



First Quarter Activities

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The 65th Fires Brigade, will show thanks and support to our team of Soldiers that are preparing to deploy this next year to Afghanistan fulfilling a Security Force Assist Advisor Team assignment. The Brigade will be involved with family support groups to help the families through this deployment. The 65th heads to Dugway in June to support the 2-222nd Field Artillery's live-fire exercise. A field environment will be set up to fully exercise the staff functions during the annual training. The 1-145th Field Artillery completed its annual training in March with a focus on pre-mobilization training. In July, Soldiers will help support parades and other community Independence Day events held across the state.

A small contingent of Soldiers from the 19th Special Forces Group just returned from Afghanistan after serving 12 months supporting the Combined, Joint, Special Operations Task Force. Another group of 27 Soldiers from the 1-19th Special Forces is finishing pre-mission training in preparation for Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan rotation in support of 1st Special Forces Group. Finally, 49 Soldiers from Headquarters Company and Support Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group are in the process of deploying with elements of the third and seventh Special Forces Groups to Afghanistan.

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Introducing the Honorary Colonels Corps Board of Trustees: (left to right) Jason Reading, Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, David Gunn, Brig. Gen. Jake Garn, Paul Warner, and Michael Barnes. Photo taken March 13, 2013.

Coming off successful operations in Thailand and Korea, the 19th Special Forces Group looks forward to a busy spring and summer. The Operations Detachment will conduct a static-line, jumpmaster course at Camp Williams in April and May. They will be training approximately 60 students from units across U.S. Army Special Operations Command. The 19th Group is also preparing for the Headquarters validation event and participation in Exercise Ulchi Focus Guardian, in the Republic of Korea. Both events will occur in August.

After returning from deployment in January, the 1-211th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion completed the Yellow-Ribbon Reintegration events and has returned to training both on drill weekends in May and June as well as additional flight training periods during the week at the Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF). **On May 18 at noon, the Battalion will host the annual Aviation Reunion at the AASF. All Army Aviation alumni and supporters are invited to attend.** Much of the focus over the next few months will be placed on the receipt and return of the unit's equipment from inspection at Fort Hood as well as cycling all the Apaches in and out of the Reset Programs in Texas and Kentucky.

In Memoriam

The Utah National Guard expresses its condolences to Janice Matthews and her family at the passing of her husband, John L. Matthews, April 30. He served as adjutant general of the Utah Guard from 1982 to 1994. "We received the news with sadness that Maj. Gen. Matthews had passed away. He was not only a great state figure, but also a national figure," said Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton. "He was a great leader, friend, and mentor to many."

The Utah National Guard will provide full military honors Monday, May 6.

Viewing: 11:30-12:30 p.m. and

Servcies: 1:00 p.m. at LDS Crescent Ridge Stake, 1265 E. 11000 S., Sandy.

Internment: 3:00 p.m., Provo City Cemetery, 610 S. State, Provo.

During the first half of June, the 2-211th General Support Aviation Battalion (GSAB) is preparing for a very productive annual training in the Rich County area. It will serve as a ramp-up for the deployment of two elements of the Battalion leaving this fall--one company to Kosovo, and the other to Afghanistan. The unit will conduct training with law enforcement and medical services to provide realistic mission training including Survival, Escape, Resistance, and Evasion training; Army warrior tasks focusing on land navigation, medical, and communication tasks; and mass casualty events. We cannot forget fire season is upon us. The 2nd Battalion is aggressively pursuing its training plan with water-bucket operations and currency flights ensuring its aviators are ready should the need arise during the fire season this year.

The 300th Military Intelligence Brigade (Linguist) (MI) hosted the 24th annual Language Conference March 2-3, 2013 in Draper, Utah. With budget constraints and limitations on travel and conferences, the Brigade anticipated a reduction in out-of-state attendees. This year's conference focused more on the individual Soldiers of the 300th. It turned out to be a wonderful training event for our Soldiers with 20 different, training-break-out sessions taught primarily by local academia focusing on topics such as *Maintain and Enhance: Defense Language Institute Resources to Save Your Foreign Language Proficiency Bonus Pay, Communication is the Game of the Gods, and Tools and Resources for Less Commonly Taught Languages*. Keynote speakers included Maj. Gen. Stephen Fogarty, Commanding General, Intelligence and Security Command and Mr. Jim Allen, former Deputy Director for Analysis

Utah National Guard
Fifty-Second Annual

Bronze Minuteman Awards Dinner

Tuesday, June 11
Little America Hotel

Formal Reception
6:30 p.m.

Complimentary Dinner
7:30 p.m.



and Production, National Security Agency. Sunday morning's session discussed culture and language, with a focus on China and Iran. The Iran presenter was University of Utah Professor of Law, Amos Guiora. He served for 19 years in the Israel Defense Forces as a Lieutenant Colonel. Guiora has published extensively in the U.S. and Europe on issues related to national security, limits of interrogation, religion and terrorism, multiculturalism and human rights.

In June, the 300th will host the Brigade's annual training, Panther Strike, to be held at Camp Williams. Panther Strike is a military intelligence specific, scenario-based, team-driven, training exercise in a classified environment which is multi-intelligence, multicomponent and multinational. This exercise trains using live, virtual and gaming

Soldiers with the
204th Maneuver
Enhancement
Brigade
deploy to
Afghanistan and
Kosovo

Soldiers with the 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade depart from the Salt Lake International Airport beginning their yearlong deployment to Afghanistan March 27.



**624th Engineer
Company
(Vertical)
returns from
yearlong
deployment to
Afghanistan**

technology which is valuable for integrating and testing MI systems in order to solve current communication shortfalls. Panther Strike will host 700 participants from 23 states, and three countries, to include active-duty military and the National Guard. Soldiers will be trained and evaluated on their MI skills. The exercise has received national-level support. As a result, the State has received money, new equipment, and will be a test bed for emerging technologies.

CW3 Kade Rolfson, 300th MI, won the 2012 Operational Officer Military Performer of the Year for the National Security Agency and its entire extended enterprise. The competition included reserve and active-duty Soldiers from all of the services: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard. Chief Rolfson won at four levels to claim the title. Gen. Keith Alexander, commander of the U.S. Cyber Command and Director of the National Security Agency, will recognize Chief Rolfson for this accomplishment at a ceremony at Draper headquarters on May 3, 2013.

The 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade's (MEB) upcoming activities include Soldiers deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan), and KFOR 17 to Kosovo. On May 3rd, 35 Soldiers from the 204th will depart their mobilization station in Gulfport, Miss., en route to Afghanistan in Support of Operations Enduring Freedom. That same day, 17 Soldiers from the 204th MEB, augmented by personnel from throughout the State, will depart their mobilization center at Fort Benning, Ga., to catch up with the additional 24 Soldiers already in Hohenfels, Germany participating in pre-mobilization training/validation in support of USAREUR and NATO missions in support of mission KFOR 17.

Miscellaneous

Major General Burton just returned from a trip to Morocco and Germany where he conducted State Partnership meetings with Moroccan military leaders and with African Command. In the next few months he will travel to Washington, D.C. and Charleston, SC.

During February, March and April, 116 community support requests were processed.

In May, Alpha Company, 489th Brigade Support Battalion will conduct field training at Camp Williams. They will be operating with the 211th Aviation and conducting aerial re-supply operations and sling-load training. In June, the 489th BSB will conduct its annual training. The Battalion, along with the 217th Signal Company, will train at Dugway Proving Ground.

The 1457th Engineer Battalion's May activities include annual training utilizing local training areas in Blanding and Price, and also at Dugway Proving Ground and Camp Williams. In June, Lt. Col. Scott Burnhope will relinquish command of the 1457th to Lt. Col. Michael Turley. The Battalion will provide support to the Utah Training Center at Camp Williams working on construction projects to include road improvements and fire prevention. We welcome home the 624th Vertical Engineer Company who returned from Afghanistan on April 25th.



Twenty-seven babies saw their fathers for the first time when they welcomed home the Soldiers of the 624th Engineer Company April 25.

Join the Corps

Do you know someone that would like to be an Honorary Colonel?

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Air

Colonel Jack Wall, 151st Mission Support Group commander, and SMSgt Joseph Taranto, First Sergeant, deployed to Osan Air Force Base, South Korea for exercise Key Resolve 13. They were responsible for the operation of the Joint Reception Center, personnel accountability, and onward integration of deploying forces in support of the exercise. In addition, they were responsible for the operation of the exercise Tent City and contingency bed down of forces assigned to Osan Air Base. The exercise sparked high levels of tension between North and South Korea. Col. Wall said, "It was very intense to be a part of an exercise that was generating so much tension and threats of hostilities."

On April 27, Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton awarded TSgt Mike Paletta, 151st Security Forces Squadron, the Utah Cross for heroism. Paletta distinguished himself Jan. 26, 2012 by performing CPR to save the life of a driver who had suffered a heart attack. Paletta was previously awarded a Citizen Service Citation on Nov. 3, at the Salt Lake City Fire Dept's 2012 Awards Banquet.

The 151 Operations Group and Maintenance Group deployed an aircraft and two operations crews, plus support staff and 11 maintenance personnel to the CENTCOM Theater of Operation supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in April. They will send another two crews and 10 maintenance personnel in May. The operators and maintainers will be the lead unit for a PACOM deployment in June. Two aircraft and four crews totaling approximately 54 people will be involved in supporting this region.

Due to the recent budgetary cut-backs, the 191st Air Refueling Squadron has lost one crew, but still has committed one aircraft and one crew conducting special missions for Air Mobility Command. The 191st will be supporting Fighter Coronets, Aero-Medical Evacuations, test aircraft, and other training refuelings.

The Medical Group is in conversion and will consist of two squadrons, both with G-series commanders. The Medical Support Squadron will be refocused to provide greater support to the Wing's readiness mission.

The 101st Information Operations Flight supported the Presidential Inauguration, U.N. General Assembly, State of the Union Address and Super Bowl XLVII so far this year. The unit is currently planning strategic communications for seasonal Air Force contingency, civil-support missions for the wildland fire season, specifically the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System, a specialized fire-fighting system loaded on a C-130 aircraft.

In June, the 109th Air Control Squadron will perform their annual field training at the Georgia Combat Readiness Training Center. This training will utilize the Deployed Radar mobility package, which will be airlifted via C-17 and KC-135 to Georgia. The 109th maintenance team will operate the Deployed Radar, and integrate with 117th ACS members to share best practices. The Deployed Radar's information will be sent back to Salt Lake City via satellite, where 109th operators will have the ability to control live, air-to-air missions being flown around Georgia. The 109th has not conducted a movement of this size via air since 1994.

The 130th Electronic Installation Squadron received the 2012 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award in recognition of deploying to Afghanistan to provide outstanding, continuous service to the Air Force community's communication C4I infrastructure. Upcoming projects include preventative maintenance on antennas and towers at Channel Island and Fresno Air Guard Stations in California. The 130th will also be augmenting the 85th EIS on a Giant Voice project at Clear AFB, Alaska and a team will be going to Holloman AFB, New Mexico on an installation project.

The 169th Intelligence Squadron (IS) recently went through a consolidated unit inspection. The Inspector General office sent a total of 23 inspectors from Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency to look at seven, major graded areas and 31 sub-areas. The 169th IS was the first Squadron to receive an excellent rating since the IG team transitioned to the new rating system 18 months ago. Col. Robert A. Spitznagel, Inspection Team Chief said, "The overall rating indicates a high level of readiness at the 169th IS and a high desire to accomplish any mission that comes its way."

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