



# Third Quarter Activities

## Army

The 65th Fires Brigade will be there to give support as we all say good bye to MG Brian Tabet for his successful years of service to the Utah National Guard. What a strength MG Tabet has been to the Guard as he demonstrated great leadership since we have been and continue to be a nation at war. The 65th will stand ready as MG Jefferson Burton picks up the guidon with continued support to the Guard. Headquarters, 65th Fires Brigade had a successful III Corp Warfighter Exercise. The Brigade heads into the fall preparing for Yama Sakura 63 which is a bi-lateral exercise with Japan to be held this year in Sendai, Japan. As always, these are good unit-level-training exercises, which gives the 65th the ability to keep its certifications current. The 1-145th Field Artillery (FA) will head to Hohenfels, Germany for battalion-level training. Germany will provide a great training opportunity. The 2-222nd FA has completed transportation of containers from Camp Atterbury, post deployment. The unit is near completion with armory renovations in Beaver and Cedar City. Triple Deuce Soldiers are ready to turn the focus once again to gunnery skills and training.

The 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) just completed its annual Commanders' Conference

at the end of July. More than 50 leaders from all three battalions as well as the outlying companies participated in an operational synchronization and information exchange. Going forward, the Group has a busy fourth quarter in the training year. They are scheduled to conduct missions in Vietnam, Thailand and Bangladesh. Additionally, they are running a Special Forces Basic Combat Course-Support training sustainment, for the Soldiers and are executing an Unconventional Warfare exercise, involving a battalion headquarters, a company headquarters, and four Operational Detachment A-Teams.

Aviators, perhaps more than any other professionals, understand the implications of poor judgment. While flying, the consequences of inattention to detail or a momentary lapse of focus are often irreversible. For this reason, 97th Aviation Troop Command recently conducted an Aviation Safety Stand-Down Day to reiterate that the risks we became accustomed to in combat are no longer acceptable now that we are home. Safety above the mission must now be the guiding principal in all we do. Safety Stand-Down Days are not uncommon in aviation and serve as a means to mitigate current



### 2-211th Assists in Rescuing Six Missing Rafters



*Soldiers of the Utah Army National Guard's Second Battalion, 211th Aviation, assisted Emery County Search and Rescue in locating and evacuating six rafters missing on the San Rafael River June 12.*

## Army continued

and future risk. Significant events include the return of Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment from a one-year deployment to Afghanistan. The unit served with great distinction as they supported Operation Enduring Freedom with their UH60L Blackhawk helicopters. Also noteworthy, our newly formed MEDEVAC (Air Ambulance) detachment conducted its first live-rescue mission. Six rafters became stranded overnight on the San Rafael River in Emery County and required helicopter evacuation. Coincidentally, the crews that performed the rescue had been training with the Emery County Search and Rescue team for nearly that exact scenario.

The fire danger has been the topic of every newscast since this summer began. Helicopters from the 97th Aviation Troop Command played a significant role in controlling the Quail Fire in Alpine, Utah. Aircrews from the Utah Army National Guard dropped nearly 100 buckets of water in an effort to protect lives and property. The summer is far from over and the Utah National Guard stands ready to support the local authorities with their firefighting efforts.

Task Force Pirate, aka 1st Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment and more than 400 of Utah's finest are still in harms way serving in Afghanistan. They recently surpassed the 90-day, "boots-on-the-ground" mark and are undoubtedly making all of us proud. Perhaps a close second behind the Navy SEALs for striking fear into the eyes of terrorists, the AH64 Apache helicopter and our Utah-based crews are doing their part to bringing an end to this decade-long war.

Last but definitely not least, the fixed-wing detachment of the Utah National Guard is in final preparation for its deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The

unit's reconnaissance mission will directly impact the safety and security of all forces serving the current war fight.

In the coming weeks, Utah National Guard aviation crews will have the privilege of flying the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Dempsey, while he visits the great State of Utah.

The 300th Military Intelligence Brigade (Linguist) has been busy with two major activities this summer, Panther Strike and the Security Element (SECEL) for the Homeland Response Force (HRF). In June, the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion (MI) hosted Panther Strike at Camp Williams. Panther Strike is an MI training event that began more than a decade ago as a battalion-sized exercise. This year nearly 700 MI Soldiers, trainers and professionals from 14 states, Guam, Canada, the U.K., Australia and New Zealand participated. The goal has been to expand the size and scope of Panther Strike to make it into the premier MI training event in the nation. Lt. Col. Joseph Green, commander of the 142nd, and Task Force Panther commander,



## 624th Engineer Company deploys to Afghanistan

*The approximately 150 Soldiers of the 624th Engineer Company depart Utah on the first leg of their 12-month deployment to Afghanistan June 13.*



## Governor's/ Family Day

### Change of Command Ceremony

Saturday  
September 29, 2012

Camp Williams Parade Field  
17800 S. Redwood Road

Receptions at 8:30 and 11:30 a.m.  
Program at 10:00 a.m.

Formal invitations are  
forthcoming.

said that the exercise has recently shifted from a relatively small exercise, focused on human intelligence, to a large-scale, multi-discipline exercise that incorporates human intelligence, signals intelligence, counterintelligence, and imagery intelligence, all acting at the same time in a real-world, deployment-based scenario, to prepare MI Soldiers for the kinds of missions they face when deployed.

Two hundred Soldiers from the 141st donned chemical suits and masks to brave the July heat and complete the HRF External Validation (EXEVAL) at the Magna Rubble Pile. The 141st Soldiers filled the role of security helping to facilitate civilians from a contaminated area into the decontamination and medical treatment process. The 141st was the first SECEL element that has never had its perimeter breached during EXEVAL. The evaluators sent 18 separate injects to cause chaos at both locations in which none of them lasted more than five minutes in length. Typically an inject will last 30 minutes to an hour to be resolved by other units. As part of the injects, the evaluators sent four role players that spoke French, Chinese, German and American Sign Language as part of the injects. In all of these events the company securing the footprint had linguists fluent in all of the languages and was able to deescalate the situation and resolve the victims' concerns. The evaluators had never seen a unit that was able, through its great interpersonal communication skills, to calm a scared, irate and at times angry civilian populace. Our Soldiers, down to the lowest level, were able to interact positively with the civilian populace in a calm, collected manner that gained them heaps of praise during the final 36 hours of EXEVAL. It is

great to have the opportunity to train and prepare to serve on the home front.

The 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (MEB) activities include 147 members of the 624th Vertical Company who are currently deployed in Afghanistan. The 624th is expected home in April 2013. Members of the 1457th conducted annual training at Camp Williams. The 116th Horizontal Company improved the range roads on Camp Williams property and the Battalion gathered together to conduct its Battalion Fun Run. In August, the 489th Brigade Support Battalion (BSB) will be traveling to Yuba Reservoir to conduct water purification operations. Members of the 489th Distribution Company are excited for the opportunity to train away from home while completing valuable training. Also in August, the 204th MEB will say goodbye to its Brigade Commander, Col. Robert Dunton, who will be replaced by Lt. Col. (P) Thomas Fisher. In September, the 489th BSB will travel to Camp Dodge, Iowa to complete annual training. Camp Dodge is home to the Maintenance and Logistics centers of the National Guard.

## Second Lady Dr. Jill Biden Visits Utah Guardmembers and Their Families



*Dr. Jill Biden, center, Second Lady of the United States, visited Utah National Guard Airmen, Soldiers and families July 10 at the Utah Air National Guard Base.*

## Quail Fire Response



*Utah Governor Gary Herbert tasked the Utah National Guard to assist state and local authorities July 3-5, in the response to the Quail Fire near Alpine, Utah.*

## Colonel Kenneth Gammon Promoted to Brigadier General



*Colonel Kenneth L. Gammon, full-time director of the Utah National Guard's Joint Staff, was promoted to brigadier general in an official ceremony July 14.*

## Freedom Academy

Going on NOW

July 29-  
Aug. 3,  
2012

For high school student-body officers

Camp Williams

17800 S. Redwood Rd

A schedule of events has been emailed to you.

Please feel free to attend any that interest you.

Wear your red jacket or red golf shirt.

## Air

The 151st Air Refueling Wing recently returned one aircrew operating in the Central Command Theater of Operations supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and sent out another crew the end of June. They currently have six crews deployed to Guam in support of Pacific Command operations. In addition to the deployments, the KC-135's are flying a full training schedule refueling heavy and fighter receivers over the skies of the western United States. We have lost some great expertise with some crewmembers retiring lately; however, the influx of new faces is always welcome.

Due to its strategic geographical location, the 191st Air Refueling Squadron has currently committed one aircraft and two crews conducting special missions for Air Materiel Command. They will be refueling Fighter Coronets, Aero Medical Evacuations, and other training refuelings.

The 151st Medical Group has been putting the finishing touches on its preparations for its Health Services Inspection that runs from August 1-4.

The 169th Intelligence Squadron, with the primary mission of SENIOR SCOUT—airborne Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) operations onboard a modified C-130 aircraft—and additional tasked missions on the Air Force Distributed Common Ground System (DCGS) in support of worldwide Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) operations continue with the high operations tempo that has characterized the past decade. Members of the unit deployed with the SENIOR SCOUT system in support of U.S. Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM). The unit was recognized for its accomplishments with a personal letter from the U.S. African Command, Deputy Director of Intelligence. In the brief time between deployments, the long-awaited Electro-Optical/Infra-Red (EO/IR) camera capability slated for SENIOR SCOUT came on-line and was prepped for the summer USSOUTHCOM deployment. Featuring an MX-20 HD camera ball, the addition of still pictures and full-motion video (Imagery Intelligence or IMINT) to SENIOR SCOUT's robust SIGINT capability is an exceptional, game-changing modification to one of the Air Force's most capable ISR platforms. With the EO/IR capability in place, two complete mission crews returned to USSOUTHCOM with the SENIOR SCOUT system for a summer, 60-day deployment where these crews are currently

meeting 98 percent of tasked missions with more than 1,000 intelligence reports produced at just over half-way through the deployment. In the past year, unit members also supported 245 DCGS missions in fiscal year 2012 supporting operational missions throughout the world and six unit members deployed to U.S. Central Command for 179 days in support of Task Force Torch. The next six months for the 169th are somewhat uncertain with a proposal in the president's fiscal year 2013 budget to completely divest the SENIOR SCOUT platform and re-mission the entire unit to DCGS operations. While the unit's precise mission may not be entirely clear until congressional deliberations are concluded and the FY2013 budget is passed, the unit will continue to be engaged in critical ISR operations in one form or another well into the future.

Between July 16 and August 10, members of the 109th Air Control Squadron's Maintenance and Operations team will be participating in the Operations Module Service Life Extension Program and software testing at the Control and Reporting Center Integrated Software Facility located at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. Following this testing, members of the unit will be gearing up for the Navy's Fleet Synthetic Training (Joint) exercise to be held at Camp Rilea, Oregon.

## Miscellaneous

Major General Tarbet will be traveling to Washington, D.C. for meetings and to Camp Dodge, Iowa and Grafenwoehr, Germany to observe Soldier training.

We processed 195 community support requests during May, June and July.

# Bronze Minuteman Awards

## Utah National Guard's Honorary Colonels Corps Hosts 51st Annual Bronze Minuteman Awards Dinner

The Utah National Guard hosted its 51st Annual Bronze Minuteman Awards Dinner Wednesday, June 27, at Salt Lake's Little America Hotel.

At the event Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet and Honorary Colonels Corps Commander, retired Brig. Gen. E.J. "Jake" Garn, presented Bronze Minuteman awards to Dr. Harvey A. Davis, Tom Guinney, Dr. Craig Jessop,

Elder Russell M. Nelson, Command Sgt. Maj. Bruce D. Summers, Maj. Gen. Brian L. Tarbet, Col. Richard C. Workman and Brig. Gen. Roland R. Wright for their individual devoted service to and leadership among the citizens of Utah.

Here is a short summary of each recipient's accomplishments:

Dr. Harvey Davis is Director of Installations and Logistics for the National Security Agency. He played a significant role in the selection of Camp Williams as the site for the construction of the Utah Data Center. He has been with NSA for 26 years. Dr. Davis has been a champion of cooperation between the U.S. military and the NSA, recognizing the benefit of sharing expertise and resources to maximize our nation's ability to protect citizens, information, and resources in order to preserve freedom, liberty, and the rule of law.



Tom Guinney has been a successful restaurateur in Salt Lake City since the late 1970s when he and his business partners first opened the New Yorker restaurant. That enterprise has since grown into Gastronomy, Inc., which now includes eight restaurants and three fresh-fish markets, including the New Yorker, Market Street Grill, and Market Street Broiler. His restaurants and markets employ more than 650 people, serve nearly a million guests annually. He served in the Navy during Vietnam and is a volunteer advisor to the State of Utah's Emergency Management Team.



Dr. Craig Jessop is the founding dean for the Caine College of the Arts at Utah State University. This appointment followed his tenure for nearly a decade as music director of the world-famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Prior to his appointment with the Tabernacle Choir, Dr. Jessop served as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force, where he served as director of the U.S. Air Force Singing Sergeants in Washington, D.C.; and as commander and conductor of the Band of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe at Ramstein, Germany.



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Elder Russell M. Nelson has been a member of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints since 1984. He is also an internationally renowned surgeon and medical researcher. He served for two years in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and spent time at every Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH) in Korea. His professional work included positions of research professor of surgery, director of the Thoracic Surgery Residency at the University of Utah and chairman of the Division of Thoracic Surgery at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City.



Command Sgt. Maj. Bruce Summers has served for the last five years as state command sergeant major of the Utah Army National Guard. He is the adjutant general's top advisor for policies and standards on the performance of training, personnel management, appearance and conduct of enlisted personnel. He also administers the Noncommissioned Officer Development Program for the Utah Guard. He was mobilized in 2003 with the 2-222nd Field Artillery to Fort Lewis, Wash., to train ROTC cadets and later deployed to Iraq in 2005-2006 with the 2-222nd.



Major Gen. Brian Tarbet has served as adjutant general of the Utah National Guard since 2000. A native of Cache Valley, he joined the U.S. Army in 1973 and transferred to the Utah Guard in 1976. After 9/11 he oversaw the flurry of deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. He led the Utah Guard in its support of the 2002 Salt Lake Olympic Winter Games, as well as its response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. The Utah Guard's partnership with Morocco has flourished under his leadership, and he has cultivated ties to civilian employers of Utah Guardmembers.



Richard C. Workman served as chief executive officer and a principal owner of Pentalon Corporation, building and managing office buildings, shopping centers and apartment complexes in Utah. In addition to his successful business career, Workman was also a Citizen-Airman, serving as commander of the 191st Air Refueling Squadron and later as commander of the 151st Air Refueling Wing. His tremendous generosity has ensured the long-term operability of Freedom Academy. His son, Jason Workman, accepted the award on his behalf as he is currently serving an LDS mission in London.



Brigadier Gen. Roland R. Wright flew 200 combat hours in a P-51 over Germany with the 357th Fighter Group, based in England. He is credited with the destruction of three enemy aircraft in aerial combat, including one ME-262 jet. Aviation buffs will recognize General Wright's P-51, which was named the "Mormon Mustang." He served in World War II, Korea, Vietnam and retired from the Utah Air National Guard in 1976. He also practiced law in Salt Lake City as a partner with Clyde, Mecham & Pratt until 1991.

