

## First Quarter Activities

### Army

The 65th Fires Brigade (FiB) will be supporting Soldiers in 1st Battalion, 145th Field Artillery (FA) as they prepare for the Foal Eagle Exercise which will take place in Korea. The Brigade will also focus on 2nd Battalion, 222nd FA and its successful return home from Iraq which includes supporting the Yellow-Ribbon ceremonies. The 65th FiB will be hosting the annual Redleg Social in April.

In February, the 19th Special Forces Group will be very busy conducting premobilization training at Camp Williams for 25 Soldiers deploying to Afghanistan for a one-year tour. The third rotation for Soldiers mobilizing to Joint Theater Forensic Analysis Center in the Horn of Africa also takes place in February. Joint Chief of Staff (JCS) exercise Flintlock in Mali, Africa runs through the middle of March along with exercise Atlas Accord, an air operations-training event being conducted in Mali the first two weeks of February. Also in February the Group is conducting its Special Forces Advanced Urban Combat Course at Camp Williams, Utah. In March, both 19th Group Headquarters and 1st Battalion will deploy to Korea to conduct JCS exercises Key Resolve and Foal Eagle, Command Post Exercises and Field Training Exercises respectively. In April, the Group will conduct its first Unconventional Warfare exercise in and around Camp Williams that focuses capabilities for post Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

True effort is present in every victory and the lack of true effort is present in every defeat. Seldom has this been truer than it has during the last few months as the 1-211th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion (ARB) responded to our Nation's call and prepared for an unanticipated deployment to Afghanistan. Deployments, from any perspective, are never easy. This one in particular was difficult. Having been told to stand down for a deployment to Iraq just a few months earlier, the news of this deployment was surprising. Perhaps it would be more accurately stated that the timeline to deploy was what actually surprised the unit. True effort proved to be the key to success. On Jan. 16, more than 360 Soldiers from the 1-211th ARB departed West Jordan for a one-year deployment to Afghanistan, thus reminding

## 222<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Soldiers Return Safe and Sound



*Members of 2-222nd Field Artillery return from Iraq after their yearlong deployment was cut to six months, bringing them home in time for Christmas.*

all of us that as our Stars and Stripes are lowered over one conflict, she continues to fly proud over another. Afghanistan is no stranger to units of the 97th Aviation Troop Command. At this very moment, some of this State's most valiant citizens are deployed as A Company, 2nd Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment. These men and women are now conducting some of the most relevant aviation missions in Afghanistan. The 97th Aviation Troop Command also has a significant role as the aviation provider to The Great Utah ShakeOut and is



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shifting gears to its domestic operations mission. The 97th understands the value that military aviation has in domestic operations, and it is from this very role that the Soldiers receive the most satisfaction. They are ready to work with State agency counterparts and look forward to providing the services that may help minimize the pain and suffering that a major catastrophic event will present. They understand, through recent experience, that true effort is present in every victory; therefore victory is not in doubt!

The 300th Military Intelligence (MI) Brigade is engaged across the world. In the next few months Soldiers will train linguistic and intelligence skills in Oman, Japan, Mali, Thailand, Morocco, Korea, Nigeria, Jordan, Chile, Cape Verde, Gabon and Greece. On the home front, the 300th will host the 23rd annual language conference in March. This year's theme is "Military Intelligence Language Rebalance." The 141st MI held a change of command ceremony on Jan. 8. LTC David Becker assumed command vice LTC David Price. LTC Price led the Battalion last year on a very successful deployment to Iraq.

In January and February, the 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Headquarters and Headquarters Company will participate in Yama Sakura 61. Nearly 1,500 U.S. troops along with 3,500 Japan Self-Defense Forces will join together in the annual bilateral warfighter exercise. This year the exercise will be conducted in Itami Osaka, Japan. The 204th will be sending 97 Soldiers and play a major role in the warfighter. This is a great mission to train our staff and Soldiers for our pending deployment to Kosovo; it is also a great opportunity to experience the Japan culture. Soldiers in the 204th have been fortunate to see many countries over the last three years. In April, the 204th will participate in Operation ShakeOut. We will set up operations in Butterfield Park located in Herriman, Utah. This will be another great opportunity to exercise our staff with command and control as well as building a relationship within the community.

## Air

During January and February, the 109th Air Control Squadron (ACS) will be assisting Air Combat Command by testing the Operations Module Service Life Extension Program (OM SLEP) at Hill Air Force Base. The 109th ACS will be providing its remote radio suite for compatibility testing with the OM SLEP, which will modernize the Battle

## Save the Date

Minuteman Awards Dinner

Wednesday, June 27

Little America Hotel

Formal Reception - 6:30 p.m.

Dinner - 7:30 p.m.

## 1-211th Aviation Deploys to Afghanistan



Members of the 1-211th deploy from the West Jordan Army Aviation Facility Jan 16-17.



Management Command and Control equipment that is utilized by the Air Control Squadron community. Next, the 109th ACS will be hosting the Air National Guard Air Control Squadron Weapons System Council on Feb. 15-16. This conference will host 10 Air Control Squadrons as well as National Guard Bureau representatives. Finally, the 109th ACS will be heading out to Wendover, Nev., in April for its Annual Field Training exercise. The training will be focused on sending remote radio and radar data back to the Air National Guard base.

The 151st Operations Group currently has two aircrews operating in Central Command Theater of Operations supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. These aircrews will return the first part of February; however, the 151st will send out two more the end of January. The unit recently supported the 419th Fighter Wing from Hill AFB for help in an Operational Readiness Exercise at Carswell Field, Texas. In addition to the 151st deployments, the KC-135's are flying a full-training schedule refueling heavy and fighter receivers over the skies of the western United States. They are also scheduled to take Employers of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) the end of February to Fort Hood, Texas to visit their employees that are currently preparing for deployment. These missions are very helpful in garnering support from employers who have employees wearing the uniform. Due to our strategic geographical location, the 191st Air Refueling Squadron has currently committed two aircraft and four crews to conduct special missions for AMC. They will be doing Fighter Drags, Aero-Medical Evacuations, and test refuelings of the Edwards AFB F-35.

## Miscellaneous

Major General Tarbet will be traveling to Fort Lewis, Wash. and Seoul, Korea to observe annual training. He will accompany the Boss Lift to Fort Hood, Texas to see Soldiers from 2-211th Aviation Battalion preparing for deployment to Afghanistan. He will also visit Morocco as part of the State Partnership Program annual visit.

During November, December and January, 69 community support requests were processed.

The 101st will be busy over the next few months with numerous National Special Security Events (NSSE) set to take place, including election-year events, presidential activities and the Super Bowl. As the Information Operations Team for the Continental NORAD Region (CONR), the 101st will produce plans and products to support CONR's air defense of America mission, with a focus on cyber warfare operations and communication strategies. In April, a KC-135 tanker from the 151st Air Refueling Wing will transport all 101st personnel to the Washington, D.C. area to conduct an extended unit training assembly (UTA). The focus of the UTA will be to coordinate with Air National Guard and active-duty counterparts associated with the National Security Agency, and to better allow 101st subject-matter experts to plan and execute CONR's cyber warfare mission.

## 85th Civil Support Team Supports Two-Alarm Fire in Sandy



85th CST Soldiers assist local authorities monitor air quality due to a fire at the Fur Breeders Agricultural Cooperative.