



Third Quarter Activities

Army

Dear Honorary Colonels,

It is with a great deal of pride and a healthy dose of humility that I take the reins as the next Adjutant General of the Utah National Guard. Our heritage is one of excellence and a commitment to honorably serving the citizens of our State and Nation. The Utah Guard is known both nationally and internationally as one of the finest military organizations in the world. This reputation is based on the personal performance of our people and the collective excellence of our units. I pledge to continue our traditions and to maintain a high level of support to our Servicemembers and their families. The Honorary Colonels Corps remains a vital part of the Utah Guard's legacy. I thank each one of you for your continued commitment to excellence and for your service to those who wear the uniform. Your involvement makes a real difference in the lives of all those who serve. I look forward to our continued interaction and to a strong future.

Best Regards,

Major General Jeff Burton



Changing of the Guard



The 65th Fires Brigade is ramping up for the Yama Sakura 63 exercise that will be held this year in Sendai, Japan in support of the Japanese Northeastern Army. Yama Sakura 63 is a bi-lateral exercise with Japanese Soldiers. As always, these are good unit-level training exercises, and they give the 65th the ability to keep its certifications current.

In addition, Headquarters, 65th Fires Brigade was in support of a successful send off for Maj. Gen. Tarbet, Brig. Gen. Liechty, and Command Sgt. Maj. Summers. The Brigade welcomes Maj. Gen. Burton, the new adjutant general, and Command Sgt. Maj. Miller, the new state command sergeant major.

First Battalion, 145th Field Artillery had a successful training exercise in Hohenfels, Germany and enjoyed a visit from Maj. Gen. Tarbet and Command Sgt. Maj. Summers while in Germany. The Battalion heads into winter with warrior task-level training, preparing for the coming new year.

Second Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery will be conducting ribbon-cutting ceremonies for newly remodeled armories in Beaver and Cedar City. Soldiers of the Battalion will also be participating with the 65th Fires Brigade in the Yama Sakura 63 exercise both in Japan and at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington state. The 2-222nd is back to howitzer training and continues to prepare for upcoming live-fire exercises.

Governor Gary Herbert (center) passes the flag to Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, signifying Burton's assumption of command from Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet (left).

Airmen with the 130th Engineering Installation Squadron Return Home

Coming out of a very successful fiscal year in 2012, the 19th Special Forces Group (SFG) is already busy executing plans for 2013. The 19th SFG is preparing for multiple operations including two Joint Chiefs of Staff missions in Thailand and Australia. In addition to preparing Soldiers for movement overseas, the 19th Group is in the process of bringing Soldiers from Company B, 1-19th home from Afghanistan. The 15 Soldiers were assigned to Combined Joint Special Operations Taskforce-Afghanistan, serving in Regional Command-South. All 15 were involved directly in combat operations, distinguishing themselves as Special Operations Warriors, bringing great credit to themselves, the 19th Special Forces and the Utah Army National Guard.

The 97th Aviation Troop Command enters the holiday season grateful that amidst continued deployments its numbers are strong and its commitment to serve even stronger. Nearly 400 Soldiers of the 1-211th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion (ARB) will spend the upcoming holidays in harm's way. Being deployed for a year at a time is difficult for Soldiers and their families, but for these 400 Soldiers, the fact that they are now counting down double-digit days rather than triple-digit days brings its own joy to this season. As has been the case for the past ten years, as one aviation unit comes home at least one more deploys. This trend holds true today. As we prepare to receive the 1-211th ARB, we simultaneously prepare three more aviation units for deployment. Few units have had the deployment door held open as wide and for as long as has the aviation units of the Utah Army National Guard. Our ability to meet this challenge is a testament to the caliber of our Soldiers, the quality of our equipment, the strength of our families and the support of our employers and the community.

Major Gen. Brian L. Tarbet Retires after 39 Years of Service



Major Gen. Brian Tarbet with his wife Mary at Governor's Day and Change of Command Ceremony Sept. 29.

The 300th Military Intelligence Brigade (Linguist) continues to be the premier linguist organization in the U.S. Army and the Department of Defense. The last few months were particularly productive for language-training events with a total of 74 Soldiers traveling overseas to attend training. Twelve of the events were language immersion in foreign countries.



Airman 1st Lt. Brian Herrscher greets his daughter after a six-month deployment to the Middle East. Major Gen. Jeff Burton, left, Brig. Gen. Ken Gammon, center, greet members of the 130th EIS at the Salt Lake International Airport.

Brigade Soldiers immersed themselves in the Czech Republic, France (Lyon & Normandy), Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Portugal (Faro & Lisbon), Spain (Barcelona & Madrid), Taiwan, and Ukraine. Soldiers spend the day in class with a native instructor and other students and then have the evening to explore the city and practice the skills learned in the classroom. Three Brigade Soldiers spent up to five weeks at the Partnership Language Training Center in Garmisch, Germany studying Arabic and Persian Farsi.

Finally, two Brigade Soldiers attended language training at detachments in Georgia and Nebraska while one Brigade Soldier trained with the 341st MI Battalion, one of the six Battalions of the 300th MI Brigade.

The 141st Military Battalion (Linguist) conducted a Change of Responsibility in October. Command Sgt. Maj. Stephan Vogl took responsibility vice Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Lofland.

The 204th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (MEB) upcoming activities include Soldiers participating in several courses and Family Readiness Group activities during the holidays. The 489th Brigade Support Battalion (BSB) activities include several changes of command. Alpha Company Commander, Capt. Jaime Thomas, will relinquish command to 1st Lt. (P) Brian Yardley. Headquarters, Headquarters Company (HHC) Commander, Capt. Bryce Warby, will relinquish command to 1st Lt. Kyle Newman. Alpha Company, 489th Brigade Support Battalion, will conduct Tactical Training Lanes involving simulated improvised explosive devices and HHC, 489th BSB will conduct mounted, land



Members of 2nd Battalion, 211th Aviation Return Home After a Year Deployed to Afghanistan

A Soldier looks out the back of a CH-47 Chinook about to take off to Meymaneh, Afghanistan. On the flight line on the 11th anniversary of 9/11, Alpha Company Soldiers and other members of the 211th assigned to Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan gather for a group photo. Members of the 2-211th return home to the Salt Lake International Airport after a year-long deployment to Afghanistan.



navigation near Camp Williams. The 1457th Engineer Battalion activities include units conducting Christmas socials to continue to develop cohesive Family Support programs. The 624th Vertical Company is currently deployed to Afghanistan and is expected to return home in April 2013.

Air

The 151st Air Refueling Wing currently has one aircrew operating in the CENTCOM Theater of Operation supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit will be sending out another crew the end of October. The 151st returned from a deployment in September from Geilenkirchen Air Base, Germany refueling NATO assets. Guardlift is keeping them busy as well. Airmen have flown from Hickam AFB, Hawaii to Nuremberg, Germany and many places in between. In addition to its deployments, the KC-135s are flying a full training schedule refueling heavy and fighter receivers over the Western United States. The 151st Air Refueling Wing is pleased to announce the change of command for the 151st Medical Group. Lt. Col. Kevin Windsor will be assuming command from Col. Paul Byrd in December. Lt. Col. Windsor is a Medical Service Corps officer who came to Utah from Washington State almost two years ago as the chief medical planner for the Homeland Response Force. He has almost 30 years of service and is married with three children. Colonel Byrd leaves the Air National Guard with more than 26 years of distinguished service, and

Veterans Day Concert

**Saturday,
November 10, 2012**

**U of U,
Jon M. Huntsman Center**

**Social 6:00 p.m.
in the Crimson Room**

Concert 7:00 p.m.

we wish him well as he retires. Chaplain Dan Hornock will be deploying to Antarctica for 60 days in November to provide spiritual support for Operation Deep Freeze.

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, test aircraft, and other training refuelings.

**Homeland
Response
Force
excels
during
validation**



Soldiers and Airmen of the Utah Army National Guard's Homeland Response Force conduct triage, search and extractions, and decontamination lines during the HRF external evaluation in July.



The first group of Airmen return from the Middle East

In January 2013, as part of its spin up for the 2014 deployment, the 109th Air Control Squadron (ACS) will be participating in a Joint Kill Chain Event. This event is provided to train Army Air Defense Artillery Fire Control Officers (ADAFCO) their roles and responsibilities as a Control and Reporting Center (CRC) crewmember. As a crewmember, the ADAFCO is an integral part of the CRC Weapons Control crew who sits next to the CRC Senior Director in the Operations Module. The close coordination between the ADAFCO and Senior Director ensures the kill chain for inbound Theater Ballistic Missiles, Cruise Missiles, Anti-Radiation Missiles or Air-Breathing Threats is as short as possible in a wartime environment. This close coordination not only ensures inbound missiles are neutralized, but it also reduces the chance of fratricide. This is the first of three major exercises in which the 109th ACS is participating before July of 2013. In addition, the unit will be attempting to connect to this joint exercise from home station, which will be a first for the 109th ACS.

In October, the 130th Electronic Installation Squadron (EIS) was very excited to welcome back 14 deployed members returning from the Middle East in support of the CENTCOM rotation; Al Udeid AB, Qatar and the Persian Gulf Area of Responsibility (AOR). The 14-member team traveled throughout several countries including Afghanistan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Qatar, Oman, and Saudi Arabia executing the 130th mission of providing the combatant commander with voice, data, and radio communications in support of the warfighter. The 130th now looks forward to the return of the balance of its deployed members in mid-November. These 12 members are deployed in support of Army Request For Forces (RFF) Rotation five and supporting USFORCES-A Afghanistan AOR. On a local note, work continues on the installation of more than five miles of fiber-optic cable at the Camp Williams range. This project started

Members of the 130th EIS during their six-month deployment to the Middle East.





Thirteen members of the 151st Security Forces Squadron train at Fort Bliss, Texas.

151st Security Forces prepare for deployment

several months ago and included trenching, conduit installation and finally the installation and termination of fiber-optic cable.

The 151st Security Forces Squadron sent out a 13-person squad to the Security Forces Regional Training Center at Fort Bliss, Texas in preparation to support a Security Forces AEF deployment. The Squad returned from its pre-deployment training ready to backfill any Security Forces unit that may fail to meet its deployment manning. These fine DEFENDERS stand ready to serve through March 2013.

Phoenix Stripe is a highly selective, professional development conference held twice a year by AMC for mobility Airmen and civilians from active duty, Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve. Of the few nationwide selectees, a bright Security Forces member, SSgt Gregory J. Barr, was selected to represent the Utah Air National Guard. Barr completed his Bachelor's degree in business management maintaining a 3.7 GPA while completing his required Professional Military Education, and was recognized as one of the top-three performers by the Inspector General's staff for excellence in job knowledge and leadership during the Operational Readiness Inspection.

Among DEFENDERS ready to deploy is another Security Forces superstar, MSgt Shatiece James, the First Army Military Police Investigator graduate in the Utah Air National Guard. Graduates of the Military Police Investigator Course are trained in criminal law, crime-scene processing, digital forensics, computer

crimes, testimonial evidence, investigations of crimes against person and property, protective service, drug operations and much more.

In October, Adam Barley, Amy Bocage, Brian Moss, Dustin Williams, and Steven Dillingham, all UTANG prior-service enlisted members, graduated the Academy of Military Science and were commissioned as second lieutenants in the Utah Air National Guard.

We hope you have a
Happy Holiday Season!

Miscellaneous

Major General Burton will be traveling to Lansdowne, Va. in November for meetings with National Guard Bureau. He is planning a trip to Japan in December in support of the Yama Sakura Exercise.

We processed 72 community support requests during Aug, Sept., and Oct.