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Dugway Celebrates the Month of the MILITARY CHILD

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A parking lot parade of children and adults, begun by a Dugway Fire Department engine's wail, marked April as the Month of the Military Child at Dugway. Helping to lead the parade were Smokey the Bear, McGruff the Crime Dog and Sparky the Fire Dog, who embraced the children and shared High Fives.

After the parade, Dugway commander Col. Sean Kirschner praised the sacrifice of 1.7 million military child dependents throughout the Department of Defense, noting that his

own 17-year-old daughter had lived in 10 or 11 homes since her birth. "We're here to thank you this month, and we should thank you every month, every day," Kirschner told all the children.

Child Youth Services coordinator Mike Andrus emphasized, "Our mission is to provide for your family, that you know they are okay." He urged parents to be involved with their children. "(They) have the same worries and fears that you do, but they don't know how to cope, so you have to talk with them."



A document proclaiming April 2017 as the Month of the Military Child at Dugway was signed by Kirschner, Bonds and Garrison Manager Aaron Goodman. The proclamation noted that, for 30 years, the Department of Defense has recognized military children for their service, commitment and sacrifice. This year's theme is: "Military Kids: At Home Across the World," recognizing that wherever relocated, these heroes make every place feel like home.



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COMMAND PERSPECTIVE

Behind the wheel

Team Dugway! As summer travel season approaches, I wanted to take this opportunity to discuss an alarming trend within our community. Distracted driving claims thousands of lives and causes hundreds of thousands of injuries every year in the U.S. The Utah Department of Public Safety reported in 2015 that 5,850 distracted driver crashes occurred in Utah which resulted in 3,202 injured persons and 28 deaths. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), distracted driving claimed 3,477 lives, caused 391,000 injuries in the U.S. in 2015. It has become such a threat to safety on our roads that the entire month of April has been designated as Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Distracted driving is any activity that diverts attention from driving and includes visual distractions that take

your eyes off the road, cognitive distractions that cause your mind to wander, and physical distractions that occur when your hands leave the steering wheel. Examples include talking or texting on your phone, eating and drinking, talking to people in your vehicle, fiddling with the stereo, entertainment or navigation system or anything that takes your attention away from driving alert. Texting or using your smartphone for any other reason is often considered the most dangerous type of distraction because it involves all of your senses used for driving. On average, sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that's like driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed. What can we do to improve the safety on our roads? Here are some suggestions for managing driver distractions:

- If possible, ask passengers to send messages or respond to emails for you.
- Turn off your phone completely or turn to silent before you get in the car to remove temptation.
- Let friends know that you are driving and will get back to them later by setting up an automated message.
- If you need to make a call or send a message, pull over to a safe location first.
- Secure your pet so that it is not a distraction in the car.
- Minimize other activities such as eating, drinking, reading, or manipulating vehicle controls.
- Review maps and directions or set up navigation before you start driving.

One of the most dangerous things we do on a daily basis is drive or ride in a motor vehicle. Approximately 80 percent of our workforce here commutes at least an hour to and from work every day. We

By Ryan W. Harris
Director, West Desert Test Center



recently had a near miss with one of our van pools. A head-on collision and potential serious injuries were avoided due to the alertness and defensive driving of the operator (see story on page 2). Simple actions we can take are to buckle-up, stop and think (did I properly plan for my drive and have I addressed any potential distractions), then drive. You are our most precious resource; arrive alive for those that matter most in your lives.

MILITARY CHILD...

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Command Sgt. Maj. Joe Bonds noted that service members are often called heroes. "But I can't be a hero without heroes, and guess who my heroes are?" he asked the children, who applauded in appreciation.



THE FATAL ACCIDENT THAT WASN'T...

Submitted by Ryan Whitehouse
Safety Manager, Jacobs Dugway Team

A recent, non-work related vehicle accident while commuting to work serves as a reminder of for us all that life is precious and can be taken in an instant.

It is a typical morning in the van pool. Fresh hot cup of coffee, meet at the pick-up location, last minute pre-work checks...lunch...badge...and we are off. Darkness for the duration of the hour plus drive, headlights are on, a couple of coworkers are in the back asleep, others are playing on their phones or have that dazed look on their faces trying to think how the weekend snuck away so quickly.

The driver, alert and focused, is doing his job. Keeping the vehicle near speed limit requirements, continuously scanning for wildlife on the sides of the road and just waiting in anticipation for the appearance of glowing green eyes of a mule deer standing in the middle of the road. The driver is in complete control of the situation and every passenger has relinquished their ability and control of the vehicle and trust that the driver will do his job.

Everyone who operates a motor vehicle expects other drivers to abide by the same rules. For the most part, we as a society and as motor vehicle operators meet this expectation.

The car in the oncoming lane appears to drift outside their lane of travel into the path of the driver. This rapidly changing situation is about to turn ugly in a hurry. It is no longer a typical morning commute.

Fortunately the van pool operator recognizes that the rapidly evolving situation needs intervention and makes a split second decision to turn into the ditch on the right side of the road to avoid a head-on collision with the oncoming car.

Did the van pool operator think: will we roll; will we survive? What was the last thing he said to his spouse and kids before he left the house? Will this be the day he doesn't return home?

As the van operator swerves, the oncoming car makes contact. The front left sides of both cars collide - nearly a head-on collision. Airbags deploy within the van and leave a smoky haze. The front airbag curtain completely blocks the van operator's view as he tries to maintain what little vehicle control remains after damage caused by contacting the oncoming vehicle. The vehicle comes to rest in the brush along the side of the road.

The van operator is successful in avoiding a fatal situation for himself and his coworkers, because he managed the risk: 1) he did his job, 2) his speed was manageable, 3) he made sure all occupants of the vehicle were wearing seat belts, 4) he was alert, 5) he was paying attention to the task at hand, 6) he recognized the abnormal situation of the oncoming car drifting into his lane, and 7) his critical, split-second life or death decision to face the lesser of two evils, he chose the ditch over a head-on collision.

The situation described above is real. It happened to a group of employees on Mar. 29, 2017 while commuting to Dugway. Jacobs Dugway Team employee Roger Owen was the van pool driver. I would like to personally thank Roger for doing his job that day. I have no doubt in my mind I would be telling you a different story, a story about loss of life, if it were not

Roger's rapid response to the situation. Because of Rogers's attentiveness and quick reaction, he avoided adding to the statistics for the national average of 3,287 deaths that occur on Americas roadways each and every day.

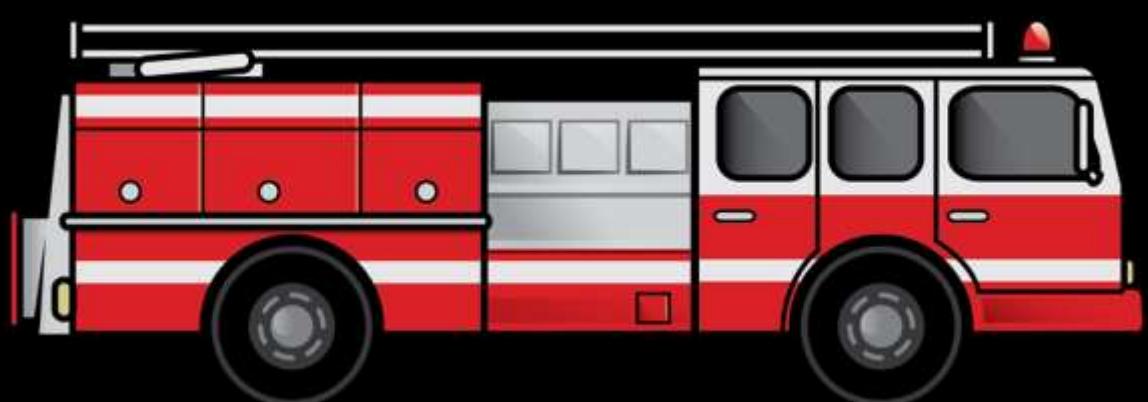


UTA Minivan with Dugway employees commuting to work on Mar. 29, 2017.

IMCOM Honors Dugway Firefighters

Please help me congratulate our outstanding Fire and Emergency Services Division for being recognized as IMCOM's "BEST SMALL FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR" for 2016 and Deputy Chief Michael Cameron for being recognized as IMCOM and Department of the Army "CIVILIAN FIRE OFFICER OF THE YEAR" FOR 2016! This recognition is indicative of the hard work and dedication that each of you exemplify each day by striving to make DPG's Fire Department one of the best. Great job!

Phillip Fishbeck
Director, USAG DPG DES





DUGWAY NAMES MISSION AND MISSION SUPPORT EMPLOYEES OF THE 2ND QUARTER

Congratulations to Mr. Ryan Ussing and Ms. Lola Hobbs for being selected as DPG Employees of the 2nd Quarter, FY17.



Mr. Ryan Ussing is recognized as the Mission DPG Employee of the 2nd QTR FY17. During the twelve weeks of 2QFY17, Mr. Ussing executed eight weeks of testing and Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTP) development events in support of six different programs and six hundred Soldiers, sailors, and foreign allies. Mr. Ussing's versatility and depth of chemistry knowledge was essential to the various programs he supported during

this time serving as the project chemist during the continued testing of the Hazardous Chemical Extraction System, and as the lead chemist for the Chemical Reconnaissance Detachment, German Bundeswehr Advanced Chemical Pilot Course, CBRNE Medical Effects Course, and Block TTP Development events. He was also a key Chemical Weapons Agent subject matter expert for Desert Ice 9, maintaining nine complex threat relevant targets for the multinational exercise. His detailed explanations and experience provided the service members with critical information to conduct safe and thorough exploitation activities against these threats.



Ms. Lola Hobbs is recognized as the Mission Support DPG Employee of the 2nd QTR FY17. During the twelve weeks of 2QFY17, Ms. Hobbs received and processed 35 new MIPRs and DD Form 1144's and set up over 175 separate WBS's for a total of over \$7.5M. She also sent out 14 MIPRs to other agencies and completed over 30 Contract Funding Requests. This was all done in addition to her normal duties of clearing

Unliquidated Obligations (ULOs), certifying funds, researching charges, and completing cost transfers, and other tasks. Ms. Hobbs receives the highest volume of MIPRs and sets up and tracks the highest volume of WBS's of any budget analyst on post. On average, she tracks funding for approximately 90 different programs worth over \$20M annually, just for the Special Programs Division. Ms. Hobbs has been handling all SPD transactions over the past two years by herself. Ms. Hobbs is a tremendous asset to the Resource Management Office and Special Programs Division.

Preventing Sexual Assault is Everyone's Responsibility

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April 26
Denim Day is an event in which people are encouraged to wear jeans to raise awareness of rape and sexual assault.

WALK FOR SURVIVORS



**April 27
0730
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Utah Army Ball

May 20, 2017

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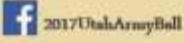
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Additional \$10 fee for registration after 12 May 2017; Last day of registration is 18 May 2017

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Look for more extensive coverage on this and other stories in the next issue of The DISPATCH.

April 11, 2017

To: A. Jim Keetch, Director
Mission & Installation Contracting Command
Dugway Proving Ground (MICC-DPG)

Dear Jim,
Congratulations! You and your staff have been selected to receive the prestigious award for the Utah District Contracting Office of the Year Award. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you on being selected.

From: Stan Nakano
District Director
Utah District Office
Small Business Administration

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Veteran shares old Dugway memories



U.S. Army Dugway Proving Ground veteran Howard R. Johnson stands by a wrecker he was using in January 1944 in Johnson's Pass. Photo courtesy of Howard R. Johnson

I am taking the liberty of writing to you because of a pilgrimage I recently made back to Dugway Proving Ground. Although I was not permitted past the front gate, it was most interesting studying the map that was on the wall showing Dugway as it is today.

I was sent to Dugway from the Army Reception Center at Camp Upton, Long Island, N.Y., on Jan. 3, 1943. I was assigned to the automotive repair shop. The shop had enough room for two vehicles, and when full, we worked outside regardless of the weather.

Dugway was a faraway outpost that consisted of tar-paper buildings (and very few at that). There were no trees or grass, just lots of sand that caused much agitation when a summer wind storm came rolling in. The buildings were heated with pot-bellied stoves. One small mess hall and latrine served all the enlisted men. The officers didn't fare much better.

Because we had many rattlesnakes for visitors, it was forbid-

den to leave the compound on foot without wearing leggings or some form of leg protection. However, I cannot remember anyone being bitten.

Most of our garage equipment came from the old Civilian Conservation Corps camp that was south of Dugway. It had been abandoned and turned over to us.

All the trucks were green in color and most 1937 or 1938 Fords and Dodges of various models, sizes and shapes. The equipment was in poor shape. We also received a worn out bulldozer that was used mainly for digging garbage pits.

Life was rough during the winter months, especially when it snowed. We were required to work 10-12 hours a day trying to keep equipment in operation. During snowstorms, two of us were sent over Johnson's Pass with the wrecker and a winch truck to assist the trucks and buses coming in from Salt Lake and Tooele. We had some very, very close calls but

The above reminiscences, written by Army veteran Howard R. Johnson, were published as a Letter to the Editor in the Thursday, December 15, 1994 edition of the Desert Post, the name of the Dugway installation newspaper at that time.

Some information about Mr. Johnson has surfaced. After leaving Dugway, he saw combat in the Pacific theater with the 24th Infantry Battalion in the Philippines and later served as a member of the occupying force after the surrender of Japan. He received a Silver Star for his service in 1946. Aside from a career at TWA, little else is known.

The additional original photo comes from the Public Affairs vintage photo archive and certainly shows Johnson's "office," in the Dugway auto repair garage in 1944 with a tricky repair job well underway.

The unusual looking machine, with its drivetrain in disarray, is a WC56 3/4 ton, 4x4 Dodge Command Car, used primarily for transporting officers and field reconnaissance, the perfect vehicle for use by Dugway's first

always managed to get them safely back to camp. The road from Stockton to Dugway was unpaved and summer rains turned it into a slippery mess. I believe we had the dirtiest vehicle in the Army.

During the summer months we had Sunday off. Many of the men had their own personal weapons (a variety of rifles and pistols) and we would go off into the desert hunting jackrabbits, coyotes, rattlesnakes and any other creatures that became a target. This was a much cheaper way of passing time than going on liberty. We also researched the gold mine in back of Granite Mountain, Orr's Ranch, the James' Farm and the town of Ophir.

Col. Burns was the commander and Lt. Col. Johnson was second in command. Both were very fine gentlemen. Lt. Salisbury was the motorpool officer. The colonel always chewed him out because of the way the mechanics dressed. We inherited the old blue CCC fatigue uniforms, green sweatshirts, and funny looking green hats with a two-inch brim. We altered the hats by cutting off three-fourths of the brim to make a baseball-type cap. I now understand the colonel's feelings.

Garage mechanics and certain truck drivers were

exempt from guard duty and KP because of the hours we worked. We also had the privilege of eating early chow. This gave us the edge over the rest of the troops as we always had first choice and never had to stand in line.

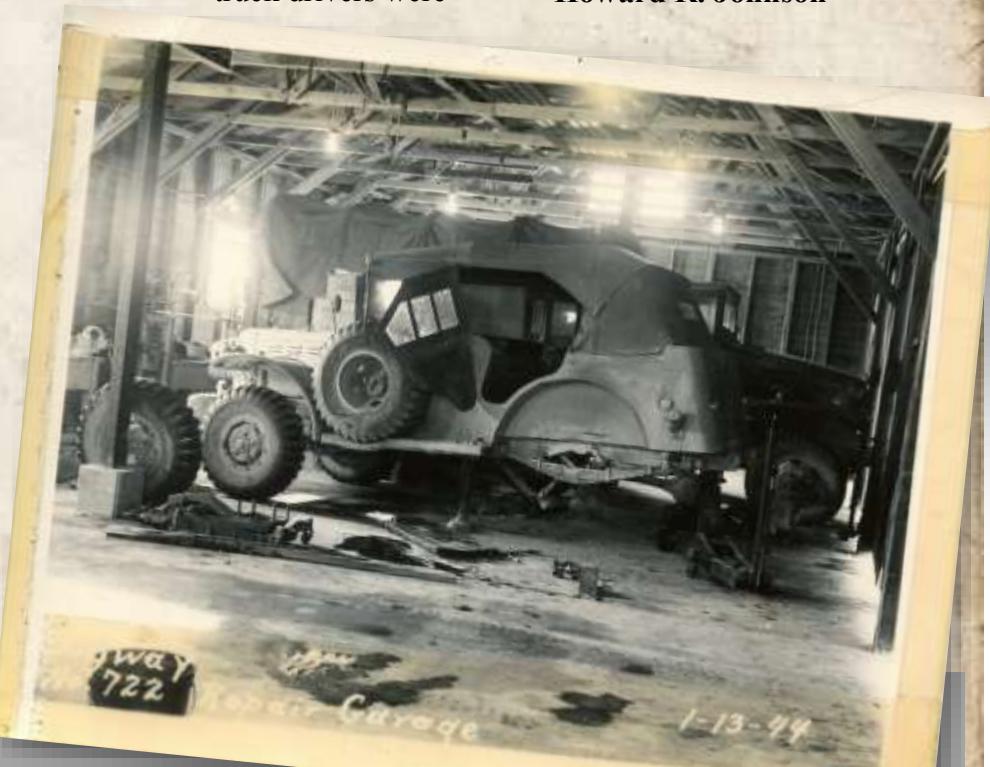
Our electrical power was supplied by two International truck type engines driving 147 KVA generators. Since our camp was small, our power needs were the same. The big engines and power house came later.

Dugway was a wonderful experience for me. I gained a world of knowledge about mechanics and most of all about human nature. I attribute my long span of years as a lead automotive mechanic for TWA to the many things I learned while serving at Dugway. I guess you might call the men I was associated with the original families of Dugway Proving Ground.

I am going on 71 years of age and it only seems like yesterday I soldiered there as a very young man. I had seen many changes take place at Dugway prior to shipping out for overseas duty, but at that time could never comprehend what it must be like today.

I thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Howard R. Johnson



commander, Col. Burns. Built in limited quantities for a short period of time, between 1942 and 1944, it was deployed to the European theater where it gained popularity among general officers, the most notable being General George S. Patton, who had several custom built to his individual specifications.

Unfortunately, the WC56, and its variants, were withdrawn from combat use almost as quickly as they were introduced. It proved less nimble and utilitarian than the ubiquitous jeep, and with its size and unmistakable profile, it became a favored target of enemy snipers.

Today, few WC56 Command Cars have survived. Those that have are highly prized and sought after by military vehicle collectors. At a 2012 auction, an original WC56 was sold for a whopping \$27,000.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL 2017

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2	3	4 Teal Tuesday	5 Gold Star Spouses Day West Desert Staff Meeting - 0800 Ditto Story Time & Crafts 1000 - Library	6 Army WWI Centennial Commemoration begins	7 Wendover Day Trip - 1500 - 0100	8
9	10	11 Newcomers Orientation 1330 - 1700 - Bldg. 5124 - Rm 239 Garrison Staff Meeting - 0800 - Rm 1202	12 Command Staff Meeting - 0830 - Kuddes Story Time & Crafts 1000 - Library	13	14 Easter Break - No School Trap Shooting Event - 1000 - 1200 Trap and Skeet Range	15
16	17 Easter Break - No School	18 Sexual Assault Awareness Month Event - Guest Speaker 1130 -1300 Community Club	19	20 Army Earth Day Recognition	21	22 Movie Premier Night - Sportsman's Lodge 1430 & 1830
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29
Volunteer Appreciation Week						
U.S. Army Reserves 109th Birthday		Garrison Staff Meeting - 0800 - Rm 1202	Denim Day IMCOM Town Hall - 1530 Community Club	Walk For Survivors of Sexual Abuse - 0730 Shocklee Fitness Center		

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