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Third Quarter Activities: Army

The 65th Field Artillery Brigade (FAB) participated in Warfighter (WFX) 17-05 in June at Camp Atterbury, Ind. Its mission was to function as the Force Field Artillery Headquarters in support of the 40th Infantry Division (ID) by providing fire support for the 40th ID throughout the operation. Under the direction of U.S. Army observers and trainers, the 65th FAB learned best practices and improved in its warfighting functions as well as participated in media engagements in preparation for upcoming assignments. This was a first time for many of the Soldiers of the 65th FAB to participate in this level of exercise. Brig. Gen. Tom Fisher, Land Component commander for the Utah Army National Guard, came to see the exercise and was very impressed with the 65th and its ability to be mission ready.

The 190th Brigade Signal Company (BSC) and 2nd Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery (FA) also participated in WFX 17-05 with the 65th FAB. The 190th BSC provided Warfighter Integration Network-Tactical (WIN-T) assets and services for the 65th FAB during the exercise.

The 2-222nd FA staff participated in the exercise as a working cell by replicating four, field-artillery battalions as well as a brigade-support battalion. They took with them 43 Soldiers, many of whom were also first-time attendees in a major military exercise. The experience gained will prepare the 2-222nd for its upcoming annual training (AT) at the Orchard Combat Training Center (OCTC) in Idaho. Following AT, the 2-222nd FA will conduct change-of-command and change-of-responsibility ceremonies for three batteries, giving the next young, up-and-coming, company-grade officers and senior NCOs a chance to take command headed into the next training year.

In August, the entire 65th FAB will be conducting an annual periodic health assessment (PHA) and administrative records review called the Soldier Readiness Process (SRP) for 1,100 Soldiers at Camp Williams. Following the PHA-SRP, the 2-222nd FA rolls into its annual training at OCTC in Idaho. This event will be the battalion's culminating training event measuring its field-artillery readiness for the training year. The 65th FAB will act as the higher command exercising the battalion staff while processing fire

missions using assets to communicate remotely. The 190th BSC will provide a Battalion Command Post Node (BnCPN) team at OCTC. That team will then establish communications back to the 65th FAB headquarters at Camp Williams. This event will facilitate the 65th FAB with the ability to command and control subordinate battalions via the WIN-T assets remotely.

The 1-145th FA will be preparing to send approximately 100 Soldiers on deployment in September. These Soldiers will be completing pre-deployment training at both Camp Williams and Dugway during the next month.

All units in the brigade will participate in Governor's Day in September at Camp Williams.

The 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne), SFG(A), will participate in the annual Governor's Day at Camp Williams in September, where the group will present its new group commander, Col. Larry L. Henry, who will lead the 19th SFG in this year's parade. Many thanks to the group's former commander, Col. Mark Drown, who is retiring from military service.

The 19th SFG(A) will be conducting annual training (AT) in August which will take place at Camp Williams. This year's AT focuses on individual Soldier skills and mission-essential tasks, with an emphasis on training support Soldiers. The first week of AT will include weapons handling, and weapons qualification. These



19th SFG Soldier coming in for a landing during an airborne operation with combat equipment on the lowering line at Grant Smith Farms drop zone.

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courses will be trained by our own Advanced Skills Detachment focusing on accuracy with the M4 Carbine, M240, M249 and M2 machine guns. The 19th SFG(A) will then move from weapons handling to land navigation at Camp Williams Basic Leadership Course. Patrolling will close out the week's training and includes counter IED and convoy operations instructed by the Premobilization Training Assessment Evaluation Team of the Utah Army National Guard.

Airborne operations will be the main focus during the second week. Supporting the airborne operation will be Mr. Smith of Grant Smith Farms. Grant Smith Farms is the designated Drop Zone where families and friends are encouraged to come and enjoy the excitement. CH-47 Chinooks from Montana are expected to support the first jump and C-130s are supporting the second jump. Also, Base Defense Operations Center training will be conducted by Mr. Kelly Frandsen, an anti-terrorism awareness contractor for the 19th SFG(A). Mr. Andrew Renfrow from U.S. Special Forces Command will train on the subject of Identity Management, completing communication security. The 19th SFG(A) will complete AT with a Family Readiness Day which will include a barbeque, a climbing wall, and inflatable obstacle course for the kids.

Soon the mountain foliage will begin to change from those summer hues to those of fall. With this, mobilization preparation for 2-211th General Support Aviation Battalion (GSAB) begins to ramp up. During the course of the next quarter, the 2-211th will begin a battle-focused-training regime that will ensure the readiness of the organization for deployment in 2018.



*Sgt. Curtis Jeffs, 2-211th Aviation,
supports a joint-training exercise with
Summit County Search and Rescue.*



*19th SFG Soldier performing as a member
of a color guard during a change-of-
command ceremony at Fort Bragg, N.C.*

During the month of August, 2-211th will be conducting joint training with the 405th Civil Affairs from the U.S. Army Reserves. This joint training will consist of air-movement operations and Medevac iterations with elements of A Company and G Company, 2-211th GSAB. Additionally, the battalion staff will begin preparing for mobilization by beginning the first in many training iterations utilizing the battalion's Battle Command Systems (BCS) and ensuring the military decision-making process (MDMP) is understood by all. All of this training will be conducted in preparation for a Command-Post Exercise (CPX) with the 35th Combat Aviation Brigade in late March 2018.

During the month of September, the battalion will participate in Utah's Governor's Day activities, giving the governor the chance to conduct a pass and review of the force. In addition, the battalion will continue training the MDMP process and utilizing the various BCS systems organic to the organization, ensuring the proficiency of all battle staff. Additionally, the battalion will be sending aircrews to Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., to support the Joint Tactical Air Controller (JTAC) course with aviation assets.

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October not only brings much-cooler weather, but also continued MDMP training for the battalion. The month will be focused on the initial steps of the MDMP process and flight operations for the battalion. Additionally, the battalion will be looking forward to a pre-deployment visit from First Army, to ensure that the readiness of the unit is on the correct path for success.

The 2-211th GSAB continues to thrive and have success in multiple training events and environments that are too long to list. That success is due to the ongoing commitment and proficiency of its military members and families. The 2-211th GSAB looks forward to the challenges faced over the near and long term and will undoubtedly succeed in its endeavors.

The past few months have brought an unprecedented operational tempo to the 1-211th Army Reconnaissance Battalion (ARB). The sheer volume of training and logistical requirements to complete multiple, large-scale training events at locations across the country, meant the "Air Pirates" faced daunting challenges. True to form, our Soldiers rose to the occasion and accomplished the mission in every way. In May, the battalion conducted its annual gunnery-table requirements at the Utah Test and Training Range. Over 85 percent of all AH64D crews conducted complex, live-fire tables both day and night, sustaining and enhancing individual and crew-combat readiness. The capstone for the event was a combined-arms, live-fire conducted with the 1-145th Field Artillery Battalion. Also in May, the 1-211th augmented an



Capt. Nick Thomas, commander of Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 211th Aviation, at the St. George Airport enroute to Fort Irwin, Calif., in support of a National Training Center rotation on May 24, 2017.

attack company from the North Carolina Army National Guard in completing a rotation at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif. (NTC). Six pilots from the 1-211th participated in the exercise. Their experience and expertise was vital to mission accomplishment and was recognized by the Observer Controller Trainers at the event.

June brought annual training for the majority of the battalion with B Company conducting its eXportable Combat Training Capability (XCTC) with the 278th Armor Brigade Combat Team (ABCT) at Fort Hood, Texas. Integrating with the Minnesota Army National Guard, B Company provided attack aviation support to the exercise, supporting multiple maneuver battalions training in the M1A1 Abrams battle tank. The battalion also completed an XCTC rotation at Fort Pickett, Va., supporting the 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team. This training event provided the opportunity to support ground forces across the brigade, as well as conduct planning with and integrate with the brigade staff in advance of a 2018 National Training Center rotation. The ability of our Soldiers to succeed in such a demanding time is evidence of the quality of our Soldiers, leadership, and organization.

The Air Pirates also wish to thank all those who have reached out to support our organizational family following the passing of Capt. Nick Thomas who was killed in a tragic civilian aviation accident on July 13, 2017. Capt. Thomas was a beloved leader and friend, and his passing is a devastating loss to the Utah Army National Guard Aviation command. We will strive to uphold his legacy by maintaining his standard of excellence and passion for attack aviation.

In June, the 300th Military Intelligence (MI) Brigade hosted Panther Strike 2017 at the Utah Training Center, Camp Williams. Panther Strike is the largest MI exercise of its kind, exercising not only multiple echelons from the team level up to the division but also facilitating intelligence fusion between Human Intelligence, Counterintelligence, Signals Intelligence, Geospatial Intelligence and MI analysts. This was the largest exercise to date, numbering more than 701 personnel, with participants from 15 states including Active Army, Army and Air National Guard, and Army Reserve components. There were also 36 Canadian Army participants. This year, for the first time, Panther Strike served as a validation exercise for B



*Top down: LLVI Site training
Soldiers interact with locals at the Afghan Village training area.
U.S. and Canadian Army Soldiers train side by side.*

Company, 301st MI Battalion, as well as portions of the 260th MI Battalion from Florida. This is a landmark accomplishment, as it indicates the value of the exercise and means these units do not need to re-validate at a mobilization station upon deploying as is normally the case for Reserve and National Guard units.

Also in June, six 300th Soldiers participated in training at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., in support of the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team from the Mississippi National Guard. The 300th MI Soldiers provided valuable, Low-Level Voice Intercept and other signals intelligence (SIGINT) capabilities that the 155th Brigade did not have available and represented the 300th and the Utah National Guard well, greatly improving the intelligence and realism aspect of training.

The 300th MI continues to deploy Soldiers, worldwide, in support of contingency operations and training. In July, the brigade welcomed home six personnel returning from deployments in Kosovo supporting the 45th Infantry Brigade Combat team and two personnel augmenting the 341st MI Battalion in Kuwait. In August, Soldiers will return from a nine-month deployment in Iraq where they fulfilled a counterintelligence mission. Through July, August, and September, the 300th MI Brigade will deploy more than 40 Soldiers to overseas training missions providing language and intelligence support. Missions include Human Intelligence support in Korea, exchange missions in Germany and the UK, Moroccan Youth Exchange supporting the State Partnership Program, Ulchi Freedom Guardian in Korea, and Keris Strike in Malaysia. The language and intelligence capabilities of the 300th MI provide critical capabilities to the U.S. Army and the brigade continues to receive demands for support worldwide.

The 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (MEB) has been busy over the past few months. Elements of HHC-204th participated in Warfighter 17-05 at Camp Atterbury, Ind. The brigade headquarters provided a response cell and Security Area Command Post supporting the 40th Infantry Division of the California National Guard. Another group from HHC-204th participated in CSTX 91-17-03 at Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., providing exercise support to the 91ST Training Division of the U.S. Army Reserve. In the upcoming months, the 204th will conduct a mission for

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humanitarian mining assistance in Morocco as well as new equipment training for Command Post of the Future systems recently fielded to the brigade.

The 97th Troop Command (TC) continues to be one of the most active commands, and most recently, ever changing. On July 15, the Utah Army National Guard said goodbye to the 115th Maintenance Company. The company was deactivated after 78 years. The 115th was originally organized and federally recognized April 28, 1939 as the 115th Ordinance Company. Throughout its history, the 115th mobilized with the 40th Infantry Division in 1941 in support of World War II, in support of the Berlin Crisis in 1961, and in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2005. The experience and expertise of its Soldiers will be missed.

Headquarters Detachment (HHD), 97th TC is now being commanded by Capt. Andrew Wade. Over the next quarter, HHD will have two separate engagements with Morocco under the Disaster Preparedness Program. This continues to be one of the largest State Partnership Program activities, with events occurring in September and December 2017. Each event combines the efforts of the Soldiers of HHD, the Homeland Response Force (HRF), and several volunteers from FEMA Region 8 Task Force 1.

The newest unit to 97th TC is the 174th Cyber Protection Team, commanded by Capt. Brandon Morris. As the unit is in the process of activating, leadership is proactively sending people to school, gathering new equipment, and preparing for an upcoming mobilization.

The 653rd Trial Defense Team continues to provide legal counsel to the Soldiers in the Utah Army National Guard. The lawyers in the 653rd are actively engaged in several state and federal cases, while continuing to provide leadership and guidance throughout the military legal community.

No military action would be complete without the 1993rd Contingency Contracting Team providing units the resources they need through contracts. The 1993rd continues to provide its expertise to maintain the contracts required to keep our units training and utilizing the necessary resources.

The 85th Weapons of Mass Destruction-Civil Support Team (CST) also had a recent change of command. Lt. Col. Chris Caldwell took command, and was immediately put to the test by responding to a real-world event, multiple stand-by events, and will be participating in several multi-agency events. The next all-hazards, disaster-response exercise with the CST will be on the island of Kauai from August 26 through September 4. This will be an interagency event that will increase interoperability among local and federal stakeholders. Participants include CSTs from Utah, Guam, Hawaii and Alaska with nine different, local-first-responder agencies along with USCG, TSA and FBI. The 85th will be practicing air-load capabilities to Kauai with C-17 airlift support from the 102nd Air Wing (N.Y.) and the 172nd Air Wing (Miss.).

The 144th Area Support Medical Company (ASMC) will be conducting its annual training with the 222nd Field Artillery at Orchard Combat Training Center in Idaho. This will give the 144th the opportunity to set up its level 1 and level 2 trauma centers to provide sick call and conduct medical-training scenarios. The 144th ASMC will also be conducting a mock Combat Field Medical Badge (CFMB) course. This provides a competitive environment to practice its basic soldiering and medic skills. Soldiers who do well in the mock event will have the opportunity to earn their CFMB next year.

Summer time is a very operationally heavy time for the 23rd Army Band; this season was no exception. As its busy season winds down, the band's next performances will be during Governor's Day at Camp Williams and again that evening at the Military Ball. The band will then turn its focus to the annual Veterans Day Concert at the University of Utah, on Friday November 10.

Miscellaneous:

Major Gen. Jeff Burton will be traveling to Washington, D.C. to attend a State Partnership meeting with the King of Morocco; to Boise, Idaho to observe annual training with the 222nd Field Artillery; to Louisville, Ky. to attend the National Guard Association of the U.S. annual conference; and to Little Rock, Ark. to attend the Guard Senior Leadership Conference.

During May, June and July 233 funeral honors and 68 community-support requests were processed.

Welcome:

Major Gen. Burton would like to welcome Colonel (Ret) George A. Becker, the newest member of the Corps.

Third Quarter Activities: Air

At the Utah Air National Guard, Lt. Col. Robert Taylor took command of the 151st Operations Group during a change-of-command ceremony held at Roland R. Wright Air National Guard Base on June 11. Taylor was promoted to the rank of Colonel on July 24. He replaced Col. Ryan Ogan who became the vice wing commander.

Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Stephen W. Wilson and his wife, Nancy, visited with Utah Army and Air National Guardsmen at the National Ability Center in Park City at the end of June during Wilson's visit to Utah. Gen. Wilson received briefings on the National Ability Center's military programs and on the National Center for Veterans Studies' work on military-suicide prevention. He also received a facilities tour before joining Airmen for lunch and a question-and-answer session. Later in the afternoon, he and Nancy joined members of the 151st Operations Group and their spouses to participate in the National Ability Center's adaptive archery course.

In August, Brig. Gen. Christine Burckle, Utah Air National Guard commander, will attend the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention in Reno, Nev., to accept the prestigious annual Salute to Service Women Award. The award is presented by the National American Legion Auxiliary's Past Presidents to one woman who demonstrates an outstanding record of military service.

During the end of Oct. and beginning of Nov., the Utah Air National Guard will spin up to participate in Exercise Global Thunder. Global Thunder is an annual-training event that assesses command-and-control functionality in all U.S. Strategic Command mission areas and affords component commands a venue to evaluate joint operational readiness. More than 100 Airmen from the Operations, Maintenance and Mission Support Groups will participate in conjunction with units across the globe.



Left to right: Col. Kristin Streukens, commander of the 151st Air Refueling Wing, hands the 151st Operations Group guidon to Lt. Col. Robert Taylor, commander of the 151st Operations Group, during an assumption of command ceremony held at Roland R. Wright Air National Guard Base on June 11, 2017.

Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Stephen W. Wilson, Brig. Gen. Christine Burckle and Air National Guard Airmen at the National Ability Center, June 21.



Airman 1st Class Randall Fenn, with the 151st Security Forces Squadron, secures the flight line while KC-135 Stratotankers prepare to take off during a Global Thunder training exercise at Roland R. Wright Air National Guard Base.

Bronze Minuteman Awards Dinner



Top down, left to right: Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller, Honorary Col. Bart Davis, Mr. Steve Henline, Dr. Stan Albrecht, Sister Linda Burton, and Mr. Harris Simmons.

The Utah National Guard hosted its 56th Annual Bronze Minuteman Awards Dinner on June 22, at Salt Lake's Little America Hotel. The Honorary Colonels Corps of Utah is sponsor of the event.

At the event, Utah's Honorable Gov. Gary R. Herbert and Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, presented Bronze Minuteman awards to Dr. Stan Albrecht, Sister Linda Burton, Honorary Col. Bart Davis, Mr. Steve Henline, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller, and Mr. Harris Simmons for their individual, devoted service to and leadership among the citizens of Utah.

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

Dr. Stan Albrecht was the president of Utah State University for more than 11 years where he made tremendous, positive impact to education in Utah. During his tenure, educational accessibility was expanded throughout Utah with regional campuses; more than 30 facilities were built to enhance the educational environment, and research funding reached record levels of more than \$220 million.

Sister Linda Burton served as the 16th worldwide Church of Jesus Christ Of Latter-day Saints' General Relief Society president from 2012-2017 where she led the agency in its support of approximately seven million women in

188 countries, nations, and territories promoting faith, health, self-reliance, education, provident living, employment, and home-management skills. Linda also advanced women's participation in senior councils, serving as the first woman to join the Priesthood and Family Executive Council.

Honorary Col. Bart Davis served in the National Guard during a distinctive 35-year career during which he deployed to Vietnam. His post-war experience fired a passion for service when, years after his retirement from the military and with a thriving business, he returned to support the Guard once again as a Transition Assistance Advisor to help returning veterans navigate the complex support systems.

Mr. Steve Henline, following his retirement as a charterboat captain, acted upon his 40-year-long passion to "pay it forward" to disabled veterans and children with disabilities by providing access to the great outdoors. His experiences returning from Vietnam to an unappreciative America inspired his vow to give back sometime, somehow. In 2013, he and friends with a similar passion, built a wheelchairaccessible fishing boat named "Freedom's Dream" and created non-profit Hand in Hand Outdoors.

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller served as the Utah National Guard Senior Enlisted Leader from 2012-2017 and had immeasurable impact on our service members during his 30-year military career. Moreover, he had a significant national-level impact influencing Army National Guard policy with a re-write of enlisted promotion policies, implementation of the Master Leader Course, and brought the National Best Warrior Competition to Utah's Camp Williams in 2014.

Mr. Harris Simmons is the CEO of Zions Bancorporation who is also very active in community and industry affairs, and a tremendous supporter of the military within Zions. He serves as president of the Utah Symphony, Utah Foundation, the Economic Development Corporation of Utah, and Shelter the Homeless, Inc. Under his leadership, Zions implemented a military-relations program to leverage the bank's resources to support the quality-of-life programs for military members, veterans, and their families. Zions Bank was honored with national-level recognition as recipient of the Secretary of Defense Freedom Award in 2014 for its support of the Guard and Reserve employees and the military community as a whole."