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A time to hail and say farewell

DPG Change of Responsibility Ceremony

Story by Bonnie A. Robinson
Public Affairs Specialist

Dugway Proving Ground said goodbye to the sergeant major and welcomed a new one, during a change of responsibility ceremony March 20 in front of an overflowing audience of family members, special guests, Soldiers and employees at the Community Club.

Eager to take on the new assignment Zeladaparedes hopes to promote camaraderie with a simple philosophy of highlighting the Army values, hands on leadership, and working as a committed team member.

Command Sgt. Maj. Alma L. Zeladaparedes relieved Sgt. Maj. Stanley D, Morton Jr. of his responsibility with the traditional passing of the noncommissioned officer sword that signifies loyalty and dedication to duty and is regarded as a reminder of past traditions and future endeavors.

After a welcome, Col. A. Scott Estes, Dugway's commander, reminded attendees of the importance of the change of responsibility ceremony that honors both sergeant majors.

The "change of responsibility" ceremony is a military tradition. The Army holds the ceremony when a senior noncommissioned officer leaves a leadership position and a new NCO takes his place. The ceremony renders honors to the departing NCO and provides official recognition for the incoming leader.

Of retiring Sgt. Maj. Morton, Estes spoke of Morton's influence as the senior noncommissioned officer at Dugway.

"You have had a tremendous impact as the senior leader," Estes said. "Thank you for your support and commitment. You brought a wealth of specialized knowledge. We are a better organization for your service."

While at Dugway, Morton took great pride in working with the Solders of the Dugway Health Clinic and A Battery, Air Defense Artillery. He quickly put the NCO board of review up front and made honoring their accomplishments a priority.

He served on the community review board, making good progress in resolving issues and encouraged residents to be more active in community events.When the sergeant major first arrived he championed the Continuous Improvement Process and was one of two black belts on post. With his encouragement, many more have followed his example, Estes said.

On a personal note Estes added, "I have been fortunate to serve with you. Thank you for faithful and loyal service. You have been a great friend and battle buddy, who

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Command Sgt. Maj. Alma Zeladaparedes inspects the ceremonial sword prior to returning to the unit during the change of responsibility ceremony.

Farewell, furlough and other hot Dugway topics

Thanks to all of you who supported the change of responsibility and retirement ceremony for Sgt. Maj. Stanley Morton and Command Sgt. Maj. Alma Zeladaparedes. The entire Morton family truly enjoyed these events. We are very lucky to have a great new command sergeant major. She has a vast amount of operational experience in the chemical/biological field, enjoys being part of the action and has quickly become a respected member of the team.

Sequestration and furlough are still hot topics across the Army and the Department of Defense. We will continue to work the budget with as much flexibility as we are delegated, and to keep our Dugway workforce informed as changes happen. As usual, our test mission is top priority. Without our military, civilians and their family members, completing our mission would be impossible. Thanks for all you do!

April is the Month of the Military Child. Many military children move frequently and sacrifice their own opportunities for growth of their parents' careers. Hopefully, these youth also learn to adapt well to changing scenarios and to make friends quickly. We need to welcome and support all new youth that move into our community. American's future scientists and military leaders may very well live within our community. Along those lines, congratulations to Dugway High School's five Sterling Scholars as reported in this edition of the Dugway Dispatch.

COL A. Scott Estes

Spring is here and temperatures are gradually rising, you may see more troops and youth in English Village running or performing other types of outdoor activities. Please use caution and obey the 10 mph speed limit when driving near pedestrians.

Dugway is always looking to the future, and international testing is becoming more of a priority than in the past. The Divine Wind test, recently completed at Life Sciences Test Facility for the Japanese Ministry of Defense, is a success story of cooperation and shared learning between scientists and governments. Unbeaten testing and teamwork also improves global relations as we learn about new techniques and developments together.

Also, in this issue, Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Tredway saved a life on duty while traveling to Deseret Chemical Depot. Numerous hours of training are never wasted, if even one life is saved. I am certainly grateful Sgt. 1st Class Tredway is stationed at Dugway's Health Clinic and is another fine example of an outstanding member of Team Dugway.

Again, thanks again for all that each and every one of you do every day to contribute to Dugway's success. Please know that I am keenly aware of the stress that is ongoing and the financial uncertainties it is probably causing many of us. One thing is for certain though, we will all be better off if we stick together during the coming weeks and months.

Sgt. Maj. Morton retires after 26 years of Army service

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"It's time to say goodbye," said Sgt. Maj. Stanley D. Morton, Jr. who retired March 20 after 26 years of service to the Army

Morton joined the Army in Macon, Ga., to "travel and see the world." He has accomplished his goal by setting a "foot on every continent" of the globe.

"I've seen the Pyramids in Egypt, stood at the base of the mountain border of Iran, swam in the ocean in Saipan, been to the Australian Outback and my favorite spot, Okinawa," he said.

Morton spent the majority of his time serving as a senior noncommissioned officer for chemical companies and battalions across the nation and overseas in Iraq, Afghanistan and Japan.

A great deal of the time was spent with the 25th Infantry Division as a Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear noncommissioned officer.

Photo by Al Vogel

Sgt. Maj. Stanley D. Morton Jr. accepts his Certificate of Retirement from Col. A. Scott Estes March 20 at a ceremony honoring his 26 years of service at the English Village command conference room at U.S. Army Dugway Proving Ground, Utah.

"It was a great occupation specialty for me, giving me many opportunities to serve and move forward in my career. There has always been a huge feeling of camaraderie with the men and women I served with, I will never forget that."

Morton said he will miss Dugway. "This is a terrific place to serve. Dugway will always hold a special place in my heart," he said.

He thanks this family for his success. "I especially thank my wife and family. It is not easy to be a military family and I will always be grateful for their selfless support."

Morton asks that the same respect and commitment he has always felt be afforded to Command Sgt. Maj. Zeladaparedes.

"We go back 10 years," he said. "She will be a great sounding board for the command. She has one speed – fast forward. She will give 100 percent as a true professional and will easily take Dugway to the next level."

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Meet Command Sgt. Maj. Alma L. Zeladaparedes

Together in the spirit of teamwork

Left to right, Spc. David Daniels, Staff Sgt. Deneva Payne, Command Sgt. Maj. Alma L. Zeladaparedes and Pfc. Miguel Camarillo with A Battery Air Defense Artillery retreat the flag, March 21. Zeladaparedes is the post's first female command sergeant major in Dugway Proving Ground's 71 year history.

Story and photo by Bonnie A. Robinson
Public Affairs Specialist

She spent the first three weeks getting to know the lay of the land, so to speak; enjoyed meeting new people, watching how organizations work together, listening to discussions, studying various teams and their leaders as they work to resolve mission responsibilities. It is a skill she has learned during the almost 26 years of service to the United States and the Army as a senior leader and team player.

Command Sgt. Maj. Alma Larissa Zeladaparedes accepted the duty, accountability and responsibility as the senior noncommissioned officer at Dugway Proving Ground during a change of responsibility ceremony March 21, at the Community Club. She brings a wealth of experience culled from years of service and a robust belief that working as a team can activate a kind of chemistry that ensures the success of the mission.

Prior to coming here, Zeladaparedes served with the Big Red One, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan. where she served as the division level Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and high-yield Explosives, or CBRNE, sergeant major, and as the commandant of the Warrior Leader Course.

"It was my honor to serve as the commandant," Zeladaparedes said. "The course trains and develops junior leaders for the challenging responsibilities they will face as noncommissioned officers."

She is excited to come to Dugway, having heard much from outgoing Sgt. Maj. Stanley Morton.

"I look forward to working not only with Soldiers and their families, but working with a civilian workforce, something I have not done before," she said.

Born in Guatemala, Zeladaparedes said she was brought to the United States by her mother, Natalia, as a girl. She is thankful for the scaffolding of sacrifice made by a dedicated mother who wanted a better life for her children.

"Life in Guatemala was difficult for my family. My mother wanted her children to have a more secure future, with more opportunities to succeed," she said of the time before the family immigrated to Brooklyn, N. Y. "I appreciate that she made that sacrifice for me, my brothers and sister. I am also grateful my daughter, Brandi, is part of the next generation that benefits from my mother's dream of coming to America."

Zeladaparedes recalls an earthquake in her hometown, when she was a child, and the efforts of a rescue team from the International Red Cross.

"We were so scared when the earthquake hit that we had slept outside in the street. In the morning, as the sun rose, we could see rubble everywhere, houses falling apart, people trapped. It was the first time I had really paid attention to the combined effort of international humanitarians. It was wonderful to watch them respond, " she said.

The example set that morning was part of Zeladaparedes' decision to join the Army.

"We read and watch on television a lot about the service in combat zones, but less of the humanitarian efforts that are brought with that service. It was certainly a draw for me as I considered joining the Army. Later in my career, while stationed in Panama, I served as a Christian missionary,"

Her older brother, Edwin, joined the U.S. Navy. He helped model her choice to serve in the Army.

"My mother had hoped I would become a lawyer, and I began to focus my attentions toward that goal, but as I listened closely to my brother's experiences, I heard him talk about the spirit of teamwork he felt. The Navy wanted him to succeed. They would provide education opportunities."

Building the spirit of teamwork was something Zeladaparedes had been looking for. She began asking questions and soon looked at the Army as a career.

"The Army reminded me of those Red Cross workers who came to help us, when I was a girl. I had wanted to follow in their footsteps and follow my brother's example. The Army gave me my opportunity to do so."

The noncommissioned corps offered the hands-on leadership skills she wanted with mentors and leaders who were committed to teamwork.

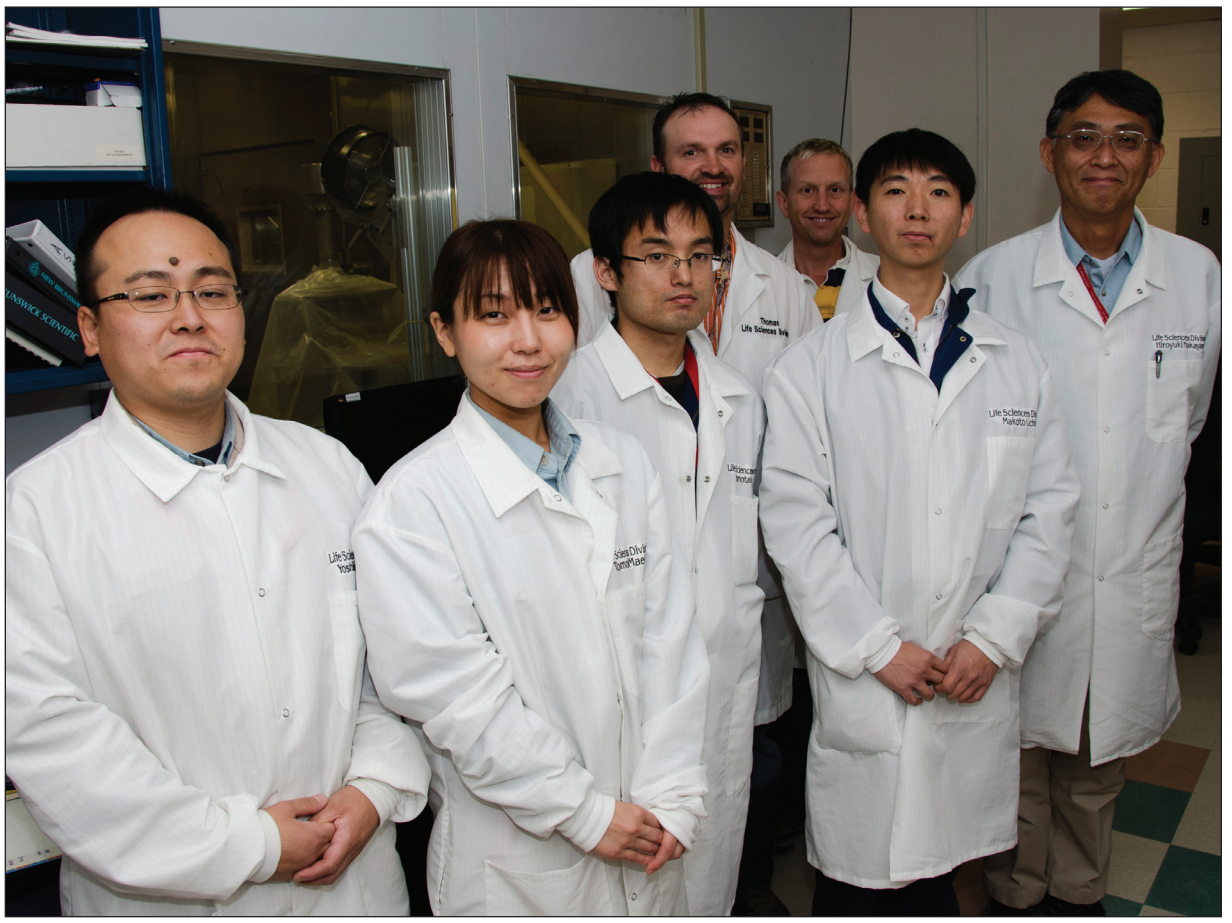
"I am indebted to leadership examples of those I have served with in the Army. Through them, I have learned that most of us want to do our best, but almost everyone can use help along the way. I am grateful for those who have helped me succeed in the tasks I have been assigned," she said fervently.

Zeladaparedes leadership motto is "See me. Talk to me." She looks forward to being more involved in any process that facilitates teamwork at Dugway.

"I am a firm believer in the team process. I always ask: How do you propose to accomplish this? Who else needs to be involved? What needs to be done?"

"Effective teamwork requires working closely together. When we work together it makes people feel good about the effort. It builds self esteem, and fosters commitment to common goals. It makes the workplace a better environment. We work best when closely intertwined. I want it to be known that the team here can depend on me."

Dugway's remoteness, expertise amaze Japanese Ministry of Defense testers



Scientists from the Japanese Ministry of Defense who worked alongside Dugway bio-defense specialists, in front of a BSL-1 chamber. The detector is seen in the chamber, between the first two scientists. Left to right: Yoshihiro Kitada, Tomoko Maeda, Tomotaka Mido, Aaron Thomas, Jeff Poor, Makoto Uchida and Hiroyuki Nakayama.

Story and photos by Al Vogel
Public Affairs Specialist

At 37 million people, the Tokyo/Yokohama area of Japan is the world's most populace area, with an estimated 11,300 people per square mile. At its peak, Dugway Proving Ground averages fewer than two people for each of its 1,252 square miles. Little wonder that a group of Japanese scientists were amazed and delighted by Dugway's wide open spaces for testing a prototype biological agent detector for their nation.

Scientists from the Technical Research & Development Institute, under the Japanese Ministry of Defense based in Tokyo, tested the detector from June to November. Named Divine Wind, the test had Japanese working alongside scientists from the Life Sciences Division of Dugway's West Desert Test Center.

Divine Wind's outdoor testing was conducted – per international treaty requirements – with benign microbes that simulated Biosafety Level 3 biological agents. BSL-3 agents are those for which there is a vaccine or cure. Dugway does not possess or work with BSL-4 agents, extremely virulent bio-agents for which there is no vaccine or cure.

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> --Tomotaka Mido, a microbiologist,Technical Research & Development Institute, Japanese Ministry of Defense

Indoors, BSL-3 agents were used in BSL-3 laboratories with multiple, redundant safety systems. Using live agent lends authenticity. After all, it's the detector's reason for being: spot live agent and give warning.

Easier to obtain and weaponize than BSL-4 agents, BSL-3 agents are more likely to be used by terrorists or rogue nations. BSL-4 agents (Ebola, smallpox, hemorrhagic fevers, etc.) are much more difficult to obtain, and require rare expertise with extremely complex facilities.

Using simulated BSL-3 agent, Divine Wind testers challenged the detector outdoors in varying weather conditions and distances from the simulant's release.

"In Japan, we don't have the testing chamber and the [outdoor] test field to test this detector," said Makoto Uchida, through a translator. "It is difficult to use live agent for testing in Japan."

Uchida, who has a PhD in animal and food hygiene, said they are now analyzing data to determine the test results.

Six Japanese government members tested the prototype bio-detector through the summer. Most of the time, two to four Japanese scientists were on each trial, working with Dugway bio-defense experts. Nearly 40 different BSL-2 and 3 agents were used to challenge the detector. Part of Divine Wind involved using primers for Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) -- a method to duplicate DNA strands for more accurate identification.

Japanese scientists have developed PCR primers that speed duplication and give more precise identification. Being able to quickly and accurately identify a strain of anthrax, pneumonic plague, etc. can avert or contain an epidemic and save lives.

Tomotaka Mido, a microbiologist, said, "We were very surprised that Dugway has a big facility, and a big outdoor test field."

Divine Wind personnel encountered a wide range of weather conditions from June through November on the high desert test grids nearly 5,000 feet (1,525 meters) above sea level.

"We were lucky, though," Aaron Thomas, Divine Wind's test officer and a microbiologist, said. "We got cold, winds and snow. A few times we didn't get the field testing we wanted, but most of the time we did."

Testing was also conducted at the Joint Ambient Breeze Tunnel (JABT), a structure 530 feet long, 42 feet wide and 58 feet high. Fans drew bio simulants along its length, to challenge the detector. Because it's enclosed, the JABT shrugs off inclement weather and allows continued testing.

Hiroyuki Nakayama, the team leader for the Japanese contractors, was impressed by the

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Divine Wind

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resources, infrastructure and expertise at Dugway.

"Especially, we cannot use bio (agents) that we can use in Japan," he said through an interpreter.

Thomas will soon go to Japan to discuss the data gathered, and review the English version of the Divine Wind test report with his Japanese counterparts. The approved version will be translated into Japanese and presented to the Japanese Ministry of Defense in March or April.

Some of the Japanese scientists may also return to Dugway this spring, to discuss more testing and exchange knowledge.

The Japanese scientists are very interested in the Whole System Live Agent Test (WSLAT) chamber, believed to be the world's largest chamber for testing biological detectors with live BSL-3 agent. Recently completed, it will be certified by the Centers for Disease Control this fall; the first test is expected early 2014.

Though the Japanese contractors worked eagerly in the lab and field, they did some sightseeing on days off: Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, Zion and Arches National Parks, and Las Vegas and Wendover.

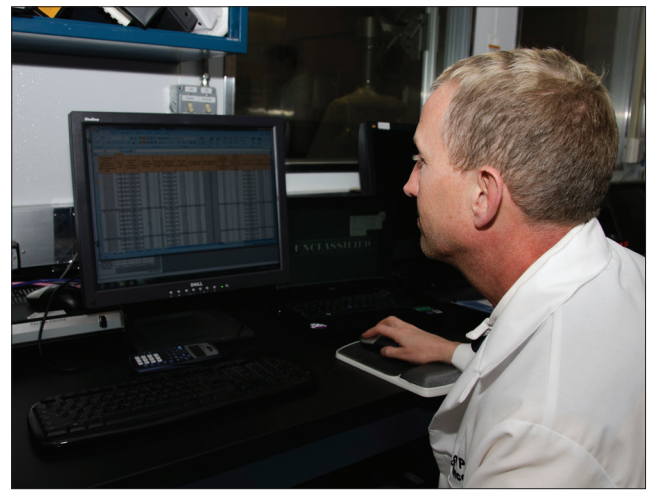
Dugway scientists had the Japanese over to their homes for barbecue and some recreational shooting with shotguns, handguns, .22 and high-powered rifles. It was their first trigger-time, and they enjoyed it.

Friendships were established, no doubt, but more importantly the Japanese learned the capabilities and limits of their prototype bio-detector, what Dugway offers, and how testing is done.

"Dugway's test infrastructure was one of the reasons they came here," Thomas said. "I think it's been a good experience for them to see how we test at Dugway Proving Ground.They'll take some of that knowledge back with them."

And undoubtedly, they returned with tales of the wide open spaces of the American West – an experience almost inconceivable to others in the most populated place on Earth.

The prototype biological agent detector, sent to Dugway by the Japanese Ministry of Defense, undergoing testing in a BSL-3 chamber. Most of the detector, except its sampling intake, was covered to protect exposed areas that would otherwise be in a rugged housing.



Right, Jeff Poor, a microbiologist with Life Sciences Division, looks over data streaming from a chamber aerosol test of a prototype biological agent detector, brought to Dugway from Japan for testing. Nearly 40 different Biosafety Level 2 and 3 agents that might be used by terrorists or rogue nations were used in the Divine Wind test.

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provided a crucial link between the Soldiers, the test center, the community and the command," Estes said with emotion.

For Morton, the ceremony was a chance to speak to the Soldiers, workforce and community members publicly of serving with Estes one last time. He shared many personal memories that brought laughter to his sincere words and left people nodding in agreement.

"In all my assignments over 26 years of service, this is where I have learned the most," Morton said."You have helped prepare me for what will come next in a civilian setting. Thank you for your support, it has been a most rewarding experience to have been assigned here."

The Morton family has settled in Laurel, Md. for the short term, where Morton will support his wife Michelle as she advances her career.

The Morton's are hoping to eventually retire in Georgia or Florida. With one last thing to do, Morton assured the Soldiers, Family members and employees that they will be in capable hands upon his departure, and that he could not think of anyone better than Command Sgt. Maj. Zeladaparedes to "do the job."

"She is the right person at the right time to continue Dugway's tradition of excellence. Please give her the same support you have given me." Then, with a sigh of completion, he added, "Dragon seven out."

Eager to take on the new assignment Zeladaparedes hopes to promote camaraderie with a simple philosophy of highlighting the Army values, hands on leadership and working as a committed team member.

"I am honored to follow a great professional Soldier. I look forward to working together as a team." she said. "Let's make this a successful union."

Zeladaparedes is the first female command sergeant major in Dugway's 71-year history.

The command sergeant major rank was created in 1967 making her almost certainly Dugway's first female command sergeant major.

Commander addresses furloughs

Photo by Al Vogel

Col. A. Scott Estes talks with employees at a workforce meeting March 7 at the Shocklee Fitness Center over concerns about possible furloughs. The commander and senior leaders took questions for more than two hours, to inform and alleviate concerns.

Story by Bonnie A. Robinson
Public Affairs Specialist

The tension was palpable at the workforce meeting March 7 at the Shocklee Fitness Center to address the possibility of furloughing Dugway Proving Ground employees. More than 400 employees were there to hear what senior leaders would do if 16 hours are lost per pay period.

The commander said he felt the meeting was necessitated by the sequester and concerns over the furlough that was implemented as budget cuts loom for the Department of Defense. Col. A. Scott Estes, Dugway commander got right to the point, saying that employees need to realize that much of what would be discussed needed a caveat.

"Listen carefully to what I am going to say. Much of what we are going to talk about falls under the might be or if the furloughs are implemented," he said.

Estes noted that there has been much speculation across the post and he had received a number of emails and concerns expressed through his staff. He wanted to provide a forum where issues could be expressed.

A panel of supervisors and Army leaders sat behind a long table to provide additional information:Ken Gritton, Dugway Proving Ground, technical director, Army Test and Evaluation Command;Ryan Harris, director, West Desert Test Center; Audy Snodgrass, Dugway garrison manager, Installation Management Command; Capt. Luke Mease, officer in charge, Dugway Health Clinic; Command Sgt. Major Alma Zeladaparedes, Dugway, Army Test and Evaluation Command; Elizabeth Reed, director of Mission Installation Contracting Command, Dugway; Gaylen Whatcott, labor relations, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center; Mike Cassun, director, Network Enterprise Center, Dugway; Phillip Tomac, acting director of Logistics, Army Materiel Command; and Jon Palmer, the president of National Association of Government Employees union at Dugway.

Estes said that time was ticking away and that without a resolution from the president or congressional leaders, the DOD had determined there was not enough money to sustain full operations.

"Senior leaders have been asked to begin the process of identifying employees who might be affected, but because not all the issues have been considered, it was difficult to make predictions and decisions that would be made by Department of Army officials," he said.

Workforce employees asked questions about the need for flexible work hours in order to meet customer training requirements, overtime, security and surety operations, how leave and holiday time would be addressed, restrictions on part-time employees, travel and employee stress levels.

"I am keenly sensitive to your concerns," Estes said. "But much of what you are asking depends

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Meet Dugway's new chaplain

Drawn to humor and hope

Chaplain (Capt.) Stephen Dicks shows his notebook full of original cartoons. The cartoons serve as an avenue to communicate with the community and workforce. His series "Another Monday" has been published in multiple newspapers throughout the country and in almost every post he has served at in the Army.

Story by Bonnie A. Robinson
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He sits at his desk flipping through the pages of a large notebook. Each page contains a plastic sleeve with a hand-drawn cartoon. Around him are mementos, mostly given as a thank-you for his service; some for his professional service, more because he was liked, a few because he is sentimental. He is a compact man, with a lot of energy. He has piercing eyes, a hardy laugh and a firm handshake; instantly likeable. He is discrete, knows when to listen and what to share.

Meet Dugway Proving Ground's new chaplain, Stephen Dicks. He will tell you he is a spiritual being with a sense of humor, purpose and optimism. He will tell you that hope led him to God, and eventually his mission. His mission brings him here, where he hopes to use his talents as a cartoonist, artist, and an author to reach those he is called to serve.

Called to serve

Dicks joined the Army in 1996 as a chaplain assistant, one month after he married the love of his life, Jennifer. They met when he was a youth pastor at the First Baptist Church in Fort Mohave, Ariz. Jennifer attended the same church. A romance bloomed into love, and he proposed on her birthday. His first assignment was to Camp Casey, South Korea, with the 302nd Forward Support Battalion.

"Serving was a way to thank God for the incredible experiences I had received," Dicks said. "It was also a way to pattern myself after my father and two older brothers, Robert and Larry. I look up to them, they are valiant men and I am proud of their service. So, you could say that I went into the family business."

While serving as chaplain assistant, Dicks served with 108th Air Defense Artillery at Fort Bliss, Texas from 1997 to 1999. There, he accepted a commission as a 2nd lieutenant in the Individual Ready Reserves and advanced to a chaplain candidate.

During the next five years, he attended seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. After graduating, he was promoted to the rank of captain, and was assigned to the 28th Combat Support Hospital at Fort Bragg N.C. There, he deployed with Operation Iraqi Freedom for 15 months in 2006 through 2007, serving near Baghdad and Mosul, during two of the most violent years of the Iraq war.

Returning to the U.S., he was assigned to San Antonio, Texas. There he completed his clinical pastoral education, receiving his doctorate from Erskine Seminary. After which, he served with the 40th Military Police Battalion at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. at the United States Disciplinary Barracks Battalion. The unit later deployed to Operation New Dawn in Camp Cropper, Iraq. Dicks was assigned to conduct detention operations before the operations were transferred to the Iraqi government.

Upon return, Dicks attended the chaplain's career course at Fort Jackson, S.C. just prior to his assignment as Dugway Proving Ground's chaplain.

Drawn to Humor and Art

As a young man, Dicks had always been interested in writing and art, and in particular cartooning.

"It was my way to make people laugh. I love seeing their eyes light up," he said

Dicks said he felt drawn to the funny side of stress, which would eventually lead to his one-frame cartoon series called Another Monday, which has been published in multiple newspapers including: The Fort Bliss Monitor, The Fort Bragg Paraglide, The Ingleside Index and the Fort Leavenworth Lamp and will continue in The Dugway Dispatch.

"There is something universal about the challenges of a new week, it just has a weight to it, and making a cartoon out of it keeps me out of trouble," he added with a chuckle.

It's not surprising to learn that he carries a notebook or a sketchpad everywhere.

"I have to draw. Cartooning offers me three things: an escape, a way to review life's experiences and an interesting way to connect with others," he said.

Dicks likes to personalize his cartoons. He does this by highlighting local people and situations.

"Once people get used to me drawing, they begin to ask what I am working on next, or who might show up in a cartoon" he said. "Sometimes they will even suggest ideas. I like the interaction, that's what makes it fun."

Art has always played a role in Dicks' ministry. Over his years of service he has painted several unit murals and Soldier's portraits, and has even

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on what will be decided at higher headquarters and if the furloughs take place."

The commander was able to say that at the time of this meeting no Soldiers or contractors would be asked to perform duties assigned to civilian employees. If furloughs were implemented, and customers require employees to work beyond the authorized hours, employees would have to make up the furlough day's requirements.

Estes said he wanted it understood that employees would not donate time nor work after hours. He added that union-represented employees should submit concerns through Palmer and other union representatives.

The commander assured employees that security clearances would not be affected for furlough days and said that employees needing financial advice should call Brent Console at Army Community Services.

Estes reiterated there may be impacts to operations and although he much appreciated the workforce's commitment to meet customer needs, the budget cuts and cost-saving measures are being determined at the Department of Defense level. He fully expects work issues would be an ongoing concern and most likely change from day to day over the next several weeks. Updates to possible furlough will be sent through command channels.

"I will continue to keep you informed, and I am willing to hear your concerns. You can email me directly, if needed. As I know more, so will you," Estes promised. "We will roll out together from here."

Photo by Al Vogel

Real concern for a 20 percent decrease in pay propelled more than 400 employees to voice issues at a two-and-half-hour-plus meeting at the Shocklee Fitness Center, March 7.

Furlough Update

Defense officials have delayed their furlough process for about two weeks as they analyze the impact of pending legislation on their funds, officials said. They expect to release furlough notices in the near future. The furloughs, which at this point are expected to be up to 14 days, must be between now and the end of September, according to recent news reports.

The furloughs are a result of the March 1 sequester that requires DOD to cut about $46 billion the rest of the fiscal year.

Once the notice is received, furloughs would begin in 30 days.

About 800,000 civilians work for DOD; military members are not affected, but civilians and military spouses could be. Roughly 40,000 Army spouses are federal employees. Two Dugway spouses work as DOD civilians and could be affected.

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created a few drawings for tattoos. He believes it opens avenues of communication.

"Art has been a blessing as a chaplain. It draws people together," he said with a laugh caught by the pun. Then he became more serious. "Whether life is stressful or ridiculous, if I can capture those moments and share them with others it is a great way to relate with those I am called to serve."

Dicks believes humor and art are good ways to interact with Soldiers, particularly those who have been wounded.

"I have seen humor help with the recovery of even those who have severe wounds or have lost limbs. Laughter lifts the load for a while. It can release depression. It is a resilience builder. It brings us together one laugh at a time."

Hope on a Strange Planet

Dicks is also a writer. He recently penned and published his first book, Hope on a Strange Planet. It is based on his journal experiences primarily in overseas combat zones. He captures what a Chaplain/Soldier feels, often focusing on the emotional and spiritual parts that are part of combat experience.

"I have always kept a journal. While I was deployed, my family suggested I share some of the events I had experienced. Some are humorous and others are more serious," he said.

Dicks said he believes chaplains are placed to counsel and encourage, and at times to listen so that healing can begin.

"I learned that Soldiers often carry silent wounds like invisible badges, experiences that others haven't yet earned the right to hear. These experiences carry a lot of stress and anxiety, it's an emotional history. Sometimes it can't be articulated easily. Some feel it's taboo and it haunts them. It can bring a fear of rejection."

Having seved in a combat zone Dicks understands why it can be difficult to share experiences.

"Anyone can become broken for a while. I've been there. We are not supermen. Listening heals. I am proud to be part of the Chaplain Corps. I hope to calm, influence and share that God will not abandon us, even in the rough patches."

Hopes and Goals

Dicks looks forward to serving Soldiers, Families, residents and the workforce and is happy to work and serve alongside civilians again. His wife and family, three daughters, Ashley,16, Kaylee,14,Tina 11, and a son, Stephen who is nine, feel the same way, he said.

"This is a unique spot in the military. It's a remote site in the middle of the country. This is a terrific community, with such good people here. When we arrived, we didn't fix a meal for a week and a half. We appreciate the kind welcome," Dicks said.

The chaplain said he wants to be accessible to everyone who lives or works at Dugway and that his door is always open, and he is ready to listen and give hope.

"I want everyone to know they have a chaplain who cares about them. I want to share my humor and my stories. But most of all I want to share hope. Hope unites Soldiers with God and God with Soldiers. God offers the same hope to everyone."

Solar power proposal sent; 2014 budget clouds chance

A two-megawatt solar panel array at Fort Carson, Colo., produces enough power for 540 homes. Dugway Proving Ground hopes to install at least one two-megawatt solar array, if funding is available from the 2014 budget, yet unfinished. The type of solar array has not been set. (U.S. Army photo.)

Story by Al Vogel
Public Affairs Specialist

It's not as certain as the dawn, but Dugway Proving Ground may receive funding to generate power from the sun. Funding would come from the 2014 budget, which is not finalized.

Sean Svendsen is cautiously optimistic, but emphasized it's not a certainty: between now and the finalized 2014 budget, plans could be rained out.

Svendsen, Dugway's resource efficiency manager, wrote and submitted a proposal for Dugway's own two-megawatt solar power generator last year to the Installation Management Command (IMCOM) headquarters at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

He also sent the proposal to Idaho National Labs (INL), which works with the Army Corps of Engineers. The INL pronounced it feasible.

The proposal then went to the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, which forwarded it to the Energy Conservation Investment Program (ECIP) under the Secretary of Defense.

The Army Corps of Engineers' Capt. Jonathan Houston, ECIP program manager for IMCOM headquarters, said the proposal looks good – but again, funding is uncertain.

The Army Corps of Engineers, and the Army Chief of Staff for Installation Management conducted parallel reviews and approved the project – but not its funding, said Houston.

Both offices decide which of the many submitted ECIP projects, from numerous installations, would be best to receive 2014 budget dollars. Their decision is based on the ratio of savings to investment, and established energy priorities. The decision is expected within months.

"It's on the right track, but it still has some ground to cover before it's a slam-dunk," Houston said.

Dugway's demand for electricity is near the maximum of what Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) can provide, particularly during warm months when air conditioning is required and West Desert Test Center's schedule teems with tests, exercises and training.

Rocky Mountain Power is the post's primary source of electricity, though diesel generators augment during unexpected power outages. Solar-generated electricity would augment Dugway's needs, but not replace the RMP line.

Many specifics affecting the solar array's cost remain intangible.

Generalizing its cost to prevent potential bidders from having an advantage, Svendsen said the project would be many millions of dollars.

A photovoltaic array has been proposed, but there are other types of solar-power generation. Tooele Army Depot is installing concentrating solar, not a photovoltaic array. Svendsen has worked with TEAD to expand his knowledge and contacts.

One array, or two (English Village and Ditto) are under examination. If two, they may be placed near each area's substation.

Creating Dugway's own micro-grid, and energy storage system, to better control its electrical use has also been discussed.

The proposed solar generation project is the first in a series of improvements that are planned, Svendsen said. (See related report below).

"The solar power proposal has been over two years in the works, trying to lobby and get attention for Dugway," Svendsen said. "I think the energy security and electricity supply limitations at Dugway are now more widely understood.

Wind power efficacy studied; geothermal dead in (hot) water

Wind and geothermal power have long been discussed as alternative energy generators on Dugway Proving Ground, but their feasibility is uncertain.

A 60-meter meteorological tower has been constructed at Fries Park, west of English Village, to gather data on the frequency, strength and direction of wind.

"You don't know if it's even worth pursuing if you don't have solid data," Sean Svendsen, Dugway's resource efficiency manager, said.

The data will help determine whether wind turbine power will offset the cost of building and maintaining one or more turbines. It remains unknown whether there is sufficient wind to power a turbine at the Fries Park site.

Mission hazard is another concern. Wind turbines can be hazards to aircraft, and may create radio and electronic interference. Dugway's skies are bustling with tests of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and manned military aircraft.

Geothermal power generation has been suggested – but it's dead in the water for now. The Energy Conservation Investment Program, which supports these projects with appropriated funds, is not currently considering geothermal power exploration.

Hot springs inside Dugway's southwest border, near Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge, have been suggested for years as a possible source of geothermal power.

Svendsen said that the presence of hot water doesn't necessarily mean it's useful for power generation; it must meet a variety of criteria.

He and others began researching the geothermal project three years ago, eventually determining that it would cost millions of dollars just to determine its feasibility.

"That's why I stuck with the sun," Svendsen said. "Compared to wind and geothermal, it's the easy way to go and the most cost effective."

Clinic NCO responds to rollover crash

Story Bonnie A. Robinson
Public Affairs Specialist

Sgt. 1st Class Michael C. Tredway, a medic with the Dugway Proving Ground Health Clinic, was on his way to an early morning meeting when he responded to a rollover accident March 19 at Deseret Chemical Depot (DCD) in Tooele County.

It was dark outside. The sun was not yet up at 6:55 a.m. as he approached the intersection of State Route 73 and the Stark Road entrance to DCD. Ahead, he saw an ambulance off to the side. Several other cars had already pulled to the side of the road. Off the road a white minivan clearly flipped and rolled, most likely due to the road's narrow shoulder and a steep drop off. It had landed on its roof, its wheels in the air. Glass was scattered across the ground.

The female driver of the minivan was trapped inside, hanging upside down unable to move, her seatbelt still latched. The van's only passenger was sitting beside the vehicle visibly shaking, most likely in shock. A few drivers were standing alongside their cars, others were still in their vehicles. Everyone looked stunned, Tredway said.

Tredway is the NCOIC (noncommissioned officer in charge) of the Dugway clinic, but also shares his duties as a senior leader at Tooele Army Depot (TEAD) and DCD. For 15 years the Army has trained him in emergency rescue and patient trauma management. Additionally, his two-year service with the 21st Infantry Regiment in Afghanistan, and later with 68th Medical Company as a flight medic in Alaska, has given him a vast amount of firsthand knowledge and skills to provide emergency medical care.

The driver was only making brief responses to a woman bystander crouched near the window who was speaking soft words of comfort and reassurance. Two men were on their stomachs peering through the minivan's broken rear window. The once inflated air bags now drooped downward near the windows making it difficult to see inside, he said

Tredway understood time was the enemy. Out of his car, he instinctively made an initial assessment. The training he had received in the Army put him in fast forward.

"Everything I have learned just kicked in; I knew exactly what to do," he said.

He broke the remaining glass out of the rear window and crawled forward to where he could scoot over the minivan's third seat. In the seat behind the driver, he began a more thorough medical evaluation: checking for injuies, measuring the driver's mental status and confirming response time. He could see this was serious. He had to act fast.

Tredway began to form an extraction plan. He decided the quickest way out was through the back hatch. Soon, the Tooele Army Depot Fire Department was on the scene. Tredway quickly briefed the team and directed multiple service responders. The driver needed oxygen. Tredway asked for a backboard. He was concerned about a neck injury, but he had worked and trained with these responders before; they knew his experience and trusted his judgment.The extraction would be difficult.There was a major concern the roof would collapse. The fire department immediately began to shore up the vehicle to help stabilize the roof. To pull the driver out, the second and third row of seats would need to be removed or the patient would have to be lifted over. Tredway remained with the driver keeping her calm and continued the appropriate care.

He alerted the other first responders that a Life Flight was needed. A flight was dispatched from Salt Lake City. His quick decision ensured that the injured driver spent less than 45 minutes at the accident site. Tredway's choice increased her chance of survival. Later Tredway was officially thanked by the chief of the DCD fire department and the DCD installation commander for his quick actions and medical assistance.

"Sgt. 1st Class Tredway's actions brought great credit upon himself and the Army. He acted appropriately and independently until the patient was handed over for transport to a hospital," said James C. Morris, a paramedic supervisor with Mountain West Medical Center.

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"It was really an eight-man effort. There wasn't a shortage of willing help. Any other Soldier or medic would do the same," Tredway said. "The fire department was awesome. They were right there encouraging me. I appreciate the confidence they placed in me."

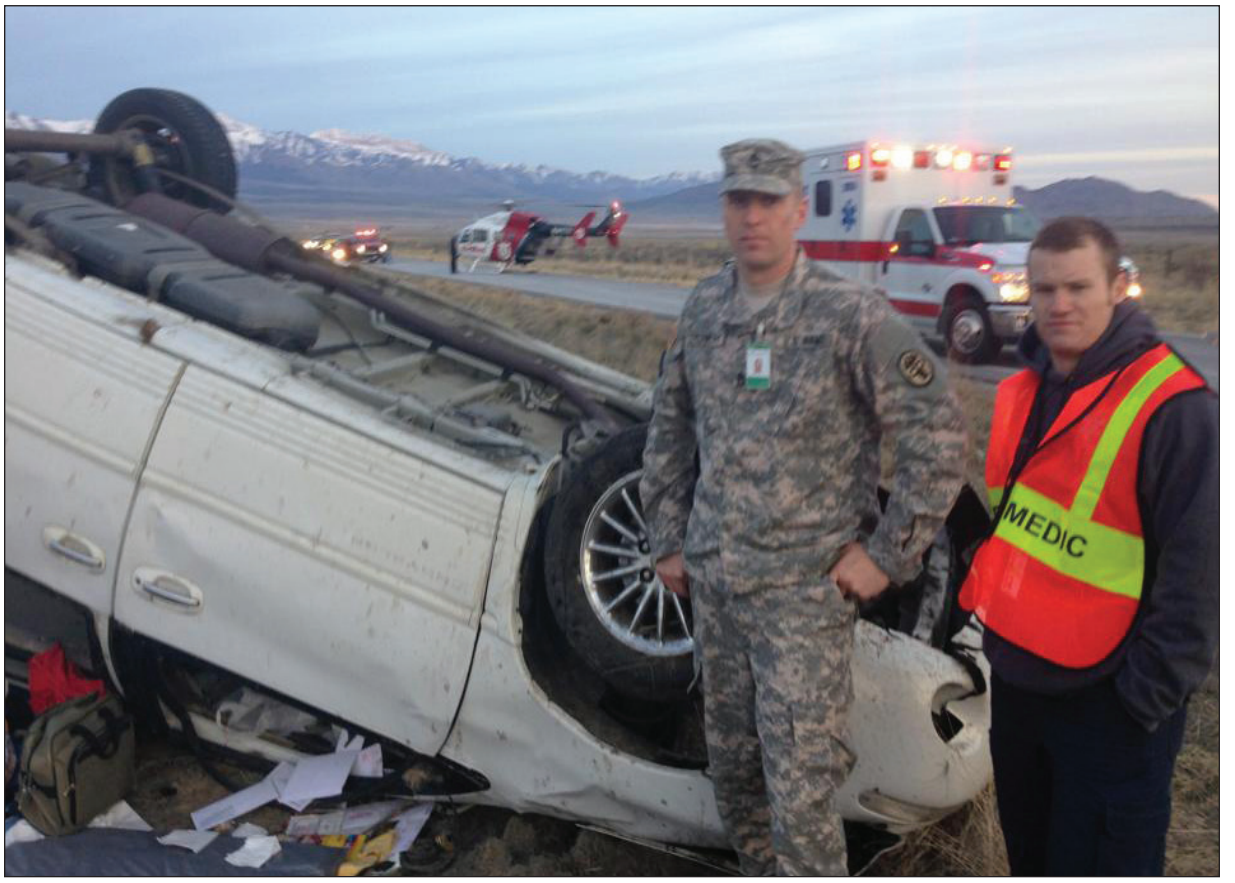

Photo courtesy James E. Morris

Sgt. 1st Class Christopher C. Tredway responded to a rollover accident March 19 at Deseret Chemical Depot in Tooele County. His actions resulted in a successful extraction of the driver who was trapped inside and early notification to Life Flight services saving valuable time to provide life-saving medical treatment. Tredway is the noncommissioned officer in charge at the Dugway Health Clinic.

Dr. King an "Amazing American Story"

Story and photo by Al Vogel
Public Affairs Specialist

Jarrett Claiborne described the struggle for blacks to get voting rights as "An Amazing American Story" during the Jan. 17 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. ethnic observance. The key speaker, Claiborne is a meteorologist with the Meteorology Division of West Desert Test Center.

Jarrett Claiborne was the key speaker at the Jan. 17 ethnic observance to honor and recognize the ongoing contributions and philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Claiborne is a meteorologist with the Meteorology Division of West Desert Test Center.

He began by reading a stanza from"The Negro's Complaint," written in 1788 by English poet and hymn writer William Cowper, a staunch abolitionist:

Fleecy locks and black complexion
Cannot forfeit nature's claim;
Skins may differ, but affection
Dwells in white and black the same.

Cowper died in 1800, 34 years before England abolished slavery. King was born in 1929, 64 years after the United States abolished slavery.

Claiborne briefly outlined King's biography but noted that he must not, "… place too much emphasis on King's accolades and honors, and let that overpower his global vision of peace and justice. King had a vision! A vision that wasn't limited to the segregated South, but a vision that sought to change the world by embracing a policy of non-violence."

And in 1960s America, violence was rampant: Protests against the Vietnam War and social injustices that often became violent. Military recruiting offices and ROTC buildings vandalized and bombed. The murder of protestors, police officers, civil rights leaders, politicians – even firefighters extinguishing blazes.

Each evening, the news displayed the day's Vietnam War dead and wounded, often followed by news of violence within America.

But through it all, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and others endured taunts, threats and overreaction to protest nonviolently. They felt obligated to remind millions that America had not met its promises of equality, truth and justice – for all.

When others called to "tear the system down" and take to the streets with violence, King and his followers urged nonviolent protest as the means for change.

Col. A. Scott Estes, commander of Dugway Proving Ground, said that many today don't realize how close America came to widespread rebellion in the 1960s. King's urging to protest without violence prevented much mayhem. Estes observed that January's Army Value was selfless service, a fitting reminder given the sacrifices and dangers that King and his followers endured. He ended by quoting King: "All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence."

Claiborne noted that King and his followers knew they were courting danger, yet conscience drove them to demand justice for all.

"What I admire so much about Dr. King was that he knew that he and those who followed him were about to embrace a path of suffering, suffering to behold the glory of a nation where everyone would be treated the same," he said.

"So then a revolution started. A movement that began to be known as the Civil Rights Movement," Claiborne said.

Claiborne related key events, from 1955 to 1964, including the 1964 Civil Rights Act that prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion or national origin, and gives the federal government the power to enforce desegregation. In 1965, blacks marched on Montgomery, Ala., in support of voting rights. Police used whips, tear gas and clubs to stop them, sending 50 protestors to the hospital. Most Americans were outraged; five months later Congress passed the Voting Rights Act of 1965, prohibiting barriers to voting such as literacy tests, poll taxes and other obstacles.

In May 1957, King spoke at a rally on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. He exhorted President Eisenhower and Congress to ensure black participation in voting. King used, "Give us the ballot" as a rallying cry of the beneficial changes that black voters could enact.

"Give me the ballot. A vision that could not have happened without the hearts of so many," Claiborne said. "Though most were black, there were Asian-Americans, Hispanic, Native Americans and Whites who fought for equal rights in this country … they understood that hatred in the heart of any man is of detriment to this country."

Claiborne noted that the path to getting the ballot was long-fought, stringent and sorrowful – and became glorious for its struggle and sacrifices. He called it "An Amazing American Story" in light of today's black president, who might have been denied the vote a few decades ago.

Chaplain (Capt.) Stephen Dicks led the invocation and benediction. Vince Liddiard introduced the speakers and a video presentation.

The observance was organized by Laurene Cramer of the Dissemination & Explosives Division of West Desert Test Center, Staff Sgt. Deneva Payne, Sgt. 1st Class Marcellus Harrison, Vince Liddiard, Jeff Garcia, Jeannie Shultz, Vince Harrington and Claiborne. MWR's Community Club provided the tasting table: chicken with barbecue sauce, fresh vegetables, rolls and cake.

Celebrating Black History Month

DPG Scientists focus on black science pioneers

Janet Brzezinski, chief, Project Science Branch; Vince Liddard, chief, Test Management Branch; Lance McEntire, chief, Training and Operations Branch, Special Programs Division, spoke during Black History Month commemoration Feb. 21.

Sgt. Maj. Stanley Morton cuts the cake while Staff Sgt. Deneva Payne, of A Battery, Air Defense Artillery, serves. Other refreshments included a gumbo soup and bread.

Story and photos by Bonnie A. Robinson
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West Desert Test Center hosted Black History Month Feb. 21 at the Dugway Community Club.

The theme was scientists honoring great American black scientists.

Black History Month is an annual observance in remembrance of important people and events in the history of the African diaspora.

The commemoration was created in 1926 in the United States, when historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History announced the second week of February to be "Negro History Week."

This week was chosen because it marked the birthday of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

Lance McEntire, chief, Training and Operations Branch; Janet Brzezinski, chief, Project Science Branch and Vince Liddard, chief, Test Management Branch spoke during the program. Liddard also served as the master of ceremony.

The speakers honored Garrett Augustus Morgan, Sr.; Dr. George Franklin Grant; Lloyd Augustus Hall and George Washington Carver for their contributions to science.

The invocation and benediction were offered by Chaplain Stephen Dicks.

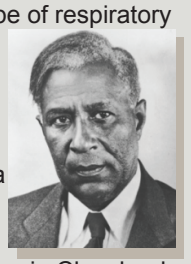
Closing remarks were made by Col. A. Scott Estes, Dugway's commander

"I appreciate the remarks of our speakers as we learned of the contribution of these great men in the face of great challenges, it's truly remarkable what they accomplished," he said.

Outgoing Sgt. Maj. Stanley Morton added remarks at the program's end .

"As we learn more about our country's history and the part that the African-American community has played, we can more clearly understand that a richer legacy has been left by many fine black Americans."

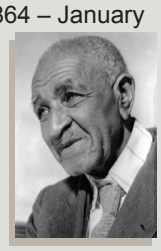
Garrett Augustus Morgan, Sr. (March 4, 1877 - August 27, 1963) was an African-American inventor. His most notable creations were a type of respiratory protective hood, a traffic signal, and a hair-straightening preparation. He is renowned for a heroic rescue in 1917 at Lake Erie in which he used his hood to save workers trapped in a tunnel system filled with fumes, after other rescue attempts had failed. He is credited as the first African-American in Cleveland, Ohio, to own an automobile.



Dr. George Franklin Grant was the first African-American professor at Harvard. He was born in Oswego, New York to former slaves. When he was 15 years old a local dentist, Dr. Albert Smith, hired him as an errand boy. He soon became a lab assistant, and Dr. Smith encouraged him to pursue a career in dentistry. In 1868, he and Robert Tanner Freeman, another son of former slaves, became the first blacks to enroll in Harvard Dental School. After receiving his degree in 1870, he became the first African-American faculty member at Harvard, in Mechanical Dentistry. He served for 19 years.

Lloyd Augustus Hall was born in Elgin, Illinois on June 20, 1894. Hall's grandmother came to Illinois via the "Underground Railroad" at the age of 16. His grandfather came to Chicago in 1837 and was one of the founders of the Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church. He later became the church's first pastor in 1841. Hall's parents, Augustus and Isabel, were both high school graduates. Although Lloyd was born in Elgin, he moved to Aurora, Illinois and was raised there by his parents. He graduated in 1912 from East Side High School in Aurora. After school he went on to study pharmaceutical chemistry at Northwestern. University, earning a bachelor's there and his master's at the University of Chicago. It was at Northwestern that Hall met Carroll L. Griffith, who with his father, Enoch L. Griffith, would found Griffith Laboratories. The Griffiths went on to hire Hall as their chief chemist.

George Washington Carver (January 1864 – January 5, 1943), was an American scientist, botanist, educator, and inventor. The exact day and year of his birth are unknown; he is believed to have been born into slavery in Missouri in January 1864. Carver's reputation is based on his research into and promotion of alternative crops to cotton, such as peanuts, soybeans and sweet potatoes, which also aided nutrition for farm families. He wanted poor farmers to grow alternative crops both as a source of their own food and as a source of other products to improve their quality of life. He also developed and promoted about 100 products made from peanuts that were useful for the house and farm, including cosmetics, dyes, paints, plastics, gasoline, and nitroglycerin.

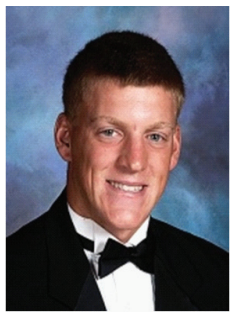


Meet this year's DHS Sterling Scholars

The purpose of the Sterling Scholar Awards is to publicly recognize the pursuit of excellence in scholarship, leadership and citizenship of high school seniors.

W. Curtis Estes
Science Sterling Scholar

William Curtis Estes, son of Col. A. Scott and Donna Estes of Dugway Utah, was born at Fort Stewart, Georgia. He has lived in six states including Utah during his life. He is a member of the baseball, basketball and track and field teams. This year he was named captain of the basketball team. In all, he will earn seven varsity letters by the end of this school year.



He is a member of the National Honor Society, serving this year as president. He is a member of the Dugway High School award-winning band, playing the clarinet. He is a member of the character education group RUSH (Reaching Up to Something Higher). His hobbies are weight lifting, marksmanship training, and basketball. He has received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point where he plans to major in mechanical engineering. Upon graduating from West Point he plans to pursue a career in the United States Army.

Katreena L. Johnson
English Sterling Scholar

Katreena Lynn Johnson, daughter of Joseph and Rita Johnson of Dugway, Utah, is a senior at Dugway High School. She has played volleyball and track and field for four years, and basketball for three years. She has played alto saxophone for four years in Dugway's High School Senior Band. She is a member of Dugway Hope Chapel's Praise and Worship team. and a member of the National Honor Society. Her interests are politics, literature, and music; her current pastimes include singing, writing, and reading. She recently signed with the United States Air Force and will be leaving for basic training in the fall.

Crystal M. Osbahr
Skilled and Technology Sciences Education Sterling Scholar

Crystal Marie Osbahr, daughter of Anthony and Angie Osbahr of Rush Valley, Utah, will graduate from Dugway High School on May 22. In the fall, she will attend Tooele Applied Technical College, majoring in cosmetology and barbering. She is golf captain and volleyball co-captain. She also participated in basketball and cheerleading. This year she is senior class historian. She also participates in RUSH (Reaching Up for Something Higher). She is looking forward to a good golf season and is excited for graduation. She plans on continuing her education at TATC and pursuing a degree in business.

Kaitlin M. Simmons
General Scholarship Sterling Scholar

Kaitlin M. Simmons is the daughter of Donald and Melissa Simmons of Erda, Utah. She was a member of the volleyball team and a cheerleader and named captain of both this year. She is a member of the Dugway High School award-winning band, playing the flute. She is a member of the National Honor Society and character education group RUSH. Kaitlin is the co-editor of the yearbook. Her hobbies include reading, art and spending time with family and friends. Her goals for the future include attending Utah State University and majoring in medical assisting.

Quentin B. Thackeray
Math Sterling Scholar

Quentin B. Thackeray, son of Todd and Lorillee Thackeray of Skull Valley, Utah, was born in Kissimmee Fla., but moved when he was six months old. He and his family moved to Skull Valley, Utah when he was 12. He has been a member of the track and field team, and the cross country team. He is a member of the Dugway High School Band. He is currently the Student Body Vice President and a member of the National Honor Society. He is in the Dugway High School production of "The Importance of Being Earnest" and will compete in the regional drama festival. His future plans include going on a Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints mission after he graduates from high school. After his mission, he plans to attend Utah State – Eastern and major in mechanics. He would like a future in agriculture mechanics so that he can still live near the ranch life. His hobbies include reading, motorcycles and sport cars.

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

Ice cream social to honor military kids

Kids enjoy ice cream sundaes at last year's social honoring military children.

Story and photos by Bonnie A. Robinson
Public Affairs Specialist

The Child Development Center will host a Month of the Military Child Ice Cream Social Thursday, April 25 at 4 p.m. at the multi-purpose room, Dugway Community Center.

The social is a time to recognize and appreciate military children for their service and sacrifice. Military children live with perpetual challenges presented by frequent moves, parental deployments, and life transitions that can profoundly affect their lives, said Ann Boegler, director of the Dugway Child Development Center.

Our nation has asked much of its military children. After more than a decade of war, the well-being of military-connected children and youth has often depended on a strong, consistent network of supportive adults, teachers, mentors, and role models to play pivotal roles in the life of military children.

As a mother of five military children, I am grateful for those who made a difference in the lives of my children, not only by acknowledging their sacrifice, but by volunteering for the many organizations that supported them in their formative years.

The Ibarra sisters with certificates of appreciation

Ware Barracks: Here's to days gone by

Story and photos by Bonnie A. Robinson
Public Affairs Specialist

The two little boys could not contain their excitement as they the raced toward the tall wire fence. Their eyes danced as the huge, yellow, clamshell backhoe grabbed a chunk of the old barracks, ripping its insides loose. Cinderblocks, flooring, plaster and even an old chest of drawers tumbled to the ground, the debris cascading like a dirty waterfall.

"It's a monster eating the building," said 5-year-old Bradley Farmer, who with his 2-year-old brother Ayden watched through the wire, their excited faces pressed against the links.

"We've been coming here every day for the last four days, hoping to see this," said Annika Farmer, their mother. "They're pretty wound up today."

April 1 marked the beginning of a two to three-month teardown of Dugway Proving Ground's Ware Barracks at the corner of Doolittle Road and Valdez Circle. The enlisted barracks is being torn down because installation funds are no longer allocated to maintain the structure.

A large clamshell backhoe tears into the old enlisted Ware Barracks April 1. Dugway's garrison no longer has funds to maintain the structure and had mandated its demolition.

Bradley Farmer, 5, reaches through the fence to mimick the large backhoe tearing down the barracks while his younger brother Ayden, 2, and their mother Annika watch.

For years the barracks, built between 1951 and 1952, had served as home for generations of Soldiers billeting at Dugway. It was a place to shed the duties of the day, grab some chow and relax with their comrades on the large decks that overlook Doolittle Road in English Village.

The barracks were built with a central mess hall between the quarters.

Ware Barracks was reportedly named for a Private Ware. An unofficial history lists that the intention was to name it in honor of a World War II Chemical Corps enlisted Soldier who had received the Congressional Medal of Honor. However, since no Chemical Corps enlisted man had received the award, a list of enlisted men who had distinguished themselves or died was used. It is believed Pvt. Ware died during World War II.

"The barracks has done its duty and supported the troops well, but it has become too costly to maintain," said Fred Schafer, quality assurance specialist with the Dugway Public Works Office, he then added that, "Grass will be replanted when it's finally down."

Two additional barracks, believed to have been officer's quarters, located southeast of the Community Club,will also be torn down over the next few months.

But for now, the boys are too little to understand its history. For them, the large crane with a bucket head is very much like a mammoth dinosaur snacking away on the old building. As the monster's head turns, the boys squeal and quickly scamper to their mother's protection, clearly thrilled with the imaginary feeling of being chased.

A undated photograph shows the mess hall between the two barracks with a workman in front carrying a bucket of paint or plaster.

The enlisted men's barracks and mess as it was Sept. 26, 1951 at the corner of Doolittle and Valdez Circle in English Village.