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## DUGWAY WELCOMES NEW COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR

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An Army sword clicking into its sheath signaled the first official act of Dugway Proving Ground's newly installed Command Sergeant Major, during a Nov. 15 ceremony.

Command Sgt. Maj. Joe A. Bonds assumed responsibility as Dugway's senior enlisted leader, coming from the 84th Chemical Battalion at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Command Sgt. Maj. Montonya A. Boozier, who has held the position at Dugway since February 2015, is departing for an assignment at U.S. Army Central Command at Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina.

Col. Sean Kirschner, commander of Dugway Proving Ground, praised Boozier for the "tremendous impact she has had on this installation" in Soldier and civilian fitness, command maintenance, logistics, units from other commands and the supervision of dozens of VIP visits and ceremonies. Throughout, Kirschner noted, her efforts ensured that Dugway was presented as a professional and competent organization.

"Sgt. Major Boozier has been an invaluable and trusted adviser to myself and (former commander) Col.

Fizer. I couldn't have asked for a better Command Sergeant Major; this installation benefitted immensely from her leadership."

In her farewell speech, Boozier praised both military

go away from here knowing that we as a team put all our efforts together to serve the nation and the Warfighter," she said, adding that despite detractors, Dugway's reputation is "stellar."

unit, that installation and our Army," Kirschner said.

A native of Benton Harbor, Michigan, Bonds entered the Army in June 1989. He became an Army Chemical Corps Soldier in 1995. Bonds



Col. Sean Kirschner, commander of Dugway Proving Ground stands between outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Montonya Boozier and Dugway's new Command Sgt. Maj. Joe A. Bonds during the Nov. 15, 2016 change of responsibility ceremony. Photo by Al Vogel / Dugway Public Affairs.

and civilians with whom she worked and became friends, stopping to thank some personally in the audience. "I

Enlisted Soldiers who attain the rank of command sergeant major are the epitome of success in their chosen field. Except for the position of Sergeant Major of the Army, there is no higher grade of rank for enlisted Soldiers.

Referencing the incoming Bonds, Kirschner said that Dugway is "blessed that the Army has once again provided Dugway with another outstanding noncommissioned officer to take (Boozier's) place."

Before coming to Dugway, Bonds was sergeant major for the 84th Chemical Battalion – the unit responsible for the institutional training of all chemical warriors from all services. "I have it on good authority that he left there after doing amazing things for that

has served in every leadership position of enlisted personnel, beginning at squad leader, to his current rank of command sergeant major. His Dugway assignment is expected to be two years.

A combat veteran of Operation Desert Shield/Storm and Operation Enduring Freedom, Bonds is a recipient of the Honorable Order of the Dragon, awarded by the Army Chemical Corps to a select few.

"It's a great opportunity to serve with Team Dugway," Bonds said. "I look forward to making a great place even greater. The mission here is unique. I look forward to executing that mission for our nation's defenders."

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Col. Sean Kirschner, commander of Dugway Proving Ground, gives Command Sgt. Maj. Montonya Boozier the Meritorious Service Medal before the Nov. 15, 2016 Change of Responsibility ceremony that replaced her with Command Sgt. Maj. Joe A. Bonds. Boozier will be assigned to U.S. Army Central Command at Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina. Photo by Al Vogel, Dugway Public Affairs.

AND MUCH MORE

# NEW COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR...

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## U.S. ARMY MODEL 1840 NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER SWORD - A SYMBOL OF POWER, STRENGTH AND FIDELITY

A U.S. Army noncommissioned officer sword, a design dating to 1840, played an historic and symbolic role during the command sergeant major change of responsibility ceremony Nov. 15 at Dugway.

One officer and three enlisted Soldiers assembled before the audience in a small square, a military formation first used by Roman infantry.

Master Sgt. Russell Kruse, noncommissioned officer in charge of the Dugway Health Clinic, withdrew the NCO's sword a few inches from its sheath. He passed it to outgoing Command Sgt. Major Montonya Boozier, in final deference to her authority and leadership.

Boozier reseated the sword, signifying the relinquishment of her duties, and passed it to Col. Sean Kirschner, the commander of Dugway Proving Ground. Kirschner withdrew the sword a few inches, signifying the start of Bonds' responsibilities then passed it to him.

Withdrawing the sword even farther, Bonds inspected it front and back as a Soldier would be inspected. Bonds then sharply seated the sword in its sheath with a resounding "click", signifying his first official act, and acceptance of the responsibility.

Bonds then returned the closed sword to Kruse, an act that signifies the continuity of the noncommissioned officer corps.

Though the Army Model 1840 Noncommissioned Officer sword was last carried into battle in the early 1900s, and is no longer issued equipment, it reminds Soldiers of the power, strength and fidelity of the position it represents.



Master Sgt. Russell Kruse holds a Model 1840 U.S. Army noncommissioned officer's sword during the Nov. 15, 2016 Change of Responsibility ceremony at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah. The sword played a crucial and symbolic role in the transferring of responsibilities from the outgoing command sergeant major to a new command sergeant major. Photo by Al Vogel / Dugway Public Affairs.



Command Sgt. Maj. Joe A. Bonds takes possession of the Model 1840 U.S. Army noncommissioned officer's sword, to show his acceptance of the responsibilities as the highest ranking enlisted Soldier at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah. To his right is Col. Sean Kirschner, commander of Dugway Proving Ground. Photo by Al Vogel / Dugway Public Affairs.

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## COMMAND PERSPECTIVE

### Veterans Day - Past and Present

This month we honor our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines by celebrating Veterans Day. Veterans Day originated as Armistice Day and marked the end of hostilities of World War I that officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on Jun. 28, 1919. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, Nov. 11, 1918, is generally regarded as **the end of "the war to end all wars."** Therefore, the holiday is always recognized on Nov. 11.

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed the first commemoration of

Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died **in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations...**"

Armistice Day was originally set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd Congress amended legislation by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on Jun. 1,

1954, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars and a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism and willingness to serve the Nation.

Today, we find ourselves in a situation in an enduring battle with the war on terrorism that will continue into the foreseeable future. Our warfighters face multiple challenges as they negotiate multiple deployments while they balance everyday life when at home. I encourage you to consider the words of President Wilson as it pertains to demonstrating pride for those that volunteered to serve our country and protect our freedoms we enjoy. Take a moment to consider the sacrifice of our military men and women, and their families. If you see a veteran stop them and thank them for

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their service and consider an act of kindness you feel is appropriate. No matter what you do, remember that even simple actions on our part can have a significant impact on those that are affected.

# DUGWAY CHAMBER UPGRADES AID CUSTOMER, WARFIGHTER

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When a Warfighter brushes the arctic snow off a smoke grenade, or activates a chemical agent detector under

obscurants (to confuse an enemy's radar or infrared).

Not items of everyday use, chemical or biological defenses, smoke and obscurants may be

the nation's facility for testing chemical and biological defenses, smoke and obscurants, testers have sometimes had to go to another test center to find adequate environmental test infrastructure. After the upgrades, that argument will no longer be valid, Barnett said.

"We've been trying to get M810 for chem/bio detectors here for 20 years," Barnett said. Now it's going to (come here) and we're looking at getting all those gaps closed."

Upgraded testing systems ready for use include:

A new \$1.4 million shaker system for vibration testing will challenge items with greater force, replicating the effects of long-term transport in a bouncing vehicle, ship or aircraft. Two shaker heads have been installed, replacing the vintage single shaker head, giving the option of a single head for small items to save energy and money, or both shaker heads for a large item. Only Dugway and NASA in Houston have this type of vibration system capability, Barnett said.

A new \$700,000 solar radiation chamber can replicate long-time sunlight while mimicking varying intensity over a day, with temperature and humidity extremes, as found on a structure, ship or vehicle. Such testing determines if markings fade or plastic frosts or is made brittle.

A new \$1.3 million blowing dust chamber replicates conditions found in dry, arid conditions to help determine the longevity of markings, and how well an item will function after a steady bath of fine dust. A future \$750,000 upgrade is sought to blow sand, making the chamber the only one of its kind in Army Test and Evaluation Command, Barnett noted.

A new \$50,000 portable high-speed wind machine can be used outdoors to replicate pelting rain or blowing sand, and is essentially the same as



Jim Barnett, chief of the Physical & Environmental Branch of the Test Support Division at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah, stands before a High Speed Wind Machine. The new machine is used outdoors with water or sand to replicate heavy rain or a sandstorm. Dugway's mission is to test smoke or obscurant-producing devices, and defenses against chemical and biological agents. Photo by Al Vogel, Dugway Public Affairs.

used on airboats, powered by a 500 horsepower engine. Wind speeds up to 120 mph are possible.

Testing chamber systems include:

Operational Environmental Chamber specifications are being drafted. The chamber -- 12 feet wide, 9 feet high and 15 feet deep - will have fixed lights and cameras with outside manipulation, allowing



A new \$1.3 million blowing dust chamber at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah will be used to test items that produce smoke or obscurants, or defenses against chemical or biological agents. Items are placed on a disk that may be remotely turned to expose any surface to the streaming dust. The plastic rifle was used for chamber installation testing. Photo by Al Vogel, Dugway Public Affairs.

the desert sun, lives may be at stake.

To ensure critical Soldier equipment functions when needed, Dugway has upgraded its facilities that replicate adverse environmental conditions to reveal weaknesses before items reach the Warfighter's hands.

Dugway's mission is to test defenses against chemical, biological, radiological and explosives hazards (detectors, decontaminators, protective clothing). That mission includes testing items that produce smoke (to hide movement or material from enemy observation) or

transported or stored for months or years before needed.

Military Standard 810G, the most-used standard in government and industry, governs all climactic and dynamic testing of items. To continue to meet that standard Jim Barnett, chief of the Physical & Environmental Branch of the

Test Support Division, has successfully worked with coworker Brent Sigvardt for years to obtain Army or Department of Defense funding.

Though the Department of Defense has designated Dugway Proving Ground as



A new Solar Radiation Chamber at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah, replicates the sun's intensity from dawn to dusk, in temperature and humidity extremes. Dugway's mission is to test items that produce smoke or obscurants, or defenses against chemical and biological agents. Such testing can reveal the outdoor longevity of an outdoor chemical detector, for example. Photo by Al Vogel, Dugway Public Affairs.

The fungus chamber, dating to the 1980s, will be refurbished to replicate conditions found in humid, warm climates. Such conditions can damage electronics, rot fabrics, obscure markings or affect pyrotechnics. A contract has been awarded, with completion expected spring 2017.

personnel to operate items in replicated environments. Construction of the chamber is expected in 2018.

High Altitude Chamber specifications are being drafted, to replace the current aging analog control system with a new digital system.

"These will bring Dugway's military standard 810G into the 21st century," Barnett said.

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The 2016 Combined Federal Campaign will close on December 15.

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Currently, we are at 39% of our 2016 goal of \$21,045.

There is still time to Show Some Love with a contribution.

Contact your division CFC Information Representative or call your Dugway CFC Manager at (435)-831-2826.



## CORRECTION

The photo of the Optics 5 on page 4 of the last issue of The Dispatch was incorrectly attributed. It should read "Photo by Crystal Bowen/Dugway Optics Branch."



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Three Soldiers from Dugway Proving Ground visited Cottage Glen Assisted Living residents in Tooele Nov. 11 to honor the facility's veterans and observe Veterans Day.

Master Sgt. Russell Kruse, Sgt. Luis Guerrero and Sgt. Quoc Pham, all of the Dugway Health Clinic, provided a short presentation and took time to speak with the residents. Of the residents who attended, six were veterans representing the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force.

Kruse offered a prayer, and said he admired the veterans' duty and experience and was honored to be there. He also recounted the history of Veterans Day, a holiday urged by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the

American Legion well before its 1938 renaming from Armistice Day.

Guerrero related the sacrifices of Master Sgt. Roy P. Benavidez, who was badly wounded in Vietnam, yet forced himself to walk again. Returning to Vietnam, he was badly wounded again yet helped evacuate the wounded and inspired other Soldiers to keep firing until the last helicopter left.

Pham said he was honored to be invited to speak with the veterans, and thanked them for continuing to hold the standards they acquired in the Army, Air Force, Marines and Navy.

The event ended with the 30-plus participants singing, "My Country 'Tis of Thee," led by resident Neoma Nill's harmonica. Apple pie followed, as everyone mingled.



Master Sgt. Russell Kruse greets resident Tony Witkowski, who served with the Marines in the Korean War. Later, he was the civilian personnel officer at Dugway Proving Ground, and retired in 1991. Other Soldiers who spoke were Sgt. Luis Guerrero and Sgt. Quoc Pham, all of the Dugway Health Clinic. Photo by Al Vogel / Dugway Public Affairs.



Eagle Scout and flag-bearer Lane Taylor of Troop 868 helps Heather Slowik, food service director, recite the stirring "I Am the Flag" after emotions overcame her. Three Soldiers from Dugway Proving Ground, Utah, also spoke to residents: Master Sgt. Russell Kruse, Sgt. Luis Guerrero and Sgt. Quoc Pham of the Dugway Health Clinic. Photo by Al Vogel / Dugway Public Affairs.

## NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH: KEEPING TRADITION ALIVE

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Every year in November, we, as a nation reflect on the contributions of our first Americans and how they shape our culture and character.

Francis Bahe lives in Grantsville, Utah. He was born and raised on the Navajo Indian Reservation east of Flagstaff in Arizona. His home was framed by red-streaked mountains and a canopy of azure-blue sky.

Bahe has worked at Dugway for more than 20 years. He serves as a test control officer for the Combined Chemical Test Facility at West Desert Test Center. "I love what I do here, it's rewarding and important for our nation," Bahe said. "What I like best is the satisfaction of knowing that our customers are pleased with our work. As a test control officer, I ensure the test components are accounted for prior to testing, the test goes as planned and is completed on schedule," he said.

That's a lot of words from Bahe, a tall, quiet, and controlled man, who doesn't see a need to fill up space with a bunch of words. He sits

comfortably still for this interview, leaning back in a chair, the only movement is in his dark eyes that catch a flicker of light now and again.

This year to commemorate National Native American Heritage Month, Bahe will sit on his horse Roy, a lariat clutched tight in his fist and a Piggin' String clinched tightly in his teeth, waiting for a calf to bolt for a tie-down event. He will be a senior competitor at the Indian National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nevada, for four days in November.

To understand what fuels Bahe's rodeo passion, one needs to know something about his boyhood heroes, Roy Cooper of Oklahoma, and Jake Barnes of Texas, both legends of Pro-Rodeo.

These are men he respects for their skills in a roping arena and in life. Cooper was a Sport Hall of Fame winner and eight time world champion roper winning the Triple Crown in tie-down, steer roping and all around titles in 1983. Barnes is a seven times rodeo champion, who said he was born to swing a rope.

But Bahe's character was formed by his mother, Marianne, and molded by is

maternal grandparents, John and Louise. "I was always taught to respect my elders, the land and the animals. As a man, my grandfather showed me how to be a good husband and father," he said expressing deep gratitude for all he learned from his example. "I love to ride the wide-open miles, I got that from my grandfather too."

Bahe didn't know much about his father as a boy, but is now strengthening that heritage and connection.

His father, Jones Benally, has been a noted hoop dancer for 75 years. He has served as a cultural ambassador for the Navajo culture and song. He was honored by the Smithsonian Museum in Washington D.C. and the Heard Museum in Phoenix, Arizona.

Recently, Bahe helped his youngest daughter, Brenna, who is the 6th grade, prepare a presentation featuring her grandfather for her school. It was important to pass that heritage to her, he said.

Ask Bahe about his daughters: Cassie, who attends the College of Southern Idaho, Anna, at Weber state in Utah, and

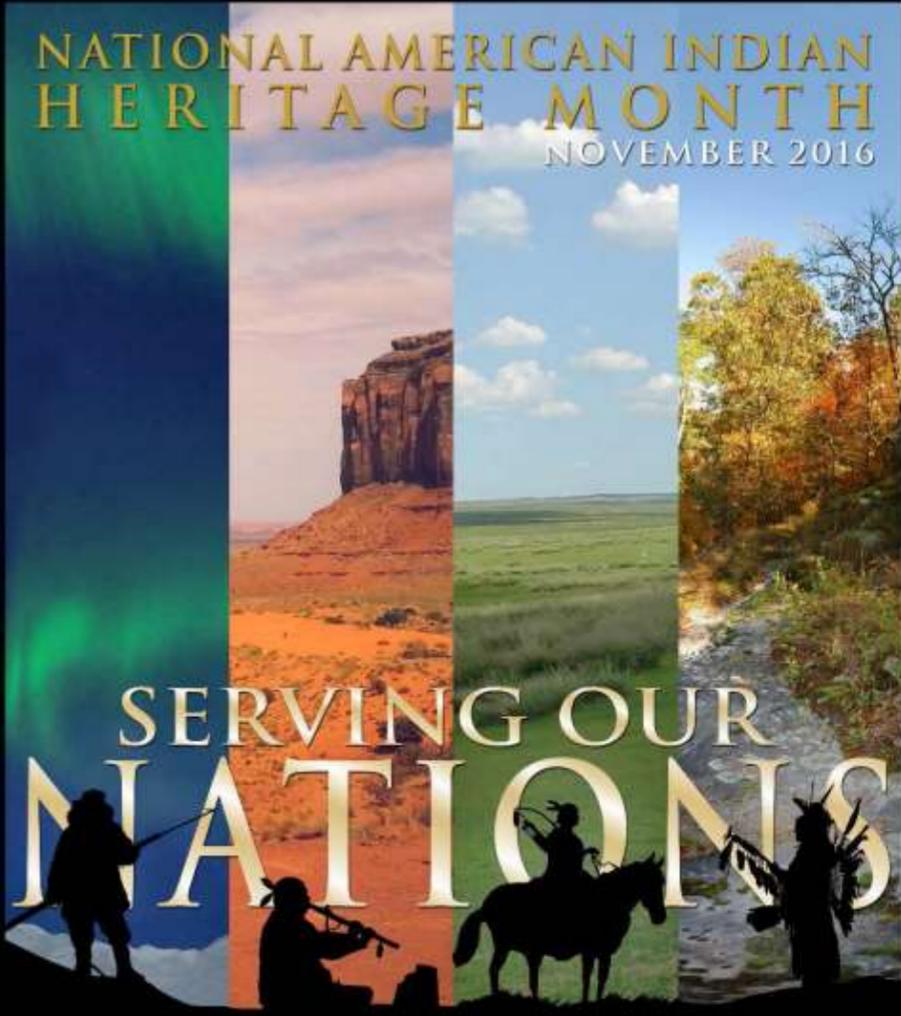


Francis Bahe, test control officer for the Combined Chemical Test Facility, sits on his horse Roy at the arena on his property in Grantsville where he lives with his wife Laurie and their three daughters. Bahe celebrates National Native American Heritage Month this year at the Indian National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nevada, for four days in November. Courtesy photo, Frances Bahe.

Brenna. He will quickly show photos of them in thigh-high waders along the Provo River, fishing poles in hand, as they angle for rainbow Trout. "That's a really great spot," he assures with a grin while pointing to the picture on his phone. But don't ask where

the photo was taken. The spot is a highly prized family secret.

The measure of a man is in what truly inspires him. For Bahe it is his heritage, "I honor the past and the future," he said, then adds a critical caveat, his wife Laurie. "She bring out the best in me."



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10 November: Closed  
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26 November: Closed  
2 January: Closed

### CYS Programs

10 November: Closed  
24 November: Closed  
26 November: Closed  
2 January: Closed

### AAFES Express (Shoppette)

11-13 November: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
24 November: Closed  
25-27 November: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
24 December: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
25 December: Closed  
26 December: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
31 December: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
1 & 2 January: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Subway

11 November: Closed  
24 & 25 November: Closed  
23 December: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
25 & 26 December: Closed  
30 December: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
1 & 2 January: Closed

### Community Club & Ditto Diner

10 November: Closed  
24 November: Closed  
19 December - 2 January: Closed

### Shockless Fitness Center

11 November: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
23 November: 5:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
24 November: Closed  
24 December: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
25 December: Closed  
26 December: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
31 December: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
1 January: Closed  
2 January: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

### Library

10 November: Closed  
23 November: 9:00 AM - Noon  
24 & 25 November: Closed  
26 December: Closed  
2 January: Closed

### Commissary

11 November: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
24 & 25 November: Closed  
24 December: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
25 & 26 December: Closed  
1 & 2 January: Closed

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## NOVEMBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 West Desert Staff Meeting - 0800 Ditto  Story Time & Crafts 1000 - Library	3	4	5
6	7	8 Election Day Newcomers Orientation 1330 - 1700 - Bldg. 5124 - Rm 239  Garrison Staff Meeting - 0800 - Rm 1202	9 Command Staff Meeting - 0830 Ditto  Story Time & Crafts 1000 - Library	10 Veterans Day Holiday	11 Veterans Day Observed	12  ODR 9-12 Las Vegas Trip
13	14 CSM Farewell Luncheon - 1130 - Community Club	15 CSM Change of Responsibility Ceremony - 0900 - Community Club	16 Thanksgiving Special - Community Club & Ditto Diner	17  Polar Bear Wellness Walk	18  ODR Outlet Mall Trip	19  Turkey Shoot - Trap Range
20	21	22  Garrison Staff Meeting - 0800 - Rm 1202	23 Native American Heritage Observance 1500 - 1630 - Community Club  West Desert Staff Meeting - 0800 Ditto	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
27	28	29	30  ESC Meeting - 0800 Ditto			

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