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## Major General Jefferson Burton The Adjutant General

Soldiers, Airmen and families of our Utah National Guard, wearing the uniform of the United States is one of the greatest honors of my life, and I know that you feel the same way! We honor the uniforms

of our respective services, because they represent those great Americans who have gone before us to face some of the greatest conflicts the world has ever known.

Imagine for a moment, how this country might look today if the Minutemen had failed to report for duty in the War of Independence, or state militias had failed to form to preserve our Union and abolish the stain of slavery. Imagine what might have happened to this planet if the forces of the United States had failed to step up and face the evil of totalitarian regimes in the 20th century, or the darkness of terrorist organizations in the 21st century. We owe so much to those who have gone before us and sacrificed their tomorrows for our todays; those described by the lyricist when she wrote, “who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life.”



## Command Sergeant Major Eric Anderson Senior Enlisted Leader

As we enter the New Year, the requirement to conduct realistic training is more critical now than ever. We should constantly be evaluating and reevaluating how we utilize our training time and working

to make it more effective and efficient. No Soldier or Airman should come to drill and not have meaningful work to do. Basic combat proficiency is often repetitious and can even be boring, but that proficiency in Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills in addition to our MOS' and AFSOCs will win battles and save lives. Our responsibilities as leaders are to look ahead to what future battles will look like and ensure our Soldiers, Airmen, physical fitness, combat mindset, and equipment are up for the task. A peer to peer or near peer fight will require us see the battle in 360 degrees with forward operating bases quite possibly a thing of the past. Physical fitness is extremely

As a nation, we face some ominous times ahead. America's role as a world leader is being challenged on every front. From peer and near-peer competitors, to non-state actors and global transnational criminal organizations--all seek to challenge the supremacy of the United States. It is done at home through orchestrated media assaults, it is done on the high seas through piracy and the expansion of naval reach, and it is done on land through conventional and guerilla-border incursions, and criminal organizations that seek to get gain by destabilizing and even toppling governments. Now more than ever, it is critical that we are ready as a nation to face these and other dynamic threats.

The safety and security of the world depends upon our readiness, and on our willingness to face aggression and the erosion of liberty. No one has ever said it better than our third President, Thomas Jefferson, when he stated “I have sworn upon the alter of God, eternal hostility against all forms of tyranny over the mind of man.” In an age of rhetoric and misinformation, do not be confused about what we face. The enemy seeks to have us confused by “50 Shades of Gray.” The challenges we face are darkness and light, liberty versus tyranny. May we always see our mission clearly--to defend this Grand Republic from aggression, and to keep the world safe for democracy.

important to fighting and winning and is the base building block of everything we do in the Army and Air Force. Not only does it enable us to do our jobs better, but we are often safer. When we do experience injury, we are able to recover much quicker. As you continue to develop and learn your military specialties, take the time to attend professional military education at your earliest opportunity. When the opportunity for promotion comes, you need to be ready. The last point I would like to make is for us to ensure as we move through this process in the military that we truly focus on living life every day with purpose. When we understand that happiness is living life verses achieving an objective, we are encouraged to critically think, explore, and solve problems, we are able to enjoy the journey. I feel honored each day I am able to put this uniform on and serve our nation and I am looking forward to another great year in the Utah National Guard.

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**Cover Photo:** Spc. Hayden Wallace gives a final embrace to his step Grandfather Ken Gordon, as he deploys on a nine-month mission to the United Arab Emirates with Delta Battery, 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery from the Roland R. Wright Air Base in Salt Lake City on Oct. 1, 2017.

Photo by Ileen Kennedy



# 1-145th Field Artillery Deploys to United Arab Emirates

SALT LAKE CITY — “We’ve burned the midnight oil the last few weeks. We’ve worked really hard to get on this airplane and go do great things for our state and our nation. I’ve seen strong character; it speaks volumes,” were the words of the commander of Delta Battery, 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery (FA), Dave Johnson, as he spoke to the nearly 100 Soldiers and their families in an airport hangar at Roland R. Wright Air Base.

On Oct. 1, 99 Soldiers from Delta Battery, 1-145th FA, gathered at the Wright Air Base to listen to their commanders and hug their families as they said farewell. Care packages were given to the Soldiers that contained stuffed bears that could be seen attached to their backpacks; some were given to their kids as a token of remembrance. Shortly after, they boarded a plane bound for Fort Bliss, Texas, and ultimately to the United Arab Emirates.

The mission for Delta Battery for the next nine months is to provide a security-force presence and continue field-artillery training in the United Arab Emirates. This is the first of two rotations for 1-145th FA; the second rotation is scheduled for the middle of 2018.

“We have had a great jump on the training aspect. We have had leaders that have prepared us,” said Staff Sgt. John Christiansen, one of the 99 Soldiers in Delta Battery. Christiansen works for the Utah Department of Corrections in his civilian capacity. “We have more training in Fort Bliss to top off our training program. We will be ready to accomplish any mission in front of us.”

The training involved to prepare the Soldiers has been extensive. In order to deploy, each Soldier must meet specific criteria to include an Army Physical Fitness Test, individual-weapons qualification training, receive briefings on cultural considerations, country briefs, learn the Law of Armed Conflict, and go through medical screenings called the Soldier Readiness Program. They also update legal and financial information. In addition they train as a unit on crew-served weapons, convoy live-fire, and combat life-saver training during their pre-mobilization training.

“There is all the military training involved with the mobilization. You are sharpening up on all your artillery skills from the Paladin, to paperwork lined out for medical, to power of attorney, to preparing a will, to updating DEERS,” said Christiansen.

This will be Christiansen’s first deployment. “I am pretty excited about it. We look at what is going on in the world today and we’ve signed on to protect our nation’s values and freedoms the Constitution provides us. I am there to do my part as a member of the U.S. Army to get the job done and what they need me to do.”



*Members of Delta Battery, 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery gather at the Wright Air Base to say farewell to family and friends before boarding a plane to begin their deployment Oct. 1.*



Christiansen, like most Soldiers of the Delta Battery, stepped up to this deployment.

“A Soldier had hardship and had to drop out,” Christiansen said, “I wanted to get a deployment under my belt and it’s a good way to start. You have Soldiers underneath you and you want to lead by example.”

Staff Sgt. Mark Pickett, a 39-year-old U.S. Postal Service worker, wanted to go for similar reasons.

“I volunteered for it and was moved back in to the second rotation. My buddy had to get out for personal reasons, so I took his slot on the first one,” said Pickett. “I am a gun chief and most of my guys were going. I’d be feeling guilty if they went and I sat home.”

This is Pickett’s second deployment. His first was to Iraq in 2007 where his mission was detainee operations.

“This deployment will be better because I know what not to expect,” said Pickett.

Family was a major theme of the ceremony that everyone touched on.

“I know it will be hard because I have younger children. I think that’s where it will be hard to leave them; they do not understand why I am going,” said Christiansen who will be leaving behind a wife and four kids ranging from three-years to 19-years old.

Pickett will also be leaving his wife and five kids.

“It was easy to volunteer for the first rotation; my son leaves for his mission and my daughter is having back surgery during the second rotation.”

Civilian employers of the Soldiers of the Delta Battery make sacrifices as well, temporarily losing an employee who is fulfilling their commitment to the Utah National Guard.

However, the Soldiers of the Delta Battery are highly trained and proficient Soldiers. Their civilian skills will play a role in their missions as an expanded source of knowledge that will make their impact greater. Likewise, the experience they gain will make them more valuable assets to their civilian employers, bringing skills that are unique to service members.

“It was my honor to represent the U.S. Army and the 1-145th Field Artillery to complete this deployment, mission, and task at hand,” said Christiansen of his first deployment. 🇺🇸

*Story by 1st Lt. Jeffrey Belnap*

*Photos by 1st Lt. Jeffrey Belnap and Ileen Kennedy*

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# President Trump visits Roland R. Wright Air National Guard Base



SALT LAKE CITY — President Donald Trump visited Roland R. Wright Air National Guard Base on Dec. 4, accompanied by Utah Senators Orrin Hatch and Mike Lee during a brief trip to Utah where he signed two Presidential Proclamations.

After arriving on Air Force One, Trump greeted Utah Gov. Gary Herbert, as well as Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, the adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, and Col. Ryan Ogan, commander of the 151st Air Refueling Wing.

Before heading to the State Capitol by motorcade, Trump approached a small crowd gathered near the flight line to shake hands and wave to individuals prior to departing the base. Ogan said that although the base had relatively short notice about the presidential visit, personnel worked with White House and Secret Service officials to ensure security requirements were met and any concerns were addressed.

Ogan said he received positive feedback from White House personnel about the visit and thanked everyone on base for their hard work and dedication in making the event so successful.

Master Sgt. Michael Buell, Operations Superintendent for the 151st Security Forces Squadron, worked closely with Secret Service personnel and Salt Lake Airport police to coordinate security on base during the visit.

To meet the increased security requirements for the presidential visit, the 151st Security Force Squadron asked for volunteers to cover extra shifts. Buell said they received an overwhelming response to the request and had more than enough personnel willing to put in additional time.

“We have a great traditional and full-time force here and they are always willing to help,” said Buell. “To be involved in something like this is very important to our Airmen.”



*President Donald Trump, Senator Orrin Hatch and Senator Mike Lee arrive at the Roland R. Wright Air Base Dec. 4.*

The presidential helicopter, Marine One, and the motorcade vehicles arrived at the base a few days prior to the visit. Airmen and their families had the opportunity to view both the helicopter and the vehicles the day before the president’s arrival. 🇺🇸

*Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Annie Edwards*



*President Donald Trump greets Gov. Gary R. Herbert and Mrs. Herbert upon arriving at the Roland R. Wright Air Base Dec. 4.*



*After debarking Air Force One, President Donald Trump greets Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton Dec. 4.*



## National Guard Soldier Presented with The Utah Cross

BLUFFDALE, Utah — Family, friends and Soldiers of the 498th Brigade Support Battalion (BSB) gathered together on November 4th, to watch the Utah Adjutant General present a Soldier with the Utah Cross at Camp Williams.

Spc. Deborah Beaman, an Automated Logical Specialist with Alpha Company, 489th BSB, was honored by Maj. General Jefferson Burton for her heroic actions in rendering aid to a fellow Soldier who suffered a cardiac arrest during the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT).

On January 16th, Beaman was assisting Staff Sgt. Jesse Barton, a Recruiting and Retention noncommissioned officer with the Utah National Guard Recruiting and Retention Battalion, conduct an APFT for several new recruits in Tooele.

During the two-mile run, one of the recruits, Beaman's own daughter, Pvt. Brooklyn Beaman, suddenly collapsed as she approached the finish line. Beaman immediately sprang into action and began administering CPR to Brooklyn after discovering she did not have a pulse and was not breathing.

Barton said Beaman continued to administer CPR for over ten minutes until medical and life-flight personnel finally arrived on scene. Each time Barton attempted to relieve Beaman, she simply replied, "No, I got this."

Beaman credited her ability to focus and stay calm while she was performing CPR on Brooklyn to the medical skills she acquired at basic training. Beaman said, prior to basic training she had not known what to do and even recalled a time she had "froze" when she witnessed her nephew get into a minor accident.

It was an "honor to watch her as a mom and a Soldier step in and perform CPR to save her daughter's life," said Barton.

Beaman's platoon leader, 2nd Lt. Kami Muramoto, described her as an "autonomous Soldier" who always went above what was expected. She also expressed admiration for Beaman's "soundness of mind and how she was able to put the fear and emotions aside as a mother and focus on saving her daughter's life."

In presenting Beaman with the Utah Cross, an award presented to Soldiers who exemplify themselves through heroism or other acts that are beyond the call of duty, Burton said, "This is what makes me so proud about the National Guard--when something bad happens, we are running towards it to do something good."

Brooklyn was in attendance at the ceremony as Beaman was honored for her heroic efforts. Standing proudly next to her mother, Brooklyn's scar from her open-heart surgery will forever serve to remind her of the day her mother saved the life of a Soldier!

Brooklyn has fully recovered from her open-heart surgery, but was medically discharged from the National Guard. 🇺🇸

*Story and photo by Maj. Choli Ence*



*From left, Spc. Deborah Beaman, Automated Logical Specialist with Alpha Company, 489th Brigade Support Battalion, stands proudly with her daughter, Brooklyn Beaman and Staff. Sgt. Jesse Barton, Recruiting and Retention Battalion noncommissioned officer, after she was awarded the Utah Cross Nov. 4, 2017 at Camp Williams.*



*Spc. Deborah Beaman, Automated Logical Specialist with Alpha Company, 489th Brigade Support Battalion (second from right) is awarded the Utah Cross by Maj. Gen. Jefferson Burton, Adjutant General (right).*

# Utah Guard Soldiers Say Goodbye for the Holidays

DRAPER, Utah— While most families rejoiced together during the holidays, approximately 15 Utah Guard families said goodbye to their loved ones at a departure ceremony Dec. 28, at the Utah Guard headquarters.

These Soldiers from Utah Guard's 142nd Military Intelligence (MI) Battalion are set to deploy to Afghanistan with the mission to process and analyze country-wide information collected to enable U.S. forces to gain a better understanding of the battlefield and fight enemy insurgents.

"We are flexible and we can adapt. That's what military intelligence does is shape the battlefield," said 2nd Lt. Yuliya Helfer, the officer in charge of the deploying group. "That's what our job is; we want to go to see the impact we can have. That's why we signed up. That's why we join the Army."

Family, friends and fellow Guardsmen gathered at the Draper headquarters building to hear a few words from Guard leadership before their planned, 12-month deployment in support of Operation Freedom Sentinel.

"Anyone who wears that 300th MI patch knows loneliness; they know what it's like to deploy to faraway lands and be divided as a team and have to work independently," said Maj. Gen. Jefferson Burton, adjutant general of the Utah National Guard.

Burton charged the leaders of the unit to take care of each other during the deployment.

"This deployment is your superbowl. You're going out there in harm's way. You've got to focus on what it is you stand for and what it is you believe in. We know that you are going to go out and do great things. We will be praying for you every day while your gone."

However, while trained and ready, the pain of separation from loved ones, especially during the holidays, is a reality for these service members.

"I couldn't be prouder of her," said Alex Helfer, husband of 2nd Lt. Yuliya Helfer. "We are so grateful to the National Guard for being there for the families. The boys are going to miss their mom, and I will miss her tremendously. But we know what she is doing is the right thing and providing us with the freedoms so that these kids can continue living in this great nation and being secure and safe here at home."

The atmosphere was a combination of pride and sorrow with those in attendance. Families showed pride in their citizen-Soldiers who were about to depart in defense of our nation, but they were also saddened as they held their loved one close prior to their long absence.

"I have a son that's graduating from high school this year and moving to college and I'm going to miss his graduation as





well as moving him into his first apartment, so that's going to be difficult," said Staff Sgt. Kristilyn Webb. "But the mission is important and I feel a real sense of obligation, duty and pride to be able to do this. The sacrifices we make as a family bring us together and we are stronger."

Kaden Peterson, the 18-year-old son of Staff Sgt. Kristilyn Web, has grown up with both his mother and step father serving in the same unit, his grandfather serving in the 19th Special Forces for 34 years, his great-grandfather served for 37 years and his great-great grandfather served in the Army while his aunt served in the Marine Corps.

"You get used to the routine and the jargon and the language," said Peterson. "I'm going to miss her a lot but I know that she is going to be making a big difference. She will be safe there and she will be doing good work."

As the men and women of the 142nd wrapped up the departure ceremony, there was no doubt that they will succeed and make their families and the Utah Guard proud.

"If there is anybody that is going to be up to the task it would be her," said retired Command Sgt. Maj. Ron Webb as he hugged his daughter Staff Sgt. Kristilyn Webb.

Deploying Soldiers will travel to Fort Hood, Texas, and then Fort Bragg, N. C., for several weeks of deployment-specific training before heading overseas.

"For the last two months we have been training together, preparing for the mobilization, and the sense of commoradary that we've built with one another is just really amazing," said Webb. "We are friends with one another, we support one another and we are banking on this helping us keeping our morale really high while we are downrange."

The Utah National Guard family knows that the 142nd MI Soldiers will be successful on their deployment and looks forward to the day we can welcome them home after a job well done.

"I don't feel scared," said Webb. "We have been prepared for this. I have been in the service for over seven years. And everything we do brings us to this point.

Although we may be faced with danger from time to time, we are prepared for it. We know how to react to it. We've been trained for it, so we are ready to go."



*Story and photos by Ileen Kennedy*

*Soldiers with the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion attend a departure ceremony with family and friends Dec. 28 as they prepare to deploy to Afghanistan.*



The Utah National Guard's Black Hawk helicopter pilots and crew were able to hover in the dark canyon and hoist a 22-year-old injured hiker onto the Black Hawk about 11 p.m. Oct. 18. The injured hiker was located about a third of the way up the north face of the mountain, at the bottom of Anderson Pass at Henrys Fork. Video footage was taken from the Department of Public Safety's helicopter watching from the base of the mountain.

## Aviation Crew Rescues Utah Hiker

SUMMIT COUNTY, Utah — Utah National Guard (UTNG) Aviation continues to demonstrate the true meaning of the National Guard motto, “Always ready, always there.”

A flight crew consisting of four members from 2-211th General Aviation Support Battalion assisted in the treacherous UTNG real-world, medical-evacuation, rescue mission, hoisting a severely injured hiker near King’s Peak along the Uintah Mountains in Summit County, Oct. 18.

The cooperative multi-agency mission took approximately five hours to complete starting with a cellphone call to Summit County’s Public Safety Dispatch Center a little after 7 p.m. reporting a man had fallen nearly 200 yards through rocks and heavy debris in Anderson’s Pass Chute roughly a half an hour earlier, sustaining a broken leg and serious head injuries.

Summit County’s Search and Rescue team were dispatched to rescue the incapacitated hiker, but quickly realized the mountainous, steep and rugged terrain would not allow them to access him. The Search and Rescue team reached out to the Department of Public Safety and Intermountain Life Flight; however, as evening progressed into night with neither crew being able to conduct hoist operations

during night conditions, the agencies were quickly running out of time and resources. The 2-211th and its UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters were called upon to help.

The four-man aircrew included pilots Chief Warrant Officer 3 Brady Cloward, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Tyler Hobbs, crew chief Sgt. Jordan Archibald, and critical-care, flight paramedic Sgt. 1st Class Zach Kesler.

“Around 8 p.m. I received a message giving us a heads up there was a real Medevac mission request in the works for an injured hiker on King’s Peak,” said Cloward. “We already had Hobbs conducting a flight operation. Kesler and Archibald were both readily available and hoist-qualified. Everyone was well trained for this type of mission. After the aircraft was prepped, aircrew briefed of the situation, we got the approval to launch. It was truly one of the smoothest-assembled missions I’ve ever seen; 30 minutes from notification to pitch pull on the ramp.”

The aircrew faced its own risks and challenges during the rescue mission, including one huge obstacle: the altitude. King’s Peak is the tallest mountain peak in Utah, towering at more than 13,500 feet with the injured hiker at approximately



*Sgt. Jordan Archibald, 2nd Battalion, 211th Aviation crew chief, stands outside a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter at the Army Aviation Support Facility in West Jordan, Utah. Chief Warrant Officer 3 Brady Cloward and Chief Warrant Officer 3 Tyler Hobbs, 2-211th Aviation pilots, return after performing a treacherous, mountain-hoist rescue in the Uintah Mountains. (Not pictured is Sgt. 1st Class Zack Kessler, medic).*

11,500 feet. The higher the altitude, the less power the Black Hawk’s engine has to fly. The aircraft, along with equipment, supplies, and aircrew, weighed approximately 160,000 pounds. If the aircraft weighed between 500 to 600 pounds more, Cloward said they wouldn’t have had sufficient power to be able to conduct the rescue.

In addition to the turbulent winds; the lack of illumination from the moon, stars, or city lights with night-vision devices; and the incredibly steep terrain; the aircrew and Black Hawk were pushed to the end of their limitations.

“Stressful wouldn’t be the word I would use to characterize this rescue on behalf of the crew,” said Cloward. “This mission was something we were trained and ready for. We train in these conditions often. If I was to describe the crew climate, I would say ‘focused.’”

Medical personnel and crews on the ground were able to move the hiker to a safe location and provide initial critical care, allowing the 2-211th crew to extract the patient before transferring him to Intermountain Life Flight for further transport to a medical facility.

“We don’t work together as often as we’d like,” said Lt. Andrew Wright from Summit County Sheriff’s Office. “There was such seamless coordination that took place. Everyone pitched in and got the job done, which ultimately saved a life. It was just phenomenal cooperation between everyone. We appreciate our partnership with everyone involved.”

“These Soldiers train for combat, but they also are here to respond to the needs of our citizens,” said Maj. Gen. Jefferson Burton, adjutant general of the UTNG. “We’re very proud of the expertise during this very complex and difficult rescue and to those who faced some risks themselves as they helped this injured hiker. We are grateful we can provide this service to our state when needed.”

Medevac training and capabilities were introduced to the UTNG in 2011 and have been applied by 2-211th aircrews in two separate overseas deployments in support of Operation

Enduring Freedom. One 2-211th aircrew recently applied its Medevac capabilities and expertise conducting search-and-rescue missions and hoist operations as part of Hurricane Harvey relief efforts in August this year in the Houston metro area.

“This mission was the affirmation that ‘train as you fight’ should always be our goal as citizen Soldiers,” said Cloward. “We already support a myriad of missions here in Utah ranging from firefighting, emergency response, and search-and-rescue operations. Medevac in my opinion is a deeply personal mission and with a huge sense of accomplishment. It feels good to help those here at home.”

*Story by Sgt. Ashley Baum*



*Lt. Col. Steven Fairbourn, public affairs officer for the Utah National Guard, speaks during a press conference at Utah National Guard's Army Aviation Support Facility Oct. 19. Also speaking at the conference were members of the Department of Public Safety, Summit County Search and Rescue and Life Flight.*

# Engineers Transform Force During Ceremony

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah— **B**ig changes came to the 1457th Engineer Battalion during a reorganization ceremony to deactivate and reflag three of its units on Oct. 14.

The deactivated units were the 116th Engineer Company (Horizontal) and 118th Engineer Company (Sapper). The 624th Engineer Company (Vertical) was reflagged as the 116th Engineer Vertical Construction Company and will carry on its lineage.

During the ceremony, Lt. Col. Andrew Owens, the commander of the 1457th Engineer Battalion, noted that the deactivation of units and restructuring of the battalion provided new opportunities for the Soldiers in the units.

“With every chapter there opens up opportunity, and our opportunity is to answer our nation’s call to be prepared for when they need us,” said Owens. “I have no doubt the engineers can overcome any adversity or any challenge as we prepare to go forward. I know you will continue to unite, build, fight.”

The decision to deactivate the units and restructure the battalion was made several years ago, as Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, the adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, noted in his speech.

“This is a sad day in some respects because we are saying goodbye to units that we have known for a long time and it almost feels like we are saying goodbye to friends,” said Burton. “What I would say to you is that we must move forward and we can’t live in the rear-view mirror. Our focus needs to be on the future and that is to be prepared for any contingency that comes upon us.”



*Lt. Col. Andrew Owens, commander of the 1457th Engineer Battalion, passes the newly unfurled 116th Engineer Company guidon to Capt. Corey Lewis, the new commander of the 116th, during a deactivation and restructuring ceremony at Camp Williams. The 624th Engineer Company was reflagged as the 116th Engineer Company to carry on its long lineage.*




*Capt. Sean Boyle, commander, 116th Engineer Company (Horizontal), and 1st Sgt. Jose Sudweeks case the 116th’s guidon during a deactivation and restructuring ceremony Oct. 14. The casing of the guidon signifies the deactivation of the 116th Engineer Company (Horizontal).*

Burton added that in a changing and more dangerous world, the Soldiers in the engineer units and the rest of the National Guard need to always be ready, willing and able.

Soldiers from the deactivated units will also play a role in carrying on the legacy of their unit. They bring the lessons they learned and the skills they gained while serving in the 116th, 118th and 624th to other companies in the 1457th Eng. Battalions and other units in the Utah National Guard.

“It’s a sad day we lost the Sapper company, but now all that knowledge and influence is distributed throughout other units,” said Sgt. 1st Class Chris Chipman. “The Soldiers from the engineer companies are already using their skills to improve their new units, and I know these new units are already leaning on the knowledge the Soldiers brought from the Sapper companies.”

Although the 116th was deactivated, the 624th was reflagged as the 116th because it has a longer lineage. The 116th has participated in multiple conflicts, including a recent deployment in 2015 to Kuwait. The 116th traces its lineage back to May 1, 1939.

The 118th traces its beginning to 1954 and was mobilized twice in support of the Global War on Terror. The 624th was constituted in 2008 and was mobilized once in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Although the two units were deactivated, their lineage will carry on, and if called upon they will be reactivated. 

*Story and photos by Sgt. James Bunn*

# Cyber Protection Team Unfurls Its Flag

DRAPER, Utah — For a small, specialized group of Soldiers in the Utah National Guard, Nov. 4 marked a special day in their careers as the flag for Detachment 3, 174th Cyber Protection Team was finally uncased here.

In a ceremony, Col. Scott Burnhope, commander of 97th Troop Command, officially activated the detachment before Maj. Gen. Jefferson Burton, the adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, and other Utah National Guard leadership who were in attendance.

“Today, we are witnessing one of the great things in our military history--we are standing up a unit and the history starts from today and moves forward,” said Burnhope.

Detachment 3 is comprised of 14 cyber professionals who are broken down into two teams: a Hunt team and a Threat Emulation team said Capt. Brandon Morris, the detachment officer-in-charge. He further explained each of these teams have a unique role in finding the enemy within the network and providing real-world, cyber training to military personnel based upon information collected on the enemy’s tactics, techniques and procedures.

Although Detachment 3 just stood up, Morris said “every Soldier in the unit is already considered experts in their field.” All bring a wealth of knowledge and training with them from their civilian employment.

One of the Soldiers in the detachment, Spc. Tyler Jacox, a Close Access Network Operator, brings his unique skill set from working as a software engineer for Navitaire to the unit.

Based upon his experience at Navitaire Building Applications, Jacox said he can, “understand vulnerabilities down to the application level...which allows me to think as an attacker.”

Burnhope reminded the Soldiers of Detachment 3 to continue “developing those skills and those techniques that we will utilize in the future,” and to lean forward, develop history, plan hard and fight the enemy that is no longer tied to just a linear battlefield. 🇺🇸

*Story and photos by Maj. Choli Ence*

*Soldiers of Detachment 3, 174th Cyber Protection Team (CPT), Utah National Guard, pose for a group photo after the activation ceremony on Nov. 4, 2017. Soldiers of 174th CPT place the new unit patches on their uniforms during the activation ceremony at Draper, Utah. Col. Scott Burnhope, commander, 97th Troop Command, uncases the flag for the 174th CPT.*



## Utah National Guard Stands Tall During Annual Governor's Day

BLUFFDALE, Utah — Soldiers and Airmen of the Utah National Guard (UTNG) participated in the 63rd annual Governor's Day Parade September 16th at Camp Williams to pay tribute to their commander in chief.

The festivities began with a helicopter flyover, a 19-volley cannon salute to honor Gov. Gary R. Herbert and music provided by the UTNG 23rd Army Band before the pass-in-review of nearly 7,000 Soldiers and Airmen.

This year was also a somber reminder of the sacrifices made by guardsman and their families for our freedom and our American ideals as Staff Sgt. Aaron Butler, who lost his life in Afghanistan last month, was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Butler's parents and finance were also honored and recognized for their sacrifices by both Herbert and Maj. Gen. Jefferson Burton, adjutant general of the Utah National Guard.

Herbert reminded those in attendance, "The service of Butler and other members of his... team is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service that we see exemplified here today."

As Soldiers and Airmen stood shoulder to shoulder on Tarbet field, Burton reminded those in attendance why he continues to serve in the military.

"I wear this uniform because I have never worked with a group of finer people. People who have adapted to the Army and Air Force values and who really live what they say they believe."

The National Guard has a unique role in our nation's defense with both a state and national mission, which is highlighted by the Guardsmen currently serving overseas, as well as, deployed in support of Hurricane Harvey and in response to the fires in Weber county.

"...Very few organizations have the ability and versatility to react so quickly, which is characteristic and expected of our Utah Guardsmen," said Herbert.



Gov. Gary Herbert, right, with Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, left and Brig. Gen. Tom Fisher, middle review the nearly 7,000 UTNG troops in a pass-in-review ceremony on Tarbet Field.

Each year, Governor's Day also serves as a way for Guard leadership to recognize the outstanding Soldiers and Airmen within the ranks.

Following the parade, service members were released to enjoy the kid-friendly activities, car show and food booths with their families.

The pass-in-review is a long-standing military tradition dating back to the American Revolution and serves as a way for commanders to formally inspect their formations.

Governor's Day is an annual event held in September at Camp Williams that is free and open to the public. 🇺🇸

*Story by Maj. Choli Ence*



Staff Sgt. Butler, an Engineer Sergeant with Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne), was killed in action in Afghanistan Aug. 16, 2017, while conducting building-clearing operations during his deployment. Butler's parents accepted the Bronze Star and Purple Heart posthumously



awarded to their son during the Governor's Day ceremony. Butler's parents and finance were also honored and recognized for their sacrifices by both Gov. Gary Herbert and Maj. Gen. Jefferson Burton.





*Soldiers, Airmen and Family members of the Utah National Guard (UTNG) took part in the 63rd Annual Governor's Day parade and events on Camp Williams in Bluffdale, Utah Sept. 16. The day's events were free, open to the public and included the parade, military aircraft flyover, cannon salute, music by the UTNG 23rd Army Band, classic car show, military equipment displays, information booths and more.*

## Utah CERFP Airmen Compete in “Tough Blooder” Race

FRANKLIN, Idaho — Approximately 40 Airmen from the Utah Air National Guard’s 151st Medical Detachment-1 participated in a training exercise and “Tough Blooder” race with their civilian counterparts from the Davis County Sheriff’s Search and Rescue team and Franklin County Emergency Medical Services here on Oct. 13-15.

The 151st Det-1 is the medical element of the joint Utah Army and Air National Guard’s Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High-Yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP), which provides search and extraction, decontamination and medical treatment and stabilization during a mass-casualty situation.

This “Tough Blooder” training event allowed the Airmen to test their medical skills in a field environment, while building relationships with the civilian emergency responders that they may be tasked to support in the event of a disaster.



*Senior Airman Holly McClelland, a medical technician with the Utah Air National Guard's 151st Medical Detachment-1, prepares a simulated wound for sutures during the Tough Blooder Competition, a training event in Franklin, Idaho on Oct. 14.*



*Senior Airman Brooks Anderton, a medical technician with the Utah Air National Guard's 151st Medical Detachment-1, provides medical care to a simulated patient during the Tough Blooder competition, a training event held in Franklin, Idaho.*

“This is beneficial because it allows us to become familiar with their capabilities, and for them to become familiar with our capabilities and increase our interoperability with one another,” said Lt. Col. Donald Baker, 151st Det-1 commander.

The training took place over two days and consisted of an educational-lecture portion followed by the hands-on “Tough Blooder” competition which was taken in small groups made up of four to five individuals.

The skills portion of the competition challenged participants to put their classroom knowledge to the test, demonstrating their abilities at several different testing stations, all while carrying a team member on a stretcher around an obstacle course.

Steve Petty, a member of the Davis County Sheriff’s SAR, said the competition element of the training was very important because it helps to prepare individuals to act in a more stressful situation.

“We integrate competition into our training because it adds pressure,” said Petty. “Anybody can do a particular skill with no pressure, but doing it under pressure of time or competition makes it a little more interesting and forces you to be able to act and do it under duress.”

In addition to providing the CERFP members with the opportunity for hands-on training during a friendly competition, the event gave the medics in the unit a chance to complete many of their job-specific yearly training requirements.

“[At the Tough Blooder] we did what would normally take a year’s worth of training during drill time,” said Staff Sgt. Erik Bornemeier, a medical technician with the 151st Det-1, who planned the event.

Bornemeier added that although computer-based training and classroom education during a drill weekend can be a good way to present information, the hands-on opportunity provided by an event like this is crucial to effectively learn a skill.

“This exercise gives us, in a sense, as much real-world practice as we can have, using the supplies that we will use and going through scenarios that we might likely encounter,” said Baker. “Additionally, it gives us the opportunity to be together and develop camaraderie and the sense of teamwork that is so important when we are dealing with an emergency situation.”

The “Tough Blooder” race required the teams to demonstrate several practical skills, including starting an IV, splinting a fracture, securing an airway, stopping traumatic bleeding, cleaning and preparing a wound for sutures, dressing wounds, as well as carrying out a number of other required tasks and answering medical knowledge-based questions.

Trophies were awarded the next morning to the top two teams and to several individuals in recognition of their achievements in different categories during the training event.

“We really appreciate the opportunity to train with the Utah National Guard and to strengthen that partnership we have and expand our circle of friends and colleagues that we have in the emergency medical community,” said Petty. 📧

*Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Annie Edwards*



*Staff Sgt. Brandon Caldwell, a medical technician with the Utah Air National Guard's 151st Medical Detachment-1 works with a member of the Davis County Sheriff's Search and Rescue team to secure a simulated patient for transport during the Tough Blooder competition in Franklin, Idaho.*



*Airmen from the Utah Air National Guard's 151st Medical Detachment-1, and a member of the Davis County Sheriff's Department transport a simulated patient during the Tough Blooder competition on Oct. 14.*



## HHC, 204th MEB Tests New Mobile CP Concept



*A new brigade-command-post concept was setup and tested by Soldiers with Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade during a field-training exercise at Camp Williams, Nov. 3-5.*

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — Soldiers with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (MEB), tested a new brigade command post concept during a field-training exercise at Camp Williams, Utah, Nov. 3-5, 2017.

The new setup features expandable trailers and box trucks. Prior to using trucks the unit used large, geodesic tents that took hours to assemble. The unit switched to trucks to speed up its ability to move locations on a battlefield.

“I think this new setup is great,” said Sgt. Wayne Austin, a Soldier with the 204th MEB. “Yesterday when we did our jump, it only took a short amount of time to get our operation center 100 percent setup. It is a lot faster and we’re going to be a lot more mobile with this setup.”

The new setup is an attempt to meet the intent of the Army’s goal to be more ready, agile, and capable.

“This mobile, tactical-operation center is derived from the guidance that we’re getting from the National

Guard Bureau, the adjutant general, and the Army chief of staff,” said Master Sgt. Jed Lundell, the area operations, noncommissioned officer in charge for the 204th MEB. “We’re seeing the battles of the future won’t be fought from big, forward-operating bases where you go and hang out for a long time. They will be fought on the move. When you’re sitting still it gives the enemy a chance to attack you so we have to have the capability and ability to move from one point to another and maintain mission trackers.”

While the new setup offers more agility, maneuverability and speed, it also comes with new challenges and obstacles for the brigade to work out and overcome. Col. Paul Rodgers, commander of the 204th MEB, said that because this is a new idea, the availability of the setup is still limited, adding that

other units in the command do not yet have this capability. Additionally, Rodgers said that maintaining the trucks is more challenging than maintaining the tents. To combat the challenges of this new setup, Rodgers wanted to make sure there were systems in place to keep the brigade functioning no matter what.

“A tent doesn’t generally brake down,” said Rodgers. “If one of these trucks brakes down, I lose almost a quarter of my command post. That is why we have to have redundancy, that’s why you see us still pulling the trailers with tents behind us. If a truck goes down we still can be mission capable. The tents may not be as fast, but we still have it just in case.”

Although there are challenges the brigade faces in implementing the new setup, the speed and ease of the trailers have proven to be a valuable asset and one the commander intends to improve and refine.

“Moving forward we may refine this system for comfort and to suit the commander’s needs” said Lundell. “We may add a few features like wind blockers or something to make it nicer inside or even add additional trucks.”

In its first proof of concept, the trailers performed much better than expected and added a capability that was not possible before.

“If you told me six months ago that we were going to go out and jump our tactical-command post five times, which is what we did this weekend, and our main-command post two times, I would tell you, you’re nuts,” said Lundell. “These trucks give us a capability we never had before.”



*Story and photos by Sgt. James Bunn*



*Maj. Gen. Jefferson Burton, adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, hands the 151st Air Refueling Wing guidon to Col. Ryan Ogan, the new commander of the 151st ARW, during the change-of-command ceremony held at Roland R. Wright Air National Guard Base on Nov. 4.*

## 151st ARW Conducts Change of Command

SALT LAKE CITY — **T**he Utah Air National Guard’s 151st Air Refueling Wing (ARW) conducted a change-of-command ceremony in the north hangar at Roland R. Wright Air National Guard Base Nov. 4.

Maj. Gen. Jefferson Burton, the Adjutant General of the Utah National Guard, passed the 151st ARW guidon from Col. Kristin Streukens, the former unit commander, to Col. Ryan Ogan, formally signifying the transfer of authority to the new leadership.

Burton thanked Streukens for her service and dedication to the Utah Air National Guard and the Airmen of the 151st ARW. He praised her leadership and the accomplishments achieved by the organization during her command.

After accepting the guidon, Ogan addressed the Airmen and community members in attendance.

“We look forward to the next chapter of the 151st, while learning from our past and preserving our future,” said Ogan. “It’s imperative that today we be ready to fight and also be innovative in our approach and take care of each other.”

Additionally, Ogan recognized the individual units and Airmen for their contributions to the success of the Utah Air National Guard.

“I appreciate the sacrifices that you make every day and every month that you are out here,” he said. “You support a 24/7 mission and I thank you for that sacrifice.”

Ogan, a KC-135 command pilot with more than 4,300 hours of flight time, previously served as the Vice Commander of 151st ARW as well as commander of the 151st Operations Group.

With this new assignment, Ogan will assume responsibility for the control and operations of plans and programs affecting more than 1,400 Airmen, to include the combat readiness and mission capability of the 151st Air Refueling Wing.

*Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Annie Edwards*

## Yama Sakura 73

SENDAI, Japan — Approximately 90 Soldiers from the Utah National Guard (UTNG) participated in Yama Sakura 73, at Camp Sendai, Sendai, Japan, from Nov. 13 through Dec. 17, 2017.

The UTNG managed and provided life-support duties for approximately 1,000 U.S. participants in the exercise as part of a U.S. Army Japan (USARJ) Logistics Task Force (LTF).

In coordination with USARJ G4 and, in partnership with Northeastern Army Logistics Operations Division from the Japan Ground Self Defense Forces, select personnel from the UTNG were part of an ADVON that left for Camp Sendai on Nov. 13 to establish a 24-hour-operations center, setup work stations, and prepare for reception, staging, onward movement, and integration of inbound participants. The LTF provided personnel-status reporting, medical, billeting, laundry, MWR services, movement-control-team support, finance, military police and security, and dining-facility coordination and support. The UTNG continued the tradition of providing Opposing Force players who worked side-by-side with their Japanese counterparts during the exercise which began Dec. 6.

Our Movement Control Team managed the completion of more than 192 missions, and our personnel, operations, and billeting sections worked around the clock to accommodate U.S. personnel arriving at all hours from all over the U.S. Army Pacific region during the 32-day, joint-multinational, war-fighter exercise.

"Brig. Gen. Atack came and visited us during the exercise and recognized a few of our outstanding Soldiers, but truly, they are all outstanding and went above and beyond to get the job done." said Lt. Col. Annette Barnes, the LTF officer in charge for YS 73. "I'm extremely proud of the work our Utah Soldiers did here with our Japanese counterparts. These relationships are my favorite part of this opportunity."

The slogan for Yama Sakura 73 was "Fight Together" or "Sen-Sho!" which was repeated in unison with vigor, fists in the air, after every LTF meeting throughout the exercise. Once the after-action reviews and clean up were complete, the Bilateral Logistics Team went out for some bowling, cultural visits, and a final meal.

"This life-support team is our treasure," said Col. Yamaguchi, the deputy director of logistic support for the Japan Ground Self Defense Forces. "We were able to achieve excellent results together." 🇺🇸

*Story by Lt. Col. Annette Barnes*



Top down: Bilateral-logistics-support team group pic, sky view of Yama Sakura 73 tent city, bilateral coordination during the exercise, and Japanese cultural exposure.

## Utah Director of Joint Staff Promoted to General Officer



Col. Darwin Craig is promoted to brigadier general and pinned with his new rank by his wife and daughter at a ceremony at the Roland R. Wright Air National Guard Base Nov. 4. Maj. Gen. Jefferson Burton officiated the ceremony.

SALT LAKE CITY — Col. Darwin Craig, Utah National Guard Director of the Joint Staff, was promoted to the rank of brigadier general on Nov. 4, 2017, during a ceremony held in the north hangar of Roland R. Wright Air National Guard Base.

Maj. Gen. Jefferson Burton, the adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, praised Craig for his service and dedication.

Craig's wife and daughter pinned the brigadier general rank on his uniform. Following the formal promotion, a member of the Utah Air National Guard Honor Guard presented Craig with a general's flag.

As Director of the Joint Staff, Craig manages National Guard military functions of the joint staff and joint military program operations for the State of Utah. Craig has served in the Air Force for 27 years. He is a command pilot with more than 4,100 total flight hours. His past assignments include time as the 151st Air Refueling Wing commander and 151st Operations Group commander.

*Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Annie Edwards*



Brig. Gen. Darwin Craig, right, is presented the one-star general flag with Maj. Gen. Jefferson Burton, center, Nov. 4.

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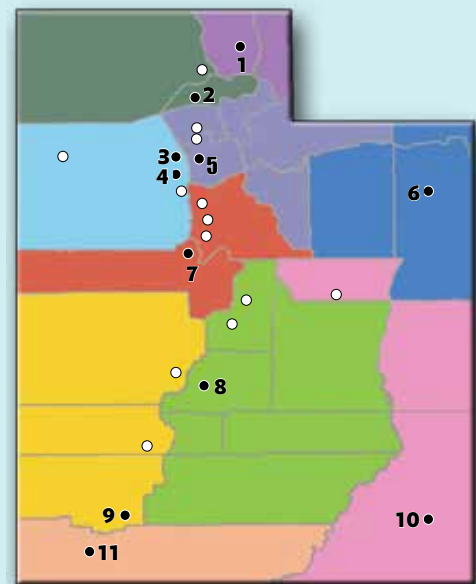
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## Fighting at Camp Williams – Firefighting That Is...

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — Little has been said of fires on Camp Williams in recent years, and this fortunate reality is absolutely by design. Training hasn't decreased on the installation, nor has the threat of fires due to natural causes such as lightning strikes. What has changed, and changed for the better, are the fire mitigation and firefighting efforts of Camp Williams and the Utah National Guard (UTNG).

Senior leaders of the UTNG will never forget the unfortunate Herriman Fire of 2010, occasionally referred to as the 'machine-gun fire,' which consumed three Herriman homes and caused smoke damage to the homes of numerous families in the communities surrounding the installation. Fortunately, no lives were lost in this fire, but a painful memory was created by the Herriman Fire which remains to this day.

Maintaining a safe and productive training environment at Camp Williams has always been a priority, but the Herriman Fire brought laser-focus to the fire threat and its potential impact to communities surrounding Camp Williams. As a result, Maj. Gen. (retired) Brian Tarbet, adjutant general of the UTNG during the fire, brought a renewed emphasis to fire mitigation and firefighting efforts at Camp Williams to ensure that disasters such as the Herriman Fire are prevented.

Lessons learned from the Herriman Fire investigation resulted in a new and improved three-tiered approach to wildfire management on Camp Williams. These tiers encompass prevention, training and risk management, and response. These response tiers were the result of a combined effort, bringing together the knowledge and expertise of stakeholders from across the UTNG and outside agencies such as Unified Fire Authority (UFA), the Utah Department of Natural Resources, and the United States Bureau of Land Management.

Prevention is a key component of the wildfire management plan. In coordination with the UTNG Environmental Management Office and these stakeholders, an Integrated Wildfire Management Plan is refined and submitted every five years to National Guard Bureau for approval. The wildfire management plan balances training needs with effective training area management with efforts such as targeted grazing plans, mechanical tree and shrub



*A UH-60 Black Hawk carries a Bambi Bucket for water drops. Bulldozer crews at Camp Williams prepare to cut fire breaks. An ariel view of Camp Williams after the Herriman Fire in 2010. A Black Hawk crew drops water on the Pinyon Fire in 2012. UFA and Guardsmen collaborate on fighting the Pinyon Fire.*





thinning, prescribed burns, and area rehabilitation plans. These targeted efforts reduce overgrowth and thin areas vulnerable to fire threats. Collectively, this plan and its efforts provide the basis for the first tier of wildfire management for the UTNG—prevention.

The second tier of the wildfire management plan consists of training and risk management. This is a management effort conducted by Utah Training Center (UTC) Range Control through direction of the UTNG State Training Officer. Range Control provides day-to-day operational control of the Camp Williams Range Complex, supported by Fire Desk support at all times. Fire Desk personnel closely monitor weather conditions, observe downrange cameras, track training activities, track construction activities, and other training events at all times. When threatening conditions exist, Fire Desk personnel are empowered to restrict training or other activities to prevent high-fire risk activities from occurring.

When high-risk training is necessary and authorized, the Range Operations Manager coordinates the pre-placement of fire-fighting apparatus during execution and further coordinates with UFA to pre-stage firefighting crews on site during high-optempo or high-risk training.

Additionally, UFA hosts multiple training events on the Camp Williams Range Complex throughout the fire season where multiple outside agencies conduct wildland firefighting drills on site. These training events enhance



the team's firefighting skills and provides invaluable insight on camp's unique terrain. The training and risk management tier encompasses vital initiatives in the overall wildfire management effort.

Finally, regardless of vigilant avoidance and mitigation efforts, wildfires can still occur. As such, the third and final tier of the Utah Guard wildfire management plan is the response. Shortly after the Pinyon Fire in 2012, Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet directed that the UTNG would no longer operate an in-house wildland firefighting team. Instead, the funds previously used to pay for the state employee firefighters and associated firefighting equipment were diverted to contract outside firefighting professionals. UFA was selected and awarded a 10-year contract to provide year-round wildland firefighting services with seasonal manpower increases during high-risk periods. This change in fire response management has led to a significant improvement in overall response times and reduction in large-scale burns on Camp Williams.

Additionally, UFA incident commanders have been given delegated authority during fire events on Camp Williams to direct UTNG assets within the affected area. These assets may include the UH-60 Black Hawk with its Bambi Buckets, as well as dozer crews, water tenders, mop-up crews, evacuation assistance, and road closure crews. Additionally, the UTNG, through UTC Range Control, maintains a roster of 30-40 Soldiers from tenant units assigned to Camp Williams, who are trained annually on fire-safety skills. The role of UTNG members has transitioned from direct-attack firefighting to that of a support role to promote the success of the wildland firefight plan.

While much has changed in the years since 2010, ensuring a safe and effective training area and mitigating wildland fires at Camp Williams remains a top priority to Maj. Gen. Jefferson Burton, the adjutant general of the UTNG. We in the UTNG train and prepare to protect our communities both at home and abroad, and that includes wildland fire mitigation and protection for our citizens surrounding Camp Williams. 🇺🇸

*Story by Maj. Kendall Workman and  
Lt. Col. Steven Fairbourn*

## Breaking Ground For a Future Ahead

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — **M**embers of the 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Utah National Guard, construction managers and local civic leaders gathered to break ground at the site of the future, readiness center and headquarters building for the 19th SFG(A) Oct. 17.

Currently 19th SFG (A) has been using multiple buildings on Camp Williams, some which date back more than 40 years. Though well maintained, since the Global War on Terrorism has led to back-to-back deployments for the 19th SFG (A), a new facility to keep up with the mission tempo has been in high demand for many years.

"Its been about 10 years in the making to build the new facility," said Col. Larry Henry, commander of the 19th SFG(A). "The state visited 7th Special Forces Group to get ideas and concepts for storing equipment, classroom space and connectivity for all of our systems."

In the past decade, the different Special Forces Groups have been awarded the opportunity to build new facilities for their units. Most of the active-duty Special Forces Groups have built new facilities and 20th Special Forces Group built its new facility around five years ago, Henry said. It's time for 19th SFG (A) to get its new facility as well.

"The 19th is in great need of a facility like this, because their current readiness center was built in the 70s," said Col. Tyler B. Smith, with the Construction and Facilities Management office, Utah National Guard. "The unit was a very different unit back then. Its equipment sets have expanded and the operational needs and environment have changed. This facility will accommodate all of those requirements and put the 19th under one roof."

Jacobsen Construction, a local Utah construction company, was awarded the contract to build the new facility. Jacobsen Construction has built for the Utah National Guard in the past and has a strong working relationship with the state, Smith said. The new readiness center is planned to be around 140,000 square feet and will house many features that are unique to the mission set of the 19th SFG (A). Current projections are to have the facility completed by spring of 2019.

"Accolades to the entire team that helped make this happen and brought it to fruition," Smith said. "It was a lot of effort on a lot of people's part, and it's a great day to see this finally arrive. Equipment will be out here shortly to begin building." 🇺🇸

*Story and photos by Spc. Colin Harper*

*Utah National Guard members, construction managers and local civic leaders break ground for the future 19th SFG (A) Readiness Center at Camp Williams, Utah, Oct. 17.*



# OPERATION TORCH – 75 YEARS LATER

## Utah Guard Commemorates WWII Morocco Landings



U.S. Soldiers landing in Morocco during Operation Torch. Kasbah after U.S. attack.

CASABLANCA, Morocco — On Nov. 8, 2017 the Utah National Guard partnered with the Royal Moroccan Armed Forces to commemorate Operation Torch, the first major offensive against Nazi Germany in WWII.

The Utah delegation, headed by Brig. Gen. Darwin Craig, visited the restored La Kasbah de Mehdiya monument, which was shelled and left in ruins following Operation Torch. Craig and representatives of the Moroccan, British and French armies took part in a wreath-laying ceremony in remembrance of those who made the final sacrifice in Operation Torch.

The delegation provided original WWII uniforms and equipment for a display sponsored by the Moroccan Directorate of Military History. Sgt. 1st Class Patrick Brown spoke on Operation Torch and U.S.-Morocco relations at a symposium held at Hassan II University in Casablanca. The symposium was attended by about 300 Moroccan students and faculty. The presentation featured original uniforms, equipment and other artifacts used by American Soldiers in WWII for the students to handle and examine

Operation Torch was launched on Nov. 8, 1942 as more than 35,000 American Soldiers led by then Maj. Gen. George Patton landed on the beaches in Port Lyautey, Safi, and Fedala on the west coast of Morocco. The Task Force Soldiers were from the 3rd and 9th Infantry Divisions and the 2nd Armored Division. The operation faced great uncertainty. It was unknown whether the Vichy French forces in Morocco who were allied with Germany would resist or cooperate with the Allied invasion. It was also the first major, amphibious operation undertaken by the U.S. Army during the war. The task force sailed directly from the east coast of the U. S. without making landfall which was a remarkable feat in and of itself. Operation Torch represented a turning point in the war. The painful lessons learned on the beaches of Morocco led to the success of subsequent Allied operations.

The present-day partnership between Morocco and the state of Utah and the Utah National Guard began in the late fall of 2003. Just a few months later, Northeastern Morocco was tragically affected by a large earthquake. The Utah National Guard worked as quickly as possible to offer a helping hand. The adjutant general of the Utah National Guard at that time, Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet, immediately tasked his staff to do everything possible to send aid and alleviate suffering. Four days later, a Utah Air Guard refueling tanker was filled to capacity, loaded with thousands of pounds of first-aid supplies, hygiene kits, blankets, and tarps, and it flew to Morocco where trucks were waiting to rush the materials to those affected by the devastation.

Today Morocco and the U. S. continue to stand together on the regional and global stage. Together, strengthening the security and economic well-being of our citizens and working to address the major challenges of the day; from countering violent extremism to promoting energy security. 🇺🇸

*Story by Spc. Patrick Brown*



Operation Torch map of landing areas.

# The 62nd Annual Veterans Day Concert Brings New Life into a Long-Standing Tradition

SALT LAKE CITY — The annual Veterans Day Concert is a long-standing event that honors veterans with music, singing and video spotlights.

The concert is free to the public and features the 23rd Army Band and a 690-voice Granite School District high school, combined choir. This year the concert was a little different than in previous years. Instead of the typical location of the Huntsman Center at the University of Utah, it was held at the Tabernacle at Temple Square. The new venue gave the concert new life with incredible acoustics. The Tabernacle's design is well-suited for musical performances and that design enhanced both the choir and band enhancing the quality of the concert.



*Members of the 23rd Army Band and Granite School Districts high school combined choirs perform at the 62nd annual Veterans Day Concert.*

This year's theme of "Valor" made for a poignant program, featuring spotlights focusing on members of Utah's 19th Special Forces Group. The first spotlight featured Maj. Tyler Jensen, who was awarded the Silver Star for acts of Valor while serving in Afghanistan.

Jensen introduced the concept of Valor by stating, "The work is not about the awards and it's not about the recognition. It's about people. You start serving those brothers-in-arms next to you and worrying about their safety."

The next spotlight highlighted Sgt. 1st Class Caleb Brewer. Brewer suffered a catastrophic injury when he stepped on a pressure-plate, improvised-explosive device while serving in Afghanistan. He lost both legs as a result of the blast, but he never lost his perseverance and positive attitude.

"I believe people can be forged through adversity. I think that it depends on how your outlook on life is, and you can use adversity to become a stronger person," said Brewer in the interview.





Brewer works as a CrossFit instructor specializing in helping people who have also lost limbs. He is a perfect example of how self-sacrifice and service can make you a better person.

The spotlights concluded with an emotional tribute to Staff Sgt. Aaron Butler, who paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving in Afghanistan. Butler's parents gave a powerful testament to what kind of man he was.

"Aaron was an example of living a passionate life. He gave his all in everything he did and would encourage others to seek out what they wanted most in their lives and to go after it with everything they had."

Butler's spotlight ended with an emotional playing of Taps to pay respect to him and other service members who gave their lives for their country.

The concert was an overwhelming success and powerfully honored those who have taken time away from their families to serve their country. For anyone who missed the live concert this year, the spotlights can be viewed on YouTube. Plan on attending next year; it's a powerful way to pay respect to the men and women who have sacrificed so much for the freedoms we all enjoy. 🇺🇸

*Story by Spc. James Dansie*

*Members of the 23rd Army Band and Granite School District's high school, combined choirs perform at the 62nd annual Veterans Day Concert, Nov. 10.*

*Bottom left: Zions Bank's 8th annual Veterans Service award was presented to Ms. Darlene Head, Executive Director (Emeritus) Salt Lake Community College Veterans Center.*

*Opposite page bottom left: Utah PTA Military essay contest winners: Isabelle Dansie, Skyline High School (10th grade); Catherine Moody, Frontier Middle School (7th grade); and Elizabeth Bennion, Ensign Elementary School (6th grade).*



## AIR PROMOTIONS

### LIEUTENANT COLONEL

Hale Daniel T  
Higgins Amanda Specht

### CAPTAIN

Jensen Greg J  
Metzger Jeremy Richard  
Pitzer Enoch Methuselah  
Roberts Mark Alan  
Weaver Bruce Edward Jr

### SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT

Alfonso Diana M  
Glade Chalain A  
Harrison Bradley Clifford  
Hood Guy L  
Reeve Mario Zuge

### MASTER SERGEANT

Andiarenaramirez Eduardo  
Barr Gregory James  
Bell Landon Gary  
Jones Nathan D  
Mayfield Tyson Lyn  
Phelps Brandon J  
Stroh John D  
Taylor Justin J  
Vreeland Christopher M  
Whetstone William Allen  
Zepeda Robert

### FIRST LIEUTENANT

Batura Nicholas M  
Brady Macklin Judd  
Gale Scyler A  
Healey Chyane J  
Hendrickson David M

### TECHNICAL SERGEANT

Augustin Gregory Jeanluc  
Braddy Christina Rae  
Hale David M  
Johnson Tucker B  
Lewis Jennelle Caitlynn  
Lyman Donald Ray  
McElwain Joshua Aaron  
Miller Ryan L  
Montenegro Paola  
Pierce Kyle Lane  
Sagato Milan Natalie  
Smith Nicholas Brandon  
Taylor Sara L  
Visser Jesse Nichole  
Williams Coral S  
Young Amy Pearl

### STAFF SERGEANT

Acosta, Oscar Adolfo  
Anderson Ian U  
Brady Jason D  
Bright William Andrew  
Brown Dallen W  
Cazimero Adam M  
Christensen Timothy B  
Commerford Wesley Scott  
Comte Scott Nolan  
Dixon Derek T  
Douglas Abby L  
Gallagher Brenton K  
Gonzales Angel Rachael  
Gushue Kaleb Thomas  
Harvey Chad B  
Jimenez Daniel A  
Lunt Collier J  
McLelland Holly Marie  
Moghtader Amber B  
Morillo Anfred J  
Mourtgos Shane W  
Roberts Brady J  
Stroud Cosslett J  
Tracy Desirae A  
Wilson Todd J  
Woodward Bradley N

### AIRMAN 1ST CLASS

Kadleck Amanda Carroll

### SENIOR AIRMAN

Anderton Brooks D  
Cornia Daniel T  
Cummings Kurtis J  
Degrazio Anthony M  
Goff Randall A  
Hamer Cameron T  
Mitchell Luke A  
Northrup Joshua D  
Sheffield Parker D  
Taylor Preston J  
Vakapuna Tauni J  
Ward Christopher A  
Warner Jake W  
Weidler David C  
Whitehead Chasen D  
Williams Gabrielle M  
Young Jordan D

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### COLONEL

Lund Robert Alan

### LIEUTENANT

Kjar Michael Dale  
Vogrinec Budd Joseph  
Williams Gerald Elden

### MAJOR

Christiansen Shane Newman  
Heightman Robert Jason  
Johnson Gregory Frederick  
Martin Benjamin Dale  
Masteller Brian Douglas  
Taylor Brent Russell  
Waldron David Thomas

### CAPTAIN

Thompson Patrick Alan

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Zufelt Justin Lee

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Scherf Alexander

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Higgins Darrin Stanley  
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Wilson Scott Eric

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#### MAJOR

McNichol John Joseph Jr  
Wingate Randell Dean

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Butler Jennifer Lea  
Gifford Sean Christopher

### FIRST SERGEANT

Campbell Brett Ryan  
Jackson Allen Eugene  
Muramoto Joey Jack  
Shute Gordon Reginald  
Thornsbury Robert Boyd

### MASTER SERGEANT

Brady Jason Charles  
Cave Steven John  
Francis Ross Amos  
Hone Rick Rulon  
Hunt Geoffrey Franklin  
Johnson Joel Lee  
Myers Jason Kenneth

### SERGEANT FIRST CLASS

Allred James Lewis  
Blunt Andrew Jonathan  
Butler Ronald Mark  
Crandall Justin Bryant  
Donovan Meredith Anne  
Goldsmith Willard Leroy IV  
Jones David Scott  
Lewis Stephanie Elaine  
Pahl Christopher Michael A  
Sneddon Russell K  
Warren Tyler Bryon

### STAFF SERGEANT

Austin Wayne Given III  
Black Kendal Clarence  
Blocher Brett Ellis  
Browning Casey Collins  
Chhe Satya  
Compton Jacob Michael  
Davis Guissela  
Feldstein Tyler Alexander  
Ferre Jessica Angie  
Johnson Olaf Craig  
Johnson Thayne Elam  
Jones Trevor Chad  
Maben Aaron Scott  
Mix Jonathan Jacob  
Mulcahy Molly Christine  
Nichols Eric Spencer  
Parke Brett K  
Parker Kacey Dee  
Patton Regina Marie  
Peterson Kristopher Courtney  
Pew Daniel James  
Roberts Kendrick Gregory  
Sorensen Dale Ryan  
Terhaar Dennison Lee  
Timarky Tierra Marie  
Vargas Abel Francisco  
Winder William Christifer

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Armstrong Andrew Michael  
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Bizardi Byron Leo  
Broadway Jacob Scott  
Brown Caleb Aaron  
Bunker Brett Jordan  
Call Korey Wilford  
Chastain Julian Grider  
Cheung Henry Jun Jr  
Durfee Adam Douglas  
Francis David Andrew  
Frandsen Ian Michael  
Free Nathaniel  
Grow Samuel John  
Hadley Grant Barlow  
Hansen Gavin Collingford  
Harris Brady M  
Herbert Randy  
Hoyt Spencer David

Humphries Trevor Jonathan  
 Jauchler Jason Andrew  
 Jeffs Curtis Jessop  
 Jennings Westley Oaks  
 Kwiatkowski Eric James  
 Leiva Kevin Xavier  
 Lindsay Travis Edward  
 Lindsey Shiann Taylor  
 Manning Jeremy Wyatt  
 May Matthew Scott  
 Meacham Joshua Russell  
 Moore Elias Willhite  
 Moralescorona Jose  
 Murphy Devon Lee  
 Odonnell Sean Patrick  
 Osborn Smokey Layne  
 Palmer Steven Mark  
 Riding Michael Linley  
 Rogers Hannah Marlene  
 Rollins Cathryn Emily  
 Shinkle Russell Albert  
 Simmons Marc Ben  
 Simons Gwynyth Adele  
 Smith Jesse Malcolm  
 Steed Levi  
 Stenseth Joshua Christopher  
 Taylor Kiel James  
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 Barton Cash Derral  
 Black Kody Robert  
 Booher Cody James  
 Bowman Tycen Edward  
 Boyce Trevor  
 Bradford Randall Scott  
 Brinkerhoff Jacob Grant  
 Brown Chasen Daniel  
 Calderon Miguel Humberto  
 Calkins Cheyenne Alexis  
 Childers Colton Lee  
 Chmieleski Tyler Joseph  
 Christensen Konnor Brett  
 Christensen Trent Phillip  
 Clark Spencer Cameron  
 Dalton Kellie Suzanne  
 Delacruz Spencer Eric  
 Douglas Derek Anthony  
 Elliott Joel Howard  
 Erdene Austen B  
 Erickson Antony Kay  
 Gifford Joshua Greg

Ginter Lena Elise  
 Gleue Kyle William  
 Hale Alexander Daniel  
 Hammer Jacob William  
 Harrison John Edward  
 Heath Logan Glenn  
 Heino Jeremy Robert  
 Hellon Meshell Shauri  
 Hernandez Simon Edward  
 Heyns Carson Ronald  
 Hill Jacob Thomas  
 Horspool Robert Michael  
 Iluzada Benjamin Julius Kua  
 Jefferson Samuel Nels  
 Johnson Bradley Chase  
 Jones Kevin Randall  
 Juarez Christian Legrande  
 Justet Tyler Kimble  
 Karony Braden John  
 Kawai Joshua Reeves Hideo  
 Kinzie Jordan David  
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 Kunzler Matthew Crosby  
 Latu Isaac Rastermon  
 Lavallee Michael Joseph Jr  
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 Lugo Hector David  
 Lundberg Colton John  
 Lunt Payton Kyler  
 Malcolm Ethen Richard  
 Martinez Nathaniel Mariano  
 Maughan Thomas Floyd  
 McKan Lord James Edward IV  
 McKean Isaac Goodwin  
 Menlove Parker Thomas  
 Miller Ian Thomas  
 Miyamoto Brady A  
 Mulitalo Moliki Kade  
 Nielson Kipp Leon  
 Otinel Masin  
 Owens Dilan Ray  
 Payne Casey James  
 Penegar Alex Walt  
 Pitts Harper Brent  
 Powell Spencer Dean  
 Prounh Pang  
 Pugmire Jacob Max  
 Pulli Alexandria Claire  
 Ramos Maria Guadalupe  
 Rasmussen Kelton Gayle  
 Rohrer Lewis Scott  
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 Scanlan Malia Kalani  
 Scurti Andrew Joseph  
 Sedano David Jesus  
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 Smith Yuri Carlos  
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 Stone Brandon Connor  
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 Talcott Trey Camron  
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 Thomas Devin Connor

Thomas Martina Marie  
 Tinoco Martin Antonio  
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 Woolston Shane Trent  
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 Barrett Bradley Dennis  
 Bass Andrew David  
 Batt Jayden Robert  
 Benally Tori Alonda  
 Bergquist Brock Gordon  
 Biesinger James Andrew  
 Brown Cameron Noel  
 Bryant Kade Anthony  
 Burns Gilbert Michael  
 Calchera Robert Tanner  
 Calchera Shawn Thompson  
 Chamberlain Jordan James  
 Clark Jesse Levi  
 Collins Joshua Dayde  
 Corbit Jacklyn Deann  
 Crosby Chad Brian  
 Edwards Skylar Austin  
 Farr Brandon James  
 Freire dossantos Gleyson  
 Godfrey Preston Lee  
 Green Benjamin Rex  
 Green Steven Andrew  
 Hadden Frederic Canyon  
 Hanrion Gabriel Jonathan  
 Harris Daniel Louis  
 Harris Landin JD  
 Hudson Logan Jeremy  
 Huston Benjamin Alan  
 Ivie Issac Joseph  
 Johnson Elizabeth Erin  
 Judd Kehl Derik  
 Kleinman Christopher Abbott  
 Koch Landon William  
 Larsen Taylor Richard  
 Lauritzen Austin Orson  
 London Zakary Lane  
 Martineau Chandler Houston  
 Meservy Craig Hatch  
 Moody Michael Aaron  
 Morris Deangelo Jeffery  
 Mulder Caleb Woodruff  
 Naylor Richard Todd  
 Olmos Felicia Marie  
 Olsen Alec Xavier  
 Palmer Andrew James  
 Pansegrau David Vincent  
 Pemberton Elijah Gil  
 Peterson Misty Errin  
 Peterson Stephen Jack  
 Proctor Jared Scott  
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 Robinson Jerry Tyrel

Romerorodriguez Josedejesus  
 Sauvey Ashley Marie  
 Schudel Ian James  
 Sessions Logan Jeremy  
 Spencer Clayton Todd  
 Sprague Kimberly Ann  
 Stark Jacob Chase  
 Stewart Tylar J  
 Trowbridge Kade Kalen  
 Turgeon Kaden Robert  
 Vanderbeek Andrew Jester  
 Wall Dillon Nicholas  
 Warnick Seth Lindsay  
 Watson Ryan Elliott  
 Wells Dallen T  
 Whiteley Riley Scott  
 Williams Wyatt Scott  
 Wolfley Garrett Robert  
 Wood Rory Teancum Brett  
 Zamorajimenez Gustavo

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 Branch Hayden Joseph  
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 Bruderer Brayden Lane  
 Camp Erik Daniel  
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 Comsa Shaun A  
 Contrys Nicholas Phillip  
 Copling Taylor Nathan  
 Ewell Brittney Marrion  
 Faris Joshua Albert  
 Fletcher Garrett Martin  
 Hellier Dylan Thomas  
 Hymas Steven Joseph  
 Ika Loketi F  
 Jarnagin Eli Tyler  
 Jessop Danny Coy  
 Johnson Trevor Jacob  
 Louder Jaxon Boyd  
 Lowry Dalton Dean  
 Moynier Makayla Laree  
 Muhoza Levis  
 Nicholson Nash Parker  
 Oliver Kagan Robert  
 Petersen Jaden Mark  
 Ramirez Braxton Amilcar  
 Rigtrup Tanner Mark  
 Schroemges Jesse McKay  
 Shadden Steele Blaine  
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 Bishop Levi Loss  
 Cabero Jose Enrique III  
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 Day Hunter Robert  
 Eftin Salah Abdullahi  
 Esquivel Evan Evid  
 Freeze Joshua Keith  
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 Harris Kendall Tess  
 Harris Reece Jerry  
 Hernandez Alberto  
 Klingler Maxwell Ludwig  
 Larsen Dallon Michael  
 Macguire Vincent Michael  
 Mattes Samuel Scott  
 Maxwell Bridger Jon  
 McEwen Stephanie Ann  
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 Montoya Ryan Nathan Tovey  
 Nolan Jacob William  
 Nordin Joseph Ammon  
 Peterson Robert Brian  
 Price Joshua Hunter  
 Rausch Lauren Elizabeth  
 Ruiz Angel Leonires  
 Russell Kaden Kelly  
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