

# STATE OF THE FORCE

DECEMBER 2025 ISSUE 2



**ONE TEAM • ONE FAMILY • THIS SEASON • AND ALWAYS**



## MAROC MANTLET 2025

## MAG GEN BOYACK & CSM NIELSEN MESSAGE

As we move into the holiday season, we want to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for your dedication, professionalism, and grit...

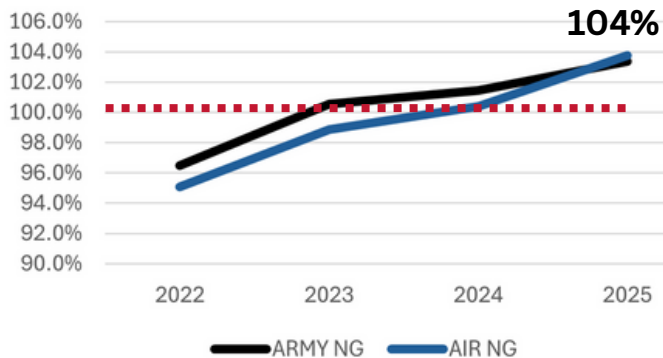


## ENDURING PARTNERS



## MEDICAL SIMULATION TRAINING CENTER

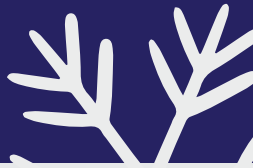
## UTAH NATIONAL GUARD END STRENGTH



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# READINESS

STRONGER, SAFER, WINTER READY



## LEGISLATION IN FOCUS

### SHAPING UTNG STATE BENEFITS

State Programs Deliver Critical Stability and Readiness



## 2026 MISSION READY

PREPARING OUR FAMILIES FOR ANYTHING

Family Preparedness Guide



## HOLIDAY DISCOUNTS & RESOURCES

Local business discounts for military families



## 151<sup>ST</sup> AIR WING CHANGE OF COMMAND

Col. Jeffrey "Padre" Gould assumed command of the 151<sup>st</sup> Air Wing on November 2, 2025



## BLENDED RETIREMENT - CONTINUATION PAY

Time sensitive information for those considering BRS continuation pay  
Deadline 1 January, 2026



## GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN LESSONS LEARNED

### POST FURLOUGH RECOVERY & RESOURCES

The recent shutdown underscored the importance of always maintaining a state of readiness.



# INNOVATION & LETHALITY

## LOOKING TO NEXT YEAR



IN BN Update

### Utah is Ready! The infantry is here!

Starting in December 2025 with full implementation April 2026.

"In their footsteps...we conquer!"

The test detachment tested advanced connectivity systems aboard a KC-135, expanding tactical communications across joint and combined forces.



KC-135 Test Detachment Advances Connectivity, Enhances Survivability

Camp Williams is changing in major ways - see how this affects drill, transportation and exciting changes in 2026



UTNG Building Boom Armory Update

Army Reserve Center on Camp Williams Signals Generational Change for the Utah National Guard - wins national Army Community Partnership Award



Army Reserve Center - Completion 2026

## EVENTS

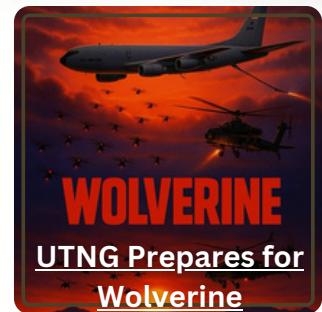
Click above for the full list of upcoming Events on our website

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 04 DEC - Retiree Breakfast
- 12 DEC - Red Leg Social
- 13 DEC - Wing Christmas Party
- 18 DEC - UTNG FTE Holiday Parties
- 25 DEC - Christmas
- 12 JAN - Red Leg Social
- 10 JAN - Joint Intel Summit
- 10 JAN - 151<sup>st</sup> ARW Airmen Banquet
- 06 FEB - Language Conference (BLING)
- 07 FEB - MI Ball

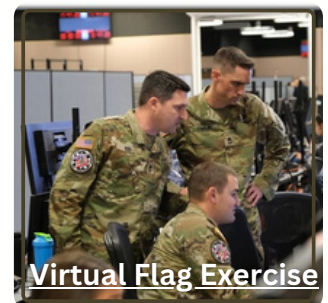
### RECURRING EVENTS

- Resumé Class - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday
- Retirement Brief - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday



**WOLVERINE**  
UTNG Prepares for Wolverine

Exercise Wolverine is a joint multi-component training event scheduled for April 2026. Wolverine will refine joint tactics and centers on cyber warfare, joint fires, electronic warfare, counter UAS, and homeland defense.



Virtual Flag Exercise

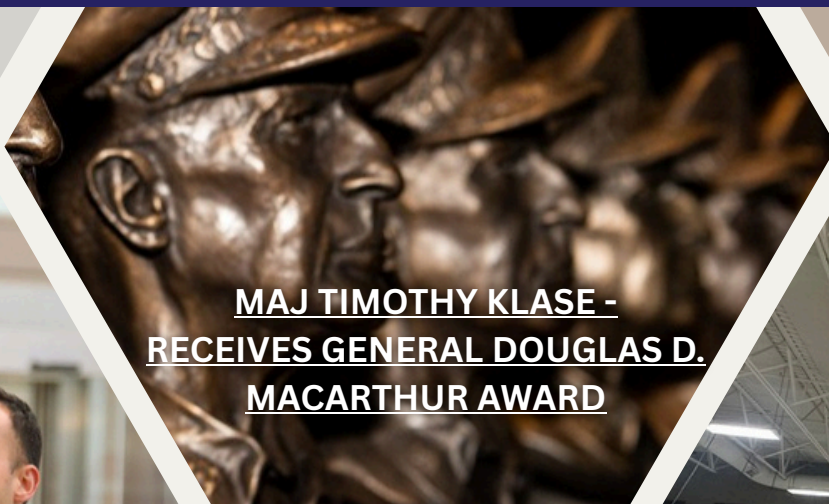
America's Thunder Delivers Decisive Fires in Virtual Flag: Coalition 26

# CULTURE

HONOR OUR SERVICE MEMBERS

UNITED IN SERVICE

SUPPORT OUR FAMILIES



MAJ TIMOTHY KLASE -  
RECEIVES GENERAL DOUGLAS D.  
MACARTHUR AWARD



142ND MI DEMOB



ARMY ENLISTED  
PROMOTION  
SYSTEM



## BEST OF THE BEST

2026 UTAH NATIONAL GUARD  
BEST WARRIOR COMPETITORS



118<sup>TH</sup> DEMOB



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MSgt LYNDI BELL  
“CONTRACTING & ACQUISITIONS  
NCO OF THE YEAR”

