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# DUGWAY BUSY IN 2017 WITH TESTS, TRAINING AND TENANTS



Royal Air Force Gunners from the United Kingdom will return to Dugway to receive more training on chemical and biological defense, and to hone their skills. In this 2016 photo they're reviewing a document from a replicated illicit chemical lab. Photo by Al Vogel, Dugway Public Affairs.

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Dugway Proving Ground will be bustling in 2017, according to Ryan Harris, director of Dugway's West Desert Test Center. "It's shaping up to be a pretty busy year. We had some testing last year that got delayed until 2017," Harris said.

Dugway's mission is to test defenses against chemical, biological, radiological and explosives hazards (detectors, decontaminators, protective

clothing). Dugway tests only defenses against chemical or biological agents or toxic industrial chemicals -- not weapons. Much of the testing is done in chambers with multiple layers of containment and filtration. Only benign, simulated agent is used outdoors.

Emerging threats from around the world including the recent use of chemical weapons in the Middle East has raised concern and

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## COMMAND PERSPECTIVE

### Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

Team Dugway, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy 2017! With the dawn of a new year, comes new opportunities to set and achieve new goals and overcome new challenges. It's also a great time to do a little self-reflection from the past year and determine how to turn past failures or missteps into future successes. 2016 was filled with many trying moments and challenges for the entire Dugway Team, but none-the-less we proved to be resilient and tough and can say with certainty we are a stronger and better team because of our trials as well as our victories.

This year promises to be one of renewal and great expectation. This year is special because it is our 75th Anniversary. As the mission continues, so does our world class support to "Empower the Nation's Defenders." With that being said, we will always have the responsibility to ensure we provide the very best of what Team Dugway has to offer to enable our war fighters to fight and win our nation's wars.

Not only is this year special because of Team Dugway's birthday, but the first month of

the new year celebrates the birthday of one of our nations great civil rights leaders. Since 1986, our nation has celebrated the life and monumental achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who played a key role in the American Civil Rights Movement from the mid-1950s to his assassination in 1968. Dr. King is known for his advocacy of nonviolence during boycotts and peaceful marches to bring about change to the African American social, civil, and economical plight. His famous, "I Have a Dream" speech delivered in 1963 to over 250,000 civil rights supporters from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial became the defining moment of the American Civil Rights Movement.

Dr. King is known for many great achievements during the American Civil Rights Movement. Something he is not famously known for is his ability to bring a team together. Yes, Dr. King had the incredible ability and talent to bring teamwork into the folds of what is now considered by most to be an historic feat of leadership and communication. Thousands of people with a common goal

rallied behind Dr. King's leadership and dream of a better tomorrow for the disenfranchised and unequal treatment of African American citizens. I also need to add that the result of Dr. King's effort did not only benefit African Americans, but served to propel common decency among mankind as an entire race. He was awarded the Noble Peace prize in 1964 for his role in landmark legislation which birthed the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The history of the civil rights movement can never be shared enough because it serves as a reminder of who we were, who we are, and who we still need to work on becoming. Although the greatness of what was accomplished can easily shadow the fact that teamwork was an undeniable element that brought it all together.

We, here at Dugway can take some notes from Dr. King's life and achievements. While it can be said that he did a lot for the civil rights movement, it cannot be said he did it alone. Likewise, in order to do something for 75 years successfully there must be an element of teamwork present. We have supported our nation's defenders for three quarters of a century

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with honor and commitment. I would like to commemorate this year's 75th anniversary with a challenge and promise to continue doing what we have always done, but to do it at an even higher level. That means embracing the new changes as well as challenges which will come in 2017. In order to do this, we must ensure that our efforts are done in sync and support of the Team Dugway overall mission. By doing this we ensure our team effort is in support of and in sync with our higher headquarters which ultimately is the Army team. I look forward to serving as Team Dugway's CSM but more so to contributing to our team effort. Again, have a happy 2017 and continue, "Empowering the Nation's Defenders." As we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King's Jr. legacy and our 75th Anniversary, remember that "Teamwork Makes the Dream Work."



# 2017 TESTING...

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prompted some agencies to seek Dugway's expertise. "There has been some preparation and questions asked of some of our subject matter experts about how to deal with some of those threats," Harris said. "We support the U.S. intelligence community, so they contact our expertise when they try to tackle their problems."

Other nations also rely on Dugway's skilled scientists and engineers to support their testing and evaluation requirements. "We are seeing, in general, more requests from international partners for support," Harris said.

Upcoming significant testing of systems in 2017 include:

- Procedures for chemical analyzers such as the Common Analytical Laboratory System (CALs) will be validated to enable military operators of portable labs and hand-carried analyzers to identify chemical and biological threats with greater accuracy.
- Verification and validation of the Safari Instrumentation Grid, a mobile system that streamlines the current method of testing biological and chemical detectors outdoors, is expected to be completed by the fall. "Safari" means mobility to provide outdoor testing anywhere on Dugway, without dependency on grids.
- Testing the Contamination Indicator Decontamination Assurance System will continue. CIDAS uses a spray solution that changes color to indicate chemical agents on surfaces. Testing with actual chemical agents will be in sealed chambers, to determine effectiveness under varying conditions.
- Approximately 30 Army, Navy, and National Guard warfighters will test the Joint Sensitive Equipment Wipe, a specialized disposable wipe to decontaminate equipment. Realistic use of the wipe on simulated contamination will determine its effectiveness and usability.
- Mobile testing of three variants of the Stryker Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Reconnaissance Vehicle will determine how well each vehicle performs with its integrated Joint

Chemical Agent Detector system on board. Outdoor testing will include simulated clouds of agent.

- S/K Challenge IV will challenge chemical and biological detectors



The fourth annual S/K Challenge will be Aug. 7-18: an opportunity for developers and users around the world to have their chemical or biological agent detectors challenged by Dugway Proving Ground experts. Here, a standoff biological detector is prepared for a night challenge during the 2016 S/K Challenge. Photo by Al Vogel, Dugway Public Affairs.



The Rapid Integration and Acceptance Center, a tenant unit at Dugway Proving Ground, will test a wide variety of unmanned aerial systems at Michael Army Airfield. Operators will also be trained. Photo by Al Vogel, Dugway Public Affairs.

from around the world and the U.S. with simulated agents at a cost much lower than full testing. Point detectors (warning after exposure) or standoff detectors (warning from afar) and their subsystems are challenged.

Upcoming significant chemical and biological hazards training events in 2017 include:

- Numerous National Guard Civil

Support Teams train at Dugway each year and have done so since CST were created in 2006. Each of America's 58 CST units is trained to support civil authorities during a

Afghanistan attract conventional units for artillery, scouting, convoying, patrol, medical evacuation, mountaineering and desert acclimation.

- A team of Dugway specialists will travel to Germany to support that country's chemical and biological defense training while German Bundeswehr Soldiers and cadre will attend a course at Dugway focusing on large scale chemical signatures, detection and sampling.
- United Kingdom Royal Air Force Gunners will conduct another iteration of the Desert Vapor exercise with training focused on chemical and biological signatures, detection, sampling and decontamination. The UK unit has trained at Dugway since 2003.

The Rapid Integration Acceptance Center, a tenant unit at Dugway whose headquarters is at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, will use the massive airspace over and around Dugway for testing Gray Eagle, Shadow and Warrior Alpha unmanned aerial systems and upgrades to sensors, radio, fuel system, weatherization and tracking. Other testing will include the airworthiness and safety of a communications system between the AH-64 Apache helicopter and the Shadow and Gray Eagle unmanned aerial systems.

Another tenant unit, the Air Force's Detachment 1, with headquarters at Hill Air Force Base, Ogden, will conduct testing and training of aircraft systems within the Air force's Utah Test & Training Range, adjoining Dugway. Dugway will support two phases of the USAF Weapon System Evaluation Program air-to-ground exercise. The first phase, conducted in May and called "Combat Archer," may include up to 13 each of F22 and F16 aircraft, along with chase aircraft. Live missiles will be fired on the UTTR against subscale, remotely controlled drones. The second phase, conducted in August and called "Combat Hammer," will evaluate precision guided munitions and weapon system combinations, used on fighters and bombers.

chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear incident. Other military and civilian emergency responders are trained to recognize a chemical or biological threat, collect samples and secure the scene.

- National Guard units throughout the country hone chemical and biological defense skills at Dugway. The post's vastness (nearly 800,000 acres) and resemblance to



## PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. Army Dugway Proving Ground (DPG), Dugway, Utah, plans to conduct outdoor testing of small quantities of pharmaceuticals, which pose an emerging threat to U.S. citizens and the Armed Forces. The test would characterize the behavior of the pharmaceuticals in an outdoor environment. Test data would be used to verify laboratory and modeling analysis and predictions. The proposed test would be conducted in July 2017, in a remote area on DPG. An Environmental Assessment will be conducted to evaluate the environmental impacts of this proposed test.

The public is invited to attend briefings regarding this test and provide initial comments or suggestions for preparing the

Environmental Assessment. Comments and suggestions would be considered and, as appropriate, incorporated to the Environmental Assessment document before it is published for the 30 day public comment period.

The public briefing and scoping meetings will be held at the following locations and times: Wendover City Offices, City Council Room, 920 Wendover Boulevard, Wendover, Utah, 6:00 PM, Thursday, January 19, 2017; Tooele County Emergency Management Center, Policy Room, 15 East 100 South, Tooele, Utah, 6:30 PM, Monday, January 23, 2017; Salt Lake City Library, Conference Room 4, Fourth Floor, 210 East 400 South, Salt Lake City, Utah, 6:00 PM, Tuesday, January 24, 2017; and DPG Community Center, Conference Room 239, Dugway, Utah, 6:00 PM, Wednesday, January 25, 2017.



## DUGWAY'S GENEROSITY SURPASSES 2016 CFC CHARITABLE DONATION GOAL

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Dugway Proving Ground employees exceeded their 2016 Combined Federal Campaign donation goal by giving \$24,734.04, including generous contributions of \$1,000 each from three employees.

This year's donation total was a 12 percent increase above last year's employee donations. "Our employees have shown a lot of love and generosity for those in need," said Kuka Toleafoa, human resource director for U.S. Army Garrison Dugway, who served as the installation's CFC chair for a second year. "Every donation matters and can make a burden lighter."

Col. Sean Kirschner, Dugway's commander, noted that four organizations had exceeded their CFC goals: the Garrison Office, the Logistics Readiness Center, Mission and Installation Contracting and the Health Clinic. He called their efforts "humbling and impressive."

The commander also expressed his appreciation for the efforts of key individuals in each organization for the success of this year's campaign. In particular, he mentioned the work of Toleafoa and Command Sgt. Major Joe Bonds, Dugway command sergeant major. "Dugway is clearly doing its part to help make the world a better place in many, many ways," Kirschner added.



Command Sgt. Maj. Joe Bonds and Kuka Toleafoa, human resource director for U.S. Army Garrison Dugway, stand with the 2016 Combined Federal Campaign thermometer, which marks the successful 2016 donation campaign at U.S. Army Dugway Proving Ground, Utah. Photo by Bonnie A. Robinson, Dugway Public Affairs.

## DES 'SHOP WITH A COP' BRIGHTENS CHILDREN'S HOLIDAYS



Left to Right, Dispatcher Dekanich, Officer Mantecon, CPT Scofield, Officer Wilson.

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Members of Dugway's Directorate of Emergency Services showed their commitment to local communities by working with Tooele County during November and December to raise \$4,300 to benefit disadvantaged children.

DES personnel participated in a "No Shave" event where officers competed for the best beards and a "Tip a Cop" event where officers served lunch or dinner at various restaurants and donated their tips to help kids in need.

This year's Shop with a Cop program benefitted 89 children from 31 families throughout Tooele County, including three families at Dugway. Locally DES officers raised \$435. Children were selected for the program by the Tooele County School District.

The shopping event began with breakfast at a local truck stop so officers could get to know the

children before they took them shopping. Once everyone was fed, a convoy of police vehicles drove the excited children to the store to buy gifts for their families.

Parents waited patiently at the cash registers, while their children shopped with the officers. Volunteers wrapped presents and helped at the cash registers ensuring the event was fun and easy.

Heather Dekanich, a dispatcher at DES, said the children she worked with came from a broken home and were living with their grandfather. "When children are able to relate with officers away from a tense situation, it is priceless," she said. "It shows that we care."

DES personnel, Capt. Earl Scofield, Investigator James Dekanich, Officer Armando Mantecon, Officer Gregory Summerhays, and Officer Aaron Wilson volunteered their time to help make the event a success.



Photos by Robert Saxon, Dugway Public Affairs.

Hundreds of Dugway employees and family members gathered at Michael Army Air Field to kick-off the holiday season with food, a visit from Santa, crafts, contests and a rock climbing wall at the annual Holiday in the Hangar event, December 15, 2016.



# DUGWAY GARRISON RECOGNIZES DEDICATION, COMMITMENT AND LENGTH OF SERVICE

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Thanking people for their service is not as common place as one might think. A lot of people –Soldiers included – say “don’t thank me for doing my job.” They believe that any formal acknowledgement for their service isn’t needed. But isn’t it nice when we do.

That’s exactly what Dugway’s Garrison did as more than 80 people gathered to recognize and honor 15 employees for their Length of Service awards, two organizations with Certificates of Appreciation, three individuals with Army Achievement Medals for Civilian Service, and one who received who received a Commanders Award for Civilian Service Dec. 15 at the Community Club.

That paragraph may sound a bit like the 12 Days of Christmas song, but it shows the commitment of those honored and the support of those who gathered to congratulate their teammates. “We can all recognize the value of the efforts represented in this room today,” said Dugway’s Garrison Manager, Aaron Goodman as he looked over the crowded ballroom. “There has been a lot of good effort and hard work. Today we want to show our appreciation for a job well done.”



Marion “Bud” Ford receives the Garrison Length of Service Award for 50 years of Federal Service from Garrison Manager Aaron Goodman during a ceremony Dec. 15 at the Dugway Community Club in English Village.



A Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to the Dugway Fire Department for their outstanding service to the community Dec. 15 at the Community Club.



Receiving Garrison Length of Service Awards for 15 years of service are: Eric Woffinden, Nicholas Larsen, Brian Peterson, and Christopher Knight.



Receiving Garrison Length of Service for 10 years of Civilian Service at the Community Club, Dec.15 are: Wade Miller, Irene Scott, Travis Wall, Mark Eakins, and Steven Sheffey.



Receiving Garrison Length of Service Awards for 25 years of service at the Community Club, Dec 15, are: Paul Easterly, Tamara Beaumont, and Marcendria Satcher.



Birtram Beltzer, Visitor Control Center supervisor, receives an Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service for his outstanding work during the SK Challenge this past summer.



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Sgt. Victoria Pilson and Spc. Nicholas Slater each receive the Army Achievement Medal for coordinating, planning and promoting the Strong Bonds training program, the Easter Sunrise Service, and the first Dugway's First National Day of Prayer.



Dugway Garrison Manager Aaron Goodman presents a Certificate of Appreciation to the Visitor Control Center's Birtram Beltzer and Wade Miller Dec. 15 for their work during the SK Challenge.



Receiving his 10 Years of Service certificate and pin is Jinky Tulabot with Garrison Manager Aaron Goodman and Dugway Command Sgt. Maj. Joe Bonds.



Receiving the Commander's Award for Civilian Service is Firefighter Joseph Mannino for his "high degree of technical competence, enthusiasm, leadership and attention to detail."

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- CSM Change of Responsibility

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