glenn         | Flygare Casey Leo         |
| Mackelprang Devin Earl     | Bronson Khainyn Kwon        | Palacios Antonio Miguel     | Hallman Tyler Scott          | Francoparamo Chris        |
| Madorin Paul Ian           | Brown Cody Lee              | Palacios Joseph Samuel      | Hansen Jon Kaden             | Frazeer Christian Taylor  |
| Madsen Staci Rae           | Brown David Johnlee         | Pannell Keith Alaric        | Heath Carson McAllister      | Fuentes Anthony           |
| Marks Andrea Kay           | Brown Mariaann Nombres      | Powell James Timothy        | Hudson Michael Joseph        | Garita Jose Ernesto       |
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| Meyers Joseph Paul Steven  | Bybee Emily Joanna          | Schaumkel Timothy Kilisimas | Joseph Brooklyn Jade         | Greene Devin Lee          |
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| Miller Chase Bradley       | Caldwell Don Austin         | Shute Kaitlyn Claire        | Kern Ryan Daniel             | Haines Matthew William    |
| Mortimer Trevor James      | Carr Arizona Audrey         | Slivers David Nokoni        | Latu Isaac Rastermon         | Haltiner Toby Issac       |
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| Reed Tanner Samuel         | Frandsen Justin Owen        | Vasquez Johnathan Ernesto   | Pelaez Daniel Jesse          | Lambson Jeremy Edward     |
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| Welborn Britany Mary       | Kroll Alyssa Louise         | Betts Gentry Brad           | Wells Tyler James            | Roberts Brant Lee         |
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