

# **Monthly Communication Focus**

## **Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs**

### **December 2017**

#### **Themes and Significant Public Events**

- Year in Review
- National Drunk & Drugged Driving Prevention Month
- National Human Rights Month
- Native American Heritage Month
- Civil Air Patrol Birthday, Dec. 1
- Pearl Harbor Remembrance, Dec. 7
- Human Rights Day, Dec. 10
- Hanukkah begins Dec. 12
- National Guard Birthday, Dec. 13
- Wright Brothers Day, Dec. 17
- Christmas Day, Dec. 25
- Kwanzaa begins Dec. 26

#### **Historical Highlights**

- A blizzard dumps several feet of snow on the state Dec. 24, 1982, resulting in the call-up of Colorado Guard troops.

#### **Colorado Army National Guard**

- The 157th Infantry Regiment deactivated Dec. 7, 1946, after 511 days of combat duty, with the 45th “Thunderbirds,” during World War II.
- The 143rd Signal Company mobilized for Operation Iraqi Freedom Dec. 13, 2003.
- Colorado’s first artillery unit, "The Independent Battery of Colorado Volunteer Artillery" was formed Dec. 15, 1862, although the lineage is lost.
- The 89th Brigade Headquarters Detachment, Colorado Army National Guard, was organized Dec. 22, 1927.

#### **Colorado Air National Guard**

- Brig. Gen. Moffit became the first Air National Guard general to command an active duty unit during the Korean War Dec. 1, 1950.
- The 140th Tactical Fighter Wing departs on the first of 11 deployments to Panama as part of the Coronet Cove program Dec. 5, 1978, to support defense of Canal Zone.

## **General Themes**

### **Year in Review**

The NGB-PA focus for December is the year in review.

- More than 2,000 National Guard Soldiers and Airmen were activated for firefighting efforts in California, with the California and Nevada National Guards providing a variety of aircraft for fire suppression, recovery and damage assessment.
- At its peak, 18,376 National Guard members from 34 states served in response to Hurricane Harvey. An additional 20,856 National Guard members from 29 states and territories served in response to Hurricane Irma.
- The National Guard deployed more than 23,000 Soldiers and Airmen overseas in fiscal year 2017.
- The National Guard responded to 439 domestic emergencies in FY17, logging more than 1.8 million man-days in support of homeland operations.

### **National Drunk & Drugged Driving Prevention Month**

- December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month or 3D Month. Driving drunk, drugged or distracted poses a significant threat to drivers, passengers, pedestrians, and all who share our roads.
- Incidents of impaired driving occur more frequently during the holiday season. Every December, National Impaired Driving Prevention Month is observed to highlight steps we can take to improve safety on our streets and raise awareness of these preventable dangers.
- 3D Month is supported by public- and private-sector organizations devoted to preventing impaired-driving crashes.
- Every day, 28 people in the United States die in motor vehicle crashes that involve an alcohol-impaired driver. This is one death every 51 minutes. The annual cost of alcohol-related crashes totals more than \$44 billion.

### **National Human Rights Month**

- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a milestone document in the history of human rights. Drafted by representatives with different legal and cultural backgrounds from all regions of the world, the Declaration was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris Dec. 10, 1948. It has been translated into more than 500 languages.

- "Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home -- so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world. [...] Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere. Without concerted citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain for progress in the larger world." -- Eleanor Roosevelt
- "To deny people their human rights is to challenge their very humanity."  
~ Nelson Mandela

### **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**

- The United States Congress Aug. 23, 1994, designated Dec. 7 as an annual National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.
- The morning of Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese planes thundered over Hawaii, dropping bombs in an unprovoked act of war against the United States. The attack claimed the lives of more than 2,400 Americans and nearly destroyed our Pacific Fleet.
- National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day is a day we pay tribute to the souls lost 76 years ago. We salute those who responded with strength and courage in service of our nation, and we renew our dedication to the ideals for which they so valiantly fought.
- The men and women of the "greatest generation" went to war and braved hardships to make the world safer, freer and more just. As we reflect on the lives lost at Pearl Harbor, we remember why America gave so much for the survival of liberty in the war that followed that infamous day.
- We recall, this day, with solemn gratitude, the sacrifices of all who served during World War II, especially those who gave their last full measure of devotion and the families they left behind.

### **Human Rights Day**

- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted Dec. 10, 1948.
- Out of the ashes of the Second World War, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed that "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights."
- We reflect, on Human Rights Day, how far we have come in upholding these universal rights and resolve to continue fighting to safeguard them wherever they are threatened.

- Around the world, the United States has promoted freedom. We have worked to expand the protection of human rights, end gender-based violence, and defend the freedoms of expression, peaceful assembly, and the press.
- In promoting these liberties and pushing back against tyranny, corruption and oppression, we have recognized that universal human rights and fundamental freedoms do not stop at our borders. They are the birthright of people everywhere.

### **National Guard Birthday**

- The National Guard Bureau theme for December 2017 is “381 Years of Service to our States and our Nation.”
- The National Guard is the oldest military force in the Department of Defense.
- 1636 brought about the first colonial-organized defense force or militia, now known as the National Guard; part of the DoD’s total force.
- The National Guard demonstrates the same “Minuteman” spirit exhibited by its forefathers in the Massachusetts military, who defended their settlements and colony against attack.
- The National Guard's oldest units organized into three permanent regiments: East, South, and North Regiments Dec. 13, 1636, marking the beginning of the organized militia and the birth of the National Guard.
- The first militia regiments were organized in Massachusetts upon an order of the Massachusetts Bay Colony's General Court.
- Today, the descendants of the first regiments - 181st Infantry, 182nd Infantry, 101st Field Artillery, and 101st Engineer Battalion of the Massachusetts Army National Guard – share the distinction of being the oldest units in the U.S. military.
- The National Guard excels at fighting America’s wars, protecting the homeland, and developing partnerships.
- The National Guard has the people, equipment and capabilities to: save lives and reduce suffering; preserve or restore civil order; protect property; and maintain or reestablish communications.
- The National Guard leverages combat capabilities and equipment to provide rapid, overwhelming capability after disaster strikes at home.

- National Guard members were called-up by their governors 439 times and logged more than 1,800,000 man-days responding to homeland emergencies in fiscal year 2017.
- For more than 20 years, through the State Partnership Program, the National Guard has developed 70 enduring, cost-effective partnerships with a third of the world's countries.

### **Wright Brothers Day**

- Two brothers from Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 17, 1903, successfully flew the world's first powered aircraft over Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. The plane remained airborne for only 12 seconds, but Orville and Wilbur Wright's innovative legacy has endured for generations.
- We celebrate Wright Brothers Day as the determination and ingenuity that drove their pursuit and recommit to shaping the future through our ideas and discoveries.
- Their singular triumph triggered a revolution in transportation that would bridge the vast distances between continents and forever alter our world.
- The Congress, by a joint resolution approved Dec. 17, 1963, has designated Dec. 17 as an annual "Wright Brothers Day" and has authorized and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation inviting the people of the United States to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

### **Division of Veterans Affairs**

- More than 400,000 veterans call Colorado home.
- The Division of Veterans Affairs within the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs ensures that our growing population of veterans receives the benefits that they've earned and deserve.
- We serve those who have served.
- Our duty and honor is to serve the veterans of Colorado.
- We ensure that veterans know how to reach us.
- We reach military members as they separate from Active Duty.
- Outreach to rural veterans is a priority for the Division of Veterans Affairs as we interface with the 81 County Veterans Service Officers who serve our state's 64 counties.

- Veterans Service Officers in our state assist more than 110 veterans per week, on average, and that number is always increasing.
- The Division of Veterans Affairs receives about 2,850 phone calls and almost 455 veterans' visits, per month. We help veterans complete nearly 611 powers of attorney and assist with the filing of more than 2,900 claims for benefits.
- With the Governor's leadership and the General Assembly's support, a state-owned, former Colorado Army National Guard armory in Grand Junction will become a Veteran One Stop for military members, veterans, and their families seeking services on the Western Slope.
  - The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and veteran service organizations partnered to determine that veterans needed a one stop location on the Western Slope.
  - Military members, veterans, and their families will access the renovated facility and obtain services and information, making it easier to obtain community assistance.
  - Once established, the One Stop will coordinate with the Grand Junction Veterans Affairs Medical Center, which is only a mile away.
    - According to the VA, about 15,000 veterans use the Grand Junction Veterans Affairs Medical Center annually.
  - The One Stop will also impact veterans currently serving who call the Western Slope home.
    - This includes our National Guard members who serve in such units as Company C, 1st Battalion and 157th Infantry Regiment (Mountain) based in Grand Junction, and our 947th Engineer Company in nearby Montrose.
    - Heading east from Grand Junction, you'll find the High-Altitude Army National Guard Aviation Training Site, or HAATS, an international helicopter pilot schoolhouse that also helps responders save lives in Colorado's high country.
    - The DMVA continues to invest in the Grand Junction community and the Western Slope to better serve our military members, veterans and their families.
  - About \$3 million in the state's General Funds will be used to renovate the 14,545-square-foot space located at 428 28 Road, Grand Junction, Colorado.
  - The project will take about two years to complete and will bring construction-related jobs into the community.

- The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs is reviewing facility design options for the One Stop.
- During the past 10 years, the department has executed construction projects on the Western Slope with an economic impact of nearly \$30 million in state and federal funds, both bringing jobs to, and sustaining jobs already in the region. This includes the new Colorado Army National Guard readiness center and the Veterans Cemetery of Western Colorado expansion, both in Grand Junction.
- The cemetery has been a long-time resource for Western Slope military members, veterans and their families.
- The DMVA continues to expand the cemetery to meet the needs of our Colorado veterans.

## **Colorado Wing of the Civil Air Patrol**

### **Overarching Civil Air Patrol Messages**

- The U.S. Air Force Auxiliary celebrates 76 years of service Dec. 1, 2017.
- Since Civil Air Patrol's formation during the earliest days of World War II, this vigilant organization of citizen Airmen has been committed to service to America.
- The CAP was founded Dec. 1, 1941, as a way to protect the nation's shorelines from invading German U-boats. It has evolved into a premier public service organization that still carries out emergency service missions in the air and on the ground.
- The CAP is a Total Force partner and an auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. It is there to search for lost aircraft, provide comfort in times of disaster, and work to keep the homeland safe.
- 56,000 CAP members selflessly devote their time, energy and expertise toward the well-being of their communities, while also promoting aviation and related fields through aerospace/STEM education and helping shape future leaders through CAP's cadet program.
- Through the CAP's 75-year legacy of service, it has maintained a commitment to nearly 1,500 communities nationwide.

### **2017 Civil Air Patrol Accomplishments**

- The Colorado Springs Cadet Squadron won the All Service Division crown at the national CyberPatriot IX National Youth Cyber Defense competition in Baltimore, Maryland, for the second time in six years.

- The Colorado Wing provided two aircraft and eight personnel to assist FEMA take photographs of the damage due to Hurricane Harvey.
- The Colorado Wing provided air support by escorting Unmanned Aerial Systems sorties during training for the U.S. Army's 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team and 4th Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, at the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site near Trinidad, Colorado, April 21-May 15.
- Colorado Wing Cadets attended the HART (Honoring Allies and Remembering Together) ceremony in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada. It is an annual event with the Air Cadet League of Canada to remember the fallen of both countries.

### **Colorado National Guard**

- Colorado Governor John W. Hickenlooper hosted a Colorado National Guard 157th birthday celebration at the State Capitol Jan. 23.
- Hickenlooper oversaw the transfer of the Colorado National Guard colors to U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Michael A. Loh from retired U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. H. Michael Edwards at the Adjutant General change of command ceremony at Buckley Air Force Base, Aurora, May 5. Edwards had served as adjutant general since 2007.
- World War II veteran and Adjutant General of Colorado retired U.S. Army Maj. Gen. William D. “Dave” Weller was interred with full military honors at Olinger Crown Hill Mortuary and Cemetery, Denver, Oct. 22, 2017.
  - Weller served as adjutant general and executive director of military affairs from 1974-1979 under former Colorado Governors John D. Vanderhoof and Richard D. Lamm.
  - Weller was the oldest-living TAG before he passed away Oct. 16 in Denver at the age of 98. He was laid to rest beside his wife of 73 years, Virginia.
  - As Adjutant General of Colorado, Weller led the Colorado National Guard response to the Big Thompson Flood which claimed the lives of 144 Coloradans during August 1976. Weller’s employment of COARNG helicopters to help Larimer County responders evacuate people trapped in the canyon reduced the potential for further casualties during the worst natural disaster in Colorado history. For his actions, Weller received the Legion of Merit Medal.

## Overarching National Guard Messages

- **Warfight:** The Guard provides trained and ready forces as the primary combat reserve of the Army and the Air Force.
  - The National Guard deployed more than 23,000 Soldiers and Airmen overseas in FY17.
  - The National Guard, on any given day, has approximately 18,000 Soldiers and Airmen mobilized in support of combatant command missions overseas.
  - National Guard members, since 9/11, have deployed more than 850,000 times to locations such as Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, the Balkans, Guantanamo Bay, and the Sinai.
  - Nearly every member of the National Guard has joined or recommitted since 9/11.
  - Trained to the same standard, National Guard members are indistinguishable from their active duty counterparts on the battlefield.
  - Have met every mission we've been assigned – nearly half the National Guard force are combat veterans.
- **Homeland:** The National Guard conducts homeland defense and civil support missions 24/7. Located in nearly every ZIP code, the National Guard provides overwhelming capability and capacity to governors before and after disasters.
  - At its peak, 18,376 Guard members from 34 states served in response to Hurricane Harvey. Additionally, 20,856 Guard members from 29 states and territories served in response to Hurricane Irma.
  - National Guard forces were called upon 439 times and logged more than 1.8 million man-days responding to emergencies in the homeland in FY17.
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  - Leveraging combat capabilities and equipment to provide rapid, overwhelming capability after disaster strikes at home.

- Army and Air National Guard members were called-up by their governors 439 times in FY17, logging more than 1.8 million man-days supporting homeland response.
- The Air Guard protects America's skies by providing fighter and tanker aircraft alert response and command and control. Currently, ANG crews average 1,200 sorties per month.
- **Partnerships:** Strengthening forces by embracing local, state, federal and global partnerships.
  - Our State Partnership Program is a tool that builds relationships, assures partners and deters foes.
  - Integral partner in supporting security objectives.
  - Enhancing local to global security through long-term relationships.
  - Strengthening partner capability reduces demand on U.S. military and local police forces.

### **Chief, National Guard Bureau Priorities**

#### **Provide Ready Forces to meet the Nation's needs**

- Our readiness begins with force structure. We must have a balanced array of combat and enabling forces that mirror the Army and Air Force.
- Our forces must be given training opportunities that prepare them to succeed for the full-spectrum of global challenges ahead.
- The National Guard has supported more than 850,000 overseas mobilizations since 9/11.

#### **People, Families and Employers**

- Our center of gravity is our people.
- Ensuring the well-being of our Soldiers, Airmen, families and civilian employers is key to maintaining our part-time, cost-effective force.
- We place great emphasis on programs that promote mental health and resiliency.
- The National Guard confronts sexual assaults by ensuring awareness and prevention through education, victim advocacy, intimidation-free reporting and investigation.

## Innovation

- Fiscal constraints and the future landscape requires Guard members to continue adapting and developing creative solutions.
- Our nation greatly benefits by embracing existing partnerships and deliberately unifying efforts as we faces future challenges.
- We promote innovation by improving processes, leveraging new technologies, and eliminating obsolete doctrine.

## Joint Staff

- The Colorado National Guard saved 20 lives in Colorado's high country, during 2017, by supporting 20 rescue missions with 44.2 flying hours.
- Joint Task Force-Centennial integrated 102 CONG members into the 2017 Hurricane Harvey, Irma and Maria response missions.
- The CONG has capabilities ready to assist responders in the aftermath of a disaster.
- We rapidly respond during homeland emergencies due to the training and equipment we receive in order to fight our nation's wars.
- CONG Soldiers and Airmen assigned to JTF-C are the integrating force providing command and control for military forces in support of civil support operations in Colorado and throughout the nation.
- We're here to help our fellow citizens during their times of greatest need, by saving lives, reducing human suffering, and protecting property and critical infrastructure.

## Colorado-Slovenia State Partnership Program

- The Slovenian Armed Forces and CONG conducted nine exchanges in 2017.
- The Triglav Star Exercise was an interoperability exercise designed to support the Theater Security Cooperation Strategy while training and testing U.S., U.K., and Slovenian Armed Forces in a tactical mountainous environment. For imagery go to: <https://dvidshub.net/r/yqjgx2>.
- The relationship between Slovenia and Colorado, which began in 1993 after the fall of the Soviet Union, is one of the oldest and most established partnerships in the National Guard State Partnership Program.
- The COARNG and the Slovenian Armed Forces have co-deployed six times to Afghanistan to train and mentor the Afghan National Army, or ANA, with the goal of a self-sufficient and effective Afghan security establishment. The

CONG served side-by-side with Slovenian counterparts in their responsibilities as a NATO-contributing country in Afghanistan.

- Slovenia has proven that it's a full partner in supporting the efforts of the Global Anti-Terror Coalition.
- Working together, the United States and Slovenia continue to reassure our allies and enhance regional security despite on-going threats.

### **Colorado-Jordan State Partnership Program**

- Jordan Armed Forces and CONG conducted 14 exchanges in 2017.
- Jordan and Colorado became partner countries through the National Guard State Partnership Program in 2004.
- This critical partnership is the sole State Partnership Program nation within the Levant region which falls in the U.S. Central Command's area of responsibility.
- The Colorado National Guard conducts more security cooperation agreements in Jordan than any other component.

### **Strategic Partnership with Israel's Home Front Command**

- Israeli Home Front Command and CONG conducted seven exchanges in 2017.
- Colorado is among three states which lead the National Guard's partnership in homeland defense cooperation with Israel's Home Front Command.
- Bilateral engagement exchanges between the National Guard and Israel began in 2005.

### **Colorado Army National Guard**

- COARNG is under new leadership, as the Assistant Adjutant General for Army U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Donald Laucirica retired after 32 years of service. The Adjutant General of Colorado appointed U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Laura L. Clellan as Laucirica's successor.
- U.S. Army Col. Robert Davis became the COARNG Land Component Commander.
- Company A, 1st Battalion, 157th Infantry (Mountain), based out of Colorado Springs, became the first National Guard unit in the nation to meet the training and staffing requirements enabling female Soldiers to quickly join their ranks.
  - Colorado is one of only three states which has accelerated the accessions process for female Soldiers to serve in military specialties newly opened to them.

- This unit is approved as “Leader Ready,” meaning that the Company has two female Soldiers in positions of leadership.
- Hundreds of COARNG Soldiers engaged in combat conducting counterterrorism operations in Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan during 2017. Hundreds more deployed for overseas deployment training in U.S. Central, European, and Pacific Commands.
- Nearly 100 Soldiers from the COARNG’s 169th Field Artillery Brigade Headquarters and the Target Acquisition Platoon, returned home Oct. 1.
  - The 169th FAB provided fire support to Operation Inherent Resolve during combat operations in the fight against ISIS from Dec. 13, 2016, until Sept. 11, 2017, under the command of U.S. Central Command and the U.S. Army’s 29th Infantry Division. The unit employed the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System to support partnered maneuver elements in Iraq and Syria.
  - The 169th FAB seamlessly integrated HIMARS operations with bi-lateral and multi-lateral exercises including the air and missile defense exercise, joint air defense exercise, a multi-national exercise in the region.
  - Units of the 169th FAB engaged terrorists and supported key regional allies throughout the Middle East. These missions were not just important to the units involved; these missions genuinely affected National Defense Strategy and our nation's ability to project power against global aggressors.
- More than 100 members of Battery B and the 188th Forward Support Company, 3rd Battalion, 157th Field Artillery returned home after deploying to the Middle East in support of Operations Inherent Resolve and Spartan Shield, where they executed the fight against ISIS. The unit is based out of Aurora but the Soldiers live and work in communities across Colorado.
  - While deployed, they executed a theater security cooperation mission under the 29th Infantry Division increasing interoperability knowledge with U.S. partners in the region.
  - Battery B was the first element of the COARNG’s 169th Field Artillery Brigade to fire artillery rounds in combat operations, engaging numerous targets with devastating Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System and Army Tactical Missile System rocket fires.
  - Their support took the fight to the enemy and significantly impacted the ongoing warfight.

- Nearly 30 members of Battery A, 3rd Battalion, 157th Field Artillery returned home after deploying to Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel. The unit is based out of Longmont but the Soldiers live and work in communities across Colorado.
  - They launched over 800 precision rockets, the highest rate of any High Mobility Artillery Rocket System, or HIMARS, unit since the beginning of the war in Afghanistan.
  - The platoon engaged numerous targets with devastating Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System and Army Tactical Missile System rocket fires.
  - Their support significantly impacted the ongoing warfight and Operation Freedom's Sentinel.
- Ulchi Freedom Guardian Exercise, involving 24 CONG personnel, took place in locations throughout the Republic of Korea, Aug. 16 - Sept. 25.
  - An annual training exercise with the ROK and approximately 17,500 U.S. forces along with United Nations Command Forces from seven member states.
  - UFG is a computer simulated defensive command-post exercise designed to enhance readiness, protect the region, and maintain stability on the Korean Peninsula.
  - This and other exercises on the peninsula highlighted the longstanding military partnership, commitment, and enduring friendship between the U.S. and ROK.
  - The exercise embodied the spirit of the Oct. 1, 1953, ROK-U.S. Mutual Defense Treaty, and in accordance with the Armistice.
- The Colorado Army National Guard cyber protection team, or CPT, and Defensive Cyber Operations Element, or DCOE, will assist with regional and national cyber defense and have a number of upcoming missions.
  - The Colorado Army National Guard is shared with our neighbors in Utah, North Dakota and South Dakota.
  - The CPT will provide cyber defense within FEMA Region 8.
  - The CPT also functions at the federal level and has a deployment coming up in 2019
- Cyber protection isn't a new mission for us.
  - The Colorado Army National Guard created a Defensive Cyber Operations Element, or DCOE, in 1999, in order to address the Y2K issue.
  - The DCOE mission has grown over time as cyber threats evolved.

- Today, we have a 10-person Cyber Defense Operations Element whose day-to-day mission is to defend the Department of Defense network, which receives more than 100,000 cyber-attacks each week.
- The governor can also call upon the DCOE to assist with cyber defensive operations during a cyber incident affecting the state.
- Clearly, it's going to take not just a whole-of-government but a whole-of-community approach to defend against the growing cyber threat to infrastructure, industry, and national security.
- The nature of the Guard as a community-based organization means that we have the opportunity to forge critical, lasting relationships with our civilian counterparts.
  - For example, during the past five years the COARNG has built relationships with community partners, government partners, other military organizations and private industry to include local utilities.
- Rapid and effective cyber defense requires established partnerships and coordination channels.
  - One such example is our cooperation with Regis University, in Denver, that has led to cyber training and exercises since 2013.
- The Colorado Army National Guard also works to foster cyber education at the high school level through the national Cyber Patriot program.
  - Colorado Army National Guard cyber team members also mentor junior ROTC cadets at Denver North High School.
  - By sharing such knowledge we can build much needed young, cyber talent.

### **Colorado Air National Guard**

- Two new senior leaders took command of the Colorado Air National Guard during change of command ceremonies May 6.
- U.S. Air Force Col. Floyd Dunstan had commanded the 140th Wing since April 2013.
- The Adjutant General of Colorado appointed Dunstan as Assistant Adjutant General for Air. Dunstan was promoted to brigadier general.
- Dunstan relinquished command to former 140th Operations Group Commander U.S. Air Force Col. Brian Turner.
- 140th Wing Airmen are deployed away from their families over the holidays.
- 350 Airmen deployed to Japan, the Middle East, and elsewhere across the world throughout 2017.

- The COANG supported domestic emergency response missions with 75 Airmen, to include hurricane relief efforts in affected states and a flood in Colorado.
- 140th Security Forces Squadron Airmen supported the 58th Presidential Inauguration Jan. 19-20 in Washington, D.C.
- The 140th Wing is standing up the 233rd Space Group, Detachment 1 as well as the 138th Space Control Squadron at Peterson AFB.
- The U.S. Air Force will “transfer” the two C-21s from the Colorado Air National Guard at PAFB, Colorado Springs, Colorado, to active duty Air Force at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. C-21 personnel will support a different mission while continuing to serve in the Colorado Air National Guard at Peterson.
  - The 200th Airlift Squadron provides a significant amount of the capacity to support high-speed targeting exercise and requirements due to the unit’s proximity to North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command.
  - C-21s provide primary airlift to the major commands and two-letter military and civilian organizations.
  - C-21s provide secondary airlift to the combatant commands when C-37s are not available.

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