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Team Dugway,

It is with a heavy heart that I pen this installment of the Command Perspective as this will be my last as Dragon 6. However, I'd rather not reflect on the last two years with sadness that I must depart, but instead with admiration, gratitude, and humility.

Admiration for the too-many-to-count accomplishments of the great teammates we have across this installation. In the short time I've been here, we have successfully conducted more than 400 test and training missions in support of customers as varied as you can imagine: DOD, DHS, DOJ, industry, academia and dozens of international partners. Our direct support to our warfighters' training requirements has enabled them to achieve the highest levels of readiness possible, and their trust and confidence in DPG to support them is evidenced by their continued return to train here over and over again. Our tests, many of them done using the most toxic and frightening poisons

known to man, have certainly ensured that the equipment our country issues to its warfighters saves lives and enables them to accomplish their mission without fear from these toxins.

Admiration also for the too-many-to-count accolades that our teammates have received, accolades such as: Sun Sipex named Asian-American Engineer of the Year by the AAEOY board; Mike Cameron named the Department of the Army Civilian Fire Officer of the Year; the Dugway Fire Department named the best small fire department of the year in IMCOM; Rich Holden recognized as the ATEC Mission Support Employee of the Year; and Boyce Thompson who received the Army Civilian Award for Humanitarian Service for pulling a woman from a house fire and repeatedly reviving her with CPR.

Gratitude for the infinite loyalty, selfless service, and dedication I received from our Soldiers and civilians, in particular, our test officers,

division/directorate/branch Chiefs, Technical Director, WDTC Director, two Garrison Managers, Chief of Staff, a supporting staff that knows only how to say "can do" and "what next, sir?", and two of the greatest NCOs in the Army – my battle buddies and friends: CSMs Boozier and Bonds. I could barely spell "test" or "installation" when I arrived here, but through their collective patience and mentorship, I was able to quickly get on my feet to support and lead DPG the best I could.

Gratitude also for both the DPG community and our neighbors in the surrounding communities for accepting and even embracing my Family, knowing that we would only be here a short time. Your care, generosity, and support has made our time here rich and meaningful. We will not forget. Thank you!

Humility for the feeling I got every time I finished an Operational Readiness Inspection knowing that I was asking our teammates to handle those highly toxic agents for such critical missions; humility watching our brave firefighters battle raging wildland fires that could turn on them at a moment's notice; humility knowing that our surety guards and police were always there protecting all of us and those critical national assets so that we could sleep well at night; humility watching staffs and leaders across the installation prepare for and stand inspection after inspection and still be able to balance their daily requirements and leader responsibilities without complaint; humility watching our FMWR and AAFES crews

double their shifts with smiles on their faces to ensure that our quality of life was as good as it could be. No other organization in our enterprise has a tougher, more grueling job than we do and it humbles me to the core to see our teammates out there doing it with purpose, motivation, and professionalism every single time.

Someone asked me the other day what I am going to miss the most when I leave. I told them, "Watching Team Dugway succeed in spite of very challenging circumstances and waning resources." As is probably true at any of the ATEC Test Centers, not one test is like the last. That is especially true here at Dugway. But on top of that, many of our tests are conducted using surety materials making our jobs that much more challenging and under constant and unrelenting scrutiny. Despite these challenges, Dugway's spirit is filled with ingenuity, adaptability, flexibility, and an innate refusal to say "no" or "can't do". So, watching your successes over the last two years that have come through sheer hard work and creativity by a very small workforce is what I liked most about my time here. That and the sunsets.

Thank you Dugway for an incredible two years that I will never forget and will always reflect fondly on. You have never let me down and the pride that fills my heart as I move on to the next chapter is overwhelming. Kristi and I will miss every one and wish each of you the best. Damn proud to serve with all of you!

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Final, heartfelt Command Perspective from our outgoing Commander.

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242ND U.S. ARMY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



Soldiers, civilians and their family members participated in the June 14, 2017 run/walk in observance of the Army's 242nd birthday. After the race, the Army Birthday cake was cut with an Army sabre, in the old tradition, and served in celebration.



75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Mr. Brad Westwood, Director, Utah Division of State History, was the guest speaker at Dugway Proving Ground's 75th Anniversary Celebration at the Dugway High School auditorium, Jun. 14, 2017.

Westwood presented historical points and observations linking Dugway's past and its current economic impact to the state of Utah and other regional military installations.

Westwood concluded his presentation by addressing Dugway's relevance, "As a historian, as one who tries to gather up all the evidence, I have realized in my studies of Dugway Proving Ground, the question may still arise: does this work matter, does this 75 years of intense applied science have relevance and an enduring value?"

"I am here today to say "yes," America and Utah are better, more secure, and smarter because of Dugway Proving Ground," he said.

Other activities included a special historical video presentation, reading of a Declaration from the Governor of Utah, an anniversary cake cutting and a no-host social at the community club.



DUGWAY AID STATION PROVIDES CRITICAL RESPONSE DURING CAIRA EXERCISE

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The Dugway Aid Station participated in a Chemical Accident or Incident Response and Assistance exercise, commonly called a CAIRA exercise, recently at West Desert Test Center's Material Test Facility.

The CAIRA's scenario was created to challenge and evaluate various safety procedures as emergency response teams respond to an accidental exposure at the MTF.

An agent handler simulated accidentally dropping a 40ml vial of VX (a chemical nerve agent), which hit the edge of a chemical fume hood causing some of the liquid to splash outside of the protective hood onto the agent handler's protective apron.

A call for emergency medical response blasted over the loud speaker with basic instructions of where the simulated accident occurred and how many employees may have been contaminated.

Knowing that lives could be lost if too much time passed, the Ditto Aid Station was notified and a team of four paramedics suited up in heavy rubber hazmat protective gear as other team members conducted safety-checks to ensure there would be no possible exposure. "Let's move out. Second's matter," said Afton LeBare, Dugway's Emergency Services



Dr. (Major) Stephen Cho, commander of the Dugway Health Clinic, begins his observation and evaluation of a patient during a Chemical Accident or Incident Response and Assistance (CAIRA) exercise May 10, 2017 at U.S. Army Dugway Proving Ground, Utah. The event evaluated the Ditto Aid Station's emergency medical care and transportation plan in the event of a chemical incident. Photo by Bonnie A. Robinson, Dugway Public Affairs

supervisor, as she donned the protective gear, known as Personal Protective Equipment, required in a chemical environment.

Other team members checked those dressing to ensure that all the gear was properly sealed to prevent against exposure. "Your good to go the member says. "Let's roll!" she shouts. The crew of four were out the door in mere minutes manning their positions in the ambulance.

The siren wailed as the ambulance raced down the two lane road, the response team confirming that all the equipment was in place and

ready to go. The team was calm, composed and professional.

After loading the exposed patient into the ambulance, the trip took just over five minutes to return to the aid station. Once unloaded, the patient is quickly moved through a series of three small decontamination rooms designed as a secure space to remove contaminated clothing, shower and monitor for the smallest measure of chemical contamination using a MINICAM, an automated, near-real-time air monitoring system.

LeBare said the exercise

allows the team to experience a large scale response that will "hone their training and refresh their knowledge" of the signs and symptoms of nerve agent exposure. "They review how to watch for muscle twitching, pinpoint pupils, stomach cramps, nausea, an increased heart rate and difficulty with breathing, she added.

Atropine is the antidote for this kind of nerve agent, LeBare said, and was administered (simulated) onsite before transportation to the aid station, giving someone exposed to the chemical the best chance to recover.

For Dr. (Major) Stephan Cho, the Officer in Charge of the Dugway Health Clinic, it provides a great review of chemical treatment protocols. "Basically, Atropine dries up bronchial secretions," Cho said. "It's important to restrain the body's response signals and monitor the patient's eyes to see if the pupils constrict and listen to the airway and lungs to prevent saliva and other fluids that would result in asphyxiation."

Cho noted that Atropine speeds up slow heartbeats to prevent cardiac arrest. Cho, a trained flight surgeon, determines if a patient should be transported by life flight to hospital for further care, but only after his evaluation is concluded to ensure the airway is clear and the patient does not need supplemental oxygen.

The medical team prepared for a transfer at Michael Army Airfield where an Air Med flight simulated transporting the patient to a local hospital.

LaBare and Dr. Cho were both pleased with their team's quick response and professional behavior. "We are all pleased by the training event and our response. It was a good experience," LeBare said. "It's important to have training scenarios like this to test how effectively we would respond in a real world incident." Dr. Cho added.

ASIAN AMERICAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH OBSERVANCE

MAY 31, 2017

DUGWAY COMMUNITY CLUB

Guest speaker at the Asian American / Pacific Islander Heritage Month observance May 31, Dr. Afa Kehaati Palu, was born in Tonga and became a U.S. citizen. With masters and doctorate degrees in botany and educational leadership, he related how interest in traditional healing plants led to a formal education. Palu emphasized that both traditional and formal knowledge have complemented him well.



Dr. Afa Kehaati Palu, Chief Scientific Officer of Zennoa, adviser to Utah State Board of Education, and direct descendant of Tongan royalty and healers received a certificate of appreciation from Col. Sean Kirschner, commander of Dugway Proving Ground (far left). Beside him are Aaron Goodman, garrison manager, and Command Sgt. Maj. Joe Bonds, both of Dugway Proving Ground. Photo by Al Vogel, Dugway Public Affairs



Asian American / Pacific Islander Heritage Month Observance May 31, 2017 at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah. Guest speaker was Dr. Afa Kehaati Palu, Chief Scientific Officer of Zennoa, adviser to Utah State Board of Education, and direct descendant of Tongan royalty and healers. Photo by Al Vogel, Dugway Public Affairs



The prestigious Contracting Office of the Year Award presented by U.S. Small Business Administration, May 30, 2017. U.S. Army Dugway Proving Ground's MICC team received the award for their efforts to reach out to small business contractors, not only in Utah, but in surrounding states. Photo by Bonnie A. Robinson, Dugway Proving Ground Public Affairs.

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Dugway Proving Ground's Mission Installation Contracting Command was presented the Utah District Office Small Business Administration Contracting Office of the Year award, May 30 at the MICC conference room in the administrative area of English Village.

"This prestigious award is given to recognize your efforts in supporting the small business community of Utah," said Utah Deputy District Director Steve Price during an intimate ceremony.

Jim Keetch, Dugway's MICC director, noted the contract office had provided a presentation at the Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development small business symposium in May where representatives from six western states gathered to collaborate and enhance their activities to support small businesses.

For the contact team, it's about keeping the information pertinent and fresh to draw

small business community interest in contracting with the test center.

"We are constantly looking for ways to reshape events so that the same information is not presented the same way each time," said Keetch.

In December, the contracting office was a key presenter at an open house event at Salt Lake Community College in Sandy, Utah. There, 118 individuals from 93 small businesses learned about the test center's chemical and biological defense testing capabilities and various contracting opportunities.

"It was the most people to have registered to attend a Utah outreach event," Keetch said at the time of the event.

A second vendor outreach was hosted at the proving ground in February, providing small business owners a chance to talk with the test officers about current events and upcoming contract requirements. For most attendees it was their first introduction to the proving



Dugway Command Sgt. Major Joe Bonds and Aaron Goodman, Dugway's Installation Command garrison manager (Left to right), watch as Jim Keetch, Dugway's Mission Installation Contracting Command director receives the 2017 Contracting Office of the Year Award for U.S. Small Business Administration, May 30, 2017 at the MICC conference room at U.S. Army Dugway Proving Ground, Utah, from Steven Price, Small Business Administration Utah Chapter deputy director. Col. Sean Kirschner (right), Dugway's commander, also attended the event. Photo by Bonnie A. Robinson, Dugway Proving Ground Public Affairs.



DUGWAY'S CONTRACTING OFFICE RECEIVES OFFICE OF THE YEAR AWARD



Members of the Dugway Proving Ground Mission Installation Contracting Command team pose with the Contracting Office of the Year Award for U.S. Small Business Administration in 2017. Team members are (front row): Melissa De Zeeuw, Rosa Davis, and Richelle Hansen, and (back row): Larry Ruggles, Stacey Wilde-Brothers, Jim Keetch, Steven Price, deputy director of the Small Business Administration Utah Chapter, Monty Kurtz, and Paul Frailey. Photo by Bonnie A. Robinson, Dugway Proving Ground Public Affairs.

ground and its mission to protect the warfighter.

Price noted that these open house events, usually held in the spring and fall, maximize small business opportunities to compete for Army contracts especially for small, disadvantaged, service-disabled, veteran-owned, women-owned or historically underutilized businesses.

As Price presented the award, he expressed his appreciation for the contract office, noting that by supporting and hosting events over the past year that "Dugway had opened prospects for future solicitations, helped small business gain valuable

insights and increased network opportunities for Utah's SBA across the state."

"This contract office is a beneficial partner that truly recognizes that small businesses are the backbone of our nation's economy and we sincerely appreciate your efforts," he added.

Keetch said he appreciates the hard work of his team and linked their success to a sense of duty to honor the military and the nation.

"We realize that what Dugway does each and every day affects, in some way or another, the lives of our service men and women, their families, and the security of this nation. We take this

charge seriously and try to demonstrate that in each contract action, decision, and award made," he said.

Dugway's commander, Col. Sean Kirschner, also appeared pleased with the award calling the team "integral to mission success," citing their "skills, creativity and resourcefulness" in meeting the contract requirements of the test center.

"I am very proud of this lean, mean, team of professionals" Kirschner said. "Recognition of their accomplishments is long overdue."

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DPG EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BUILDS SKILLS FOR LIFE'S CHALLENGES

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Productivity is important for any business success, but sometimes employees are so overwhelmed by personal or behavior problems that **they can't perform at their highest level.** Stress, substance abuse or other personal problems can lead to being less productive. Not being able to focus during work can in turn can lead to absenteeism and high health care costs. But no Dugway employee has to **manage life's challenges without help.**

Meet Susan Lohnes, the Employee Assistance Program coordinator. Lohnes is a licensed clinical social worker and therapist with a vast background in working with mental, emotional and physical health related concerns, such as alcohol and substance abuse, stress, depression and anxiety, grief, family problems, and financial difficulties.

"Dugway's EAP is a professional, confidential and voluntary, work-based program that offers free short-term counseling and follow-up therapy services to employees who have personal and/or work-related problems," Lohnes said.



Susan Lohnes is Dugway Proving Ground's Employee Assistance Program coordinator. EAP is a professional, confidential and voluntary, work-based program that offers free short-term counseling and follow-up therapy services to employees. Photo by Bonnie A. Robinson, Dugway Proving Ground Public Affairs.

Lohnes emphasized that for some people, difficulties at work can come from something as benign as poor communication skills. When communication is insufficient or inaccurate, work productivity and morale can go down. Low morale means that crucial tasks are slowed or don't get done.

"It's important to identify problems and define its boundaries," Lohnes said, noting that having someone to talk with about crafting a solution can make a difference. Sometimes, having someone to listen and talk over solutions can have a huge impact.

"Any issue that is negatively impacting a person's work performance can be

talked about," Lohnes said. "It may feel difficult at first, but by just discussing the problem and beginning to working toward a positive outcome can bring some relief."

For many people, there might be concerns about confidentiality and trust. Many people fear that any information shared could hurt their chances for a promotion, bring retaliation, or affect their job security, she added.

"Let me assure anyone who is concerned about confidentiality. Your privacy will be protected," Lohnes stressed. "I am here to help make a difference. Trust is essential for this program to work and help find solutions."

Lohnes is available for appointments every Wednesday morning from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Dugway Community Center in English Village in room 212. Wednesday afternoons, she is at West Desert Test Center from 1 to 4 p.m. at Building 5442, near the Ditto Diner. Call for appointments at (435) 830-2852.

DUGWAY UNVEILS NEW TRAINING CENTER FOR LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS

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The new Dugway Fire Department Regional Training Center was unveiled Jun. 5, 2017. The four-story, live-fire

entry, cutting steel bars, fires at multiple levels such as in a hotel or apartment complex, ventilating a flat or pitched roof by sawing or chopping through wood, rescues in confined



A new fire department regional training center was unveiled Jun. 5, 2017 at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah. Training in the four-story building is open to paid and volunteer firefighters throughout the northern Utah area. Fires can be in one area of the building, or its entirety, and inner rooms can be configured as needed. Photo by Al Vogel, Dugway Proving Ground Public Affairs

training tower was created to provide the most modern training to paid or volunteer local firefighters.

The tower's interior can be configured to replicate numerous room or wall configurations. Real flames are

areas, rappelling, forcible entry tactics and creating fires that course through all four stories of the 40-foot structure.

Training includes recognizing when it's safe to enter, and not. High-angle rescue – typically found in mountain,



Firefighters on the roof use a saw to cut into a smoke-filled building, while others wait below to enter. The scenario was a demonstration of the new Dugway Fire Department Regional Training Center at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah. The new facility will train local firefighters, paid and volunteer. Propane lines can create fires throughout the four-story structure. Photo by Al Vogel, Dugway Proving Ground Public Affairs

provided by propane piped throughout the structure. The first training cycle is slated for Jul. 17, for volunteer firefighters from nearby Terra and Vernon.

Col. Sean Kirschner, commander of Dugway Proving Ground, noted that he's gained a greater appreciation for firefighters after seeing them battle recent range fires. They exhibit confidence, pride, strength, selfless service – "All those things that we cherish in the Army," he said.

Firefighters can practice forcible door

construction and scaffolding rescues – can also be simulated.

A team of Dugway agencies helped create the new fire training center including Resource Management, West Desert Test Center, Special Programs Division, Installation Management Command, and Mission and Installation Contracting Command. The Air Force's Utah Test & Training Range Detachment 1 and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management also provided assistance.

DUGWAY CONDUCTS ITS FIRST LGBT PRIDE MONTH OBSERVANCE

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Dugway Proving Ground observed its first Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month observance, Jun. 15 at the Dugway High School Auditorium. "The month-long celebration demonstrates how lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans have strengthened our country, by using their talent and creativity to help create awareness and goodwill," said Philip Krippner, Army's Test and Evaluation Center safety

often find her clothes in my room after having played dress up. She would fold them carefully and place them back in her drawer," Hall recalled.

Hall spoke candidly about gender dysphoria, when someone exhibits a strong and persistent identification and the desire for the cultural advantages of the opposite sex. "It's not a mental disorder, but it can develop serious mental health issues and even physical health risks," Hall said, noting that she had considered ending her life 10 times before seeking treatment. "Finally, I



Command Sgt. Major Joe Bonds and Col. Sean Kirschner, Dugway Proving Ground commander (left to right in background), present the event guest speakers (left to right in foreground) Ryan Bowen, father to Payton, Payton Bowen, and Laurie Lee Hall with certificates of appreciation. Photo by Bonnie A. Robinson, Dugway Proving Ground Public Affairs.

officer who served as the master of ceremonies.

Krippner introduced speakers Payton Bowen, a sophomore student at the University of Utah, Ryan Bowen, Payton's father, and Laurie Lee Hall, a professional consultant with Pathway Associates, a nonprofit consulting team dealing in challenging and development situations in Salt Lake City.

Payton Bowen talked about sexual labeling and the pressure to pick a side to identify as an individual. "Bisexuals are often seen as a people who can't pick between straight and gay," he said. "I think it okay not to pick a word to describe who you are. I just want to be happy."

Ryan Bowen, talked about coaching Payton in football during his junior high school days until it was obvious that Payton was not enjoying the training. "Though it was difficult at first," he said with emotion breaking his words, "I decided that my priority would be my children's happiness, so I decided to support their choices."

Laurie Lee Hall was the final speaker. She talked openly of knowing that her gender was not correct as early as five years old. "I was raised as a boy but it was a word I couldn't really understand or explain. "At seven, I asked my mother what my name would have been if I had been a girl. She said she would have picked Laurie. Sex does not always line up with one's gender. But I knew it would be safer if I pretended to be male," she said.

Hall added that her mother likely knew her gender was different than her physical appearance. "She would

had to stand in my truth when I could not take that next step, I began Gender Presentation Transition," she said.

This led to many challenges for Hall including losing a job, a profession and attendance in the faith she had grown up in.

Hall's wife, her college sweetheart, choose to support her, "though it was difficult as she gradually watched the man I was disappear," Hall noted.

The couple remains together and Hall recalled her recently saying, "I have lost my husband but not my best friend."

"I am the best version of myself now, the same person my family and friends knew and loved," Hall said. "If I can offer one piece of advice, when you meet someone who is different from you, be kind to them."

Col. Sean Kirschner, Dugway's commander, thanked the sizable crowd of more than 250 attendees for coming. He said that in reviewing if a diversity event would be supported this year, he felt strongly that this was an issue that should be discussed openly.

Kirschner noted that, as an all-volunteer force, the Army seeks to create a team that maximizes individual talents and enhances military effectiveness to strengthen our nation not only for our Soldiers but for all members of Army. He also said that as the services integrate genders into their ranks it's important that as nation we begin an open dialog.

"Why should anyone have to choose between being authentic or to perish? I ask that all of you share what you learned today. It will be a better world," he concluded.



1 QUESTION 4 ANSWERS



Most of the time, family vacations create lasting happy memories that will be treasured throughout the years. But some vacations may have a glitch in the fun. Here are **four Dugway employees' recollections of vacations that were, let's say, less than perfect.**

What was your Worst Vacation?



Patrick Carnahan
Dugway Deputy Fire Chief

"One summer, years ago, I went camping with my family to Anderson Island on the southernmost island on the Puget Sound in Washington. That was pre-REI, where you could find everything you would ever need to go camping. It rains a lot in western Washington. It rained so hard while we were there that it filled our tent with water, everything was soaked. We spent the next few days dressed in garbage bags trying to stay dry."



Joan Shubert
Drafter AutoCAD Operator

"Most of my vacations as a kid go back to New Mexico at my grandparents' house. We had lots of cousins, up to ten of us. I remember my Grandfather taking us in his truck to the local gas station. He told us to load up on anything we wanted. We loaded up on candy, pencils or whatever caught our attention. We'd play bingo for hours or go fishing at the pond. I especially looked forward to a small creek where we would try to catch water snakes, until, I actually caught a big one – and he bit me. It was like a hot branding iron on my skin and my blood squirted on my face. Though it didn't ruin the entire vacation, it was a lesson I have not forgotten."



John Pierce
Security Branch Captain

"I went camping with my family near Ferron in Emery County, Utah. We had forgotten the sausage for breakfast, so we grilled some lunchmeat instead. Unfortunately, we all got food poisoning and ended up spending a lot of time in an outhouse. It was a long trip, with a lot of stops on the way home. And, the wife has not been camping since."



Melia Johnson
Supply Technician

"My worse vacation was last week. I took my three children, a nephew and a friend's child along with my two dogs, a Llewellyn Setter and a Cockapoo, to Starvation Reservoir in Duchene County. It was hot. There was no shade. And there was cactus everywhere. I spent my entire time pulling cactus needles out of the kids and my dogs."

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DUGWAY WOMAN TAKES FIRST PLACE IN UTAH FIGURE BODYBUILDING COMPETITION

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Alesha Davis, an administrative clerk for Chenega Corporation, a facilities management company supporting base operations at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah, poses for a promotional photo after winning first place in a figure bodybuilding competition in Salt Lake City, Utah. Courtesy photo Alesha Davis.

What does it take to make a woman strong? There's a lot of free advice out there to help women merit the qualities of a strong woman: Stand up for yourself. Believe in you. Keep challenging yourself. Take care of you.

Those words are easy to say, but taking on a transformative challenge takes real grit. One woman at Dugway Proving Ground took on a personal challenge transforming her frame in just four grueling months of early morning hours at the Shocklee Fitness

Center, sculpting her body into a bodybuilding wonder woman.

Alesha Davis, an administrative clerk for Chenega Corporation at Dugway came to Dugway from Korea. A native of Alaska, she said she had always wanted to see the world. This longing for new experiences also brought her to Utah and to a new challenge: bodybuilding. "This is first time in my life to compete in bodybuilding," said Davis, a petite, quiet spoken woman with a warm helpful manner.

She arrived in November of last year. The remote location and winter weather made it difficult to meet new friends, but led her to pursue a new interest. "I didn't know many people those first few months, so I needed something to focus on in my spare time. I needed a goal to complete and Dugway has a great fitness center so I wanted to get in shape," she said.

She began by researching exercise programs. She wanted something demanding. Her research told her weightlifting would be time-

consuming, even arduous, but that didn't stop her. "I wanted a challenge, one that was time consuming and tough," she said. "Bodybuilding meant I needed to commit to following a strict meal plan."

Davis next had to choose one of four categories to compete in: Bikini (a softer look focused on the traditional female body shape), Figure (feminine, but emphasizes muscle definition and symmetry), Physique (muscle size and development), or Bodybuilding (heavily muscled with low body fat). Davis choose to compete in the Figure division. "For me, it was about having a figure that looked athletic and healthy. I had always wanted to compete," she admitted. "Being new at Dugway, I had zero distractions, it seemed the perfect time to begin."

She also decided that she needed a coach. In South Jordan, Utah, she found Jeff and Jen Leter, a well-established training team who encouraged her to take on the new challenge. "Jeff and Jen gave me all the tools I needed to make it up on stage. All I

needed to do was execute. I could not have done it without them," she added.

Her first competition was April 22, it meant she had just 19 weeks of preparation. She knew it would take discipline. "I gave it my all, though it was difficult training a lot by myself," she said, but was swift to mention it was a big help to check weekly with her coaches, though sometimes because of the stormy weather it was by email."

By setting goals, maintaining a routine and working hard to maintain a balanced nutrition schedule, she whittled her body fat from 27 percent to eventually weighing a lean 125 pounds. Her sculptured body won her first place in Figure Division.

For now she is taking a brief break, but her dreams include working toward the national competitions. "The truth is, I love a challenge and I view it all as an adventure," she said. "And I like being in shape."

With determination, perseverance and grit, Davis is likely to make that dream come true.

DUGWAY STORIES

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FACTORS MERGED TO CREATE DUGWAY FLOOD OF 1952



A flatbed Chevrolet sits axle-deep in flood waters created by snow runoff and rain in January 1952 at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah. Look at all the raindrops striking the water! US Army Photo



This flooded aid station is believed to be in the Dog (later, Ditto) Area. Deep-frozen ground covered in heavy snow, followed by **warm winds and rain, overloaded the soil's** capacity to drain. US Army Photo

Bitterly cold temperatures froze the earth deeply at Dugway in January 1952. Snow was plentiful: shin-deep on Dog Area's brushy flats; thigh-deep on the nearby peaks. The night of Jan. 24-25 a Chinook blew in with its defining warm winds. Warm rain followed. The deep snow melted quickly but the ground remained hard frozen, unable to soak up water.

banks. A number of buildings and roads in Ditto's northeastern section – near today's Avery Area – were flooded and damaged. No injuries were reported.

Dugway didn't face floods alone in late January 1952. In Salt Lake City, rain and snowmelt waters spread from 900 South and West Temple to 2100 South and 800 West – a 50-block area. In Provo, Snowslide Canyon released snow that covered the road, river and railroad tracks for half a mile, in depths 35 to 70 feet.

Melted snow and rain quickly filled the north fork of Government Creek, southeast of Dog (later renamed Ditto) and Carr Areas. Normally dry, Government Creek begins between the Sheeprock and Onaqui Mountains, crosses the Pony Express Route, and flows northwesterly to Ditto. The vintage Lincoln Highway and Stark Road bridges cross Government Creek bed, which fans out into the sand flats northwest of the airfield. This unseen ground water flows northward, under the Ditto and Baker sites toward the Great Salt Lake.

Since its founding in 1942, Dugway has recorded four other flash floods: 1943-44, 1953, 1973 and 1983. Dugway's flood of 1952 was by far the most widespread and damaging.

Another flood to equal or exceed 1952's is likely. For the past 20 winters we've experienced exceptional cold, deep snow, warm rain and Chinook winds separately. Bring them together in the proper sequence overnight, and filling sandbags will be the social event of the year.

The role of this stoutly constructed building is unknown, but it received plenty of attention from sandbaggers during the January 1952 flood at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah. US Army Photo



Water crept in around this door of an ammunition bunker in Carr Area in January 1952. Dugway has experienced five flash floods since its creation in 1942, but the 1952 flood was by far the worst. US Army Photo

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 Independence Day | 5 Dugway Awards ceremony - 1600 - Dugway HS Auditorium Story Time & Crafts 1000 - Library | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 Farewell Party & BBQ for Col. & Mrs. Kirschner 1130 - 1300 - Motor Pool - EV | 11 Newcomers Orientation 1330 - 1700 - Bldg. 5124 - Rm 239 | 12 Command Staff Meeting - 0830 - Kuddes DPG Change of Command Ceremony - 1000 - Brantley Parade Field - EV | 13 | 14 Wendover Day Trip 1500 - 0100 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 Garrison Staff Meeting - 0800 - Rm 1202 | 19 West Desert Staff Meeting - 0800 Ditto | 20 BBQ Night - 1700 - 2000 Community Club | 21 | 22 Movie Night - Sportsman's Lodge |
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