



2021 HISTORY REPORT



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It appeared at the end of 2020 that we would get a respite from COVID-19 but that was a bit premature. In addition, we had civil unrest in the National Capital Region that required response. We closed out our intervention in Afghanistan and were confronted with tragedy all the way to the bitter end. All of these challenges have been met by the Utah National Guard in an

admirable and honorable fashion. We continue to see changes in our national security strategy as the realities of global power competition become a reality and our training and our deployment schedules have reflected that. We continue to look toward these changes in the operational environment so that we can adjust our force structure to meet change now and into the future but ultimately, we look to our people as the bedrock of any success. As always, flexibility and professionalism from the Soldiers and Airmen of the Utah National Guard is our bedrock for success so we must all try to support our people, programs, and provide ways to balance our service with our lives.

COVID is like the proverbial “bad penny” that keeps showing up. We thought that we had beaten it back through vaccination and “population immunity” this past year but nature has a way of correcting our assumptions. Surges and mutations in the virus have continued to present challenges but

we have also been fairly successful in our vaccinations and good health practices. To exasperate the challenges, we have seen a cultural battle over the vaccine as well. While we in the military are used to vaccine requirements (currently nine vaccines that are required for service), we are working through an exemption program for religious and medical concerns. We also provide an option between the mRNA versions of the vaccine (Pfizer and Moderna) and the older technology (Johnson and Johnson) as viable and FDA-approved vaccines. We will continue the exemption process and forward those requests to the proper authorities (DANG and the surgeon general of the Army) depending on the service for those who request it, but we show a great number (close to 90 percent of our force across both services) who are fully vaccinated.

I continue to see global power competition (GPC) as our new “aim point” for training, forces structure, and policies. Russia and China are presenting new challenges and risks. We are moving forward with new technology

and new strategies but that will continue to be a work in progress for the foreseeable future. The Department of Defense, the Army and Air Force, the National Guard, and of course for the state of Utah will continue to change and adjust to these new challenges at every opportunity. I ask that we all “tune-in” to these challenges and bring your best ideas and efforts to combat these threats.

I have said before that while we are part-time, we are always professional Soldiers and Airmen. Let us continue to apply skill, brains, and spirit to defending this great nation and state.

We have responded to civil unrest, deployed to the southwest border, continued deployments and redeployments from the Central Command area of responsibility, wildfires, and search and rescue situations here in Utah. In each deployment, I have been proud to be counted a part of your team! I know that the governor and your fellow Utahns also appreciate your efforts!

Again, it has been an eventful year. Let us prepare for the unknown future as “happy warriors” who are willing to do hard things in service to our great state and our great nation! 🇺🇸



Soldiers and Airmen attached to Utah National Guard's COVID-19 Joint Task Force test for COVID-19 at a mobile testing site at the Department of Health Cannon Building.



Utah National Guard Soldiers stand watch in Washington D.C., Jan. 18, 2021, in support of federal and district authorities leading up and through the 59th Presidential Inauguration.



Top down: Spc. Adam Barlow performs a deadlift and Staff Sgt. Zac Carlson does pull-ups during National BWC at Camp Navajo, Arizona, July 20, 2021. Staff Sgt. Jordan Johnson, center, is awarded the Instructor of the Year Award at Camp Williams, Utah, Aug. 18, 2021, presented by Maj. Gen. Michael Turley, right, and Command Sgt. Maj. Spencer Nielsen. Sgt. Ethan Andersen, center, with the COVID-19 Joint Task Force receives Command Sgt. Maj. Sampa's Coin of Excellence presented by Command Sgt. Maj. John Sampa at Spanish Fork, Utah, May 3, 2021. Members of 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion Southwest border mission at Noncommissioned Officer Induction Ceremony on the USS Midway; San Diego, California, March 27, 2021.



Command Sgt. Maj.
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Fiscal year 2021 was an exciting year for the enlisted force of the Utah National Guard, with several members achieving national-level recognition. Although the COVID-19 pandemic continued to present some unique, and often unanticipated, challenges, the force demonstrated the adaptability and innovation emblematic of the professional noncommissioned officer corps. The enlisted force of the UTNG continued to confront contemporary challenges and accomplish all assigned missions. Through all the various requirements, I remain exceptionally proud of the Soldiers and Airmen of the UTNG, and their service to our nation, state, and local communities.

Throughout the past year, the UTNG continued its support of the state of Utah COVID-19 Joint Task Force, performing a multitude of critical functions including testing, contact tracing, and logistics support. With the emergency use authorization of the COVID vaccines in December of 2020, UTNG Soldiers and Airmen also supported the state's community vaccination efforts, setting up clinics throughout the state where thousands of vaccine doses were administered. While this mission has been somewhat atypical of the support normally provided by the UTNG, our members performed the mission with extremely high levels of competence and professionalism.

In addition to the COVID support missions, units of the UTNG maintained support to combat operations and national security priorities throughout the world. Members of the 151st Refueling Wing maintained its enduring deployment cycles, and members of 1st Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment completed its mission assignment in Afghanistan. Additionally, members of the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion continued its support to the Southwest border mission. Whether the missions performed by members of the UTNG were domestic or overseas, all served with the honor and distinction typical of our organizational heritage of excellence.

During the past year, a few Soldiers also achieved national-level recognition. Spc. Adam Barlow of the 65th Field Artillery Brigade and Staff Sgt. Zac Carlson of the 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) were selected as the Utah Army National Guard Soldier of the Year and NCO of the Year during our State Best Warrior Competition. Both Soldiers also won in their categories during the Army National Guard Region VII Best Warrior competition conducted in Fort Carson, Colorado in May, and Carlson won the Army National Guard NCO of the Year competition in Camp Navajo, Arizona in July. These are amazing achievements by both of these Soldiers, and we are extremely proud of their accomplishments. Additionally, Staff Sgt. Jordan Johnson, 640th Regiment Regional Training Institute was selected as the U.S. Army TRADOC Instructor of the Year out of thousands of instructors within the Army National Guard. While these are individual accomplishments, these three Soldiers are representative of the quality of Soldiers and Airmen that comprise the ranks of the UTNG.

As the UTNG sets its sites on fiscal year 2022 and beyond, we remain committed to the mantra of the citizen Soldier and Airman of "Always Ready, Always There." We stand ready to confront future challenges and capitalize on future opportunities. As a noncommissioned corps, we are ready to continue to serve as the backbone of the Armed Forces, and above all, ready to meet the needs of our state and nation regardless of when and where needed. 🇺🇸

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ON THE COVER

Front and back covers: U.S. Soldiers attached to the 19th Special Forces Group fast rope with Royal Moroccan Forces into Tifnit Training Camp, Morocco, June 15, 2021, during training exercise African Lion 2021. African Lion 2021 is U.S. Africa Command's largest, premier, joint, annual exercise hosted by Morocco, Tunisia, and Senegal, 7-18 June. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Jake Cox)



Chief Warrant Officer 5
Brian Searcy
Command Chief
Warrant Officer
Utah National Guard

I have been immensely impressed with the accomplishments of Utah National Guard Soldiers and Airmen during fiscal year 2021.

In FY21, service members supported our community through COVID-19, and our nation on the Southwest border and in contingency operations all around the world. I visited several units during their operations and training. Regardless of the location, mission, or units involved, Utah National Guard service members

received amazing accolades from the organizations they were supporting. At the Southwest border, the organizations being supported by members of the 300th Military Intelligence Brigade repeatedly expressed how impressed they were with the skills, attributes, and knowledge of the Soldiers on that deployment. During African Lion 21, both the chief of National Guard Bureau and the Africa Command commander were amazed with the contributions made by our medical units, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) and other units. Additionally, I visited Detachment 2, 1-112th Aviation in Key West, Florida, during its support to the Department of Homeland Security. DHS staff reported our Utah Guard members made a tremendous positive impact on their mission goals.

With so many examples of the exemplary character, bearing, knowledge, and skills of our Utah National Guard Soldiers and Airmen, I am humbled to work alongside you all. I realize the past several years have been difficult for many, especially in light of the recent events surrounding the withdrawal of American Forces from Afghanistan. For those of you that served in the Middle East, I want to thank you again for your many sacrifices and unfailing efforts to meet mission. Because of those efforts, many citizens were provided training and opportunities to improve the safety of their communities and their individual quality of life. You afforded options for those who would accept them and your examples of loyalty, service, and dedication to this country and each other are inspiring. You have protected this nation's safety for 20 years. Thank you. For all who wear the uniform of the Utah National Guard, I want to thank you for your service. Whether during a deployment, a drill, or as a weekday employee, your commitment to always be there and always be ready is appreciated. Not to be forgotten, I'm continually grateful for the sacrifice and support our military families provide. Without whom, our efforts to serve would be hampered and our ability to rise to each challenge jeopardized.

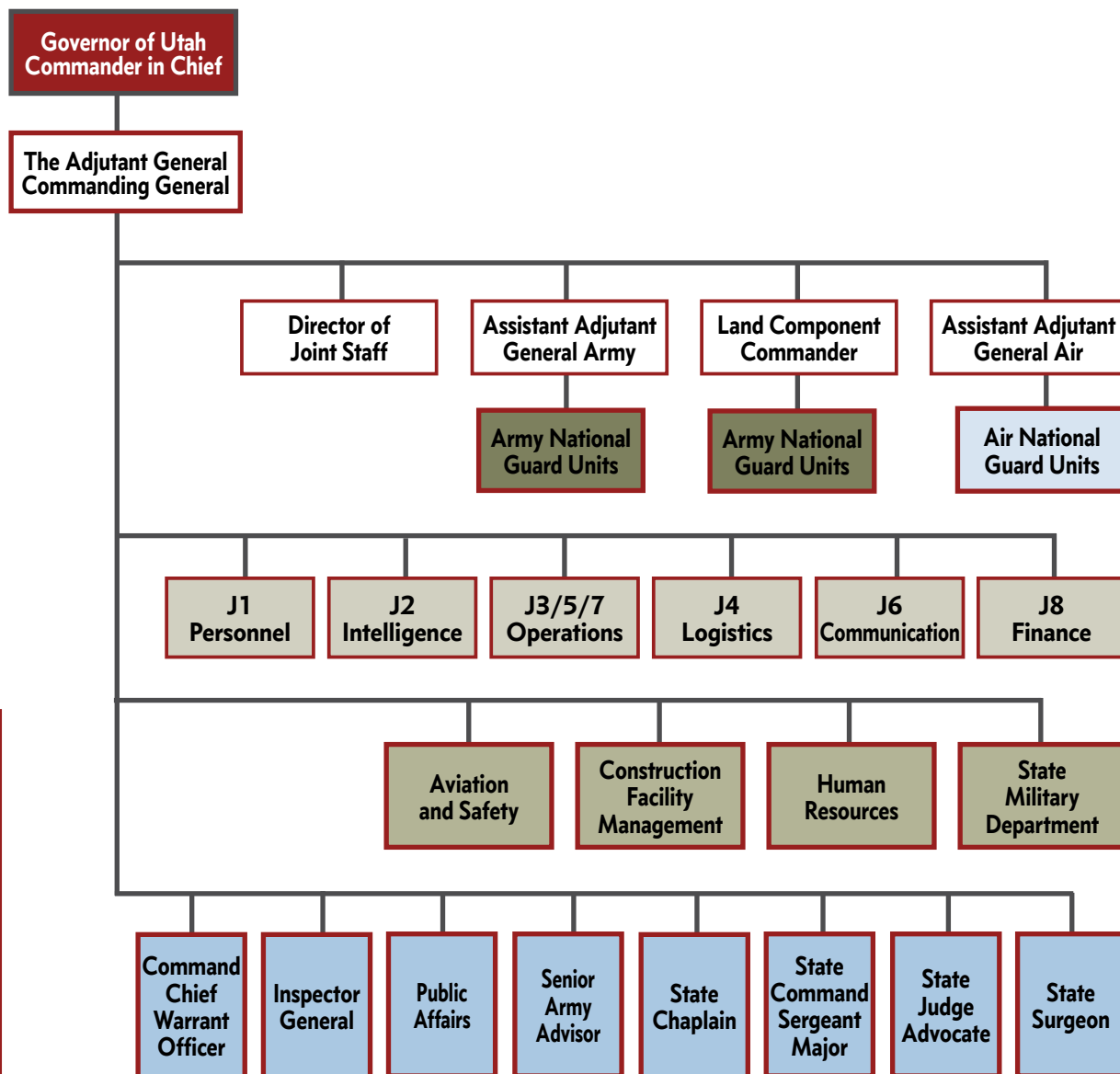
As we move forward, I wish only to be a resource to you; to support you in accomplishing whatever you are tasked to complete and facilitate your continued service within this organization of which I am so proud, the Utah National Guard. 🇺🇸



UTAH AIR AND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD—SENIOR LEADERS



Left to right: Utah Gov. Spencer Cox, commander in chief; Maj. Gen. Michael Turley, adjutant general; Brig. Gen. Tyler Smith, assistant adjutant general for Army; Brig. Gen. Daniel Boyack, assistant adjutant general for Air; Brig. Gen. Charlene Dalto, commander, Land Component; Brig. Gen. Darwin Craig, director of joint staff; Chief Warrant Officer 5 Brian Searcy, command chief warrant officer; Command Sgt. Maj. Spencer Nielsen, senior enlisted leader; Command Chief Master Sgt. Brian Garrett, command chief Air; Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Thalman, Land Component sergeant major; Col. Joseph Green, chief of staff for Army; Col. Andrea Vanleeuwen, director of staff for Air.



JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS - JFHQ



JFHQ Organizational Chart

- Governor
- Command Leadership

- Primary Staff
- Secondary Staff
- Personal Staff
- Headquarters Detachment



Fiscal year 2021 offered hope of a reprieve from the global pandemic. However, the delta variant of the Coronavirus required Joint Force Headquarters and its directorates to remain adaptive and resilient at the forefront of planning and conducting various federal and state missions, working with the Utah National Guard COVID-19 Joint Task Force to reduce the spread and increase vaccination rates within the state. Despite the ongoing pandemic, the year presented several historic and noteworthy events.

On May 2, 2021, history was made as Col. Charlene Dalto was promoted as the first female Land Component Brigadier General for the state of Utah. Brig. Gen. Dalto is an example to all leaders in the Utah Army National Guard, as we strive for an inclusive and diverse modern fighting force.

Along with the varied and diverse missions of each directorate, throughout the year JFHQ conducted individual Soldier skill training, culminating in an off-site field-training exercise, where Soldiers of all ranks, including recruits, competed their proficiency in AWT/BDs. Participants were greeted at the finish line by their family members, concluding with a Family Day BBQ. The event was very well attended and provided a boost in morale much needed after almost a year and half of social distancing.

JFHQ's leadership changed from Maj. Tandra West to Maj. Gregory Tomlinson, and a new first sergeant boarded and was selected to begin duty in early fiscal year 22. With an eye looking forward, JFHQ also prepared for a return to post-pandemic training events such as African Lion, and the diagnostic Army Combat Fitness Test was administered to 95 percent of all JFHQ and directorate Soldiers. 🇺🇸



Above photo: Brig. Gen. Charlene Dalto saluting one-star flag, held by 1st Sgt. Jeffery Blackburn, and returning her first salute in new rank on the parade field at the Utah National Guard Camp Williams, Utah, May 2, 2021.



Left, top down: Joint Force Headquarters Warrior Challenge group picture on June 12, 2021, at Big Springs, Utah. JFHQ Warrior Challenge team members carry a stretcher, low crawl and push a vehicle as part of Warrior Challenge, June 12, 2021.



Fiscal year 2021 continued to pose many challenges for the Utah National Guard Human Resource Office due to COVID-19. Nevertheless, a strong staff and dedicated workforce provided the strength and necessary balance to work through those challenges and accomplish the mission. FY21 was also a year of change for HRO focusing on a variety of services including hiring, staffing, benefit services, and training to name just a few. In addition, HRO launched the first Air AGR Academy aimed at fundamentals and setting up new employees for individual career success. Moving forward, HRO will continue to focus on streamlining processes in order to improve customer service.

The Military Community and Family Services also closed out another historic year of commitments to providing necessary resources across an array of disciplines. The MCFS experienced a significant turnover losing roughly 65 percent of its staff due to retirements, end of contracts, and other personnel changes. The MCFS would like to extend its gratitude for each of its outgoing employees for their tireless efforts and dedicated service to supporting Soldiers, Airmen, and Families. New assignments to MCFS include Andrew Kalinen as the new sexual assault response coordinator for the state, Stephanie Lewis as the victim advocate coordinator, and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Gene Whitmore as the state support chaplain. The Utah Chaplain Corps worked diligently to make FY21 a very productive year despite all the COVID complications. They conducted 19 Strong Bonds events, exceeding the Army's Strong Bonds goal of reaching 10 percent of the UTARNG. Utah was only one of three states to accomplish this goal.

The personnel directorate (G1) spent this past year refocusing on team building and cohesion. The G1 worked tirelessly to make vaccines available in an effort to protect the force from the effects of COVID-19. They provided town hall meetings and other social forums to ensure everyone felt informed and valued, more clearly understand the direction of the organization, and obtain individual feedback. The G1 continued to emphasize the pending implementation of the Integrated Personnel and Pay System-Army. Key to this integration is the transition of the SIDPERS based SIBx interface to the IPSSA based Hive. 🇺🇸



Members of the 65th Field Artillery Brigade conducting their annual Soldier Readiness Program review with Joint Forces Headquarters, G1, in building 6150 at Camp Williams, Utah, Aug. 6-7, 2021.



Military Community and Family Services, Heroes Boot display, Farmington, Utah, May 2021.



Military Community and Family Services, SARC-SHARP team in September 2021.



The J2 meets with the wing commander and staff members of the Utah Civil Air Patrol to establish a partnership, discuss capabilities and coordinate training in support of emergency response, Aug. 7, 2021.



Class photo from one of Foundry Low-Level Voice Intercept courses taught down range at Utah Training Center, Camp Williams. Class members included Soldiers from the United Kingdom along with various other U.S. Army units, Sept. 23, 2021.



Foundry instructors train Soldiers on traffic control point screening and on capturing biometric data using current battlefield systems during Panther Strike exercise, Camp Williams, Utah, June 10, 2021.

The Utah National Guard Joint Intelligence and Security Directorate (J-2) provides trained, equipped, and ready intelligence Soldiers, Airmen, and civilians to conduct intelligence operations in a wartime or domestic operational environment, supports intelligence integration by coordinating with national and local partners, manages state general security programs and intelligence oversight, and provides timely and relevant intelligence and shared understanding to National Guard and civil authorities during a domestic response. In 2021, the J-2 accomplished its mission greatly contributed to Utah National Guard readiness.

During the year the J-2 provided training for more than 500 intelligence Soldiers by conducting Foundry courses in human intelligence and tactical signals intelligence, and by supporting unit drill and annual training events. Additionally, Foundry instructors served as critical subject-matter experts in the preparation and execution of the 2021 Panther Strike exercise.

As part of the continuous effort to ensure proper oversight of all state intelligence activities, the J-2 revised the state intelligence oversight policy, reinstituted the quarterly Intelligence Steering Committee and the Utah Intelligence Activities Council, and worked closely with individual units to implement effective intelligence oversight programs. As a result, when the National Guard Bureau Office of the Inspector General conducted an intelligence oversight inspection on the Utah National Guard in September, all participating intelligence oversight monitors were well prepared and their units did exceptionally well.

In the last half of the year alone, the security office submitted more than 400 new background investigations for Utah National Guard Soldiers as part of the Army's Trusted Workforce Initiative, ensuring compliance with Army requirements and a high level of personnel security readiness. The J-2 provided critical support to the Utah National Guard insider threat program by developing the covering agent program and conducting threat awareness reporting program training. The team also trained and worked with unit security managers in order to implement new requirements and systems.

Information Analysis and Assessment team continued to support Utah's COVID-19 response during 2021, providing updates and trend analysis for Guard and state authorities. The J-2 strengthened state partnerships by meeting with emergency management personnel and the State Intelligence Analysis Center, and coordinating with the Civil Air Patrol. The J-2 supported Joint Staff training by facilitating training on the Domestic Operations Awareness and Assessment Response Tool, and worked with the state GIS coordinator to help develop dynamic training scenarios.

Through all of these efforts the J-2 greatly impacted overall Utah National Guard readiness in 2021 and will continue to increase its impact in the future. 🇺🇸

INTELLIGENCE—J2



The Utah Army National Guard J/3/5/7 had another high-operations tempo year for 2021. Utah National Guard service members answered the call to support various worldwide mobilizations, Overseas Deployment Training exercises, State Partnership Program events, and domestic operations, all while maintaining individual training proficiencies, honoring our service members through our military funeral honors program and continued force structure growth.

The UTNG units deployed roughly 178 Soldiers to contingency operations at forward locations worldwide. Unit mobilizations deployed to the following countries: Germany, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Jordan, Belgium, Kosovo, United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia. In addition to supporting worldwide contingency operations, the UTNG continued to support bilateral and multinational exercises with our world partners. The ODT and SPP engagements were significantly reduced due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic however, more than 536 Soldiers and Airmen were sent across the globe to fulfill various combatant command theater security cooperation requirements specifically African Lion in Morocco and Combined Command Post Training 21-2 in South Korea.

The year 2021 proved to be another busy year for domestic operations. In January, the UTNG sent more than 400 service members to support the presidential inauguration. Simultaneously, service members augmented Utah's Department of Health COVID response teams fulfilling a variety of missions. In February, vaccines for COVID-19 became available by phases based on the priority of need to the public and the UTNG was called upon to help provide critical vaccination support. By the end of September 2021, the UTNG had assisted in administering more than 153,400 vaccinations throughout Utah.

In spite of the high operations tempo and COVID-19 environment the Utah Army National Guard managed to maintain individual training proficiencies, support of our service members through our military funeral honors program, and experienced positive force structure growth.

In training year 2021, the Individual Training Management team sought to fix the backlog of canceled schools brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. In total, the UTNG produced more than 4,000 graduates of professional courses. The Utah Army National Guard saw increases in qualification numbers in three of the four major categories: military occupational specialty +2.4 percent, non-commissioned officer education system +1.8 percent, and officer education system +6.4. Utah's Military Funeral Honors Program conducted more than 1,030 services in FY 2021. Finally, the Utah Army National Guard experienced positive force structure growth in 2021. The 97th Aviation Troop Command gained Detachment 2, B Co, 449th

Aviation Support Battalion. Utah National Guard service members continue to answer the call of our nation and state. 🇺🇸



Top down: Special Operators from the 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) and Moroccan Special Operations Forces conduct Special Purpose Insertion and Extraction System / Fast Rope Insertion and Extraction System training using a MH-47 from the 160th SOAR (A) during African Lion 21 at Tifnit, Morocco in June 2021. Members of Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-19 from the 19th SFG (A) and Moroccan Special Operations Forces conduct Joint Operations Center operations during African Lion 21 at Tifnit, Morocco in June 2021. Military Funeral Honors firing party for Sgt. 1st Class Lee's funeral at Utah Veterans Memorial Park, Sept. 9, 2021.



The Utah National Guard, Joint Domestic Operations Office, provides command structure and support for the missions and service members of the Utah COVID-19 Joint Task Force, supporting the Utah Department of Health and local health departments in achieving the state priorities to promote and deliver vaccines and booster, promote and deliver treatment, continue to emphasize testing, prepare for winter, and emphasize messaging around vaccines.

The UTNG is uniquely trained to work with emergency responders during crisis-response operations and supports the whole-of-government efforts in managing the COVID-19 pandemic as needed by the governor.

UDoH fielded massive requests for support to assist local health department's vaccination efforts following the state granting state-wide access to the general public. At the height of the 2021 support, the JTF's medical and logistics support grew to 219 personnel, including vaccinators, medics, and administrative support, averaging 1,017 vaccinations per day.

JTF also provided UDoH with much-needed support for COVID-19 testing, conducted testing in Salt Lake, Davis, and Utah Counties. In late summer, the state testing team met its goal of hiring testing personnel relieving the UTNG testing team.

JTF, led by Col. Tammy Manwaring, maintained operational and logistical support to the UDoH until mid-July. COVID-19 support then transitioned back to Lt. Col. Erick Wiedmeier, the joint director of military support.

In August, UDoH began conducting monoclonal antibody infusions to enhance recovery to persons infected with the COVID-19 virus. The UTNG assigned a team of 15 personnel to provide infusions at a fixed site in the Salt Lake Valley and provide a mobile unit for the surrounding communities. UTNG's monoclonal antibody infusion team paved the way for other states to take on infusions in their states. Active-duty service members support the state of Utah's priority to deliver treatment, conducting monoclonal antibody infusions in St. George, Utah. Brig. Gen. Darwin (Dar) Craig was assigned as a dual-status commander of the T32 UTNG and the T10 Active-Duty service members, Nov. 8 to Dec. 6, 2021. 🇺🇸

By the end of November 2021, the Utah National Guard had assisted in administering the following:

COVID-19 tests	229,231
COVID-19 vaccinations	678,597
Contact tracing cases worked	4,267
Monoclonal antibody infusions	1,860
Warehouse items processed	145,498,284

Missions:

COVID-19: annual overall personnel/mission	
Testing	62
Vaccination	53
Monoclonal.....	47
Contact tracing	15
Warehouse.....	8
Support	10

Civil Unrest: Salt Lake City, Utah (Jan. 15- 21, 2021)

Personnel.....	306
Army personnel, National Guard Reaction Force.....	280
Air personnel, Security Forces.....	25
Decontamination element (personnel and equipment)	1
Estimated man-hours spent	21,350
PAX bus	10 – 44
M1151 HMMWV (Humvee).....	15

59th Presidential Inauguration: Washington, D.C., Jan. 13-27

Personnel.....	407
Army personnel (general security).....	395
Air (communications support)	12
Estimated man-hours	68,500
KC-135 for flights	16
C17 flights	2
Joint Incident Site Communications Element	1

Utah Governor's Inauguration: St. George, Utah, Jan. 4, 2021

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EOD:

SLC Police Department support (Air Force Personnel)	
Japanese Mortar (July 19, 2021)	3
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Wildland Fires:

Duchesne County Fire (28 Mar 2021)		
Parley Canyon Fire (14 Aug 2021)		
Aviators and General Support personnel	20	15
Man-hours.....	126	177
UH-60 (Black Hawk) helicopter	2	2
Flight hours.....	27.5	14.6
Gallons of fuel	512	267
Gallons of water	58,088	26,712
Buckets dropped.....	137	63





The G4 SASMO section sets up multiple VSAT systems outside Draper's Combined Support Maintenance Shop as part of the migration process to the Sustainment Tactical Network ensuring their operability on the new network.



Sgt. Kayden VanDyke from Richfield Field Maintenance Shop (FMS 5) receives instruction on the proper procedures for HAZMAT clean-up spills during the Environment Class 2021 Maintenance Symposium at Unit Training Equipment Site, Camp Williams.



The Construction Facilities Management Office completed the rail-load training facility at Camp Williams, Utah, in May of 2021. The facility will increase the Utah Army National Guard's capability to train unit movement officers and rail-load teams.

The J4 has continued to support the Utah Army and Air National Guard throughout this fiscal year with supply, maintenance, transportation, food services, logistics information system support, and parachute-aerial support, in order to provide sustainable logistics that enable execution of decisive action. Key services provided by the J4 are quarterly Supply Sergeants Training, Financial Liability Investigation of Property Loss program, Global Combat Support System-Army training, Command Supply Discipline Programs, Command Maintenance Discipline Programs, Food Service Management through AFMIS, convoy movement support, property book management, parachute rigging support, and mobilization readiness.

The Surface Maintenance Management team continued its mission to maintain Utah Army National Guard equipment through the Combined Support Maintenance Shop, Unit Training Equipment Site, and multiple field maintenance shops. As the COVID-19 pandemic continued, the SMM sustained its efforts to preserve the health of its employees while endeavoring to support units and anticipating requirements needed to support any mission including outside the continental U.S.

training and rapid deployments. The SMM community quickly adjusted to teleworking, yet still maintained a high-equipment readiness for future missions. With the implementation of Non-Combat Operations Maintenance Plans, the ever-shifting budget, and the fielding of the JLTVs to the 19th Special Forces, the SMM community has proven to be an agile force. In July, The SMM hosted its 8th Annual Mechanic of the Year competition at UTES. FMS 1's competitor, Cameron Salisbury, was the victor of the grueling competition. This one-day exercise challenged the competitors both mentally and physically through written and computer-based exams as

well as hands on exercises. At the end of August and into early September the SMM held its annual Maintenance Symposium. The event was a great opportunity for shared knowledge and group problem solving through the training classes and Production Controller training in addition to the Shop Chief's Workshop.

The Defense Movement Office provided support to the Soldiers sent on the 59th Presidential Inauguration mission helping to ensure that transportation requirements for personnel and equipment to the nation's capital were arranged. African Lion '21 was another mission where the DMO was heavily involved arranging transportation modes and coordinating with multiple outside entities to ensure Utah National Guard Soldiers and Airmen were able to complete their mission. In addition to other mobilizations and de-mobilizations, the DMO has also provided convoy-clearance support to National Guard, Reserve and Active-Duty units traveling in Utah. The completion of a rail training facility at Camp Williams by the Leadership Reaction Course will add to the UTNG's capability to train UMO's, rail-load teams. The Defense Movement office would like to thank Staff Sgt. Victor Gonzales for all his hard work and support during his time in the DMO and wish him well as he begins his new job in the SASMO office. We would also like to welcome Warrant Officer 1 Dustin Hansen who will be filling in behind Gonzales. Hansen is a mobility warrant officer whose knowledge and experience will greatly enhance the capabilities of the DMO.

The SASMO shop completed phase 2 & 3 of the (CSS-VSAT) migration to the Sustainment Tactical Network and migrated 31 of the stat's VSAT satellite systems. The SASMO section re-imaged more than 350 brand new logistics computer systems in a three-month period using a temporary workspace, during the reconstruction of the entire G4 area. 🇺🇸



The Information Management, J6 is the principal advisor to the Joint Forces commander on Command, Control, Communications, Computers/Cyber and Information Management services. Accordingly, the mission of the J6 is to acquire and distribute resources, provide policy, governance and information technology services that enhance readiness and enable the Utah National Guard to accomplish its federal and state missions.

Key services provided by the J6 include Network and infrastructure support, Communication Security, mail, Freedom of Information Act, Army Records Information Management System, printing, telephone, Distance Learning, mobile devices, customer service, telephones and radio services.

The J6 Service Desks and Network Control Center had a very busy year as they shifted away from traditional support methods to meet the demand of an ongoing pandemic and issues related to telework. Key to these changes were the implementation of cyber tools like Microsoft Teams, Office365, and OneDrive that promote collaboration and streamline customer support. The Network Control Center installed “Next Generation” firewalls and migrated to a “Self-Healing Network” to enhance the overall cyber posture of the network and prepare the UTNG for a transition to a Zero Trust architecture.

A focus on efficiency, effectiveness and flexibility has been the key to success for the UTNG this year. Airmen from the 151st Communications Flight successfully passed a Nuclear Staff Assistance Visit in addition to completing a base-wide Unit Effectiveness Inspection performed by the Air Mobility Command. Similarly, Soldiers from the Joint Forces Headquarters passed a national-level COMSEC inspection and supported several exercises to include Cyber Shield and Panther Strike.

Perhaps the most defining concern this year was the unprecedented increase in cyber-attacks. Accordingly, the J6 Cybersecurity team responded to numerous incidents to include the Russian backed SolarWinds attack that effected more than 18,000 enterprise networks. In response, the J6 Cybersecurity section highlighted the role of the UTNG by working closely with federal, state, and industry partners to coordinate a response and resolve the issues. 🇺🇸



Above: Sgt. 1st Class Brandon MacFarlane conducts routine maintenance on a network security device in the data center located in Draper, Utah.

Top down: Master Sgt. Fisher and Spc. Pickering conduct advanced training on the mobile commercial satellite at the Headquarters in Draper, Sept. 9, 2021. Master Sgt. Shaundra Andress prepares a package for delivery from the Rolland R. Wright Air National Guard Base, Utah.

Elements of the G6 Cybersecurity team conducts training to learn how to find anomalies on the network during an annual training period conducted at St. George, Utah, Oct. 15, 2020.





A 1st Battalion, 211th Aviation's AH-64D Apache helicopter conducting hover power checks at South Valley Regional Airport prior to a training mission.



Aerial view of the Utah National Guard Army Aviation Support Facility located at the South Valley Regional Airport in West Jordan, Utah.

The Directorate of Aviation and Safety administers all Army aviation operations and safety programs within the state. Within the directorate, both the safety staff and occupational health nurse have had a busy year, working to ensure employees and National Guard members safely return to in-person work and training assemblies following extended periods of telework due to COVID-19 precautions. The poor air quality throughout the summer was also monitored by the occupational health nurse. Occupational health provided recommendations to command teams with outdoor IDT/annual training events scheduled when the Air Quality Index exceeded safe ranges.

The Army Aviation Support Facility falls under the Directorate of Aviation and Safety and is one of the largest groups of full-time employees in the Utah National Guard. The AASF is commanded by Maj. Noe Vazquez and continued to support domestic operations, including having multiple aircrews fighting Utah wildland fires, supported law enforcement agencies counter drug efforts with the LUH-72 Lakota, conducted VIP flights, supported the phased 1st Battalion, 211th Aviation re-deployment from Afghanistan, and the UH-60M Black Hawk fielding. The Utah Army National Guard aviation program consists of both rotary (AH-64, UH-60L/M, LUH-72) and fixed-wing (C-12) aircraft.

This past June 2021, the directorate leadership changed with Col. Ricky Smith moving on to a new position within the Utah National Guard and Lt. Col. Gordon Pedersen assuming control of the directorate. Pedersen is joining the directorate following an assignment as a team chief with the U.S. Army Forces Command Aviation Resource Management Survey team. In addition to the leadership change, the senior Safety Officer, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Travis Harris, is retiring and will be replaced by Chief Warrant Officer 4 Kayce Clark in January 2022. 🇺🇸



An AH-64D Apache departing for a training flight and a UH-60L Black Hawk with 2nd Battalion, 211th Aviation in the foreground preparing to depart the Utah National Guard Army Aviation Support Facility.

This Construction Facilities Management Office, CFMO completed or contracted more than 73 projects for Camp Williams, Utah and the state, for a combined budget of \$12.44 million in fiscal year 2021. These projects included parking and drainage improvements at Camp Williams 4200 and 7000 series parking areas; the improvements of the 4000 series bathrooms; the North Hangar remodel and Flight Line pavement replacement located in West Jordan at the Army Aviation Support Facility; the vehicle wash bay and storm drain improvements at Mount Pleasant, Field Maintenance Shop. CFMO also worked with the 116th Engineer Company, 1457th Engineer Battalion, and 115th Engineer Facility Detachment and completed a few troop-labor projects. These projects included bullpen improvements at Tooele FMS and replacing the drainage sump, fence, and interior lighting at the Vernal Armory. All these projects enhance the usability of our facilities and support units' readiness and training capabilities.

This past year CFMO Maintenance worked closely with office staff to help keep our buildings operating in a pristine and safe manner. In the process of working with unit tenants, many problems in our facilities were found and repaired. These repairs included heating, cooling, and electrical support and replacement of old lights, with LED upgrade lighting to improve lighting and save energy.

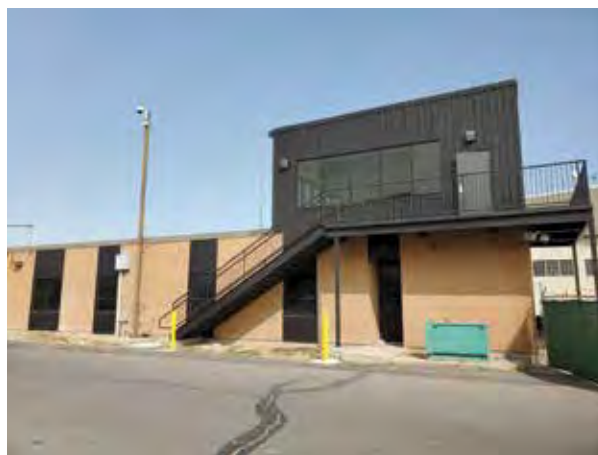
CFMO maintenance has a few new additions to the staff this year to include Christopher Burg in the Southern Region, Matthew Schindler, Richard Hansen, and Robert Bringhurst in the Central Region.

The Army Compatible Use Buffer program purchased 262 acres of fundamental property around the Camp Williams Training Area. FY21 purchases were significant as they eliminated 57 residential homes from the Springs Development next to the 200 Series Firing Points and completed the purchase of the Bluffs property that will completely stop all new home construction in the High Country Estates on the North side of Black Ridge. Expenditures for the ACUB Program in FY21 were \$4,936,645 in federal funds along with \$2,749,229 in other matching funds and landowner donations.

A new Regional Conservation Partnership Program will bring an additional \$7,000,000 in matching funds into the ACUB project area to be used to purchase conservation easements, improve wildlife habitat, and reduce the risks of wildland fire around Camp Williams.

This last year Environmental Resource Management co-hosted the annual American Indian Meeting with Hill Air Force Base, Dugway Proving Ground, and Tooele Army Depot. Attendees included leadership from all four Utah installations as well as the Confederated Tribes of the Salish & Kootenai, Navajo Nation, Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation, Paiute Tribe of Utah, Shoshone Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation, Wells Band of Western Shoshone, and Utah Division of Indian Affairs. 🇺🇸

The new Flight Operations Center at the Army Aviation Support Facility, West Jordan, Utah. The new Flight OPS planning room. View of the new second floor of the Flight Operation Center from the outside. Refurbished aircraft maintenance hangar.



Fiscal Year 2021 continued to pose many challenges for the Utah National Guard Human Resource Office due in part to COVID-19. HRO celebrated multiple retirements this year including Lt. Col. Gerald Williams, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Gary Healey, Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Legler, Mrs. Jodie Lundell, and Ms. Tina Conner, culminating in more than 50+ years of experience. We wish all of them the best in their next adventures. Personnel changes in the workforce has provided new opportunities for fresh ideas and improvements. Col. Susan Melton remains the director of HRO, and we welcomed Lt. Col. Branden Clark as HRO deputy director; Master Sgt. Clayton Miller as J1 senior noncommissioned officer; Ms. Karen Evans as Office of Workers Compensation Program coordinator, Naomi Chipman, as the telework coordinator and Matt Hicken as retirements specialist. HRO continues to offer a strong staff and dedicated workforce provided the strength and necessary balance to work through challenges and accomplish the mission.

FY21 was a year of change for HRO focusing on a variety of services to include Active Guard Reserve management,

hiring, staffing, benefit services, and training just to name a few. Several new initiatives were also launched including the first Utah Air National Guard AGR Academy, aimed at providing fundamentals and setting up new employees for individual career success. HRO also began manpower reviews with all units in order to more effectively ensure proper coordination in meeting the needs of commanders and directorates. Another initiative involved digitizing the entire staffing process while providing templates and job aids to assist supervisors in the process. This effort has resulted in HRO filling vacancies in a timeier fashion. Finally, in support of the governor's initiative for telework, HRO transitioned from emergency telework to offering employees the benefit of teleworking on a permanent schedule where it best fits the organizational needs.

Going forward, the HRO team will continue to focus on streamlining its processes in order to improve customer service to the more than 1,725 full-time employees of the UTNG. HRO remains committed to ensure all work-related needs of the UTNG full-time force are met in order to support the adjutant general's strategic priorities and lines of efforts. 🇺🇸



Human Resource Office leadership team and staff in 2021.

The State Military Department supports the adjutant general and the federal and state mission readiness of the units, Soldiers, and Airmen of the Utah National Guard by providing timely, accurate, and efficient procurement, budgeting, and accountability of UTNG state resources.

The primary mission of the SMD office is to manage the UTNG state budget. Like many organizations SMD adjusted to teleworking and continue to telework about 50 percent of the time.

The governor's budget request to the state legislature includes funding to support UTNG. The legislature made the following appropriations.

2021 UTNG STATE APPROPRIATIONS			
PROGRAM	Appropriated State Funds	Appropriated Federal Funds	Program Total
Administration	\$1,313,400		\$1,313,400
Operations and Maintenance	\$10,224,600	\$56,067,500	\$66,292,100
Tuition Assistance	\$1,200,000		\$1,200,000
West Traverse Sentinel Landscape	\$1,200,000		\$1,200,000
TOTAL	\$13,938,000	\$56,067,500	\$70,005,500

The administration program provides funding for the offices of The Adjutant General, Assistant Adjutant General, Public Information Officer, and Military Family Life Counselors.

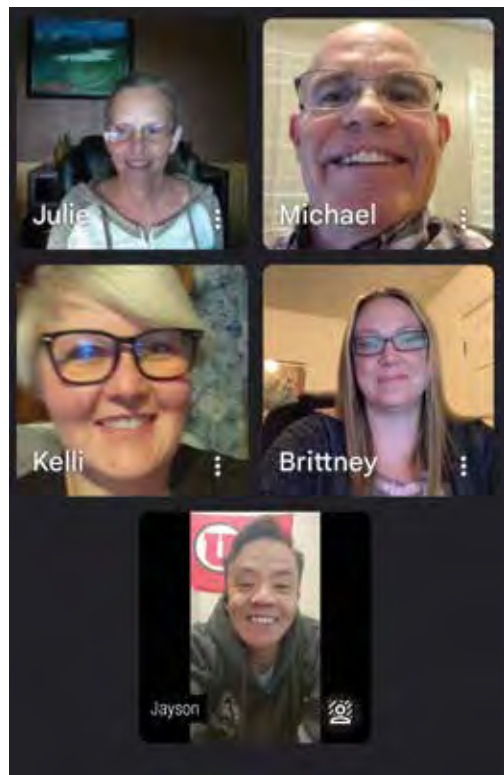
UTNG operations and maintenance funds support more than 500 major buildings in 22 communities throughout Utah, at Camp Williams, and the Roland R. Wright Air National Guard Base. Most UTNG buildings are state owned.

The state tuition assistance program helped more than 450 service members with more than 10,000 credit hours in fiscal year 2021.

The West Traverse Sentinel Landscape fund helped encumber 299 acres around Camp Williams for use that is compatible with military training.

During 2021, the Utah National Guard deployed 470 service members to State Active Duty supporting the Vice-Presidential Debate, COVID-19 resurgence, windstorm debris cleanup and wildfire support. This makes 2021 the second most State Active-Duty deployments on record in UTNG history. 🇺🇸

LARGEST MAJOR UTNG STATE ACTIVE DUTY MISSIONS				
YEAR	MISSION	LOCATION	PAX	TOTAL
2020	COVID-19 Response	Statewide	176	915
	NGRF 1 & 2 (May) (July)	Salt Lake/DC	561	
	Cal Fire 1 / Cal Fire 2	California	20	
	Windstorm Debris	Salt Lake	158	
2021	COVID-19 Response	Statewide	78	470
	Windstorm Debris	Salt Lake	22	
	Vice Presidential Debate	UofU	85	
	Presidential Inauguration	Utah Capitol	285	
1983	Floods	Salt Lake City	250	+250
1922	Coal Mine Strikes	Carbon County	226	226
2018	Utah County Flood	Utah County	171	220
	Wildfires	Statewide	49	
2011	Davis County Windstorm	Davis County	216	216
2013	Colorado Flood	Colorado	119	119
2017	Box Elder Flooding	Box Elder County	10	52
	Wildfires	Statewide	18	
	Hurricane Harvey/Rita	Texas/Louisiana	24	



Top down: Members of the Utah National Guard State Military Department: Julie Davis, Financial Manager; Mike Norton, State Resource Manager; Kelli Silcox, Financial Analyst; Brittney Heflin, Financial Analyst; Jayson Ilada, Financial Analyst II.



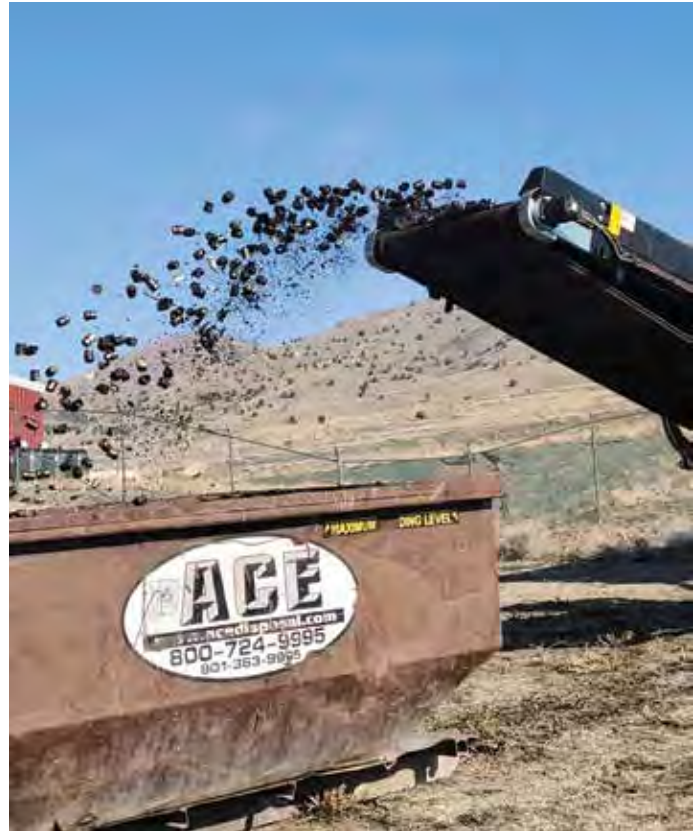
Picture taken at the warehouse and bullpen area of the Utah National Guard headquarters, Draper, Utah, during an Army Working Capital Fund inspection in September 2021.

The United States Property and Fiscal Office Directorate's mission is to support the Utah adjutant general and the units of the Utah National Guard by ensuring accountability and proper use of federal resources. Our vision is to maintain a highly professional team with superb customer focus, unquestioned integrity, proactive problem identification, resolution, follow-up, excellent training, subject-matter expertise, and partnership with National Guard Bureau.

To accomplish the mission of the adjutant general, USPFO has assembled an excellent staff comprised of the 151st Comptroller Flight (Air) and the G8 (Army); Data Processing, Grants Officer Representative, Internal Review, Purchasing and Contracting, Supply and Services, and Resource Management. The directorate also collaborates with the State Military Department staff to support any mission directed by the governor. These missions frequently include domestic emergency responses such as wildland-fire suppression and natural disaster cleanup.

Due to the challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, many UTNG personnel had not attended in-person courses. Fortunately, our counterparts in the Nevada National Guard coordinated to broadcast a Fiscal Law course for our Region via Microsoft Teams, which provided in-person credit. USPFO conducted its first in-person Fiscal Law class in almost three years, with more than 200 UTNG Soldiers, Airmen, and civilians participating from the UTNG Draper, Utah auditorium and the Roland R. Wright Air National Guard Base.

The COVID-19 Joint Task Force mission providing support the governor's COVID Task Force continued throughout the past year. The Resource Management and Air Comptroller Divisions worked with NGB to acquire proper funding for mission success. They also coordinated with our Utah Army and Air Directorates to ensure that all COVID-19 Joint Task Force billing was accurate.



Dunnage Demil—taken at the Camp Williams, Utah Ammunition Supply Point when doing the 40mm, 75mm, and 120mm Demil in conjunction with Qualified Recycling Program.

Our Army and Air Purchasing and Contracting personnel continue to strive for excellence. Mr. John Merlette received an Innovation in Contracting award, Mr. William Brown received a Customer Service award, and Senior Master Sgt. Jacob Caldwell received an NCO of the Year award at the NGB Acquisitions national awards ceremony in August.

Our Supply and Services Division excelled during inspections and was selected as the first National Guard State to be inspected for the Army Working Capital Fund, passing effortlessly.

As a result of their success on the inspection, they were also chosen for a site visit from Assistant Secretary of the Army Financial Management & Comptroller contract support personnel to help FM&C understand the process performed by National Guard sites utilizing GCSS-Army.

The Internal Review team continued to provide excellent support to the entire organization. Their roll in executing TAG and USPFO directed audits and inspections are an essential part of ensuring that we are stewards of taxpayer provided funding and validating our compliance with law and regulation.

Finally, the Data Processing Installation Team continues to safeguard federal data at the state level while working to support SibX/The Hive operations to allow commanders and leaders at every level to enhance readiness throughout the force. 🇺🇸

Environmental Resource Management, ERM, also conducted archaeological surveys across Camp Williams, Utah, re-documenting several known Archaic Period sites (2,000 to 10,000 years ago) and locating two new archaeological sites. Early identification of these sites allows for proactive management and avoids potential inadvertent damage to National Register eligible archaeological sites.

The ERM also completed a review and update of the Utah Army National Guard Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plan, which will guide the management of our historic buildings and archaeological sites through 2026.

The ERM works closely with Camp Williams staff to conduct natural resource monitoring and management for wildfire mitigation and ecological enhancement to provide healthy and diverse training environments. These efforts include ongoing Gambel oak thinning in Beef Hollow and Rose Canyon Training Areas to reduce fire danger, open up particular habitats, and create additional training space. Surveys for sensitive animal species, such as bats and eagles, help to pre-empt regulatory constraints on our training. Finally, a grant from the Utah Department of Natural Resources allowed herbicide application on thistle in Tickville Gulch to improve training conditions. 🇺🇸



Environmental staff at Camp Williams work with the Utah Department of Wildlife Resources to conduct bat surveys in accordance with federal and state bat monitoring guidance.



Two early atlatl projectile points located during recent archaeological surveys at Camp Williams.



Range technicians at Camp Williams monitor fine-fire fuels as part of wildland fire prevention efforts.

The Utah National Guard partners with Morocco and Nepal in the State Partnership Program and maintained a high tempo this year in Morocco. However, a devastating second wave of the COVID pandemic in Nepal hampered efforts to bolster that nascent partnership.

Engineers from the 1457th Engineer Battalion and linguists from the 300th Military Intelligence Brigade contributed to validating Moroccan Explosive Ordnance Disposal instructors. The validated instructors will form the cadre for a Moroccan Regional Training Center.

Air National Guard members conducted the final engagements of the Disaster Response Casualty Care program. The program qualified 600 military and civilian medical professionals as instructors in this advanced curriculum over the five-year course of the program. Various units contributed to the Maroc Mantlet Exercise in Kenitra and Tangier, Morocco. This annual exercise serves as a sustainment of disaster response capabilities developed through the partnership over the years. Maj. Gen. Michael Turley and Command Sgt. Maj. Spencer Nielsen attended the closing ceremony of this important exercise.

Turley represented the UTNG in Morocco on three other occasions this year. He represented the U.S. Africa Command at the Country Cooperation Meeting in November. He accompanied the Undersecretary of Defense-Policy, and other officials to the Defense Consultative Committee meeting in January where he met the National Defense Administration Minister Delegate, and the Chief of Defense. He returned in June for the American Legation Bicentennial and the African Lion Exercise. The American Legation in Tangier was the first U.S. foreign diplomatic post in the world and celebrated its bicentennial this year. Turley represented the U.S. military at the celebration before visiting the African Lion Exercise. This year, 295 UTNG personnel participated in various exercise events. Turley and Brig. Gen. Charlene Dalto led a UTNG delegation on battlefield circulation visits.

The 1st Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment of the UTNG is active in advising and assisting the Royal Moroccan Air Force as they establish their attack helicopter battalion featuring newly acquired Apache helicopters. In August, Apache experts traveled to Morocco to exchange expertise and then in September hosted five Moroccan officers in Utah to familiarize them with Apache operations.

Due to severe COVID conditions, all planned engagements in Nepal were postponed to next year except for Explosive Ordnance Disposal and firefighting expert exchanges with the Nepali Army in August and September. A Utah Air National Guard KC-135 Stratotanker provided the transportation to Kathmandu for one of the exchanges and used the space available on the aircraft to deliver lifesaving COVID response equipment donated by Non-Government Organizations. 🇺🇸

Top down: Staff Sgt. Brandon Schill, 300th Military Intelligence Brigade, translating during a Tactical Combat Casualty Care class as part of the Humanitarian Mine Action program in Kenitra, Morocco in August 2021. U.S. Soldiers attached to the 19th Special Forces Group fast rope with Royal Moroccan Forces into Tifnit Training Camp, Morocco, June 14, 2021, during training exercise African Lion 2021. Maj. Gen. Michael Turley, the adjutant general, accompanying Southern Zone



Commander, Lt. Gen. Belkhir El Farouk near Tafraoute, Morocco in their visit to the humanitarian assistance field hospital on June 16, 2021, during Exercise African Lion 2021. Pilots with 1-211th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion trained Moroccan pilots during the Moroccan Delegate Exchange in September 2021.

The Homeland Response Force, commanded by Col. Tammy Manwaring and Command Sgt. Major Richard Brown, provides disaster response for FEMA Region VIII, comprising of the states of Colorado, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, North and South Dakota. This year has been anything but typical for the Region VIII HRF. The all-hazards nature of the HRF has been on full display in assisting Utah health authorities in the response to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

HRF personnel were instrumental in filling many of the early roles of Joint Task Force 97, a task-oriented force comprised of up to 650 Utah Air and Army National Guard members. JTF-97 is anticipated to terminate its mission on Dec. 31, 2021, having assisted the state of Utah in the herculean effort of responding to the exigencies of COVID-19. During its mission, JTF-97 will have moved an average of more than 100 pallets per day of personal protective equipment, administered tens of thousands of shots, and performed tens of thousands of COVID-19 tests.

In a highly challenging environment, these Soldiers performed 11 diverse missions under JTF-97 to include Contact Tracing; Healthcare Associated Infections Team; State Lab Processing; State Lab Callbacks/Data; the Receive, Store, and Stage Warehouse; Hot-Spot Tracking; Mobile Testing Team; and Utah Health Emergency Response Team (which transformed into the Mobile Infusion Strike Team and then transformed again into the Medical Team and Medical Support Team). JTF-97 was a critical component as the state of Utah deftly achieved an effective whole of government response to an unprecedented situation.



Members of the COVID-19 Task Force on location.

In addition, 2021 saw the HRF enterprise transition to working with multiple new units as Soldiers assigned to the FEMA Region VIII disaster response mission. In preparation for an external evaluation in 2022, more than 140 Soldiers completed their initial Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations course, while more than 120 Soldiers obtained the more challenging Hazardous Materials Operations certificate. These courses are the knowledge foundation to being an effective part of the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, CBRN, Response Enterprise.

In September of 2021, members of the HRF Command Element and CBRN Task Force participated in the Maroc-Mantlet 2021 edition. This event gave the individuals a chance to translate their US-based disaster response experiences into a different culture and different languages, as HRF personnel assisted the State Partnership Program in training experiences with Moroccan counterparts from the Moroccan Royal Armed Forces. 🇺🇸



Col. Tammy Manwaring and Command Sgt. Maj. William Taylor II coordinate at the entrance of a COVID-19 vaccination site.

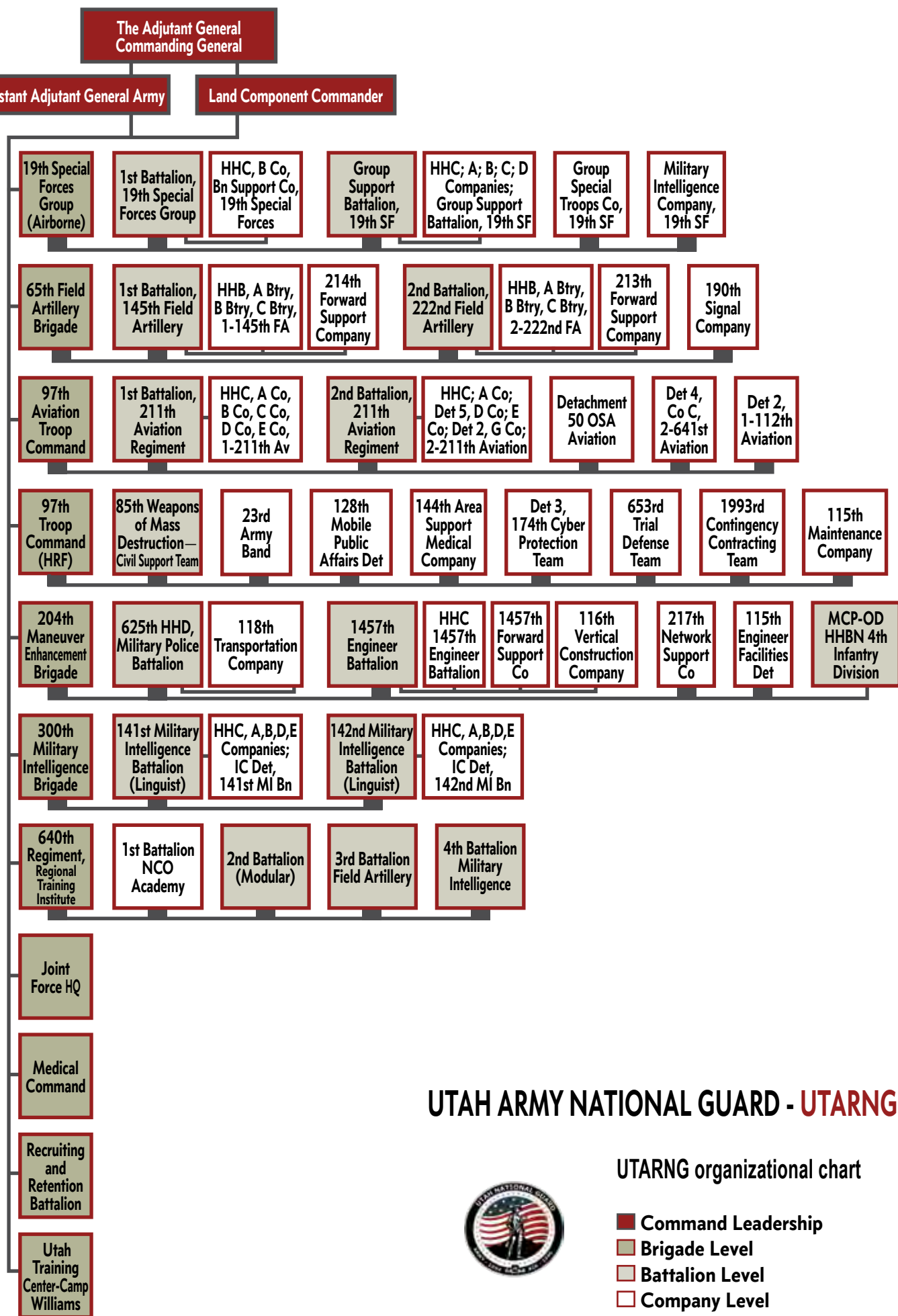


Members of the Homeland Response Force receive a brief to start the drill weekend. 1st Lt. Grant Smith gives instructions to another member in the Homeland Response Force. Patch for the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear (CBRN).



HOMELAND RESPONSE FORCE—HRF





UTAH ARMY NATIONAL GUARD - UTARNG

UTARNG organizational chart



- Command Leadership
- Brigade Level
- Battalion Level
- Company Level

On Jan. 4, 2021, at the Tuacahn Center for the Arts in Ivins, Utah, the Utah National Guard welcomed the new state commander in chief with the inauguration of the 18th Governor of Utah, Spencer J. Cox. The Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Michael J. Turley served as the master of ceremonies with members of the 222nd Field Artillery providing a cannon salute, 97th Aviation Troop Command honored the occasion with a three-helicopter flyover consisting of Black Hawks and a Lakota. The Honor Guard presented the colors, members of the 85th Weapons of Mass Destruction—Civil Support Team worked with local and state agencies ensuring the venue remained safe. Additionally, Utah Guard members assigned to the COVID-19 Joint Task Force provided testing services to all attendees.

The mission of the COVID-19 Joint Task Force began to pivot based on shifting priorities from testing and tracing to vaccinations. Qualified members of the UTNG were tasked to administer the vaccine. As of this writing, the Pfizer vaccine received FDA approval resulting in the Department of Defense mandating all uniformed personnel to receive the vaccine. The Utah Army National Guard has continued to conduct all training and missions to the highest standard even in a COVID environment that imposes limitations.

With a membership of more than 5,600 Soldiers, the Utah Army National Guard consists of nine major commands: 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 65th Field Artillery Brigade, 97th Aviation Troop Command, 97th Troop Command, 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, 300th Military Intelligence Brigade, 640th Regional Training Institute Regiment, Utah Training Center-Camp Williams and Utah Medical Readiness Detachment. Each command consists of selfless leaders and highly trained Soldiers who faithfully serve and are ready to accomplish any mission assigned.

Readiness remains our number one priority as the threats abroad loom in every domain. Global power competition with China and Russia coupled with the ever-present threat of terrorism mount greater challenges to the security of our nation, state, communities, and neighborhoods. This year, readiness continues to be paramount as service members stepped up and performed magnificently in challenging operational environments. The UTARNG continues to be ready to perform any mission anywhere.


Approximately 118 Soldiers from the 142nd MI Brigade were activated under Title 10 for a year-long deployment to the Southwest Border region. These extremely skilled and talented Soldiers provide much needed capabilities to the Customs and Border Protection agency through intelligence support.

The 1st Battalion, 211th Aviation returned home in May from a deployment to Afghanistan. Roughly 294 Soldiers from Utah were part of Task Force Pirate that numbered 507 Soldiers comprised of elements from Utah, Oregon, Washington, California, Nevada, Missouri, and Mississippi. Task Force

Pirate provided aviation support throughout the theater as the U. S. military began its draw down in the country. Final and complete evacuation of all U.S. Forces from Afghanistan was completed in August.

The year was the driest year on record in Utah. Gov. Cox declared a state of emergency due to extreme drought conditions. All UTARNG facilities complied with the state mandate to only irrigate twice a week. The ultra-dry conditions were expected to result in an unprecedented wildland fire season. There were several wildfires throughout the state where Black Hawks from the 2nd Battalion, 211th Aviation provided support.

Although overseas deployments have significantly tapered off, the UTARNG is engaged in many missions across the globe and here in Utah. Tasks range from combat operations, supporting other agencies in defense of the homeland, to continuing to conduct missions as requested by the state. This year the UTARNG mobilized and deployed 175 Soldiers with 536 participating in overseas training events to include both overseas deployment training and State Partnership Program. There were more than 250 Utah Soldiers and Airmen who participated in a premier joint-large-scale exercise called African Lion 21. More than 7,000 participants from nine nations and NATO train together with a focus on enhancing readiness for U.S. and partner nation forces. Hosted by the Kingdom of Morocco, Tunisia, and Senegal, elements of the 19th SFG (A), 300th MI Brigade, 144th Area Support Medical Company all participated in their respective fields contributing significantly to the overall success of the exercise. Soldiers from the 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment provided world-class media coverage documenting this extraordinary event. All members of the UTNG showcased their tremendous professionalism as they trained side-by-side with our allied partners in a tremendous display of collaboration and mutual support.

The UTARNG excels in every critical category used by National Guard Bureau in assessing the 54 states and territories. Achieving these results is a direct result of the hard work and commitment from the dedicated professionals that work tirelessly to make this organization better. We successfully recruit the very best of the citizens we serve. The talented young people entering our ranks want to be a part of something larger than themselves where they can learn job skills, earn a college education, and gain valuable life experiences. Membership means living the Army Values and being affiliated with an organization that is committed to excellence providing a climate where all enjoy mutual respect and dignity while serving this great nation and the communities in which we serve. 





National Guard Green Beret Soldier dies in training exercise

Members of the community waved American flags along Main Street in Spring City to pay tribute to one of their own, who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Staff Sgt. Paul Lincoln Olmstead, assigned to Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne), died Sept. 21, 2021, during a water training exercise at the Joe Swing Park Reservoir at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Olmstead went under water while conducting a surface swim and did not resurface.

“Our thoughts and prayers are with Lincoln’s family, especially his wife and children, friends, and teammates,” said Maj. Gen. Michael Turley, adjutant general, Utah National Guard. “While training accidents like this are rare, it is a reminder of the enormous sacrifices made by our service members and their families every day.”

His family said Olmstead loved his country and was honored to wear the Green Beret. He was born a Soldier. From a very young age, he knew he wanted to be a defender of mankind. All he wanted was to protect people. When he learned of the Green Berets and their motto *De*

Oppresso Liber, “to free the oppressed,” he knew that was where he belonged.



Staff Sgt. Paul Lincoln Olmstead, Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) during a training mission with the Royal Moroccan Army in Morocco. (Olmstead is standing, facing the camera.)

And he not only belonged, but was loved by members of his unit, where he was dubbed a shining star. Members of his unit said the only fault they could find was to tease him about smiling too much.

“This is an absolute tragedy, especially when we lose someone as capable and promising as Lincoln. Sometimes we expect this sort of thing in combat, but not during training, which makes this difficult for the unit and especially the family,” said Col. Paul Peters, commander, 19th SFG (A). “Our thoughts and prayers are with the family, and everyone affected. We are committed to ensuring the family is supported over the coming days, weeks, and months.”

“Olmstead was a trained professional, fully committed to the community, the country, and the mission. The selflessness and sacrifice of our service members define the Utah National Guard. Our priority right now is to take care of the family, ensuring they have all the resources they need during this critical time.”

Olmstead joined the Utah Army National Guard in February 2016 and served as a Special Forces Engineer Sergeant since October 2019. He completed numerous schools and training courses, most notable he was a graduate of the Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape (SERE) Course; Military Free Fall Course; Special Forces Sniper Course; Basic Airborne Course; and was also the honor graduate for his cohort of the Special Forces Advanced Urban Combat Course.

Gov. Spencer Cox, who is from the area and knows the Olmstead family, spoke at the funeral, saying that on behalf of all of Utah, our hearts are broken, and our state is mourning together.

“Today we honored Staff Sgt. Paul Lincoln Olmstead as he was laid to rest in Spring City. We are profoundly grateful for his sacrifice and commitment to his country,” said Cox. “Please keep his family, loved ones, and fellow service members in your prayers during this most difficult time.”

Olmstead, 29, leaves behind a wife, Danaya, a three-year-old daughter, and one-year-old son.

The 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) is headquartered at Camp Williams, Utah, and has additional elements in California, Washington, Rhode Island, Texas, Montana, Colorado, Ohio, and West Virginia. The 19th SFG (A) elements in Utah consist of the headquarters organization (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, a Military Intelligence Company, and a Group Special Troops Company, 1st Battalion, and Group Support Battalion).

The 19th SFG (A) was led by Col. Paul Peters and Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Legler. On June 25, 2021, Legler retired, and Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis Riggs assumed command sergeant major responsibilities. Headquarters focused on preparing for annual training in Morocco as part of African Lion 21, U.S. Africa Command's largest, premier, joint, combined, annual exercise.


During AL21, headquarters Soldiers served as the Combined-Joint Special Operations Task Force element, functioning as the command-and-control element for two simulated battalion-level Special Operations Task Forces, a response cell, and two Operational Detachment-Alpha conducting combined training with Moroccan Special Operations Forces. The CJSOTF included a 116 person staff, other supporting elements, and Moroccan SOF. All elements focused on multi-domain operations in a large-scale combat operations scenario while in a dispersed and degraded communications environment.

The TUAS Platoon redeployed after supporting Special Operations Joint Task Force—Operation Inherent Resolve. With 249 combat sorties, they provided theater commands

with Reconnaissance, Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition products that were consumed by various U.S. government agencies, including U.S. Space Command, U.S. Special Operations Command, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

The 19th SFG (A) also conducted a U.S. Army Special Operations Command Jumpmaster course which trains Soldiers on all Jumpmaster duties of an airborne operation. Duties include planning an airborne operation, proper rigging of personnel and equipment, jumpmaster personnel inspections, and actions in rotor- and fixed-wing aircraft during both day and night jumps.

The Advanced Skills Detachment executed two Special Forces Advanced Urban Combat courses, one Special Forces Sniper course, an Advanced Sniper course, two TAK-101 courses, a Mobility course, various other long-range marksmanship and long-range mobility courses, and Pre-Mission Training for Charlie Company, 1-19th SFG (A). ASD efforts resulted in more than 300 members of 19th SFG (A) receiving training.

Another big event was the fielding of 116 Joint Lightweight Tactical Vehicles. The 19th SFG (A) was the first National Guard unit in the country to receive them and it was the largest fielding for any unit in Utah this training year. The 19th SFG (A) also fielded the Advanced Sniper Rifle (MK22), the new Carl Gustav, and the M3E1 MAAWS. These new items will ensure that National Guard Special Forces maintains similar capabilities to those of active-duty SF groups. 



Top down: U.S. Army Paratroopers assigned to the Utah National Guard prepare for a joint jump with the UTNG's 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) and Royal Moroccan Army Paratroopers at Ben Guerir Air Base, Morocco, June 10, 2021. U.S. Soldiers assigned to the UTNG and 19th SFG (A) exchange jump wings with the Royal Moroccan Army at Training Camp Tifnit, Morocco as part of combined training during African Lion 2021, June 8, 2021. A U.S. Army National Guard Special Forces Soldier, assigned to 19th SFG (A), makes entry into a room while conducting close-quarters battle drills during a Special Forces Advanced Urban Combat course near Camp Williams, Utah, Nov. 12, 2020.

19th SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE)—SFG (A)






First Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne), is headquartered at Camp Williams, Utah, and has elements in Utah, Texas, and Washington. Throughout the year, 1st BN was led by Lt. Col. Brandon Holmer and Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Hoo.

Operational Detachment-Alpha, ODA 9124 conducted a Special Forces Basic Combat Course-Support, wherein Special Forces Soldiers train enablers on primary and secondary weapons systems and crew-served weapons, small-unit tactics, radio communications, mobility and convoy operations, and Tactical Combat Casualty Care.

Advanced Operations Base, AOB 9130 conducted Special Forces Advanced Urban Combat Course as part of their certification, verification, and validation deployment pathway. ODA members trained in advance marksmanship, advanced urban combat, explosive and mechanical breaching, advanced medical training, and convoy operations.

The event culminated in a validation exercise that included AOB 9130 running its tactical operations center, a company-level live-fire, and other full mission profile activities. The final mission targeted an improvised explosives device cell spread across six villages. Bravo Company completed this operation using both ground mobility and rotary-wing air support.

As part of African Lion 21, AOB 9120 and two subordinate ODAs trained alongside Royal Moroccan Army Soldiers in Tifnit, Morocco. AL21 is U.S. Africa Command's largest, premier, joint, annual exercise hosted by Morocco, Tunisia, and Senegal. More than 7,000 participants from nine nations and NATO train together with a focus on enhancing readiness for U.S. and partner nation forces. AL21 is a multi-domain, multi-component, and multi-national exercise, which employs a full array of mission capabilities with the goal to strengthen interoperability among participants.

Multiple times during the year, the Readiness and Enhancement Company, 1st BN, 19th SFG(A), held tryouts for potential Special Forces candidates. Over a typical Saturday-Sunday weekend, candidates participate in an Army Combat Fitness Test, a rope climb, pull-ups, a six-mile run, and a 12-mile ruck march. Soldiers that pass the REC are sent to the three-week Special Forces Assessment and Selection tryouts at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to see if they have what it takes to become a Green Beret. 



U.S. Army National Guard Special Forces Soldiers, assigned to 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne), conduct small-unit tactics training during a Special Forces Advanced Urban Combat course near Camp Williams, Utah, Nov. 12, 2020.



U.S. Soldiers attached to the 19th Special Forces Group train Moroccan forces in fast-rope maneuvers in Tifnit, Morocco, June 8, 2021.



U.S. Army Special Forces Soldiers assigned to 19th Special Forces Group, Utah Army National Guard and Royal Moroccan Army Soldiers conduct a combined small-arms range during African Lion 2021, June 8, 2021.

Group Support Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne), is headquartered at Camp Williams, Utah, and is responsible for planning, coordinating, synchronizing, and providing combat support and combat service support to the 19th SFG (A). Throughout the year, GSB was led by Lt. Col. Michael Czipka and Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Mayes.

Twenty-three GSB Soldiers volunteer to be a part of the Utah's COVID-19 Joint Task Force. They were variously responsible for running the logistics warehouse, administering and evaluating COVID-19 tests, contact tracing, vaccine administration, and other tasks as assigned by the state.

GSB sent seven Soldiers to Afghanistan where they assisted the 528th Sustainment Brigade with retrograde operations. They were led by Chief Warrant 2 Dustin Hansen and Sgt. 1st Class Marc Ricks to prepare and ship equipment back to the U. S.

GSB supported: Static line and military free-fall airborne operations; Polaris MRAZR mechanic support; Evenrude boat mechanic support; P11 weapons repair; Tactical Combat Casualty Care classes; non-trauma modules; sniper school support; Special Forces Advanced Urban Combat course support; Special Forces Basic Combat Course-support; and anything else the 19th SFG(A) requested from them.

Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment training revolved around staff planning and operations. HHD cooks were in high demand, participating in multiple exercises across the country in

support of the 19th SFG (A). The battalion chaplain kept himself busy during the pandemic by seeking out individuals who needed mental, physical, or financial assistance.

Alpha Company was the battalion's main effort for supply management and distribution. They conducted Annual Training at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah, where they shot small-arms and crew-served weapons, and practiced convoy operations, static and MFF airborne operations, water purification, and supply support activities warehouse training.

Bravo Company provided maintenance support to 19th SFG (A) units across the country. The Engineer section employed its disaster clean-up skills after a windstorm hit Northern Utah. The Armorer section conducted weapons and optics re-set, repairs, and other critical upgrades. The Ground Maintenance section oversaw a State Partnership Program mission to train a new Moroccan Special Operations Forces Logistics Company on new wreckers and forklifts. Bravo Company mechanics received high praise for their dive-sustainment operations support.

Charlie Company supported the 19th SFG (A) with physicians, dentists, physical therapists, a veterinarian, and continuing medical education for Green Beret medics. Charlie Company medical logisticians procured and shipped medical supplies around the world in support of Special Forces training and deployments. Charlie Company's medics were constantly supporting airborne and weapons training.



U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers assigned to Group Support Battalion, 19th Special Forces (Airborne), conduct range operations during fielding of the M3E1 Carl-Gustaf. The M3E1 Multi-role Anti-armor Anti-tank Weapon System (MAAWS), a.k.a. the Carl-Gustaf, is a recoilless rifle, primarily used by personnel in U. S. Special Operations Command. U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers assigned to GSB, 19th SF (A), deployed to Bagram, Afghanistan, to help the 528th Sustainment

Brigade conduct retrograde operations. Soldiers traveled all over Afghanistan during their deployment. A U.S. Army National Guard Soldier, assigned to GSB, 19th SF (A), performs Jumpmaster duties during an airborne operation. The Jumpmaster is spotting the drop zone and performing other in-the-aircraft duties prior to allowing paratroopers to jump out at Grant Smith Farms, Utah.





The 65th Field Artillery Brigade, America's Thunder, trained and operated in a COVID-19 environment through 2021. The brigade prepared to attend Warfighter 21-5 in Camp Atterbury, Indiana as a training audience, fulfilling the requirement for III CORPS as the Force Field Artillery Headquarters to the 35th Infantry Division. It provided fire support planning and execution with lethal and non-lethal fires during the 19-day Annual Training. The scenario-driven, collective-training event stimulated the staff with evaluation from 1st Army Training Division and Mission Command Training team out of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The event was a huge success as the brigade assessed all field artillery brigade tasks as "T" for trained. The warfighter will prepare the brigade for another large-collective-training event next year—Exportable Combat Training Capability (XCTC) rotation in Orchard Combat Training Center, Boise, Idaho in June 2022.

The brigade demonstrated its ability to adapt and be flexible as the COVID-19 pandemic required creative planning and preparation for training events to maintain readiness while protecting the force. The brigade was able to maintain training proficiency through risk mitigation.

The brigade had nearly 90 Soldiers support Utah's COVID-19 Joint Task Force through most of 2021. The Soldiers provided a variety of skills that were critical in providing support

with contact tracing, mobile testing, warehouse operations, and interpreters for the Navajo nation. Most of the Soldiers were curtailed in June 2021.

Approximately 300 Soldiers from the brigade were called to support Task Force Capital Response mission in Washington D.C. The Soldiers were predominately from 2nd Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery, with supplemental Soldiers from the 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade. The nearly 350 Soldiers deployed in less than 96 hours and were tasked with security of several federal buildings in Washington D.C. The Soldiers provided critical security in the nation's capital during the inauguration of President Joseph Biden.

In July 2021, the brigade welcomed a new brigade commander as Col. Steven Fairbourn relinquished command to Col. Shawn Fuellenbach shortly after Warfighter Exercise 21-5. Fairbourn provided exceptional guidance and leadership post mobilization with Fuellenbach ready to lead the brigade through a challenging training year.

2021 has been a year in which the brigade demonstrated the ability to be flexible, adaptive, and creative. Soldiers of the brigade continued to preserve the force while maintaining high levels of lethality and readiness, ready to support state or federal missions, exhibiting the strong values of the Utah citizen Soldier.



Col. Shawn Fuellenbach (right) and Maj. Shane Christiansen (left) discuss the brigade's combined-arms annual training during the concept development conference at Orchard Combat Training Center, Boise, Idaho, in August 2021. Col. Steven Fairbourn (left) passes the units guidon to



Maj. Gen. Michael Turley as he relinquishes command of the brigade to Col. Shawn Fuellenbach. Sgt. 1st Class Michael Wolverton (left) briefs Brig. Gen. Charlene Dalto and Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Thalman on the duties and responsibilities of the brigade response cell during Warfighter Exercise 21-5 at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. The 65th Field Artillery Brigade final formation following successful completion of annual training, Warfighter Exercise 21-5, June 16, 2021, at Camp Atterbury.

The 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery Regiment's command team, Lt. Col. Brett Anderson and Command Sgt. Maj. Brady McDonald, continued to drive unit development and moved into Training Year 2021 with a deliberate focus on field artillery fundamentals. The 145th staff and battery/company leadership grew in their proficiencies and readiness with an eye towards a culminating brigade-level exercise in 2022.

With the impact to training from the COVID-19 pandemic declining slightly, the 145th took a deliberate approach to section certifications. This approach to training prepared the entire battalion for a successful annual training at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah, in June 2021, where the unit worked diligently to certify and qualify field artillery platoons. The unit simulated a dynamic training environment which incorporated small-scale external threats and provided a near-realistic training environment in which all subordinate units thrived both day and night. The 145th exercised several processes, including mission processing straight from observers to platoon operation centers. This and other processes were experienced by most of the battalion's Soldiers for the first time.

One highlight of the 145th's training year was the successful degraded operations processing of Charlie Battery. Charlie Battery leaders emphasized the importance of manual gunnery all year, and deliberately trained its fire direction sections to

calculate ballistic solutions in the absence of computer-generated mission data. Once they were qualified on their digital systems, they shifted focus to fundamental degraded and manual computations, and successfully shot more than 40 rounds in a digitally deprived environment.

The 145th continued to provide support to state and local civil authorities this year. The 145th provided individual augmentation in support of the COVID-19 Joint Task Force. The 145th also provided Soldiers in support of the Department of Public Safety to protect the Utah State Capitol and surrounding property in case of civil unrest surrounding the 2021 presidential inauguration in January.

The 145th was proud to host local news outlets in an embedded media experience during annual training, which highlighted the life of a Utah Army National Guard Soldier and profiled the diversity and accomplishments of our members. The 145th also recognized a Utah Centenarian, and previous battalion Soldier, Lt. Col. (Retired) Wallace Gatrell, with his induction into the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara.

The command team is proud of the accomplishments of "Big Red" and share in the 145th's excitement to continue its focus on the fundamentals of field artillery. The entire battalion looks forward to training year 2022 with its prospective challenges and culminating brigade-level training event. 🇺🇸



An illumination round, fired from 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery, lights up the impact area during annual training in June 2021. Soldiers from Charlie Battery, 1-145th FA perform manual gunnery firing data computation during annual training.



Embedded media from Fox 13 Utah and KUTV Channel 2 interview the battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Brett Anderson, during annual training. Vehicles from 1-145th FA perform convoy operations during annual training 2021 at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah, June 2021.

1st BATTALION, 145th FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT — FA





Above: Soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery group photo on Sept. 16, 2021.

Left: Soldiers of Bravo Battery, 2nd Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery stand guard outside of the James Madison Building in Washington, D.C., Jan. 13-26, 2021.

Below: Members of Headquarters, Headquarters Battalion, 2-222nd Field Artillery conduct mass-casualty training with Cedar City Hospital MEDEVAC, Gold Cross, Cedar City Fire Department and Cedar City Police Department, June 12, 2021.



The 2nd Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery, “Triple Deuce”, answered the call of the nation by deploying to Washington, D.C., in support of the 59th Presidential Inauguration, Operation Capital Response, in January 2021. The battalion had boots on the ground in the capital within 24 hours of its initial notification. The battalion’s primary mission was to secure the Library of Congress, James Madison Memorial Building, which set the example for other units to follow. The Soldiers received numerous accolades and recognition for their professionalism and steadfast devotion to service. Upon re-deployment they received the Presidential Inauguration Ribbon, the Armed Forces Service Medal, and a letter of appreciation from the office of U.S. Senator Mike Lee.


This year marked the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Gapyeong (May 26, 1951). During the battle, 400 Soldiers from the battalion defeated more than 4,000 Chinese without taking a single casualty. The battle has often been referred to as the “miracle of Gapyeong,” due to miraculous victory despite the overwhelming enemy force. The anniversary was commemorated by Cedar City Mayor, Maile Edwards-Wilson, unveiling a granite monolith from the city of Gapyeong to commemorate the event. Attendees included Brig. Gen. Tyler Smith, Col. Steven Fairbourn, Col. Joseph Green, state, county, city officials, and more than 250 members of the community.

In June 2021, the 2-222 FA BN supported the 65th Field Artillery Brigade’s Warfighter 21-5 at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, by staffing the response cell. The



battalion was critical to the success of the brigade and enhanced the readiness of III CORPS, 35ID, and the 65th FAB. While the battalion staff was at Warfighter, the remaining Soldiers of the unit trained with local first responders in Cedar City, Utah. Led by Cpt. Patrick Thompson, the unit demonstrated the capabilities of the Utah Army National Guard in the event of a mass-casualty event.

In September 2021, the 2-222 FA BN culminated the year by conducting Annual Training at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah. The battalion is in the process of transitioning from a 3x4 back to a 3x6 to increase fire-support capabilities. The battalion successfully completed training through Field Artillery Table XII.

The 2-222 FA BN members are extremely thankful for the continued support of our civilian employers, families, and southern Utah communities. 

The 97th Aviation Troop Command and subordinate units experienced another challenging year of executing training and real-world missions from firefighting to transporting our general officers and state leaders for aerial surveys. Our subordinate battalions and units continue to plan and execute challenging and relevant training that supports both our federal and state missions.

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 97th ATC executed many support functions over the past year that enabled and supplemented our subordinate battalions which allowed them to focus on their training. Soldiers were challenged mentally and physically as we executed readiness-enhancing training for our members on the new weapons qualification and Army Combat Fitness Test. In January 2021, Col. Ricky Smith relinquished command to Col. Shane Manwaring.

The 1-211th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion started fiscal year 2021 spread throughout Afghanistan supporting Operation Resolute Sentinel and Operation Freedom Sentinel in Combined Joint Operations Area—Afghanistan. The 1-211th ARB's assigned missions included providing security during retrograde operations and MEDEVAC security, in addition to reconnaissance and security missions. The battalion safely redeployed all Soldiers in three phases starting in October 2021. This phased redeployment presented many challenges for the battalion as they worked through the logistical complexities of separating units and equipment. The last remaining members of the battalion returned safely in May 2021, much to the relief of their families and fellow Soldiers. Maj. Noe Vazquez assumed command from Lt. Col. Jon Richardson in November 2020. In August 2021, Command Sgt. Maj. Shawn Earl relinquished responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Samuel Knight.

The 2-211th General Support Aviation Battalion executed several real-world and training missions throughout the year with the UH-60 Black Hawk. The GSAB prepared for what was expected to be a very busy firefighting season due to severe drought conditions throughout the state. Firefighting season kicked off much earlier than expected in March, with the GSAB launching two UH-60 Black Hawks and crews in support of the East Myton Fire in Duchesne County that burned more than 2,700 acres. The GSAB was fortunate to have only one other firefighting support mission during the year, UH-60 crews launched for firefighting support of the Parleys Canyon Fire, which started on August 15. Two UH-60s and crews helped suppress the wildfire, which was contained one week later. The GSAB also conducted several training support missions with the 19th Special Forces Group, 65th Field Artillery Brigade, and 300th Military Intelligence Brigade, that provided challenging training for both the GSAB Soldiers and their customers. The GSAB also conducted a joint Annual Training at Marine Corps Mountain Warfare, Bridgeport, California, which exercised the battalion's capability of multi-ship aircraft and ground vehicle movement of a battalion element from West Jordan, Utah, to Bridgeport, California. The GSAB successfully trained key mission-essential tasks in a joint environment with the Marine



Col. Shane Manwaring, 97th Aviation Troop Command, commander, addresses the crowd during his promotion ceremony at the Aviation Support Facility, West Jordan, Utah, Aug. 7, 2021.

Corps with simulated air assault and MEDEVAC missions that culminated in a complex overnight survival, evasion, resistance, and escape exfiltration for 30 service members. Maj. Kelly Kimber relinquished command to Maj. Matt Green in June, 2021.

Detachment 2, 1-112th completed an impressive year, flying 433 hours with two Lakota, light utility helicopters (LUH). This unit had two main focuses: training and drug eradication. With more than 43 missions supporting local, state, and federal agencies, our Lakota Detachment continually provides support to prevent and suppress drug trade in Utah. During its annual training, the unit traveled to Florida to support law enforcement with the Southern Border Watch mission. Cpt. Dan Hills assumed command of Detachment 2, 1-112th from Cpt. Jeff Thomas in May 2021.

Our fixed wing unit, Detachment 4, 50 Operational Support Airlift Aviation, continued to provide support at both the state and national level. This eight Soldier detachment, with a single airplane, regularly flew all over the U.S. accumulating more than 275 hours for the year. It supported everything from moving parts, transporting aviators to their simulator trips, to VIP movements taking the adjutant general and Land Component commander to their important engagements throughout the year. Chief Warrant Officer 5 Will Gummingsall relinquished command to Chief Warrant Officer 5 Dave Bauer in April 2021.

The 97th Aviation Troop Command and subordinate units look forward to the challenges ahead as we transition to more modern airframes and train to proficiency in our warfighting function while also supporting our state and local communities. "Above the Best!" 🇺🇸





Soldiers with 1-211th ARB honor the fallen during a September 11th commemoration ceremony on the flight line in West Jordan, Utah.

The 1st Battalion, 211th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion “Air Pirates” spent a majority of fiscal year 21 on a deployment in support of Operation Resolute Support, a NATO mission, and Operation Freedom’s Sentinel, a U.S. counterterrorism mission in Combined Joint Operations Area—Afghanistan. The 1-211th was the headquarters of the Task Force, comprised of seven Guard states, 600-plus Soldiers, and AH-64D Apaches, CH-47 Chinooks, and UH-60 Black Hawks (with some COMPO 1 lift support). Task Force Pirate’s assigned missions had the unit spread throughout Afghanistan, including sending A Company, 1-211th and B Company, 1-211th north and east, respectively, under Task Force Mustang (part of 4th CAB). TF Pirate provided security during retrograde operations, MEDEVAC coverage, in addition to ongoing reconnaissance missions throughout the area of operation. The battalion honored and fulfilled its motto of “Stay on Target,” by successfully deploying despite the myriad of challenges, including the ongoing draw down and global pandemic. TF Pirate was led by the command team consisting of Lt. Col. Jon Richardson, Command Sgt. Maj. Shawn Earl, and the Pirate Command Chief Warrant Officer, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Jared Jones.

The 1-211th worked through many challenges throughout the deployment, including the logistical complexities of redeploying in three phases while simultaneously closing bases across all five Train Advise Assist Commands. The first group of Soldiers from the 1-211th began redeployment in October 2020, followed by another group in January 2021. The final group returned safely in May 2021, bringing all members of the battalion home safely. Throughout the year, Soldiers reunited with their families and friends, while also anxiously awaiting the safe return of their fellow Soldiers

still deployed. This was the battalion’s fourth deployment since 2001, and in some

ways, the most challenging given the persistent challenges and uncertainty.

In November 2020, Richardson relinquished command to Maj. Noé Vázquez, who assumed command with over half of the battalion still deployed to Afghanistan. In August 2021, Earl, relinquished responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Samuel Knight, and Jones handed over the reins to Chief Warrant Officer 4 Doug Carter.

Just before the start of the pandemic, the 1-211th took lead as the aviation headquarters element of Quick Reaction Test 2.0 at China Lake, California. This QRT refined aviation TTPs in a Multi Domain Operation against enemy radar, as part of a greater Integrated Air Defense System. As a result of the 1-211th’s participation, the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence was able to release across the force improved TTPs to enhance survivability and lethality in a large-scale combat operation. 🇺🇸

Soldiers from 1-211th ARB with service members from Hungary, Germany, Austria, and Latvia while deployed to Afghanistan.



The 1-211th ARB crew chiefs' re-arm the AH-64 following aircraft maintenance in Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan.



Sgt. Kaden Moffatt competes for the German Armed Proficiency Badge with German Soldiers in Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan.

The 2nd Battalion, 211th General Support Aviation Battalion continued to overcome the challenges and obstacles that 2020 brought into 2021, with the COVID-19 pandemic. This challenge stretched the units' capabilities to work from home while maintaining the capability to train, maintain helicopters, and advance unit readiness. The battalion continues to maintain peak performance and readiness for its domestic support and federal missions.

The 2-211th supported more than 107 missions in support of local government agencies, state agencies, Utah National Guard units, as well as other National Guard state mission. The 2-211th successfully flew training support, recruiting events, DV transport, aerial surveillance, and counterdrug missions while navigating the continued challenges of COVID-19.

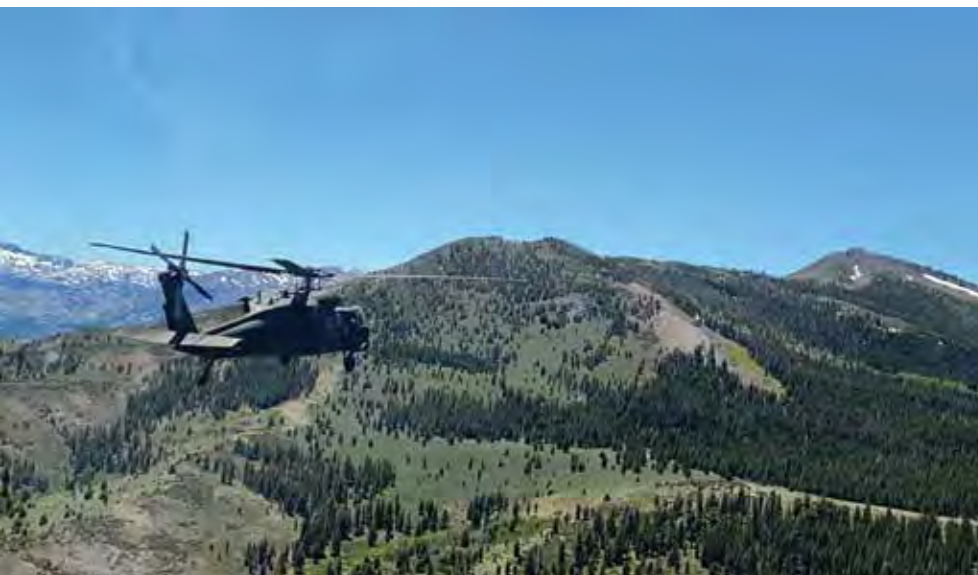
The battalion had the honor to provide a missing man formation for the Idaho National Guard on Feb. 10, 2021, in honor of three Idaho National Guard aircrew members who perished in a UH-60 aircraft accident on Feb. 3, 2021.

The 2-211th ramped up for what was expected to be an intense firefighting year due to the severe drought across Utah. The battalion was required to have crews and aircraft

ready to launch seven days a week, from April 1 to Sept. 30. Fortunately, 2-211th aircrews were called to fight just two fires this past fire season, with the first fire on March 30, 2021, east of Myton, Utah. Two aircrews dropped water buckets to suppress the fire and prevent further spread. The 2-211th also responded to the Parleys Canyon fire on Aug. 15, 2021, with two UH-60 Black Hawks and aircrews to suppress the fire.

The smallest rotary unit with just two aircraft, Detachment 2, 1st Battalion, 112th Aviation flew 433 total hours with 43 support missions outside of its own training flights. These missions provided counterdrug support to local and state agencies, as well as the Utah National Guard. The 1-112th spent its annual training event flying the Southern Border Watch mission in Florida, helping local law enforcement interdict incoming illegal drugs to the U.S.

We thank our Soldiers, their families, and their employers who work diligently to ensure our continued success. Without the support of our families and employers, our demanding operational tempo would be insurmountable, affecting not only our battalion but the Utah National Guard and the state agencies we support. 🇺🇸



Members of 2-211th General Support Aviation Battalion conduct Forward Arming and Refueling Point operations in June 2021, while training at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center in Bridgeport, California. Missing man formation flight on Feb. 10, 2021, in support of the Idaho National Guard funeral for aircrew members who passed in an aircraft accident. Alpha Company, 2-211th GSAB conducts a training flight near the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center.





The 97th Troop Command continues to train and stand sentry for our state and nation by leading a major command comprised of units with a wide range of capabilities and two distinct missions: Homeland Response Force and the Disaster Preparedness Program.

The HRF trains to respond within four hours to natural or man-made disasters and save lives with search and extractions, decontamination, and medical-response elements supported by communication and security elements.

The 1993rd Contingency Contracting Team deploys at a moment's notice to support procurement and contracting operations anywhere around the world, while assisting the Utah National Guard with required contracting actions.

The 653rd Trial Defense Team defends those who defend America and serve as the leader of the western trial defense region, consisting of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.


The 85th Civil Support Team keeps our communities safe through continuous training and education, building relationships with local and regional partners, and supporting local and regional events. The team is ready year-round to deploy anywhere, and at any time.

The 23rd Army Band provides music throughout the full spectrum of military operations to instill in our Soldiers the will to fight and win, foster the support of our citizens, and promote our national interests at home and abroad. During the 2021 training year the 23rd Army Band returned to live performances. The band provided support for more than 60 events with a cumulative in-person audiences exceeding 51,000 people, and another 58,000 viewing or listening to television or internet broadcasts.

The 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment participated in a historical election season, multiple MPAD Soldiers activated and partnered with 151st Security Forces Squadron, Utah Air National Guard, to support the Vice-Presidential Debates, Oct. 7, 2020 in Salt Lake City and continued to provide National Guard brand management, print and video journalism, and various other graphic design products to support operations and tell the Army's story.

The 144th Area Support Medical Company hones Soldier skills and patient care in a variety of field settings. The 144th ASMC began training and preparing for both an upcoming deployment to Afghanistan and a medical support mission to Morocco.

The 174th Cyber Protection Team conducts defensive cyberspace operations on military networks to support mission requirements as identified by Department of Defense or state leadership which may or may not be bound by simple network enclave boundaries. In FY21, members of the 174th CPT conducted Operation Forces Operations for Cyber Shield 2021. Cyber Shield is the largest unclassified security training in the country with more than 800 participants from several states.

The 115th Maintenance Company has been reactivated under the 97th Troop Command with its original title, the 115th Ordnance Company. The 115th has been assigned the duty of the decontamination mission for the Homeland Response Force which is a mission of 97th Troop Command. 



97th Troop Command 2021 Best Warriors competitors, Spc. Zachary Murri, Staff Sgt. Justin Wheeler and 1st Sgt. Tina Semanoff. Spc. Zachary Murri from the 23rd Army Band competed and won Soldier of the Year for our higher echelon, 97th Troop Command.



Col. Tammy Manwaring gives an interview at the Department of Health COVID-19 testing site that was run by members of the Utah National Guard.



The 23rd Army Band performed a concert at Golden Spike National Historic Park. The concert commemorated the 21st Regimental Band's participation during the festivities, May 10, 1869. "Many visitors know the important role the military played in the completion of the railroad by providing protection to the construction crews as they made their way across the continent," said Superintendent Brandon Flint, "We are excited to have the 23rd Army Band join for a concert to celebrate a less known role the military played, providing music for the celebrations on May 10, 1869." Historical picture of the military band at in 1869.

During the 2021 training year, the 23rd Army Band returned to live performances. The band provided support for more than 60 events with a cumulative in-person audiences exceeding 51,000 people, and another 58,000 viewing or listening to television or internet broadcasts. Given public-gathering restrictions in place for much of the year, the Concert Band provided just 10 concerts at events this year, up from four last year. Stadium of Fire invited the 23rd AB to perform at the 40th anniversary of this event. It was a fantastic celebration of our nation's victory for independence and continued protection of liberty.

The Ceremonial Band filled ceremonial and parade functions. Public participants witnessed this group at a change

of command at Dugway Proving Ground and the Days of '47 Parade. An estimated 12,000 people lined the streets of Salt Lake City, many rising to their feet and placing hand over heart as the 23rd AB marched by.

The band provided bugler support, primarily by Sgt. Aaron J. Reynolds, to many veterans' funerals this year. This is a solemn and appreciated military ceremony that Soldiers in the unit perform, and the buglers and Honor Guard participants always present themselves with utmost respect, military bearing and decorum.

The 23rd AB's stage band GI Jazz finished out the year with a swing dance concert at the Gallivan Center in Salt Lake City. The concert series is organized by Excellence in the Community, and the organizers invite the stage band back year after year. The performance is available to view in its entirety on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fAdAuKHqwyQ>

Spc. Zachery Murri from the band competed in the Best Warrior Competition for our higher echelon, 97th Troop Command, and then competed in the state-level Best Warrior Competition, representing the 23rd AB and 97th TC very well.

Soldiers in the 23rd AB continue to maintain military standards in common Soldier tasks. They prepared for and took a diagnostic test of the new Army Combat Fitness Test, and the new combat-focused Basic Rifle Marksmanship test and performed well in both. The band prepared for both events with the help of experts within the unit, namely, Sgt. Thomas Gunter for the ACFT, and Sgt. 1st Class Morgan Davidson for Rifle Marksmanship.

Throughout this year and last, unit members increased their skills in recording, production and broadcasting of audio and video performance. 🇺🇸




The 23rd AB sets up in a social distanced arrangement for the Days of '47 Pops Concert at Abravanel Hall in Salt Lake City. This was a joint concert with Sterling Poulson and The Choral Arts Society of Utah, and guest artist, singer Lauren Gruwell.



The 85th Weapons of Mass Destruction—Civil Support Team continued to support local, state, and federal partners by responding to 19 real-world public safety events, emergencies, and standby missions. The team conducted nine large-scale training exercises throughout Utah, Guam, and Hawaii. Additionally, the 85th WMD-CST trained with St. George Emergency Management, Moab Fire Department, Salt Lake City Fire Department, and the FBI.

Several members of the 85th WMD-CST conducted pre-venue sweeps and continuous monitoring during the governor's inauguration in St. George, Utah. The 85th WMD-CST provided support during the Vice-Presidential Debate in Salt Lake City, Utah, working closely with the Secret Service and FBI. In March, the 85th WMD-CST endured a grueling three-day U.S. Army North external evaluation with training sites at the University of Utah and Vivint Smart Home Arena where they received an overall perfect score. The 85th WMD-CST was requested by name to support United States Army Pacific with evaluating the 93rd WMD-CST in Hawaii and the 94th WMD-CST in Guam. Training conducted by the 85th WMD-CST directly contributed to the success of both Guam and Hawaii CST's.

The 85th WMD-CST is currently commanded by Maj. Todd Christensen and 1st Sgt. Brett Campbell. 

Top down: Maj. Todd Christensen, commander, 85th Weapons of Mass Destruction—Civil Support Team, receives a gift from the Guam National Guard Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Esther Aguigui. The 85th WMD-CST at its External Evaluation in Salt Lake City, Utah. Christensen briefing Guam CST during a large-scale training exercise.





The 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment spent fiscal year 2021 overcoming challenges presented by a pandemic and adapting to change while accomplishing the mission and training Soldiers. At the outset, FY21 was marked with consistent change, and our Soldiers met the challenge head on. During a historical election season, multiple MPAD Soldiers activated and partnered with 151st Security Forces Squadron, Utah Air National Guard, to support the Vice-Presidential Debates, Oct. 7, 2020, in Salt Lake City.

The following January, the unit was activated to support the inauguration efforts at the Utah State Capitol. Additionally, the unit deployed a contingent of Soldiers to Washington D.C., where they partnered with multiple states to support and secure the 59th Presidential Inauguration in Washington D.C.

While in Washington D.C. and Salt Lake City, MPAD Soldiers produced video and photo products which were shared on national and international networks such as NBC, CBS, ABC, Fox, CNN, BBC, al Jazeera, France Télévisions, and more with a potential reach of 3.2 billion subscribers.

As the year progressed, things ramped up for the detachment. Soldiers from the MPAD covered multiple Utah National Guard events such as Utah Best Warrior Competition, Panther Strike, Cyber Shield, and Freedom Academy. In addition to state event coverage, the unit deployed to Morocco to support Operation African Lion 21, the largest U.S. Army exercise on the African Continent.

In the months between events, the MPAD held two field-training exercises where they studied land navigation, tactical movements, and media operations. The unit also trained on updated Army weapons qualification tactics and techniques and scored the highest pass rate in their brigade.

The MPAD supported fellow National Guard units through efforts such as producing recruitment video products for the Chaplains Corps, assisting the UTNG resilience coordinator to create training videos, and assisting the State Public Affairs Office to accomplish its mission. Some noteworthy products and events completed by the MPAD include assisting with the creation of the Veterans Day Concert video, hosting and facilitating a media roundtable to mark the culmination of the COVID-19 Joint Task Force mission and facilitating the first-ever media embed with the 145th Field Artillery Battalion at Dugway Proving Ground.

Working through short staffing, canceled events and consistent changes in schedule, the MPAD performed above and beyond its scope of duties during fiscal year 2021. This is attributed to outstanding dedication by the Soldiers to both their craft, and to the overall mission of the UTNG to enhance readiness, lethality, and partnerships. 🇺🇸

Member of the 128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment during weapons qualification. Members of the 128th MPAD during pistol qualifications. Member of the 128th during Annual Training. Picture taken by the 128th MPAD during Freedom Academy.





Pfc. Zachary Smit inventories class VIII medical supplies while setting up a Role II medical clinic in support of 800 Soldiers in Tantan, Morocco during African Lion 21. Spc. Spencer Fayles (left) and Sgt. Ryan Reneer (center) performing initial triage of a patient (right) during sick-call hours while supporting African Lion 21 in Tantan, Morocco.

During this last year, the 144th Area Support Medical Company began training and preparing for both an upcoming deployment to Afghanistan and a medical support mission to Morocco. Beginning under the direction of Maj. Daniel Wheatley, the Soldiers of the 144th ASMC dedicated each weekend drill to mission readiness. Mission readiness was achieved by the execution of medical sustainment trainings, maintenance of medical certifications, and field-training exercises. During field-training exercises, the 144th ASMC was able to better prepare for real-world operations by practicing injury and mass-casualty scenarios. With each scenario, every individual within the company was able to learn new skills and become more familiar with operations. Every individual played an integral part in the medical operations and worked cohesively to ensure proficiency throughout. Prior to the execution of both assignments, the 144th ASMC was evaluated and showed excellence in both the delivery of quality care and the maintenance of Soldiers' medical readiness. Halfway through the preparation of both



Spc. Bryce Combe starts an IV on a patient during night exercises in Morocco during African Lion 21. Utah National Guard Soldiers from the 144th Area Support Medical Company take a group photo in front of their living quarters while supporting African Lion 21.

missions, Maj. Andy Wade took command, and under his new leadership and direction preparations continued. Those selected for the deployment to Afghanistan successfully prepared for departure, while the remainder of the unit continued preparations for Morocco.

During African Lion 2021 in Morocco, the 144th ASMC assisted by providing medical care to injured or ill Soldiers, by providing both sick-call hours and emergency care. The 144th ASMC successfully completed the three-week mission without any serious injury or harm. Simultaneously, while preparation was underway for both missions, and prior to the execution of the missions, many individuals with the 144th ASMC supported the state in a COVID-19 mitigation operation. Soldiers of the 144th ASMC provided support by establishing testing facilities, testing individuals for COVID-19, providing pertinent education to facilities to help mitigate the spread of the virus, and by vaccinating all those choosing to be vaccinated. This past year was a busy year for the 144th ASMC. A lot of time, dedication, and preparation was put forth helping to support our fighting force and community. 🇺🇸



Members of the Cyber Protection Team attend a vendor conference.



Soldiers and civilians conducting network defense operations at Cyber Shield 2021.



Cyber Shield 2021 Coin.



Lehi Armory, new home of Detachment 3, 174th Cyber Protection Team.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Detachment 3, 174th Cyber Protection Team, like all other units, faced adversity to conduct training. The 174th CPT was able to quickly adapt and moved forward earning its MS Teams Expert Badge. The detachment quickly went into refinement mode updating its libraries, repositories, SOPs, and training

The 174th CPT was able to stay on-task moving ahead similar to the private sector and proved the case for productivity using telework.

The 174th CPT conducted Operation Forces Operations for Cyber Shield 2021. Cyber Shield is the largest unclassified security training in the country with more than 800 participants from several states.

The 174th CPT received virtual computer-based Red Team Training during the first week of Cyber Shield 2021 using Specter Ops and PluralSight. Many members of the 174th CPT were given leadership positions due to their robust qualifications. Nearly all members of the 174th CPT were able to take part in the hands-on portion of Cyber Shield.

The 174th CPT took part in Credentialing Assistance called IgnitED formerly known as Army Credentialing Opportunities

On-line (COOL). In the absence of funding, members of the team leveraged the Army Credentialing Assistance Program resulting in the team earning 10 certifications during the training year.

The 174th CPT faced yet another transition from its 640th Regional Training Institute portable in late 2020, to the Lehi Armory in 2021, and may be moving to Draper, Utah, in this new fiscal year.

The 174th CPT conducted its first Army Combat Fitness Test in FY21 and proved its lethality not only on the keyboards, but on the range, with every Soldier passing weapons qualification.

Members of the 174th CPT attended SAINTCON and DEFCON vendor conferences to stay relevant with technical developments and methods employed throughout the cyber security field.

Due to the complexity and cost of Cyber training, the 174th CPT developed a training plan led by the small groups formed by Warrant Officer Leadership.

Throughout 2021, the 174th CPT, like all units, faced certain adversity due to COVID-19. The unit made the best of out-of-hide training and leveraged in-house talents to train itself. Some of the drills the unit were arguably more productive done remote than in-person. 🇺🇸





The 653rd Trial Defense Team continues to defend those who defend America and serve as the leader of the northwest trial defense region, consisting of Alaska, Utah, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, and Washington. This year the TDT assisted 53 new clients and oversaw two administrative separation boards.

In January, the 653rd TDT welcomed Cpt. Benjamin Lakey as the newest member of the Trial Defense Team. Lakey joins TDT from 19th Special Forces Group. He has a wealth of experience and depth of expertise which includes serving as a 27D paralegal. He will be a tremendous asset and addition to the TDT team.

In May, Lt. Col. Daniel Dygert was selected for promotion to colonel and chosen to be the next military judge replacing Col. Robert Church who was scheduled to retire. Dygert had served as the regional defense counsel for the Northwest Trial Defense Region for more than three years. He is responsible for setting up the 652nd TDT in Utah almost 10 years ago and has served three tours as a defense attorney. His leadership and mentorship will be sorely missed but we look forward to his fair administration of justice as the next Utah National Guard military judge.

This year, Soldiers from the 653rd TDT attended a Combined Regional Training Event in Denver, Colorado. Topics included changes to the Uniform Code for

Military Justice, current issues and case law affecting the Trial Defense Service including possible challenges to the COVID-19 vaccine and advocating for Soldiers going through the Medical Evaluation Board process. The two-day event brought together trial defense attorneys and paralegals from three regions and gave them an opportunity to meet with Col. Jaime Areizaga-Soto and Brig. Gen. Joseph Berger. Maj. David Peterson provided a block of instruction on professional responsibility and proudly represented Utah's 653rd TDT.

On Sept. 11, Peterson was promoted to lieutenant colonel exactly three years to the day he joined the Trial Defense Team.




Col. Tammy Manwaring, 97th Troop Command commander, left, presides as Maj. David Peterson is pinned by his wife at his promotion ceremony.



The 1993rd Contingency Contracting Team, has shown much resilience and versatility in fiscal year 2021. The contracting team began the fiscal year deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Spartan Shield with the 408th Contracting Support Brigade, whose charter is all-joint contracting actions in the Central Command area of operation. The 1993rd CCT was tasked with Contingency Contracting Administration Services, Procurement Division (new contract actions), and Quality Assurance missions. Every member of the team served with distinction and was a valuable asset to the 408th CSB. The team redeployed in February 2021.

The 1993rd Soldiers continue to complete various Defense Acquisition University training courses, with the goal of expanding individual skill sets and obtaining the next level of certification. By furthering the team's education and skills, the 1993rd CCT is improving the unit's overall readiness, as well as the capabilities of the Utah National Guard. The 1993rd CCT has provided contract actions and procurement expertise to the Utah Army National Guard United States Property and Fiscal Office in support of the National Guard's federal mission and UTARNG's Homeland Response Force mission. The deployment gave the team valuable experience that will be an important asset for the Utah National Guard as it continues to be a key player in our nation's defense.

Congratulations to Staff Sgt. Brian Estey for achieving his Level 1 DAWIA certification and earning the 51C MOS! This accomplishment is extremely valuable to the Utah National Guard's overall acquisition readiness. Congratulations to Maj. Greg Tomlinson on his promotion to major, as well as his selection to become the new Joint Force Headquarters commander, he will be missed. Many changes are happening in the Department of Defense's contracting arena and the 1993rd CCT is excited to evolve be part of this change. 



Soldiers from the 1993rd Contingency Contracting Team outside the U.S. Army Contracting Command, Regional Contracting Center in Kuwait, deployed in support of U.S. Central Command.

The 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade began Training Year 21 by participating in a Warfighter Exercise with the 4th Infantry Division in October at Fort Carson, Colorado. The exercise tested the unit's ability to conduct Command Post Operations and staff planning functions in a fast-paced, high-stress environment. Col. Woodrow "Woody" Miner and Command Sgt. Maj. John McNichol led the brigade headquarters during this difficult exercise.

The 204th MEB Headquarters also saw its transitions from a Headquarters and Headquarters Company to a Headquarters Support Company. This transition brought back some of the support capability that the Brigade Support Battalion provided before it was disbanded. Additions include a transportation and maintenance sections to help the HSC sustain itself when conducting training and operations.

After the Warfighter Exercise, the MEB focused on improving the staff's ability to conduct staff planning in preparation for a Command Post Exercise during June drill. While the staff were focusing on brigade-level planning, many of the Soldiers in the MEB HSC were performing Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills, which are vital in allowing Soldiers to conduct basic skills necessary in both training and war time. During May

drill, all Soldiers and officers within 204th HSC participated in a field-training exercise that culminated with a six-mile tactical road march back into Camp Williams garrison.

One of the biggest highlights for the 204th HSC during TY21 was the call up to provide troops to assist with Operation Capital Response. 100 Soldiers and officers from multiple units within the brigade were sent to Washington D.C. to provide security before, during, and after the 59th Presidential Inauguration. These Soldiers performed an outstanding job and brought great credit to the Utah National Guard.

The 115th Engineer Facility Detachment performed engineer design missions in conjunction with Camp Williams Department of Public Works. The work provided by the 115th EFD helped Camp Williams to improve and maintain its existing infrastructure.

The 217th Brigade Signal Company supported the HSC with radio and satellite communications and were also present at the Warfighter Exercise in early TY21. Without the 217th Brigade Signal Company, the brigade would not be able to perform its mission.

All of the Soldiers in the 204th MEB performed an outstanding job during TY 2021. "Solidarity in Purpose." 🇺🇸



A Soldier from the 116th Engineer Company operates a D-7 bulldozer in performing a horizontal construction mission on Camp Williams, Utah, during Annual Training in May 2021. The 1457th Engineer Battalion conducts debris removal in Northern Utah neighborhoods during Operation Wind Debris in August 2021. Soldiers from the 1457th ENG BN conduct search and extraction training in the mountains of Northern Utah as part of its mission to support the Homeland Response Force in the event of a regional disaster. Soldiers from the 625th Military Police Battalion conduct pistol qualification at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah, in June 2021.

204th MANEUVER ENHANCEMENT BRIGADE—MEB





Above: Utah National Guard Soldiers from the 118th Transportation Company perform security operations in Washington D.C. as part of the Capital Response Task Force for the 59th Presidential Inauguration in January 2021. Below: The 1457th Engineer Battalion conducts debris removal in Northern Utah neighborhoods during Operation Wind Debris in August 2021.



The 625th Military Police Battalion positively impacted communities throughout Utah and Washington D.C. during training year 2021 with outstanding Davis County, Utah debris removal, COVID-19 relief support, and defense support to civil authorities. The 118th Transportation Company supported its first domestic emergency mission in Davis County by devoting more than 2,700 operational hours to remove more than 2.9 million pounds of green waste in seven days. Then, more than 20 Soldiers from 625th MP provided long-term COVID-19 tracing, static and mobile testing, and warehouse support to multiple Utah communities. In January 2021, the 625th MP provided the majority of 98 Soldiers from 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade to support Utah's task force, led by 2nd Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery, to assist defense of personnel and property at the Madison Building, U.S. Library of Congress. These Soldiers reported for duty within 24 hours of notification and were key to ensuring the 59th Presidential Inauguration was safe and uninhibited during all proceedings. They professionally served alongside U.S. Capitol Police and supported de-escalation of situations that could have become aggressive or violent without their calm and composed presence.

During Annual Training, from June 5-19, 2021, the 625th MP and its subordinate 118th TC conducted individual and

collective training at Dugway Proving Ground and Tooele Army Depot which increased readiness in their federal mission capabilities.

The 118th TC renewed its strong partnership with Tooele Army Depot by safely transporting more than 2,300 tons of munitions in five days for shipment to various U.S. defense locations. As the training year came to a close the 625th MP conducted the diagnostic Army Combat Fitness Test and supported community events with color and honor guards. The 625th MP also began building new training partnerships with the New Mexico Army National Guard and the Utah Army National Guard's 300th Military Intelligence Brigade for training exercises in 2022. The 625th MP has also begun planning to serve as a task force providing mission command and support to elements of the 1457th Engineer Battalion when its headquarters company deploys to support the U.S. Southern Border mission.

The 625th MP looks forward to continuing its support of local community events, effort to model professionalism, and stand ready to provide quality domestic support to civil authorities while ensuring a positive culture for its Soldiers and their support networks. 🇺🇸



Brig. Gen. Charlene Dalto and the command teams of 625th Military Police Battalion and 118th Transportation Company observe inert munition loading and transport operations while supporting Tooele Army Depot on June 7, 2021.



Soldiers, conducting area security outside the Madison Building of the U.S. Library of Congress, provide an American Flag patch as a thank you after receiving cookies from a Washington D.C. family on Jan. 20, 2021.



Key leaders rehearse the Annual Training operations and support concept using a large terrain model at the forward operating base of the Utah Training Center on April 18, 2021.



Staff officers brief the current status and future plans using maps and overlays to the battalion command team on June 8, 2021, at Dugway Proving Grounds, Utah.



In 2021, the 1457th Engineer Battalion increased Soldier and unit readiness through challenging and realistic training exercises. Soldiers across the battalion volunteered to serve as needs arose to support law enforcement with a National Guard Reaction Force, following the U.S. presidential elections, and also the Utah Department of Health with the COVID-19 Joint Task Force, by conducting testing, contact tracing, and logistical support. The 1457th also went abroad to oversee two Humanitarian Mine Action missions in Morocco and military-to-military engagements with the search-and-extraction element of the 116th Engineer Vertical Construction Company. These exercises trained level-three explosive ordinance disposal curriculum and became the first nation in U.S. Africa Command HMA program to reach that milestone.

The battalion staff planned to support the 555th Engineer Brigade during an I CORPS command-post exercise at Joint Base Lewis-McChord from January through February 2021. Unfortunately, the installation restricted movement due to a local rise in COVID-19 cases only days before travel. Through adaptive planning and modern technology, the battalion staff still participated in the exercise remotely from home station with observer controllers from the 555th EN BDE who mentored, taught, and assisted. The large-scale combat operation focused scenario tested the staff and command post processes as the battalion supported the I CORPS fight with mobility, counter mobility, and general engineering capabilities.

This exercise also welcomed new leadership when Cpt. Gina Martin relinquished command to Cpt. Sam Sorensen on Jan. 22, and Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Barkey relinquished battalion command sergeant major responsibilities to Command Sgt. Maj. Will Taylor on Jan. 24.

The Forward Support Company, 1457th Engineer Battalion increased its readiness for its assigned federal and state missions

by completing the Sustainment Training Center at Camp Dodge, Iowa. The STC trained, exercised, and evaluated all of the Soldier's respective military occupational specialties, as well as the platoon's and company's abilities to collectively execute assigned missions. The training included convoy operations with logistical packages, dynamic vehicle-recovery operations, establish and conduct field-feed operations, individual and heavy equipment maintenance, bulk-fuel management, and refuel operations on the move. STC awarded the company the Unit Safety for its high level of performance and the unit safety procedures put in place.

The 116th EVCC also prioritized MOS training and conducted construction operations at several Utah Army National Guard facilities and Tooele Army Depot. The horizontal platoon used its heavy equipment to expand the Tooele Armory's motor pool and improve its fire breaks and roads. It also completed numerous maintenance and new construction projects to improve Camp Williams, Price and Vernal facilities. This exercise not only increased MOS proficiency and enabled the Construction and Facilities Management Office to impact additional state facilities, but it also stretched the unit leadership to provide mission command and project oversight virtual across the northern state.

The company and battalion field-training exercises focused on increasing lethality and combat missions. The collective training included company defense, platoon patrols on the Infantry Squad Battle Course, command-post operations, and validating Army warrior and battle drills.

The state-level Best Warrior Competition selected a Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year from the 116th EVCC to represent the battalion in follow-on competitions. The 1457th Engineers continue to unite, build and fight. 🇺🇸

Soldiers assigned to the Forward Support Company, 1457th Engineer Battalion recover a stuck HEMTT during a vehicle recovery training lane at Camp Dodge, Iowa, August 2021. A 1457th Soldier trains on Army Warrior Tasks during a company field-training exercise at Camp Williams, Utah, March 6-8, 2021. Soldiers with the 116th Engineer Vertical Construction Company form and pour a concrete pad at the Vernal Armory in May 2021.



Aside from complex limitations due to COVID-19, the 4th Infantry Division, Main Command Post Operational Detachment, began fiscal year 21 with 38 personnel in multiple states: Pennsylvania, Texas and Colorado, in support of the 4th ID's Warfighter Exercise. The exercise spanned October and November, by which the MCP-OD received accolades for its outstanding performance during said exercise.

The 4th ID MCP-OD, at the state-level falls under the 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade. The MEB enables, enhances, and protects operational and tactical freedom of action of a higher division, and when the MCP-OD isn't assisting the 4th ID, it generally supports the MEB.

The year 2021 began in support of the MEB and 2nd Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery, by taking approximately 13 MCP-OD personnel to participate in the Utah National Guard's task of protecting a portion of the Library of Congress, specifically the James Madison Memorial Building, in Washington D.C. This came shortly after the U.S. Capitol civil unrest on Jan. 6, 2021. They cooperated with the Maine and New York National Guard, as well as Washington D.C.'s Capitol Police, in the protection of the national asset.

Both Utah Senators Mike Lee and Mitt Romney, as well as Congressman Burgess Owens and Chris Stewart visited Utah Soldiers while they carried out their duties in Washington, D.C.,

and put an impetus on talking to and recognizing individual Soldiers.

Throughout the FY21, the MCP-OD had at any given time, up to 11 Soldiers in support of the state task force in the COVID-19 relief efforts. The MCP-OD continued to support those efforts into 2022.

Two months before the unit administered an unofficial Army Combat Fitness Test, staff and platoon sergeants taught detailed classes of all ACFT events. This included a class and an application portion for each event.

The MCP-OD complied with annual marksmanship requirements by qualifying all personnel on the pop-up range. Once qualified, individual platoons took charge of field-centric training; convoy op's, land-navigation training, and various lanes on the Leadership Reaction Course were used to encourage camaraderie and team building skills.

Due to difficulties in logistics and changing conditions, the MCP-OD rapidly adapted annual training plans to suit its AT requirements by having a home-station AT in the summer. The AT was tailored to each platoon's varying military occupational specialty requirements.

To end the year, the MCP-OD had a change of command with Lt. Col. Shaun Nelson handing off command to Lt. Col. Darin Gumucio. 🇺🇸



Representative Mike Lee meets with members of 4th Infantry Division Main Command Post-Operational Detachment and 2nd Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery in Washington D.C., during the 59th Presidential Inauguration Jan. 8, 2021. Col. Woodrow Miner, commander of the 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, passes the guidon to the new incoming commander Lt. Col. Darin Gumucio, during the 4th ID MCP-OD change-of-command ceremony, Nov. 14, 2021. Soldiers from the 4th ID MCP-OD, 625th Task Force stand before the Washington Monument during the National Guard's support during the 59th Presidential Inauguration, Jan. 8, 2021.

The 300th Military Intelligence Brigade, headquartered in Draper, Utah, is the only linguist brigade in the Army's inventory. As such, the brigade is continually asked to support the state of Utah, and across the globe. Much like last year, the 300th MI continued to respond to the president and governor's calls by providing hundreds of its citizen-Soldiers to the National Guard Reaction Force and COVID-19 response. The brigade is commanded and led by Col. Shahram Takmili and Command Sgt. Maj. Samuel Turville.

In March, the 300th MI hosted its 32nd annual Language Conference. With the pandemic in full effect, it was the first time in the conference's long history where it was virtually broadcast to all participants. The conference theme was Language and Multi-Domain Conflict. Lt. Gen. Laura Potter, deputy chief of staff, G2, was the first keynote speaker and spent most of her time discussing the Army's new readiness model, the Regionally Aligned Readiness and Mobilization Model and how the MI will be affected. Sgt. Maj. Julie Guerra's, Cyber Corps command sergeant major, answered questions from the audience and discussed the future of intelligence and what is to be expected. The conference also includes the Polyglot Games where service members from all services, along with local dual-language-immersion high school students, competed against each other to demonstrate advanced language proficiency.

ReARMM officially aligned the 300th MI, and its subordinate battalions, to the Intelligence and Security Command. In order to further progress the relationship, National Guard Bureau, Forces Command, Department of the Army G-2, and the 300th MI authored a Memorandum of Understanding. The MOU outlines U. S. Army Intelligence and Security Command and the 300th's relationship with respect to training and readiness oversight and any operational coordination.

In January, hundreds of 300th MI Soldiers responded to the state capital with armored vehicles, rifles, and protective equipment in order to keep the peace after the unrest at the United States Capitol building in Washington D.C.

Following the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan in August, U.S. Army Forces Command asked the 300th MI for linguist support for the thousands of refugees throughout the United States. The 300th MI activated 23 Soldiers that speak Pashtu, Urdu, Persian Farsi, and Dari to help with language interpretation and translation shortfalls and to generate the necessary paperwork for relocation of refugees within the United States. 🇺🇸



Top down: 1st Sgt. Brady instructs National Guard Reaction Force Soldiers on proper use of weapons during Military Assistance for Civil Disturbances in preparation for a response, Jan. 15, 2021. NGRF equipment inventory at Salt Lake Armory in preparation for the Vice-Presidential Debate and 59th Presidential Inauguration duties in 2020 and 2021. Soldiers with the 300th MI BDE work on recruiting and readiness initiatives in August 2021.



Staff Sgt. Tierra Timarky runs the support cell during fiscal year 21 Virtual Language Conference at the Utah National Guard headquarters, Draper, Utah, March 6, 2021.



Bravo Company, 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion, conducts joint operations and Battle Drills with members of the 2nd Battalion, 211th Aviation in August 2021.



Staging equipment and tents for National Guard Reaction Force mission throughout 2020-2021.

The 141st Military Intelligence Battalion (Linguist) consists of a headquarters detachment and five military intelligence companies stationed in Draper, Orem, and St. George. The battalion provides language and intelligence support to the Army, with linguists capable of communicating in 46 different languages, while maintaining trade-craft skills in Human Intelligence (HUMINT), Signals Intelligence (SIGINT), and Counterintelligence (CI). Additionally, the Headquarters Detachment has 24 trained mechanics.

The 141st MI continued to support the Global War on Terrorism by mobilizing seven Soldiers to Fort Meade, Maryland, to work a Cyber mission. In November, the battalion mobilized 25 Soldiers to the Middle East for a year-long deployment. Additionally, the battalion sent Soldiers on overseas deployment training missions to Morocco and South Korea. The 141st MI also supported the state of Utah in fighting COVID-19 by providing Soldiers for testing and contact tracing missions. These opportunities assist our Soldiers in the 141st MI with honing their tradecraft and language capability while continuing to make it an elite organization.

Building upon its regional alignment with the 501st Military Intelligence Brigade in South Korea, the 141st MI sent 15 Soldiers to exercises in Korea, enhancing its alignment and continuing to strengthen its relationship with the 501st. Also, in support of Region VIII Homeland Response Force, the battalion successfully trained 40 Soldiers in Operational Hazmat.

The 141st MI supported the 142nd MI during a time of civil unrest. The battalion provided 105 Soldiers during November and January to help support National Guard Reaction Force missions. This all took place during COVID-19 restrictions that added additional operational considerations to the planning and execution. These same COVID-19 restrictions impacted training during the year as the 141st MI learned to better adapt and adjust training to maintain readiness during a time of additional restrictions and obstacles. 🇺🇸



National Guard Reaction Force Soldiers are tested for COVID-19 prior to their mission in January 2021. The 141st Signal Intelligence companies receive operations and safety brief prior to their flight over Camp Williams, Utah, on May 2, 2021. The 141st SIGINT companies prepare to offload after training flight.






The 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion, headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah, continued to demonstrate its resiliency while providing direct support overseas and to the citizens of the state. The battalion was led by Lt. Col. Scott Chalmers until Dec. 5, 2021, when he relinquished command to Lt. Col. David Price. Command Sgt. Maj. Edmundo Garcia continued to serve the battalion as the command sergeant major.

The battalion trained and operated on its federal mission, while civil unrest and COVID-19

restrictions continued to present obstacles during fiscal year 21. Early in the year, the 142nd MI supported National Guard Reaction Force operations during the Vice-Presidential Debate in October at the campus of the University of Utah, and again in January in the wake of the United States Capitol riots.

Despite challenges presented by COVID-19 restrictions, the unit continued to honor its traditions. As a testament to the unit's adaptability, Soldiers from the battalion participated in and supported the 300th Military Intelligence Brigade Language Conference virtually. They also participated in both the Best Warrior and Golden Wrench Competitions.

Companies planned, executed and recorded rigorous training. The 142nd MI utilized real-world scenarios that Soldiers encountered during National Guard Reaction Force missions to inform its training. As a result, Soldiers were certified to deploy Oleoresin Capsicum spray during civil-control operations. The units of the 142nd MI focused on increased readiness and lethality, conducting regular diagnostic Army Combat Fitness Tests and Individual Weapons Qualification familiarization. Units also continued to train in the field, incorporating cross-organization assets into their plans. This was demonstrated when Bravo Company coordinated and utilized air assets during its culminating exercise in August, as they were also supported by the human and counterintelligence capabilities of Intelligence Coordination Detachment.

More than 120 Soldiers from the 142nd MI deployed. Four Soldiers returned from Kosovo, and 118 Soldiers supported Customs and Border Patrol on the Southern Border. Over the course of the year, these Soldiers played a pivotal role in bolstering the information analysis capabilities of Customs and Border Patrol agents working along the Southern border. 



Top down: Command Sgt. Maj. Edmundo Garcia qualifies Oleoresin Capsicum spray as a prerequisite to carry the spray during the National Guard Reaction Force response on May 2, 2021. Delta Company and Echo Company Low Level Voice Intercept teams land on a hilltop in Logan, Utah, May 2, 2021. Staging equipment and tents for NGRF mission throughout 2020-2021 at Camp Williams, Utah in January 2021.





Left to right: Master Leader Course students participate in an ice breaker exercise. Instructors from the 35P Army Cryptologic Linguist Course assist Soldiers from Bravo Company, 141st MI as Observer Controllers during their deployment readiness exercise. The Utah National Guard Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Michael Turley, right, presents Staff Sgt. Jordan Johnson, the Training and Doctrine Command National Guard Instructor of the Year award for fiscal year 21, on behalf of TRADOC Commander, Gen. Paul Funk. An unidentified Soldier attending a 13B10 Field Artillery Cannon Crewmen course loads a 100 pound, 155mm high-explosive round as part of a culmination exercise.



Fiscal Year 2021, was another busy year for the 640th Regional Training Institute, beginning with an accreditation inspection year and the continuing pandemic. The unit as a whole has really had to think outside the box to keep courses running, and students and instructor safe. This year the RTI underwent a host of change of commands. The regiment bid farewell to Col. Kier Scoubes and welcomed Col. Brian Jacketta. Simultaneously, the HHD element said goodbye to Maj. Barbra Blanke and welcomed Cpt. Rory Mele.

Jacketta comes with a wealth of both active duty and M-Day experience, having held positions from company commander to division-level staff. His expertise and experience are sure to raise the bar for the noncommissioned officers and officers of the 640th RTI and the students it trains.

Fiscal year 2021 has been one of the busiest in recent memory. In addition to conducting virtual Basic Leaders Course and thinking outside the box to allow courses to continue in spite of restrictions resulting from either students testing positive for COVID-19 or having to be quarantined due to possible exposure to an infected person. This was also the 640th RTI's once-every-three-year Training and Doctrine Command accreditation

inspection. The regiment has been preparing documentation and administrative data on for over a year. The inspection began in April and finally received its completion out brief in early August. During which the inspectors praised the many "best practices" of the regiment, the 640th RTI eagerly await the official report due sometime in November.

During the continued pandemic response, the 640th RTI was responsible for on/off boarding of more than 400 Soldiers from various major subordinate commands within the state through the Joint Reception Staging and Onward integration ran by the regiment. The 640th RTI school house, as a whole, continued to generate readiness at an increased level from 2020, by conducting more than 16 thousand hours of instruction, totaling more than 1,800 man-days of work. This was across 214 courses taught by the subordinate battalions that totaled more than 4,500 students across all three components.

The 640th RTI is now preparing for FY22 and the challenges that it will bring, with an ongoing pandemic, and a fiscally constrained environment. The 640th RTI is shooting high, expecting of more than 1,100 additional students to pass through the hallowed doors of the 640th RTI on their way back to their units to fulfill leadership positions at all levels and take the lessons learned here and spread them across the U.S. Army, Reserves and 54 states and territories. 🇺🇸

Throughout the past year, the Non-Commissioned Officer Academy has endured a year of continuing challenges, to provide the highest quality instruction to the U.S. Army. COVID-19 effectively shuttered Basic Leader Course. However, the virtual environment provided an alternative platform while delivering quality training to future noncommissioned officers. The NCOA trained 2,800 NCOs in leadership and staff operations, an impressive number given the COVID-19 operational environment, adhering to the adjutant general, chief National Guard Bureau, and chief of staff's Army's priorities.

Basic Leader Course led the way, implementing and improving a program of instruction to allow for a virtual BLC learning program utilizing the Blackboard and M.S. Teams platform. In addition to fulfilling its Army Program for Individual Training mission, BLC maintained a 98 percent graduation rate and consistently received praise from students and Non Commissioned Officer Leadership Center of Excellence alike. The Battle Staff NCO course attained a 100 percent graduation rate despite the challenges presented by

the COVID-19 pandemic. Battle Staff was the first course in the nation to teach resident Battle Staff courses after the shutdown providing the force with qualified and lethal battle-staff qualified NCOs. Based on its facilitator's outstanding competence, the 640th RTI Master Leader Course increased its student load to 48 senior NCOs per cycle, above and beyond any schoolhouse in the nation. Along with fulfilling its ARPRINT, Army Program for Individual Training mission, the winner of the Senior NCO State Best Warrior Competition, Master Sgt. Zac Beveridge, MLC facilitator, brought credit upon himself and the 640th RTI as a whole. The NCOA continues to set the standard and position itself as the institution of choice for the National Guard Bureau and the NCO Leadership Center of Excellence, receiving an excellent rating for this year's accreditation. Despite the challenges of 2021, the 640th NCOA maintains the highest quality of instructors and facilitators, training the Army's future leaders and continuing the 640th RTI NCOA's legacy of excellence. 🇺🇸



Master Leader Course students in business casual dress, attend a lecture as part of the course program of instruction.



Basic Leader Course students interact in a virtual classroom.





Officer Candidates from class 21-001 conduct a forced march to the Army Garrison Camp Williams, Utah, land-navigation training site to do a practical exercise.

The 2nd Battalion, 640th Regiment had another busy year in fiscal year 2021. The battalion's largest mission, the 25 Career Management Field was full steam ahead. The 25B10 Information Technology Specialist course taught four separate classes, each class containing four, two-week phases, in which graduated a total of 264 students. The 25B10 is currently teaching its fifth class, phase 1, with 17 enrolled students. The 25B10 course implemented the new High Physical Demands Task Evaluation, and effectively implemented a new Course Management Plan / Program of Instruction.


The 25B30 Advanced Leadership Course taught four classes, each class containing two, two-week phases, and graduated a total 92 students. The 25B30 ALC also implemented a new Program of Instruction this year.

The battalion has additionally been tasked to stand up new 25B40 senior leader courses starting the next fiscal year. The cadre have been diligently scrubbing lesson plans and building training schedules for the start of the new course. 2nd Battalion's Officer's Candidate School conducted two iterations, one running October through January, the other February through May. It has seen nine Soldiers graduate the phase zero course and of those nine, six have successfully completed the Accelerated Officers Candidate School and received a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant. Recently, the OCS company completed a change of command where Maj. Brady Pollock, relinquished command to Cpt. Charles Thompson. Preparing for the next fiscal year 2nd Battalion high expectations of the new Teach, Assess, and Counsel

Officers and noncommissioned officers, and expect continued excellence from this program.

A third mission for the battalion is the beloved Bus Drivers Training Course. So far this year we have taught two classes and have graduated 14 students. Due to COVID-19 and budget constraints, two scheduled classes and multiple stand-up classes were canceled.

Our final mission is the burgeoning Active Guard Reserve AGR Academy. During the FY, we completed four Training and Readiness Courses and trained more than 40 Soldiers. We also taught two Supply courses with more than 20 Soldiers graduating.

2nd Battalion has been diligently preparing for accreditation this year. We completed our staff assistance visit with our National Guard Bureau subject-matter expert and scored a 99.8 percent overall. 



The 25B10 Information Technology Specialists learn advanced network security from their instructor, Staff Sgt. Wayne Austin.



A M106A6 Paladin Howitzer fires a 155mm High Explosive round as part of a culmination live-fire exercise that incorporates students from multiple field artillery courses taught by the 640th RTI.

The 3rd Battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Toby Adamson, is responsible for training a myriad of field artillery courses, at both the Military Occupation Specialty level, advanced leadership courses, as well as the Joint Fire Observers Course.

The 3rd BN employed the services of 18 certified instructors during fiscal year 21. Teaching multiple courses across the Artillery Cannon Crewmember, Fire Support Specialist, and Fire Control Specialist. 3rd BN is also one of only three schools that teach the Joint Fires Observer Course, which produces an Additional Skills Identifier (ASI L7) that teaches students to coordinate air-to-ground fires. During

training year 2021, 3rd BN instructed more than 400 students across all three components and conducted four live-fire training events. During which students safely fired more than 800; 155mm artillery rounds. This event is the culmination event for students from three MOSQ courses. Truly a unique culmination exercise only found within the field artillery schoolhouses. In FY22, 3rd BN expects that number to continue to increase, as well as receiving the most modern artillery piece in the U.S. Army, the M109A7, coming this December. It was a busy, but rewarding year for 3rd BN, and we look forward to next year with all its challenges and nuances. 🇺🇸

An unidentified Soldier attending a 13B10 Field Artillery Cannon Crewmen course loads a 100 pound, 155mm high-explosive round as part of a culmination exercise. A M777 Howitzer is prepared to be used for a culmination field-training exercise, where students from the 13B10 Field Artillery Cannon Crewmen course will use everything learned in the last 20 days.



Fiscal Year 2021 proved to have its set of challenges for 4th Battalion, Military Intelligence, 640th Regiment. The COVID-19 pandemic extended into fiscal year 21. The 4th BN did not have to cancel any classes due to the pandemic and welcomed Soldiers from all three components and from all over the world. Due to expert hygiene and mask mandates, 4th BN allowed all Soldiers with a valid request to attend class. Due to the seriousness of the pandemic and with so many other schoolhouses denying Soldiers from attending schoolhouses throughout the United States, the ability of the 640th RTI to keep the classroom doors open is a true testament to the caliber of Soldiers that work for the 640th RTI. FY21 had 523 Soldiers attended class with 4th BN, and only six contracted COVID while in attendance, showing the dedication of 4th BN instructors to fighting the pandemic.

Staff Sgt. Jordan Johnson, 4th BN's 35F Intelligence Analyst Course manager and Master Instructor Badge recipient in FY 2021, also competed in and won the Regiment Instructor of the Year program. Johnson's name was submitted to the

TRADOC Instructor of the Year program and ended up winning the title of National Guard Instructor of the Year. On Aug. 18, Johnson was recognized for his accomplishments by Gen. Paul E. Funk II, TRADOC commander, and by Maj. Gen. Michael J. Turley, the adjutant general, Utah National Guard.

In July 2021, leadership from 4th BN attended the U. S. Army Intelligence Center of Excellence's quarterly training review at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Travel for USAICoE's quarterly reviews had been placed on hold due to the

pandemic but opened back during the fourth quarter allowing leadership from each course and the battalion noncommissioned officer in charge to travel to Arizona for the working groups. In conjunction with the subject-matter-expert cell, 4th BN provided feedback and input to the program of instruction writers for the 35L Counterintelligence Special Agent Course and 35M Human Intelligence Collector Course. With the feedback provided during the working groups by 4th BN leadership, the active component improved upcoming program of instruction and allowing Utah Soldiers to help pave the way forward for instruction in these two critical military occupational specialties.

Lt. Col. Egan Gunnarson, 4th BN commander and Master Sgt. Christopher Caldwell, battalion noncommissioned officer in charge, and Staff Sgt. Aaron Valentine, battalion operations noncommissioned officer, worked closely with Brig. Gen. Hannifin and his team during each of these quarters to represent the National Guard schoolhouse, improving the Army's One School system.

During this fiscal year, 4th BN also supported Bravo Company, 142 Military Intelligence Battalion to act as outside evaluators during a field-training exercise. 4th BN also participated in Freedom Academy, assisting with demonstrations to prospective high school juniors and seniors. In FY 2022, 4th BN expects another challenging year, with an increase in overall students in its courses. 4th BN will rise to the occasion and continue to do great things for the Utah Army National Guard, and the 640th RTI. 🇺🇸



The Training and Doctrine Command, National Guard Instructor of the Year for fiscal year 21, Staff Sgt. Jordan Johnson, right, and the Utah Army National Guard Senior Enlisted Advisor, Command Sgt. Maj. Spencer Nielson, participate in a virtual awards ceremony with the TRADOC Commander, Gen. Paul Funk. Below: A counter-intelligence agent student meets with his official informant as part of live-environment training. Sgt. 1st Class Jason Nelligan role playing as an intelligence source.



On Sept. 11, 2021, the Utah Army National Guard Utah Medical Readiness Detachment supported the state COVID-19 vaccination effort by conducting a shot clinic for unvaccinated Soldiers or those with incomplete vaccination series. At the clinic 382 vaccinations were administered to Soldiers. MEDDET has been supporting the state COVID-19 vaccination mission ever since the vaccination became available to Soldiers in the Utah Army National Guard.

All Soldiers were given the opportunity to receive the vaccination during their annual periodic health assessment or during dedicated shot clinics provided by the MEDDET. The COVID-19 vaccination was previously not mandatory due to Department of Defense decision and many Soldiers elected not to receive the vaccination. The COVID-19 vaccination is now mandatory for all DoD personnel and per the governor and the adjutant general's orders. This means that there is still a lot of work to do for the MEDDET to administer the vaccines to the remaining Soldiers. MEDDET is certainly up for the task.

Healthcare providers of the MEDDET provide COVID-19 vaccination education and a consent agreement to all Soldiers prior to administering the shot. Soldiers are given reading material with facts about the COVID-19 vaccination and information on what to expect during and after receiving the shot. Physicians are present at all times to provide oversight and answer any questions, to discuss concerns, and identify any contraindications to receiving the COVID-19 vaccination.

Once the Soldier is informed and considered suitable a skilled medic administers the vaccination. The Soldiers are observed for 15 minutes after the administration of the vaccination for any immediate adverse events such as an allergic reaction. After the observation is complete, a patient administration specialist gives the Soldier a vaccination card for their records and proof of vaccination. The patient administration specialist also updates the Army's electronic records to include the vaccination administration for this Soldier and they update the state's tracker for COVID-19 vaccinations administered.

MEDDET will continue to conduct vaccination clinics on multiple weekends each month until the COVID-19 threat is reduced and the mission is complete. MEDDET is led by Lt. Col. Marcus Wisner, who took command after Brig. Gen. Charlene Dalto promoted into the Land Component commander position in May. 🇺🇸

Top down: Spc. Brayden Borders updates records of Soldiers who were administered to in the Medical Readiness Detachment clinic at Camp Williams, Utah. Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Wismar, the clinic operations noncommissioned officer in charge, is leading by example in ensuring the clinic is clean and presentable. Maj. Amy Dolce, the COVID vaccination clinic officer in charge, inspects a box of vaccines in the classroom designated for the vaccine administration. Vaccines all have to be stored and used according to manufacturer specifications. As one of the lead providers in this effort, Dolce ensures that the vaccines have been handled appropriately prior to use.



UTAH MEDICAL READINESS DETACHMENT — MEDDET



Recruiting Year 2021 was another challenging year for the Utah Army National Guard's Recruiting and Retention Battalion due to continuing COVID-19 restraints. Despite those difficulties, the battalion rose to the challenge and successfully added to the overall strength of the UTARNG overshooting its End Strength Objective Mission of 5,631 by nearly 100 Soldiers. The UTARNG ended the year with nearly 5,720 Soldiers. This growth fell in line with Maj. Gen. Michael Turley's number one Line of Effort: Lethality and Readiness.

The RRB said goodbye to Command Sgt. Maj. Shane Johnson and Sgt. Maj. Scott Anderson as the command sergeant major and production sergeant major. Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Thornsby and Sgt. Maj. Joshua Lowery were welcomed as their new replacements. They immediately accessed the atmosphere of the command and found ways to create a new energized climate. One significant program they started was the Recruiting University, where noncommissioned officers could attend once a month, receiving sales training, recruiting tips, and other best practices enhancing their knowledge, skills, and efficiency to increase production. Lt. Col. D.J. Gibb, RRB commander, continued to emphasize a learning environment, visiting a recruiter in the field each week and facilitating more activity at the unit level. A guest speaker was also invited to the battalion's annual training event. The focus of the training was the Kaizen Theory, or making large improvements through small, simple, and easily managed changes to every-day routine.

Unit retention levels continued to surpass expectations and were recognized during an NGB review as being one of the best retention programs they had ever seen. This was a strong indicator of the effective leadership of the units and a well-managed retention program that included leaders of all levels working closely with recruiting NCOs. These leaders ensured Soldiers were mentored in their careers, felt connected to their units, and apprised of current incentives and benefits available to them should they continue their military service.

A new recognition method was started this year called the Legacy Award. These awards are granted to the most productive career recruiters in the battalion. Soldiers were presented a lifetime benchmark medallion for reaching 100, 150, 200, and 250 recruits into the UTARNG.

The RRB is grateful to all the community and unit support received throughout the year. RRB is excited for the future of the Utah Army National Guard and its continued growth into FY 2022. 🇺🇸



Recruiting and Retention Battalion change of responsibility held at Army Garrison Camp Williams, Bluffdale, Utah on Feb. 5, 2021. Pictured left to right: Command Sgt. Maj. Shane Johnson, Sgt. Maj. Joshua Lowery, Lt. Col. D.J. Gibb, and Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Thornsby.



Legacy Awards recipients at the 2022 Mission Reveal at Joint Forces Headquarters in Draper, Utah, Aug. 25, 2021.



Thornsby and Lowery operating in a COVID environment, prepare to execute the new Army Combat Fitness Test during annual Training at Army Garrison Camp Williams on Feb. 4, 2021.



Utah Training Center—Camp Williams.
Explosive Ordnance Disposal: Impact Area—EOD 4
EOD Section of the Combat Logistics Battalion 26, from Marine Corp Camp Lejeune, North Carolina conducted range-sweep operations at Camp W. G. Williams—Utah Training Center in Bluffdale, Utah in order to identify, and destroy Unexploded Explosive Ordnance thereby reducing the number of sensitive and insensitive fuzed items in the impact area. This operation enables increased mobility for range maintenance personnel and firefighting personnel to move throughout the impact area during normal and emergent operations.

Garrison Commander Change of Command—Promotions—Retirements—COC 2

On July 21, 2021, the UTC thanked Lt. Col. Mathew Price for his service as the Post commander for Camp Williams, and welcomed the incoming Post Commander, Lt. Col. Shane Day.

Department of Public Works—DPW 3

DPW in conjunction with troop labor constructed an equipment parking area for the 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) near the Aaron Butler Readiness Center.

UTC Wildland Fire Exercise—FD 2

On May 20, 2021, United Fire Authority (Wildland), and surrounding community fire departments conducted an annual fire drill along with the Utah National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment. This exercise provided the fire fighters and Soldiers vital training which would help them extinguish wildfires quickly and effectively.

Maneuver Trails, Training Areas and Grazing—ITAM 1 & GR6

The Bluffdale Maneuver Trail was developed in large part to increase artillery firing areas and aviation landing zones. This expansion will offset training areas that will be compromised by the placement of the new Ammunition Supply Point and NSA buildings and the expansion for Mountain View Corridor. The cattle and sheep grazing projects have the objective of removing the majority (80 percent) of fine fuel along the northern boundary of the installation and around the boundary of the impact area.

Combat Pistol and MPMG Projects—CB 5

With a focus on continually improving these ranges, the Multi-Purpose Machine Gun range underwent a \$92,000 renovation project with the addition of fiber running from the control tower to every target. This upgrade vastly improved target response time, thereby enhancing unit readiness training.

In September 2021, the Combat Pistol range also underwent upgrades conducted by Range Controls own Downrange Maintenance crew to improve safety and align with the new pistol qualification TC standards. The \$30,000 Phase I project included new target coffin exteriors, and walkway between targets. Next up is Phase II construction that will end in all new coffin exteriors in the first quarter of fiscal year 22. 🇺🇸



Sterling Smith with United Fire Authority (Wildland), converses with the Range Control Officer, Cpt. Kami Muramoto, on May 20, 2021.

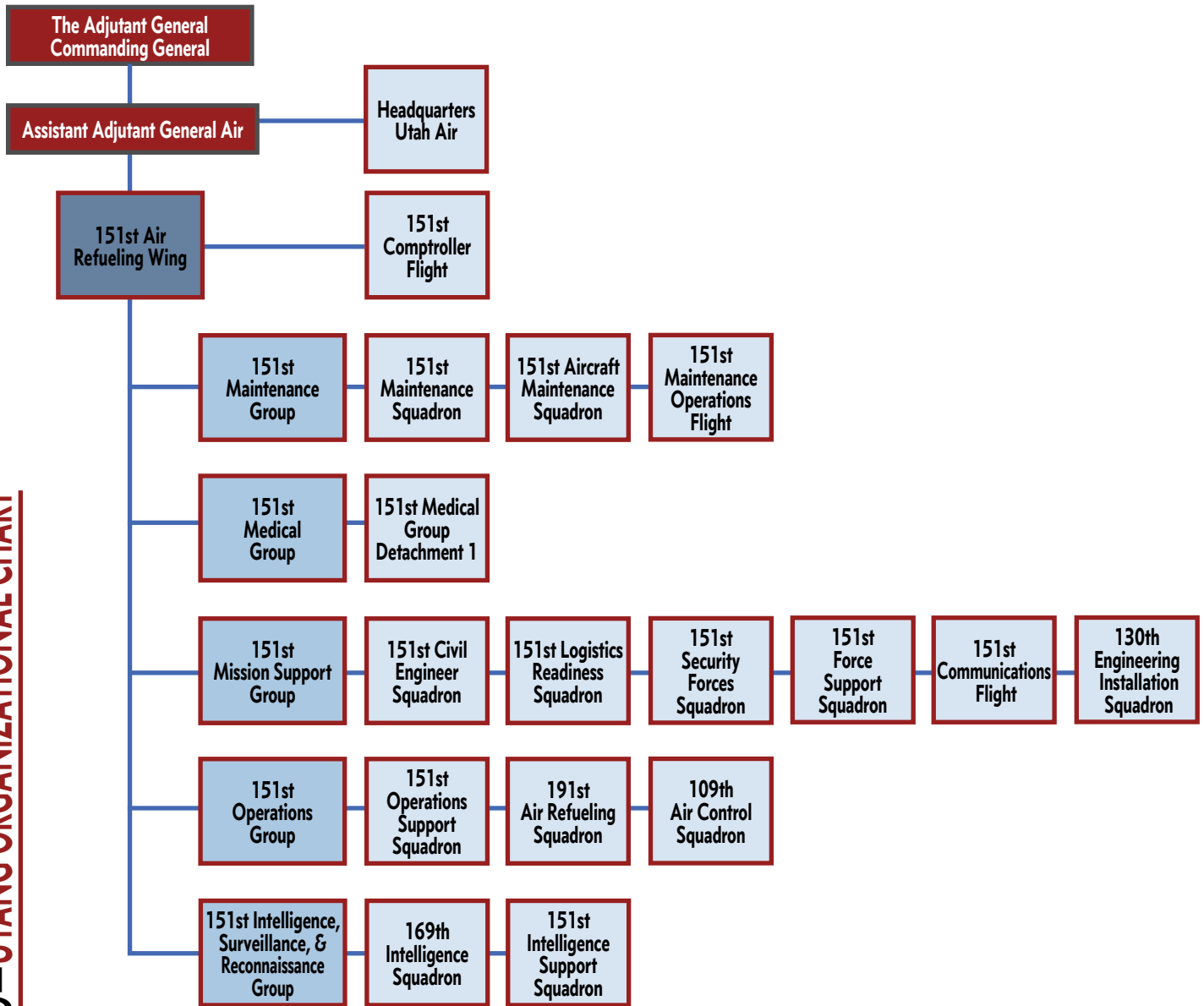


The Combat Pistol Range underwent upgrades conducted by Range Control's downrange maintenance crew to improve safety, in accordance with the new pistol qualification standards and enhance the use of the range by service members and local law enforcement.



Combat Logistics Battalion 26 EOD Section, from Marine Corps Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, conducted range-sweep operations to identify and destroy unexploded explosive ordnance, on April 1-9, 2021, at UTC.





UTAH AIR NATIONAL GUARD - UTANG



UTANG organizational chart

- Command Leadership
- Wing Level
- Group Level
- Squadron/Flight Level



Two KC-135 Stratotankers sit in front of a hangar during Utah Air National Guard's bi-annual Wingman Day and 75th Anniversary event at the Roland R. Wright Air National Guard Base in Salt Lake City, Utah, Aug. 7, 2021.



Brig. Gen. Daniel Boyack, assistant adjutant general-Air, briefs Utah Gov. Spencer J. Cox and his staff on capabilities of the KC-135R Stratotanker, April 28, 2021, on the flightline of Roland R. Wright Air National Guard Base, Utah.



Utah Air National Guard Commander, Brig. Gen. Daniel Boyack, briefs and discusses the partnership between the Utah Air National Guard and Hill Air Force Base with 75th Air Base Wing Commander, Col. Jenise Carroll, during her visit with senior leaders of the Utah Air National Guard at Roland Wright Air National Guard Base in Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 18, 2021.

For nearly 75 years, the Utah Air National Guard has played a significant role in America's wars and has aided our state and nation during times of crisis, natural disasters, and civil unrest. Over the course of its history, the UTANG has met every challenge, answered every call, and performed every mission asked of us. This has been especially true in 2021.

Commanded by Brig. Gen. Daniel Boyack, the UTANG supported our state and nation when it needed us most. Whether facing the challenges of a global pandemic, supporting local and national authorities during times of civil unrest, ensuring a peaceful and safe inauguration of our incoming commander-in-chief, or assisting with the resettlement efforts of vulnerable Afghans at the end of America's longest war, the Airmen of the UTANG exemplified the National Guard's motto: "Always Ready, Always There!"

In December 2020, the National Guard Bureau named the UTANG as the interim KC-135 Test Detachment for the Air National Guard Air Force Reserve Command Test Center. Since 2018, the UTANG has worked with the KC-135 Program Office, Collins Aerospace and Borsight in the development and installation of situational awareness building technologies. This announcement officially formalized the UTANG's role in the program.

This partnership has led to training opportunities designed to revolutionize the KC-135's warfighting role that will enable it to continue to carry out its mission of Global Reach and Global Power for years to come. Due to the success of these test and training efforts, the KC-135 modernization program was included in the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2022.

On April 28, Utah Gov. Spencer J. Cox made his first official visit as governor to the 151st Air Refueling Wing where he received a mission brief followed by a flight to see an in-air refueling mission. The visit was an opportunity to familiarize the governor with our state and federal missions.

On Aug. 7, the UTANG hosted its bi-annual Wingman Day event in conjunction with its 75th anniversary at Roland R. Wright Air National Guard Base. The UTANG's official anniversary is on Nov. 18, 2021. As part of the event, the UTANG, in collaboration with Collins Aerospace, successfully demonstrated advanced communication, mission computing and sensor technologies to support Joint All Domain Command and Control and Advanced Battle Management System initiatives, a fitting occasion as the UTANG celebrated its heritage while also positioning itself for the future. 🇺🇸





The 151st Air Refueling Wing continued its high-operational tempo in fiscal year 2021, supporting domestic, conventional, and nuclear operations. Taking part in multiple deployments, exercises, and training events, the wing's citizen-Airmen excelled as leaders in both aerospace warfighting and Utah communities.

In January, 25 members of the 151st Security Forces Squadron activated by Utah Gov. Spencer Cox supported civil authorities at the Utah State Capitol. The Airmen protected life and property while providing a safe environment for people to exercise their right to assemble and protest peacefully leading up to the 59th Presidential Inauguration.

In addition, four Utah Air National Guard KC-135 military aircraft transported nearly 800 members of the Utah National Guard to Washington D.C. to support civil authorities during the 59th Presidential Inauguration held on Jan. 20, 2021.

Fourteen Airmen from the 130th Engineering Installation Squadron also supported the inauguration by establishing Joint Incident Site Communication Capability in Washington D.C. The JISCC provided 24/7 communication support for more than 25,000 Soldiers and 4,200 law enforcement personnel led by the District of Columbia National Guard and Maryland Police Department.

Members of the 151st ARW supported the state's COVID-19 Joint Task Force throughout 2021. The Airmen performed contact tracing, administered more than 200,000 tests, and inspected more than 1,000 facilities. Airmen also trained military and civilian personnel on performing tests and infection control.

In June 151st Medical Group members worked alongside their Moroccan military counterparts to provide medical and dental care to local Moroccan citizens during the African Lion Humanitarian mission in Taфраoute, Morocco. This effort, part of the State Partnership Program, brought much-needed care to 8,343 Moroccan citizens who would not have otherwise received medical treatment.

In August, the Utah Air National Guard provided the U.S. Department of Defense and U.S. Department of Homeland Security with linguistic support to resettle vulnerable Afghans from Afghanistan. In addition, the linguists enhanced the language capability of their assigned task force.

On Aug. 27, the 151st ARW, in coordination with the U.S. Transportation Command, transported donations of lifesaving equipment and humanitarian supplies to Kathmandu, Nepal. The supplies and equipment provided critical assistance combating the COVID-19 pandemic in Nepal. 🇺🇸



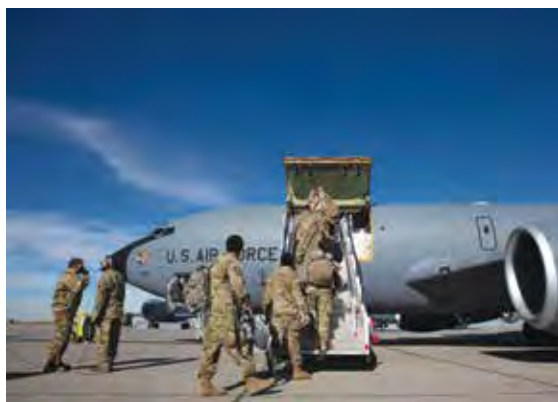
Members of the 151st Air Refueling Wing unload a KC-135R at Roland R. Wright Air National Guard Base in Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 27, 2021. The cargo was part of a mobilization of approximately 350 Soldiers who returned from Washington, D.C. after augmenting local law enforcement and civil authorities in the nation's capital throughout the inauguration week for the 59th Presidential Inauguration.



Members of the 151st Maintenance Group, conduct their annual Crash, Damaged or Disabled Aircraft Recovery training at Roland R. Wright Air National Guard Base on Feb. 23, 2021.



Members of the Utah Air National Guard, along with family and friends, celebrate the UTANG's 75th anniversary at its annual Wingman Day celebration at Roland R. Wright Air National Guard Base on Aug. 7, 2021.



Staff Sgt. Cody Moss changes a bleed-air shutoff valve at the Utah Air National Guard. Members of the UTANG board aircraft 0275 departing to Joint Base Andrews prior to the 59th Presidential Inauguration. Members of the fuels shop pose for a photo while preparing for departure to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. Staff Sgt. Ted Hess cleaning an engine exhaust gas temperature canon plug. The picture was taken during a 24-month ISO inspection in February of 2021.

Under the command of Col. Robert Taylor, the 151st Maintenance Group provides safe, reliable and mission capable KC-135R Stratotanker aircraft in support of state, federal, and nuclear missions. The 151 MXG trains and equips 236 Airmen with the knowledge and skills to maintain deployment readiness and keep our 60+ year-old tankers airworthy.

The 151 MXG is constantly postured to aid in global and domestic operations. Despite the international pandemic, 75 Airmen deployed to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, in support of Central Command missions. In addition to executing day-to-day local operations, 11 crew chiefs and specialists were tasked to support Long Term Military Personnel Appropriation efforts and four crew chiefs maintained 24/7 readiness for Alert missions. The professional contributions of all our maintainers resulted in the successful completion of 1,875 sorties and 11,491 flying hours.

The Chief of Staff of the Air Force's strategic approach to accelerate, change, or lose—seeks to enhance key capabilities through innovation and modernization. The 151 MXG dedicated more than 5,500+ man hours to significantly upgrade the KC-135 platform. Two aircraft are undergoing modification, receiving Real Time Information in the Cockpit, Tactical Targeting Network Technology, and Manned-Unmanned Teaming upgrades—advancing the

experienced tanker to serve as a communications node for other platforms, providing invaluable situational awareness to Joint Forces.

Airmen from the Avionics flight successfully installed the first Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures system on aircraft 58—0077. These Airmen were crucial to the validation and verification of the LAIRCM installation process, culminating in the technical data procedures required for Programmed Depot Maintenance level install.

The inauguration of Pres. Biden presented another opportunity for the 151 MXG to answer the call to serve by providing four aircraft to transport nearly 800 Soldiers and cargo from the Utah National Guard to Washington D.C. Of the 20,000 National Guard members utilized to augment local law enforcement, Utah's Soldiers were the first to arrive, ensuring a peaceful transfer of authority.

The outstanding achievements of the 151 MXG were made possible by the dedication, resilience, and expertise of our remarkable Airmen. We aim to be exemplars of the highest maintenance, readiness, and professional standards regardless of the environment around us. As next year approaches, we are committed to continually find innovative ways to execute the mission and enhance the safety and security of the United States and the state of Utah. 🇺🇸

151st MAINTENANCE GROUP - MXG





The 151st Mission Support Group is commanded by Col. Christina Lock and the Group Superintendent, Chief Master Sgt. Shawn Daley. The 151st MSG currently has 466 members comprised of staff members, 151st Civil Engineering Squadron, 151st Communications Flight, 151st Force Support Squadron, 151st Logistics Readiness Squadron, 151st Security Forces Squadron, 130th Engineering Installation Squadron, and contracting. The 151st MSG mission is to provide the 151st Air Refueling Wing with consistent, reliable and customer-driven support. In addition, to deliver well-trained highly motivated, resilient personnel and serviceable equipment to support state and federal missions.

During fiscal year 2021, 119 Airmen from the 151st MSG were deployed to several locations throughout Central Command, Africa Command, European Command, and Indo-Pacific Command area of responsibilities. In addition, FY21 was an unprecedented year with unique challenges endured by every Airmen. However, the 151st MSG Airmen did not waver! Several MSG Airmen assisted the state, during the pandemic, with testing and contact tracing, and counties with debris clean-up from an unusual windstorm.


Despite the unique challenges of 2021, the MSG had a very busy and successful year. The Base Contracting Office supported the wing through execution of 28 contract actions at a total value of more than \$8.7 million. Additionally, the office provided support and oversight of the Government Purchase

Card program, which enabled 1,652 individual transactions and more than \$968 thousand executed in support of the mission.

The 130th EIS and 151st CF conducted a joint exercise and training on the Joint Incident Site Communication Capability testing capabilities between multiple JISCC terminals. The 151st SFS maintained a high level of professionalism and readiness to respond to a wide variety of missions that supported Utah Highway Patrol, Salt Lake City Police Department, 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion, Lincoln County Wyoming Sheriff's Office and the staff of Air Force 2 during the Vice-Presidential Debate. Additionally, the 151st SFS were activated several times to provide security for the Utah State Capital.

The 151st CES worked several projects valued at \$10 million with a \$7.2 million water-main upgrade at 75 percent completion. In addition to the base engineering projects, they participated in two major training events deploying to Japan to support construction of munitions storage facilities and attending the Silver Flag exercise. Lastly, 151st CE addressed a base-wide power outage sustaining all critical base functions.

The 151st LRS processed 13 thousand transactions monthly, issued seven million gallons of fuel, and managed \$9 million of vehicle assets. In addition, they processed 1,635 National Guard members for mobilizations, deployments and exercises, supported 57 air missions, and handled more than 7,000 pieces of military cargo. They assisted with the Utah Food Drive moving more than 20 thousand pounds of food to various food banks. The 151st FSS provided 5,500 meals, conducted 660 fitness assessments, with an additional 3,600 fitness record modifications, deployed 164 wing personnel, executed a \$5.1 million training budget, enlisted 117, and reenlisted 194 Airmen.

FY21 will certainly be remembered for its unprecedented events as well as unequivocal support to our state and nation by the outstanding men and women of the 151st MSG. 



Tech. Sgt. Compton, Materiel Management, 151st LRS and Senior Master Sgt. Miller, Quality Assurance, 151st MXS, perform inventory of the weapons assigned to the base. Airmen attend a Tactical Combat Casualty Care Instructor training course in August 2021. Master Sgt. Venable, 151st LRS Fuels Lab noncommissioned officer in charge, performing visual inspection for quality of the fuel from a tank truck sample in August 2021. Staff Sgt. Zuniga, 151st LRS, Loads a pallet of medical supplies onto an Ecuadorian C-130 as part of a Joint Humanitarian Mission.



Unidentified Airmen at Silver Flag Exercise, 151st Civil Engineering Squadron, preparing for concrete cutting to repair runway, June 2021. Airmen quarters after a tropical storm passed through training site, June 2021. Water main break and repair in front of Bldg. 40, April 2021. New water main line installed under canal on south side of Bldg 301, March 2021.

The 151st Civil Engineering Squadron, commanded by Lt. Col. Sasha Perronne, had another demanding year. During another year of COVID, CES personnel participated in two major training events: deploying to Japan and attending the Silver Flag exercise. Additionally, they executed repair and base-modernization construction projects. Lastly, 151st CES provided sustainment efforts to a base-wide power outage.

The 151st CES deployed 33 personnel during the COVID pandemic to Yokota Air Base, Japan in support of construction of multiple munition storage facilities. This project addressed critical storage deficiencies for the 374th MXS munitions support for real-world response while saving \$1 million in construction labor costs. This training was conducted with a combined nine different Air Force Specialty Codes from May 3-21. During this time, 151st CES coordinated with National Guard Bureau, the 374th CES, and host nations to construct these facilities.

In addition to deploying to Japan for training, 14 CES personnel also participated in the Silver Flag Exercise at Tyndall AB, Panama City, Florida, from June 14-25. During this time, the Airmen endured several major tropical storms challenging their ability to conduct airfield planning and recovery operations. The power production team was recognized for outstanding performance. The 151st CES sent Airmen with a combined nine

AFSCs, coordinating with Hawaii Air National Guard for airlift to Tyndall AB.

The 151st CES successfully conducted \$10 million in repair and base-modernization construction projects to include a major upgrade to the base water-main system and roads valued at \$7.2 million. This upgrade project addresses a critical infrastructure deficiency replacing corroded 1940's pipe while extending service life for the new system for another 70 years. The new water system also establishes redundancy to the system. The 151st CES provided more than 1,500-man hours of combined support to the water-main project. The water main and roads project completed major milestones laying new water-main pipe down both Mustang Lane and Saber Street and stands currently at approximately 75 percent complete. The 151st CES coordinated with five different contracting companies and established an agreement with the Salt Lake City Public Works to carry out this project.

Lastly, the 151st CES was able to exercise its domestic response capability during a base-wide power outage that lasted approximately eight hours. During this time, CES personnel quickly responded to this event sustaining all critical base functionality while employing and servicing multiple generator sets. 🇺🇸



The 151st Communications Flight's mission is to provide secure, reliable, deployable communication systems and services through teamwork, technology and training. Our goal is to provide this service to the customer, instilling confidence that their information will be available, confidential and effective in accomplishing their mission.

A focus on efficiency, effectiveness and flexibility has been the key to success for the 151st CF this year. The ongoing support for COVID-19 response included facilitating telework, as well as maintaining base-wide communications. Many of the new cyber tools such as Microsoft Teams and OneDrive introduced great capabilities that CF has had to learn and share with the rest of the base. Another major focus has been to use the Virtual Enterprise Service Desk/Remedy ticketing system. This has streamlined our customer support processes and allowed us to get to the highest priorities first.

The 151st CF took advantage of a deployment-free year by working on upgrade training and continued readiness. A major Career Field Education and Training Plan change in December of 2020 for all 3D career fields led to a complete overhaul of all Master Training Plans. Our supervisors have been busy getting the new training plans organized and implemented in an effective manner. Many members that have recently joined the flight had sufficient experience to seek technical school waiver packages. Master Sgt. Alberto Roldan, training manager, has been key in the waiver process. The 151st CF successfully received four waivers and anticipate a few more before the end of the year. Additionally, Master Sgt. Steve Wood began his officer training, and he will fill the Plans and Programs Officer position in the flight.

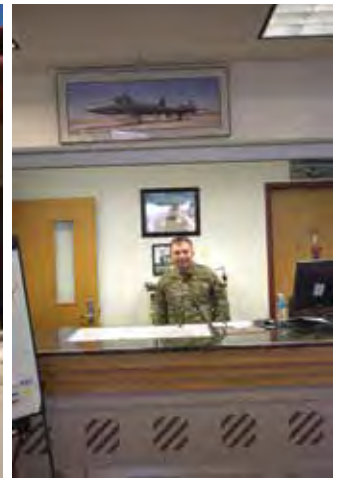
A significant number of travel restrictions due to the pandemic response prevented the Homeland Response Force from holding a planned training exercise in Indiana this year. The 151st CF Joint Incident Site Communications Capability team was prepared to support this exercise, but quickly modified the annual training to be performed effectively at home station. With many new members in the flight this was a good opportunity to get some hands-on training that will prepare us for the tri-annual Exercise Evaluation next year.

This year has brought many personnel changes to the flight, with transfers, separations, and outside employment many will be greatly missed. It is exciting to have new members onboard and they are already making a huge impact. We look forward to getting these new members fully trained and working in their respective sections.

As always, the 151st CF is committed and stands ready as ever to face new challenges while maintaining the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of all Utah Air National Guard information systems. 🇺🇸

Airman 1st Class Dalton Chenworth programming new phone at the Rolland R. Wright Air National Guard Base, Utah, Sept. 13, 2021. Tech. Sgt. Chris Cannon and Senior Airman Leonard Trzaska set up the satellite dish for the Joint Incident Site Communications Capability at the Rolland R. Wright ANGB on Aug. 4, 2021. Master Sgt. Shaundra Andress preparing a package for delivery from the Rolland R. Wright ANGB, Sept. 13, 2021. Staff Sgt. David Zahm resolving trouble tickets in the Comm Focal Point at the Rolland R. Wright ANGB, Utah, Sept. 13, 2021.





Senior Master Sgt. Phil Fleury gives the Saturday morning briefing to the Military Personnel Section. Members of the 151st FSS set-up temporary lodging during staff assisted visit inspection. Senior Airman Tracy Coleman, Tech. Sgt. Marie Vigo, Tech. Sgt. Cyle Brown, Senior Airman Saba Wilson, Tech. Sgt. Jade Clausen, Senior Airman Andrew Brown, Staff Sgt. Aaron Velasquez, Senior Master Sgt. Ron Ford, Staff Sgt. Bryce Hafen support Northern Thaw exercise at Volk Field Air National Guard Base, Wisconsin. Staff Sgt. Aaron Velasquez, manning the lodging front desk, during Northern Patriot exercise at Volk Field Air National Guard Base. Mobility processing line.


The 151st Force Support Squadron, commanded by Maj. Barry Gorringer, is comprised of 15 full-time personnel and 28 drill-status Guard members. Its mission is to support the more than 1,400 Airmen of the Utah Air National Guard. Additionally, the unit also assist member's families, Army Guard members, Active Duty, Reservist, retirees, and government contractors that reside in the vicinity of the Roland R. Wright Air National Guard Base, Utah. The 151st FSS duties include conventional, domestic and state missions, with its primary responsibility being domestic operations that encompass family readiness, Yellow Ribbon, Honor Guard, Force Management, Base Training and Education, food, lodging, fitness, recreation, and mortuary affairs. Additionally, nearly 25 percent of the FSS personnel have been utilized as full-time manpower to support the state's COVID-19 Joint Task Force.

While adhering to strict COVID-19 guidelines, the FSS Services flight prepared and served approximately 5,500 meals. The flight also completed 3,600 fitness record modifications, 660 fitness tests, and spent 592 hours conducting fitness program administration and training while implementing the new Air Force fitness program. The flight also managed the base fitness room and oversaw the upgrade of 25K in exercise equipment.

The Personnel Readiness section deployed 164 wing personnel to multiple area of responsibility supporting multiple operations. Additionally, the readiness team processed and forwarded 133 passport and eight visa applications to the Department of State. The readiness section also processed and tracked the completion of 67 line of duty determinations.

The Force Development section executed a training budget in excess of \$5.1 million. These resources were utilized to bring new members to initial active-duty training and also to send hundreds of Airman to additional formal training schools. The section was able to meet a 100 percent training execution rate in spite of budgetary constraints created by COVID-19 quarantine requirements.

The Military Personnel flight gained into the UTANG 117 new Airman while reenlisting 194 personnel. The section also processed 133 different separations/retirements and more than 317 enlisted promotions. Additionally, the section issued 1,625 new military, dependent and civilian identification cards.

Fiscal year 2021 has been a challenging year. In spite of difficulties and challenges, the squadron continued to meet and exceed all mission and job requirements. 

151st FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON - FSS





Staff Sgt. Sheffield and Airman Basic Cantarero, Logistics Readiness Squadron heavy mobility vehicle technicians, remove front driveshaft in preparation for transmission removal to repair a large oil leak in the Vehicle Maintenance Shop, Aug. 16. Tech. Sgt. Vradenburg, LRS distribution worker, prepares and processes a Mission Impaired Capability Awaiting Parts item for shipment for the Distribution flight inside warehouse of building 7. Airman Rigby, LRS Materiel Management Storage and Issue, pulling an item in the warehouse to shipment to another base, verifying that the amount is the same as on the document, August 2021. Tech. Sgt. Salmond,



Tech. Sgt. Kelley, Airman Schaugard, Aerial Port, LRS; practice rolling stock loading procedures on static C-130 during annual training, July 2021, at Hill Air Force Base, Ogden, Utah. Master Sgt. Venable, LRS fuels lab noncommissioned officer in charge, analyzes, by bottle method, the total solid content within the fuel from a tank truck sample, August 2021.

Lt. Col. Daniel Frost commands the 151st Logistics Readiness Squadron. The LRS is a 104-member organization that provides full—spectrum logistics support to the 151st Air Refueling Wing and associate units. This includes providing supplies, equipment, fuel, transportation, vehicle operations and maintenance, aircraft cargo and passenger manifesting, and deployment support. The LRS specializes in logistics services—anything, anytime, anywhere—for each customer through a safe, efficient and continually improving professional process, while promoting the growth of individual team members.

Material Management flight processed more than 13 thousand transactions monthly and maintained an inventory of aircraft parts and equipment with a combined value of more than \$60 million.

Fuels flight managed more than seven million gallons of fuel to include issuing 3.5 million gallons by way of 561 refuels with Hydrant Utilization rate of 87 percent, nine thousand gallons of gasoline and 14 thousand gallons of diesel. They processed more than 4,500 inflight transactions totaling 2.5 million gallons, resulting in approximately \$6 million worth of credits returning to the wing.


Vehicle Maintenance flight maintained and managed \$9 million of vehicle assets consisting of 144 registered vehicles. They consistently maintained a vehicle operational rate of 95 percent for the year.

The Plans and Integration shop coordinated and directed all base-wide deployment related activities, including mobilizations, deployments, and exercises. The

LRS deployed more than 900 National Guard members, in support of global contingency operations, civil unrest at the U.S. capital, humanitarian efforts to Morocco, and other small-scale mobilizations. One of the highlights of the year was establishing a successful COVID-19 quarantine plan for 119 personnel prior to a deployment to Central Command.

The Air Transportation Function supported 57 air missions, moved 1,635 passengers, and processed 238,900 short-tons of cargo in support of joint missions, including African Lion, Royal British and German Air Force operations.

The Distribution Section handled more than 7,000 pieces of military cargo and delivered more than 170 aircraft mission capable parts to aircraft maintenance. The Ground Transportation crew supported the base with the GSA vehicle fleet and was the sole point for issuing government licenses to the military and civilian members on base. LRS assisted with the Utah Food Drive moving more than 20 thousand pounds of food to various food banks. The Traffic Management Office helped coordinate Basic Military Training travel for more than 100 new UTANG Airmen.

The LRS is dedicated to the needs of the state and nation. During 2021, LRS members deployed in support of operations in the Middle East and the Pacific, and supported a variety of domestic missions including coordinating, manifesting and loading Soldiers on short notice to respond to the civil unrest in Washington D.C. LRS facilitated the shipment of COVID-19 relief supplies to Ecuador. Members also volunteered for events such as Honor Guard, NCO Graduates Association, Enlisted and Officer Association, EANGUS and NAGUS, Feed Utah, and Combined Federal Campaign. 




Maj. Gen. Turley, the adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, gives a speech to members of the 151st Security Forces Squadron prior to its mobilization in support of the 59th Presidential Inauguration. Staff Sgt. Robins, 2nd Lt. Worsencroft, and Master Sgt. Mann demonstrate the use of public order equipment to the Lincoln County Sheriff's office. Airman 1st Class Reynolds, Staff Sgt. Robins, Airman 1st Class Olsen, and Airman 1st Class Henson providing security for Air Force 2 during the Vice-Presidential Debate in October 2020 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Tech. Sgt. Butler of the 151st SFS provides instruction to member of the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion on public order tactics.

Throughout fiscal year 2021, the 151st Security Forces Squadron maintained a high level of professionalism and readiness to respond to a wide variety of missions that supported Utah Highway Patrol, Salt Lake City police, 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion, Lincoln County Wyoming Sheriff's Office and the staff of Air Force 2 during the Vice Presidential Debates. Additionally, Defenders were activated several times to provide security for the Utah State Capitol.

Following the civil unrest in Salt Lake City on May 30, 2020, the 151st SFS was frequently called upon to support local and federal law enforcement with public order missions. In October 2020, the 151st SFS mobilized in support of the Vice-Presidential Debate in Salt Lake City. Defenders collaborated with local and federal law enforcement to provide security for the event while also assisting Phoenix Ravens with security for Air Force 2 during its stay. Moreover, in January 2021, the 151st SFS was again mobilized alongside the Utah Army National Guard to support local law enforcement with protecting the Utah State Capital in support of President Joe Biden's inauguration.

Additionally, the 151st SFS assisted with training military and law enforcement agencies on public order tactics. In May, three Defenders assisted the 142nd MI BN with its annual public order training, leading to greater interoperability with our partners in the Army National Guard. Furthermore, in late August, four Defenders from the 151st SFS traveled to Wyoming to assist the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and surrounding agencies on public order training, providing their local agencies with valuable training and experience to effectively respond to public order calls throughout Lincoln County, Wyoming.

Finally, throughout FY 2021, the 151st SFS continued to maintain its critical mission at home on Roland Wright Air National Guard Base. Defenders completed thousands of hours of comprehensive home-station training to ensure its readiness to deploy at a moment's notice. The 151st SFS stands determined to protect, defend, and fight for the U.S. Air Force and the state of Utah. 





Under the command of Lt. Col. Timothy Delamare, the 130th Engineering Installation Squadron, assigned to the Air Combat Command, continues in its primary mission to design, engineer, install, upgrade and deploy communication infrastructure and equipment enabling voice, data, radio, and satellite services in support of domestic and warfighter, cyberspace operations.

Supporting our domestic operation mission, the Joint Incident Site Communications Capabilities 14-member team volunteered and deployed to the District of Columbia to support the 59th Presidential Inauguration. Vital team participation sustained communications for more than 25,000 Soldiers and 4,200 law enforcement providing quick-reaction emergency communications capabilities including high-frequency radios, wireless and wired networks, hardware support and phones. Later in the spring, the JISCC team participated in the domestic operation joint exercise Silver Rain, with the Utah Army National Guard where communication capabilities were tested with the Homeland Response Force.

Recovering from 2020 travel delays, our project workload in 2021 increased significantly to make up for lost time. The squadron conducted 14 various communications engineering and installation projects for expansion of Fiber Optic capabilities, Inside plant cabling, antenna installs, and Enterprise Operations Radio modernizations at nine different locations: 120th Communication Flight, Great Falls, Montana; 124th Fighter Wing, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho; 129th Rescue Wing, Moffett ANGB, California; 142nd Fighter Wing Portland, Oregon; 151st Air Refueling Wing, Salt Lake City, Utah; 165th Airlift Wing, Savannah, Georgia; 173rd Fighter Wing, Klamath Falls, Oregon; Camp Ripley, Little Falls, Minnesota; and U. S. Air Force Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.



Tech. Sgt. Christian Winget, Staff Sgt. Alfer Thompson, Staff Sgt. Devin Baker, Master Sgt. Paul Roberts, and Tech. Sgt. Michael Perez verify satellite and local network communications through the Joint Incident Site Communications Capability's core network stack during the communications exercise before forward deploying into the Joint Operations Area during the 59th Presidential Inauguration.

Outside regular deployment cycle, seven members, each completed a six-month tour at Headquarters USAFE. Tasked with updating and expanding communications capability at USAFE locations by designing and installing the network backbone infrastructure creating the conditions that assure communications, network modernization and resilience, enhanced battlefield visualization, and partner integration to enable warfighters.

During August Unit Training Assembly, the unit was able to demonstrate communications capabilities and heavy-equipment operations for the 75th Anniversary Wingman Day celebration hosted on the Utah Air National Guard base.

The Squadron had another accomplished year and as always...Once a Wizard Always a Wizard! 🇺🇸



Members of the 130th EIS stand in front of the FedEx field "Solar Man" after redeploying the JISCC mobile communications asset in the press box of the stadium during the 59th Presidential Inauguration. Tech. Sgt. Lamont Class guides a 48-strand fiber optic cable through the underground conduit system at Portland Air National Guard Base, Oregon, August 2020. Senior Airman Ben Meads, Tech. Sgt. James Gibson, Tech. Sgt. Travis Jemmett, and Master Sgt. Brandon Musgrove deploy a low VHF tactical antenna mast for JISCC direct Line of Sight radio communications for Washington D.C. Capital Quick Response Force. Staff Sgt. John Geister completes pole-rescue training at Roland R. Wright Air National Guard Base, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 2020.



The 151st Operations Group never stops, even during COVID, the 151st OG continued to support a myriad of taskings while covering operations both at home and abroad. Early in the year, the 151st OG rallied to support continental U.S. operations in support of the 59th Presidential Inauguration, airlifting approximately 400 Utah Army National Guard Soldiers to our nation's capital. Not something to be taken lightly with a part time force for both operators and maintainers. Everyone was delivered safely and on time to support the event.

In spring and summer, the unit prepared for the first whole squadron mobilization in over a decade to the Central Command area of responsibility. Previously, only a small subset of the organization would mobilize at any given time. With 47 aircrew and support personnel, as well as four aircraft deployed, the Operations Group accomplished more than 5,000 hours of combat flying to ensure all manner of combat taskings throughout the Middle East. Those remaining at home station were still accomplishing the mission with more than 1,300 flight hours flown to ensure both upgrade and continuation training didn't miss a beat. This was combined with another 600 flight hours tasked to support our long-term manpower authorization mission, supporting Air Mobility Command by taking taskings above their capacity level: all while maintaining a 24/7/365 alert mission in support of the highest national priorities.

In August, the 151 Air Refueling Wing celebrated its 75th Anniversary and it was done in true Utah tradition, leaning forward and helping to solve the nation's problems. Highlighting work, the wing has been doing with respect to Operational Test on the KC-135, the 151st OG presented a never-before-seen capabilities demonstration. With our partners from Collins Aerospace, the 151st OG demonstrated a Joint All Domain Command and Control construct utilizing the tanker as a communications fusion node, an effort lauded by Chief, National Guard Bureau.

Finally, in late August, early September, the 151st OG flew its first KC-135 mission into Nepal for aircrew training supporting mil-to-mil engagement with the Nepalese Army. As an added benefit, the aircraft had additional space available to provide room for donated COVID relief supplies for the State Department of Nepal. The 151st OG never ceases to impress as its members are highly motivated by the culture of excellence and commitment to the mission. 🇺🇸

Utah Air National Guard received a by name request to deliver the Blue Angels, Naval Demonstration Team, from the winter practice area in Arizona to its home station in Florida. Utah KC-135 with the Himalayas in the background. The first KC-135 trip to Nepal provided for mil-to-mil engagement with the Nepalese Army. Tech. Sgt. Brandon Molder pictured with COVID relief supplies being offloaded to the State Department of Nepal in the KC-135s first trip to the country. Maj Mike Starley flying low-level in the Nevada desert as part of his KC-135 Weapons School syllabus. Starley will be the first home grown KC-135 Weapons Officer in the unit's history.

151st OPERATIONS GROUP - OG





Senior Master Sgt. Walter Shival, Master Sgt. Gerg Benson, Master Sgt. Elray Muir and Tech Sgt. Ryan Garff unhook a trailer during set up of Deployed Radar site at Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 2021. The 109th ACS Deployed Radar site completed during 2021 Annual Training at Wendover, Nevada. Master Sgt. Wesley Dowdin and Tech Sgt. Jesse Denoyer work on the Main Site HVAC system in March 2021. Members of the 109th ACS Cyber Transport shop setting up an Alaskan Shelter at Nellis Air Force Base. AN/TPS-75 Radar at sunset at Wendover. Member of the 109th ACS Cyber Operations shop set up the Tactical Operations Center in support of RED FLAG at Nellis Air Force Base.

The 109th Air Control Squadron had an eventful fiscal year 21. In December, the unit sent two operators to attend the prestigious U.S. Air Force Weapons School at Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nevada, an impressive accomplishment considering that only nine students total from across the USAF were selected for the course. The unit also began preparation for annual training to be conducted at Nellis AFB and Wendover, Nevada, in March 2021.

For annual training the 109th ACS sent 41 operators to Nellis AFB to participate in the Red Flag exercise, serving as the main command and control unit during the event. Maintenance sent 46 Guard members by military convoy with the Deployable Radar to Wendover, Nevada, where they sent radar data along with voice circuits to the main site deployed to Nellis AFB. This connectivity validated key unit readiness requirements and provided the air picture from the Utah Test and Training Range along with the Nevada Test and Training Range. In addition to the Radar, 32 maintenance members deployed to Nellis AFB by C-17 military airlift to setup and employ the 109th ACS's organic command and control weapons system. This was the first time an Air National Guard Control and Reporting Center has successfully deployed the weapons system to a large

exercise and was a major accomplishment for the 109th ACS and the ANG CRC community as a whole.

The 109th ACS hosted the 46th Test Squadron and supported the KC-135 Real Time in the Cockpit program testing which will add datalink capability to the U.S. Air Force's refueling fleet. The Ground Radio section provided many hours of support for the AN/TSC-179 GMT satellite system. They participated in two months of regular teleconferences in the sustainment efforts for the fleet, as well as providing key inputs in future replacement options for the system. The section also hosted software testing on behalf of the community.

Finally, on five separate occasions the 109th Radar Maintenance section supported the 84th Radar Evaluation Squadron from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, by supporting upgrade testing and validation of technical data along with personnel equipment training. In addition, in May and August, the section provided the Radar that supported Electronic Protection Technician training performed at the 109th ACS in support of the 729th ACS, our active duty sister squadron.

Despite many restrictions, the 109th ACS was able to maintain a high degree of readiness always ready to answer the call from our nation or our state. Warlocks...ANYTIME, ANYWHERE!! 🇺🇸

The 151st Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group, commanded by Col. Troy Drennan, provides translation and analytical processing services to customers and partners throughout the wider intelligence community. The organization's wartime tasking is in support of the Distributed Common Ground System, the Air Force's premier Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance weapon system. Additionally, the ISRG has 12 support agreements in place to provide long-term, in-depth analysis and reporting services to other national-level intelligence producers and consumers.

The 151st ISRG consists of a small headquarters support staff, the 169th Intelligence Squadron, and the 151st Intelligence Support Squadron. The 169 IS is the ISRG's operational unit, providing one of the largest concentrations of highly skilled linguists within the Air Force. The 151 ISS provides communications, maintenance, and infrastructure support to the DCGS weapon system.

As we rolled into fiscal year 21, we were struggling with occupancy restrictions in our facilities due to the COVID pandemic. During that time, members participated in virtual drills and language training to maintain their readiness. Once the occupancy restrictions were lifted, the ISRG quickly returned to pre-pandemic production levels, participating in 72 DCGS missions, providing 638 hours of direct support. When not sitting DCGS missions, our 23 mobilized personnel contributed to the efforts of the DCGS's new Analysis and Exploitation Teams, providing four different combatant commanders targeted reporting and analysis services.

The ISRG also contributed to federated intelligence production efforts, providing customized products and services to military and national customers across the intelligence community. During FY21, ISRG members worked 23,000 hours of FIP, an increase of more than 350 percent from the previous fiscal year. As part of those efforts, ISRG members issued 311 intelligence reports, 126 of which received customer feedback as being "critical" to intelligence community efforts.

ISRG members participated in two significant training events this year. The first was the deployment of six 151 ISS members to Morocco in support of African Lion. This was the ISS's first participation in African Lion, and they gained unique perspectives on operating in a joint environment while earning a reputation as skilled, willing workers. The second event was the 169th IS's annual training event at Royal Air Force Based Digby in England. While there, 15 members received training from highly experienced linguists with the Joint Service Signals Unit (volunteers). 🇺🇸

Senior Master Sgt. Gary Miller coordinates with 169th Intelligence Squadron Asia Flight on communications with mission partners. Members of the 169 IS Middle East and Africa Flight conduct training on the Distributed Common Ground System under the watchful eye of Master Sgt. Nick Smith. The Information Security team within the 151st Intelligence Support Squadron meet to discuss implementation of security controls on our weapon system. Helpdesk support for 151st Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group personnel is provided by a mix of military and contract personnel from the 151 ISS.



Royal Moroccan Armed Forces practice fast-rope insertion training during African Lion 2021 in Tifnit, Morocco, June 14, 2021. African Lion 2021 is U.S. Africa Command's largest, premier, joint, annual exercise hosted by Morocco, Tunisia, and Senegal, 7-18 June.

