

# COMMAND IN BRIEF

## Being all that he can be

Battalion commander on guard in military and civilian world

By Sharon L. Hartman

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — The intensity in the voice over the police radio was only too obvious. Backup was needed, and fast ... and back up was on its way in the form of one of Space and Missile Defense Command's own.

LTC Scot Cuthbertson, commander of the 193rd Space Battalion, hasn't quit his day job, but has somehow found time out of his busy schedule to serve as a Reserve Unit Deputy with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office.

Growing up in his hometown of Barrington, R.I., Cuthbertson was a friend to many of the policemen there. In college, he worked for a security company and ran a detox center at the city hospital. Near the time he was commissioned into the Army, the police department in Providence offered him a job — leaving him with a difficult choice.

Fortunately for the Army he chose to wear green, but in the end the cops made out too. With the Army bringing him to Colorado Springs, Cuthbertson joined the El Paso County Sheriff's Office Reserve Unit in 1997.

"I always wanted to be a cop. It was always my other career choice," said Cuthbertson.

"This was an opportunity to fulfill my goal of being a cop and still continue my military career."

An Active Guard/Reserve officer with the Colorado Army National Guard, Cuthbertson, originally the executive officer when the 193rd Space Battalion stood up more than two years ago, was a key player in the accelerated training and deployment of Soldiers necessitated by the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001.

Having taken command of the battalion in November 2003, Cuthbertson is responsible for 71 Soldiers, 18 of whom have deployed to combat theaters to provide Space support capabilities to the warfighters.

Working on his days off, and sometimes in the evenings after putting in a full day with the Army, Cuthbertson usually works 80-100 hours a month with the Sheriff's Office.

When questioned as to why he would go to such lengths, and to do so without compensation, Cuthbertson answered —

"What we as Reservists do out here is provide assistance and cover for full-time officers. We provide backup that they would normally have to pull someone off another call to get, and sometimes that can make the difference between life and death for a deputy, or even a citizen," said Cuthbertson.

"I went out on a call one night, and there was a guy choking his wife in front of the kids. We came on scene and once we'd figured out what happened, we arrested him and he ended up getting charged and convicted for attempted murder. He was not the least bit remorseful, but once we put him in custody, just the relief on the wife's face made it all worth it. The relief on the kid's faces ... knowing that we took a guy off the street that would have killed his wife and maybe even his kids, that means a lot.

"Other things like, on a traffic stop, if you take a drunk



Above, Reserve Deputy Scot Cuthbertson questions a driver during a routine traffic stop. Opposite page, top, Cuthbertson calls information into dispatch. Photos by Sharon L. Hartman



driver off the road, you may have saved lives. That sticks with you.”

In addition to being the Reserve Unit Leader, Cuthbertson also provides assistance to the Sheriff’s Office Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T.) unit.

“Occasionally, if they know ahead of time, the S.W.A.T. unit will call me for backup on one of their operations and I’ll help,” added Cuthbertson.

“I’ll go and help them with search warrants, suspect transports, those kinds of things.

“What really makes this all worth it is the acceptance by the full-time officers. Here we are as volunteers out doing many of the same things they are, and they appreciate the support we bring to them. There are nights where we are their only cover. We are the only backup that they have. That means a lot to them and they treat us as equals.”

Back to the voice on the radio, Cuthbertson was one of four deputies who responded to a pursuit of a stolen vehicle. The vehicle chase ended with the stolen car crashing into a parked vehicle and a mailbox, the suspects then fleeing on foot. Two of the three suspects were caught and taken into custody, and after setting a perimeter, coordinating and

assisting K-9 units with the search for the third suspect, Cuthbertson transported one of the suspects in for questioning.

Whether in Army green or in a blue and gray deputy’s uniform, it’s all in a day’s work for Cuthbertson — who truly epitomizes the meaning of dedication and service to his country.

## The few, the proud — but not a Marine

By Sharon L. Hartman

CAMP VICTORY, IRAQ — Army Space and Missile Defense Command is definitely proud of one of its own. CPT Daryl Breitbach — a member of Army Space Support Team 2 stationed at Camp Victory, Baghdad — was the first to cross the finish line during a 10k run there, honoring the 228th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Breitbach, a competitive runner since he was 14,



Australian Army Capt. Dan Weber, left, and U.S. Army Space Support Team 2 member, CPT Darryl Breitbach run almost neck and neck during a 10K run honoring the 228th birthday of the Marine Corps. The run took place at Camp Victory, Iraq. Breitbach came in first at 00:36:53, with Weber a close 23 seconds behind. *Photo by SFC Ken Hudson, 319th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment*

# Tip of the Sphere

ran cross-country and track in high school and college. He now runs or works out at least six times a week and runs on average 35-40 miles per week.

“Here in Iraq running and working out provides an excellent way to relax and take your mind off work between shifts,” said Breitbach.

“Camp Victory has ample Space to run although you’re always watching out for rounds or mortars coming over the perimeter wall, or the lion rumored to roam the remote part of the camp.

“Luckily thus far, the only excitement while running in Iraq involved being pursued by stray dogs.”

The only pursuit during the race itself was that of other runners chasing Breitbach who led the race from the start and finished with a time of 00:36:53.

“Although it was not a personal best for a 10K, I was happy with the time given the windy conditions, and I was pleased with my finish,” said Breitbach.

“I ran stride for stride with Australian Army Capt. Dan Weber for almost the entire course.

“It was great to have someone to run with and push one another during the race.”

Weber finished just 23 seconds behind Breitbach with a time of 00:37:16.

The top three finishers in each age and gender category were awarded medals, and all participants received U.S.M.C. T-shirts to remember the event.

## JTAGS on point in the Pacific

By CWO Maury Hayes

OSAN AIR FORCE BASE, Korea — It’s 2 in the morning in South Korea and while most people are in a deep, deep sleep, there are three U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command – Colorado Springs Soldiers or Sailors wide awake and alert to the “hot spot” goings-on throughout Asia.

These three Soldiers or Sailors sit comfortably in front of the colorful displays inside a Joint Tactical Ground Station or JTAGS within the Korean Combined Operations and Intelligence Center. They are providing Tactical Ballistic Missile or TBM warning for Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines alike throughout the Pacific Command theater of operations. Their crew is a mix of Soldiers and Sailors — hence the “J” in JTAGS, and they work very well in this “Joint” environment. Each shares with the others the skills that their years of training within their respective branch has

given them. They rely extensively on each other for mission accomplishment.

Naval Operations Specialist Jay Howard, a crew chief, said, “Even though Army and Navy come from different backgrounds, we come together as one to protect America’s forces on the battlefield.”

TBM warning is a tremendous mission responsibility these days. With the increasing number of countries possessing TBMs and their numbers within each country growing, this important mission is at the forefront of the theater commander’s mind on a daily basis. But this crew can handle it. They take pride in what they do and they ensure that they get the mission done in a very professional and precise manner. No, it is not exciting and yes, it does almost seem boring at times, but just maintaining a multi-million dollar shelter and all the associated systems, communications links, and mission requirements is no easy task. They do it without complaint.

Elsewhere, depending on which day of the week it is,



the operations section will be providing TBM exercise injects throughout Asia and the Pacific theater via the exercise suite. This allows all theater personnel to exercise and critique their passive ballistic missile defense tactics, techniques and procedures. JTAGS is the only peninsula or theater system that provides these exercise missile injects. This is but one of the selling points that keeps the JTAGS system and personnel within theaters. With the upgrades to various U.S. Strategic Command's TBM warning systems, and additional technologies available for that mission today, relevance is something that JTAGS and the 2nd Space Company do not take for granted. Relevance is something that is closely monitored from the section officer-in-charge all the way up through the various commanders within Army Forces Strategic Command.

PVT Jeffrey Englert, a primary operator, said, "As a first duty station, I couldn't be more pleased with the values my unit has instilled in me. Being a JTAGS operator requires a large amount of responsibility which in turn has allowed me to mature quickly as a Soldier and an operator and I look forward to progressing to the position of crew chief as soon as possible."

Ultimately, the JTAGS system with its unique capabilities and personnel will remain in theater for years to come. With the JTAGS upgrade on the horizon, the multi-mission mobile processor will further define how warfighters exercise and receive tactical ballistic missile warning, even down to the foxhole level.

## Battlefield Calls Go Through MacDill

By 2LT Erin Dorrance, 6th Air Mobility Wing public affairs

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — American military commanders in Iraq and Afghanistan reach for their satellite phones when they want clear, secure and fast communications. More often than not, the operator who patches through their calls is sitting in a building here.

People at the one-stop-shop Regional SATCOM Support Center here process requests for satellite phone time and schedule the required bandwidth to commanders all over the globe.

The joint support center is one of three regional support centers. The other two are in Germany and Hawaii. Headquarters for the three is the Global SATCOM Support Center at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. By using satellites located over the equator line,

23,000 miles above Earth, operators receive satellite access requests and grant satellite phone time in three frequencies — ultra high, super high and extremely high.

The support centers' main users are Special Operations Command, Central Command, Southern Command and Joint Forces Command.

"Since MacDill has two of the four biggest users within an arm's reach, and Southern Command is only several hundred miles away, it only made sense to have an RSSC here," said Tech Sgt. Jay Steele, EHF chief of Central Command operations, who has been with the center for more than three years.

The RSSC staff also works closely with the joint communication support element here. The satellite phone technology was not used as much during Operation Desert Storm, but during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom the satellite phones have been in high demand, according to Army SFC Greg Denton, RSSC noncommissioned officer in charge.

"It is unbelievable how fast and big satellite communications is growing," SGT Denton said.

"Even the career field is growing quickly because of the technology's popularity."

"Because of the prominent use of satellite communications and the large amounts of bandwidth needed to use this type of communications, support center technicians carefully plan satellite phone time," said David Miller, chief of UHF cell.

Exercises help the staff ensure that planning is efficient and that military commanders have the time and bandwidth they require for satellite phone calls.

Although team members start planning six to eight months in advance of a war, they are very flexible and ready to deal with rapid changes.

"War is unpredictable," Miller said.

"If plans change and a group is sent to a different country, we need to change the originating location of the satellite phone call, which may even mean sending it through a different satellite altogether.

"Based on the popularity and efficiencies of satellite communications, it appears the technology will be a preferred means for exchanging intelligence."

That means support center specialists will be kept busy in their role as high-tech operators to U.S. military commanders and by an ongoing schedule of exercises and training to improve the system.