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CORRECTION

On page 4 of the August 2018 issue of The Dispatch, Mr. Jeffery Wintle and Mr. Darrell Gray were incorrectly identified as "Mission DPG Employee and Mission Support Employee" of the 3rd OTR. The text should correctly state "Command Mission Employee" and "Command Mission Support Employee" respectively. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

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Maj. Gen. Joel K. Tyler, commander of Army Test and Evaluation Command, looks on while Matt McCarty, project manager for Dugway's Chemical Test Division, explains one of two Secondary Containment Modules (one behind them) in a massive, filtered chamber. The portable SCMs are expected to be completed in a few months. Photo by Al Vogel, Dugway Proving Ground Public Affairs.

Dugway mission, expertise impress ATEC general

By Al Vogel
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The general who commands Army Test and Evaluation Command toured Dugway Proving Ground, Aug. 7 for the first time, and came away unexpectedly impressed.

Commanding general of ATEC, at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland, Maj. Gen. Joel K. Tyler toured facilities that supported Dugway's primary mission: test and evaluate defenses that protect America and its allies against chemical or biological weapons.

He was accompanied by ATEC Command Sgt. Maj. Jon E. Helling; the general's aide de camp Capt. Earl Wilson; the commander of Dugway Proving Ground, Col. Brant D. Hoskins; and chiefs of the testing labs and facilities. "I am exceptionally grateful to be

here," Tyler said. "I've heard about Dugway for a long time; I've wanted to get out here."

He became ATEC commander June 29, and has 30 years in the Army. Tyler was commissioned from the University of Arkansas ROTC in 1988, with a bachelor's degree in political science. He has master's degrees in public administration from Central Michigan University and in national security and strategic studies from the College of Naval Warfare in Rhode Island.

Learning how Dugway facilities test and evaluate defenses against chemical or biological weapons or industrial incidents clearly intrigued the general, who asked numerous questions. The quality and dedication of the work force, some of whom commute

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Command perspective

By Ryan W. Harris
Director, West Desert Test Center

Team Dugway, as we finish a productive FY18, I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight some of our accomplishments over the past year and mention some key customer events for the FY19 testing season that will demonstrate how Dugway Proving Ground (DPG) continues to provide premier chemical and biological (CB) testing and training support to the Warfighter.

Despite resource challenges, we continue to support the department's modernization and readiness efforts by conducting critical independent testing and training. In May, we executed the Sets & Kits (S/K) Challenge IV that provided participants throughout the CB enterprise the



opportunity to test their emerging technologies against simulated CB threat scenarios. We continued our detection testing support for the Common Analytical Laboratory System (CALs) chemical and biological analytical subsystem by both WDTC and BTD to determine the performance of

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more than 800 miles a week, surprised him.

Tyler met with the ATEC work force near the end of the day in the Dugway School auditorium. Funded primarily by the Department of Defense, he praised the \$19 million K-12 school as an “amazing facility,” noting that Dugway’s sense of community was obvious.

“Having seen it, having touched it, having talked to people that work on it, Dugway’s really a national treasure,” the general said. “What you do here is so unique. It’s so beneficial to so many people. I know that the mission may have been bigger many years ago, but that doesn’t make it any less important (today).”

Though war is less frequent and deadly today than it was 50 or 100 years ago, the general noted, the potential to hurt or kill a greater number of people in a shorter time has increased.

“You’re keeping the flame of

many, many important things alive out here,” Tyler said, urging all ATEC workers, in and out of uniform, to promote Dugway’s crucial mission:

1. Educate and inform military and public leaders. “They need to understand the importance of what you do. Get them out here to see, smell and walk the ground.”

2. “Be sure we have the resources that we need, to do our job,” Tyler said.

3. Adapt. “You guys do it every day. I saw folks today ... who design the equipment that they use in the test. There are not a whole lot of other enterprises that have to design their tools. But ... you’re really smart on how to design the thing to enable you to do your job -- that’s pretty important.”

Changes in threats – biological, pharmaceutical, cyber – are proliferating at a rate faster than any other time in human history,” the general said. “Threats you can’t even imagine, and we have to

develop the tools to test our responses to those threats. What I learned today is that you guys are

already thinking that way.”

The general added, “It is my sacred responsibility to take care of the people that work for me and the people that they love. And that’s you guys, whether they’re

wearing a camouflage uniform, a tie and jacket or a contractor’s badge. It’s my responsibility to look out for you; that’s always at the forefront of my mind.”



Maj. Gen. Joel K. Tyler, commander of Army Test and Evaluation Command, toured defense testing facilities at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah on Aug. 7, 2018. Here, chemist Raven Reitstetter explains to the general, and ATEC Command Sgt. Maj. Jon E. Helring, how swatches of cloth intended for protective clothing and other uses is challenged with actual agent. Photo by Al Vogel, Dugway Proving Ground Public Affairs.



Analyst Jim Haines explains to the general how a replica bust of a human head -- SMARTMAN, is used to challenge gas masks and respirators with actual chemical agent. Photo by Al Vogel, Dugway Proving Ground Public Affairs.



Chris Olson, chief of the Chemical Test Division, Bryan Faucett, Chemical Operations branch chief, and the general pause to hear an overview of Dugway's chemical defense mission. Photo by Al Vogel, Dugway Proving Ground Public Affairs.

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these components. We conducted several individual protection tests to include the Air Force Joint Service Lightweight Integrated Suit Technology (AF JSLIST) to determine if the shelf-life of the items could be extended. By the way, you all looked great wearing the suits around the test center for the durability (wear) portion of the testing. We continued several decontamination testing events for the Contamination Indicator Decontamination Assurance System (CIDAS) that will culminate in an operation test in September of this year. The Son of Vulcan (SOV) agent defeat testing was successfully scaled-up this year and allowed the customer to assess new techniques and technologies. Additionally, we conducted

the largest Home-Made-Explosive (HME) test, to date, during the De-Railed test conducted for the Department of Homeland Security to assess potential rail car threats. Lastly, the annual Dugway Pole Test (DPT-18) continued support to both the Army and Navy to advance developments of missile warning and countermeasure systems.

We executed unique training events this year to include one of the longest distance missile shots conducted in CONUS for the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS). We supported the Army’s Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) treaty challenge inspection training exercise for the Chemical Materials Activity Center for Treaty Implementation and Compliance (CMA-CTIC) that

afforded the opportunity to practice the U.S. response in the event of a challenge by one of the other members to the treaty.

Due to several major test program delays in FY18, we were concerned we would see a reduction of workload. However, I’m glad to report that as of the end of July, we exceeded the reimbursable hours compared to the same time last year. We are expecting to maintain this trend and exceed reimbursable workload compared to FY17.

Looking forward, FY19 is scheduled to be a very busy year. We are expecting to initiate testing of two increments of the Next Generation Chemical Detector (NGCD) starting in mid-FY19. We continue to diligently prepare for this program by upgrading the

Chemical Agent Vapor (CAV) test fixture, and adding new capabilities with the addition of the Secondary Containment Modules (SCMs), Particulate Chemical Aerosol Detector Fixture (PADF), Advanced Threat Vapor Fixture (ATVF), and the Liquid Chemical Aerosol Detector Fixture (LADF) in the Material Test Facility.

In addition, we are planning on supporting the Stryker Nuclear, Biological, Chemical Reconnaissance Vehicle (NBCRV) Chemical Surface Detector (CSD) final prototype testing that includes chamber, environmental, and field testing requirements including some unique on-the-move requirements that will afford us the opportunity to implement creative solutions to meet customer’s expectations. This fall, we will be supporting the Integrated Early Warning (IEW) system by conducting both radar evaluations and C/B field testing.

We also expect the return of smoke testing for the XM-75 Screening Obscuration Module (SOM) program in the spring. We continue to see an increase in international interest for our advanced C/B training capabilities. We are currently planning events for the Australians, Germans, Canadians, and the United Kingdom.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for the extraordinary work that you continue to provide to this great nation. Your contributions to the mission are greatly appreciated, and I’m very proud to be serving with you. I’m certain we will have a successful FY19 test season that will ultimately provide critical solutions to our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines.

Dugway conducts Change of Responsibility ceremony

By Dugway Proving Ground Public Affairs

It is always a solemn and sentimental moment as Army leaders symbolize the change of responsibility and acceptance of new roles by passing the unit colors.

Incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Kyle R. Brinkman assumed responsibility as the Installation Command Sergeant Major during a Change of Responsibility ceremony Aug. 2 at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah.

Outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Joe Bonds departed to a new assignment at Fort Campbell as Sergeant Major for the CBRNE Section, in the 101st Airborne Division, an elite specialized light infantry unit trained for air assault operations.

"I have not been looking forward to this ceremony because we lose Joe Bonds as our command sergeant major," Col. Brant Hoskins, Dugway commander, confessed. "But I know his family is looking forward to having him close and the Soldiers will definitely benefit from his presence."

Hoskins also praised Bonds for his abilities as a "team builder" and an "extremely effective communicator" noting his "exceptional work" in the additional roles as a leader for the Garrison mission and in support of Soldiers and their Families serving at the Dugway Health Clinic.

"He could have probably gotten by with focusing on the mission side but that is not Command Sgt. Maj. Major Bonds. He has used his skills to build partnerships with leaders at the international, national and local levels and advocating for our mission, quality of life and everyone on the installation," he said.



Command Sgt. Maj. Kyle R. Brinkman returns the unit Guidon during a Change of Responsibility ceremony at U.S. Army Dugway Proving Ground. The colors always rest in the care of the current command sergeant major who will now serve as the right arm of the commander. Photo by Dugway Public Affairs

He also noted Bonds' soft spot for Dugway's children.

"Whether it was the reading program, lunch with the kids or



Dugway's new Command Sergeant Major Kyle R. Brinkman. Photo by Dugway Public Affairs

attending their dance and sporting events, he was there and he was loud." Hoskins said of Bond's commitment to the community.

Reflecting on his time at Dugway, Bonds spoke of the honor of

serving during the test center's 75th Birthday year.

"I am proud to have served here and add my small contribution to the rich history that has spanned 76 years of supporting the warfighter," Bonds said. "But as I depart, let the record reflect, I have done nothing alone. But I have done many things with many people. Thank you allowing me to serve with you."

Introducing the new command sergeant major, Hoskins explained the exceptional skill set Brinkman brings to the chemical and biological test capabilities of the test center.

"Command Sgt. Maj. Brinkman comes to us from the Republic of Korea where he has been involved in preparing our forces against the very real danger of weapons of mass destruction on the peninsula," said Hoskins. He assured Brinkman of his support.

"Welcome to the team, you have my full faith and confidence.



Col. Brant D. Hoskins, Dugway Proving Ground's commander awards departing Command Sgt. Maj. Joe Bonds the Legion of Merit during a Change of Responsibility ceremony for his meritorious conduct, outstanding services and achievements at U.S. Army Dugway Proving Ground, Utah. Photo by Dugway Public Affairs

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Chaplain (MAJ) James Lester

Prayer Works!

Charles Spurgeon once said "Prayer is the slender nerve that moves the muscle of omnipotence." When we are faced with the difficulties of our lives, or the problems that our nation faces, what is our first response? It can be difficult to be optimistic when you been passed over for a promotion or for a position you have hoped for. It's not easy to stay positive when your children are out of control and your Family is a mess. To actually take the time to pray when your life is so busy there seems to be no stopping, just sounds silly doesn't it. I mean does prayer really work, will it make a difference? I believe it does. Your life may not get magically better, but the way you perceive your situation can change.

Recently I was selected for the next rank, which I thank God for. But this is only part of the story. For the past 3 years I had been passed over for promotion. For most, that would have been the end, but the Army allows chaplains to be selectively continued on active duty. Which means that I would get looked at for promotion each year until retirement. So for the past 3 years I would wait on pens and needles for the results of our promotion board to be released. I would wait for a phone call from my commander or see the results the next day. And each time I was disappointed. It was easy to be discour-

aged, it was easy to beat myself up and think that I really wasn't good enough. I shed many a tear and said a lot of prayers and yet the answer was no until this year.

When the results came out this year my name was on the list I had finally been selected! I was shocked because for the past years the answer was different and now it had changed. I am promotable and will get to continue to serve on active duty. Did prayer work? Did prayer make a difference? I believe it did, but to be honest there were times that I wanted to stop praying. I went back and forth with God, but in the end I realized that even if I was not selected for promotion I would continue to serve and I would pray. I wasn't praying for promotion, but I was praying that God would give me peace and favor. That I would be able to continue to serve. He answered that prayer this year in August.

Maybe it's been a while since you have exercised that nerve of prayer. You have been doing things on your own and you've been pretty successful, but now you're in a place where things just aren't going right. You may feel that it's not right for you to pray because you haven't done so in the past. As a parent I am thrilled when my children ask me for help. Two of them are in college and so I don't get to be asked that often, but when they do I go out of my way to help them. It's not too late to take a moment and pray.



Command Sgt. Maj. Kyle R. Brinkman and his wife, Melissa after the Change of Responsibility ceremony, August 2, at Dugway Proving Ground's high school auditorium. Brinkman said he and his wife are excited to be here and looking forward to working with everyone. Photo by Dugway Public Affairs

In the months ahead we will continue to train the national mission force in our craft of chemical and biological defense testing."

Brinkman thanked everyone for their tremendous support and pledged to continue the legacy.

"I could not have imagined a better brother to follow here," Brinkman said during the ceremony. "You carved out an amazing legacy with the community. It's an honor to be here and I look forward to serving at Dugway."



SOLDIER FOR LIFE

What is it?
 Soldier for Life is a U.S. Army program that conducts strategic outreach and shapes education, employment, and health policies, programs, and services to inspire citizens to serve and to create an environment where Soldiers transition to be productive Veterans of characters, integrity, and service.

What has the Army done / is doing?
 Soldier for Life is spreading the message across the Army that once you are a Soldier, you're a Soldier for Life. Soldiers embrace the ideals of discipline, leadership and teamwork and carry those traits as part of a lifelong commitment to service. A Soldier's commitment to service doesn't end when they take off the uniform, it grows as we find opportunities for leadership and service in our community.

The Soldier for Life program has formed relationships with vibrant veteran communities in cities like Atlanta, Los Angeles, Houston, New York and more around the country. Engaging with these communities creates opportunities for shared success amongst Soldiers, veterans and their communities.

The Soldier for Life program connects Soldiers and Veterans with top universities to create unique opportunities to excel. A Soldier has skills like teamwork, discipline and leadership that when combined with the education benefits of the Post-9/11 GI Bill, can create unique opportunities to excel in life.

What continued efforts does the Army have planned?
 The Army plans to:

- Communicate internally what it means to be a Soldier and stay connected to the core constituency.
- Promote the value of Soldiers and veterans to private organizations, government, non-profit organizations and universities.
- Shape policies and programs that maximize the potential of our Soldiers as they transition to veterans

Why is this important to the Army?
 The Soldier for Life program is founded upon the central idea that once a Soldier, always a Soldier. A Soldier's legacy of service persists well beyond your time in active service. This journey from civilian to lifelong Soldier is outlined in the Soldier Life Cycle.

Soldier for Life.
 (Source - Army STAND-TO)



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A New Face at Dugway's Hope Chapel Chaplain Office

By Dugway Proving Ground Public Affairs

As an Army Chaplain's Religious Affairs Specialist, Sgt. Brandon Clonts is a vital part of a religious support team at a remote Army installation in the west desert of Utah. Teamed with Chaplain (Maj.) James Lester, together they form a tight-knit ministry team devoted and united in the nurturing and encouragement of those who are looking for a connection to a higher source of comfort, understanding and spiritual guidance.

Clonts is a tall man, with an easy smile and open, sincere manner. He naturally leans in to his role of service, clearly pleased to be part of the good work.

"He is the Garrison Religious Affairs Non-Commissioned Officer responsible for the day to day operations of the chapel, responsible for purchasing and ordering supplies used," Chaplain Lester shared.

His role requires everything from preparing spaces of worship to managing supplies and funds. He assists the chaplain with correspondence and helps organize and support community events.

According to the Chaplain, two further requirements are an essential duty. He also must smile a lot and be a positive influence.

"He does smile a lot and is a great assistant," Lester confirms.

Supporting the work of the Chapel on a remote location is no easy task. It's a long way from resources that larger installations have in abundance. But that doesn't slow the chapel down in the number of programs, or the enthusiasm to get everyone involved.

"I am here to support the Chaplain, whatever he needs," Clonts said. "It's an honor to be in a trusted position that allows me to help ensure the success of the Chaplain's programs. I feel honored to help anyone receive the assistance, hope and counseling they may need."



Sgt. Brandon Clonts the chaplains assistant at the Dugway Hope Chapel July 30, 2018 at U.S. Army Dugway proving Ground, Utah. Photo by Dugway Proving Ground Public Affairs.

Being brand new to Dugway, Clonts said he feels he is getting the lay of the land.

"I like the slower pace and positive feeling of this community. The climate is beautiful and the desert suits me," he confesses, noting it reminds him of where he grew up near Phoenix, Arizona.

Clonts brings with him his wife and two children who are looking forward to attending school at Dugway and meeting new friends.

"I am grateful to be assigned here. We all like it here. This is a beautiful place and a small, friendly community," he said. "I like the support. I feel connected to the chapel. It's a positive and promising feeling" he added.

No matter the faith, Clonts said his position is about helping people find the religious support they may need at Dugway.

"Building relationships with community members through the test center is a goal Chaplain Lester and I share. We are here to support this command," Clonts added.

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