



The 63d Readiness Division (RD) mission is to provide base operations support enabling the Operating Force to optimize resources towards focus on readiness, training, mobilizing and deploying America's Soldiers to fight, survive and win our Nation's wars. The 63rd RD also exercises command and control of assigned units. Our vision is to lead and execute as an intrinsic and indispensable regional partner embracing change and leveraging the talents, agility and innovation of an adept workforce towards unsurpassed facilities, services and support. The 63d RD supports over 40,000 Army Reserve Soldiers in the states of CA, NV, AZ, NM, TX, OK, and AR.

### And the Nominees Are... The 63d RD Environmental Awards Program

By Pam Brady Training Branch Chief

Every year, the individuals and activities that are defining environmental excellence across the 63d RD are discussed. The Environmental Division evaluates potential award winners based on proactive environmental stewardship, compliance with all regulations, and forword thinking for effective best management practices. So, without further ado, the 63d RD Environmental Division proudly announces and recognizes our Environmental Award Nominees for 2018:

INDIVIDUAL AWARD	AWARD	FACILITY AWARD	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL</b> <b>PROGRAM AWARD</b>
For environmental excellence exhibited by an individual:	For outstanding ability to work together to ensure environmental stewardship:	For a superior environmental program, fence line to fence line:	For a superb performance in support of a particular environmental program area:
<ul> <li>Mr. Robby Dahlem ECS 15-Ft Chaffee, AR</li> <li>Mr. Gabriel Garza AMSA 14-Fresno, CA</li> <li>Mr. Travis Gruenbein ECS 7-Robstown, TX</li> <li>Mr. Felix Ordonez AMSA 19-Riverside, CA</li> <li>Mr. Scott Rittenberry BMA 20-Mustang, OK</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>AMSA 32 Team Van Nuys, CA</li> <li>AMSA 34 Team Albuquerque, NM</li> <li>AMSA 77 Team Beaumont, TX</li> <li>AMSA 96 Team Phoenix, AZ</li> <li>AMSA 98 Team Sacramento, CA</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>El Monte Army Reserve Center CA010-South El Monte, CA</li> <li>Camp Parks Armed Forces Reserve Center CA039-Dublin, CA</li> <li>George W. Dunaway Army Reserve Center NV008-Sloan, NV</li> <li>Conroe Army Reserve Center/ Aviation Support Facility TX018-Conroe, TX</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Natural Resources Program</li> <li>Ms. Sarah Dean 455 CM BDE-Sloan, NV</li> <li>Cultural Resources Program</li> <li>Mr. Orlando Gardner 63 RD DPW Plans Mountain View, CA</li> </ul>
• Mr. Joe Rotzinger AMSA 6-Sloan, NV	<ul> <li>BMA 20 Team Mustang, OK</li> <li>BMA 95 Team Conway, AR</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Red River Army Depot Army Reserve Center/Area Maintenance Support Activity 9 TX133-Texarkana, TX</li> </ul>	

# Stay tuned...

# 2018 Environmental Awards Winners will be announced in the next newsletter.

Please keep in mind that we accept award nominations from the field! If you are interested in nominating your facility, team, supervisor, coworker, or even yourself, nomination forms are due by 1 October each year. Contact Pam Brady for a nomination template or for more information.

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### In Case of Emergency... Environmental Functions will Continue

Continuity of Operations, also known as "COOP," is not a new concept. As early as the Cold War Era, there were executive orders outlining "Continuity of Government." According to the 2006 Army Regulation 500-3, COOP "ensures continuity of mission essential functions under all circumstances including crisis, attack, recovery, and reconstitution..." Overall, COOP is meant to support the Department of Defense's strategy for Mission Assurance. Mission Assurance is defined as "a process to protect

or ensure the continued function and resilience of capabilities and assets." This includes all aspects of operations such as people,

equipment, facilities, networks, information and information systems, infrastructure, and supply chains.

When thinking about COOP, it's important to consider the most important and critical functions the environmental team performs, and how those functions could continue if the person/people normally responsible for doing them were to become unavailable due to a catastrophe of some sort. Would the team need to have backup personnel, backup operating locations, or memoranda of agreement with other entities who could backfill functions? Would a battle book or By CTR Gaelle Glickfield Environmental Protection Specialist

standard operating procedures be necessary, or perhaps training others to stand in for the team?

No matter where disaster strikes, those in the footprint will often be thinking of their families first. They also may not physically be able to operate in their normal place of work, or even from a remote location nearby—it all depends on how large of a footprint is affected. These are the primary reasons they will need backup.

## coop ensures continuity of mission

The environmental team does have options when it comes to backup for mission essential functions.

While much of the team is located at the SGT James Witkowski Armed Forces Reserve Center 63d RD Headquarters in Mountain View, CA, other government employees, as well as contractors, are spread throughout the seven-state area of operations. Therefore, no matter where in the seven states disaster might strike, personnel in other parts of the region could help. In addition, partnering with other regions' environmental teams to back up most essential functions is a possibility.

Disastrous events may last a relatively short time, or may be longer-term, and the 63d RD (Continued on page 7)

# Landslide Preparedness

By CTR Gabriella Sugranes Environmental Specialist



andslides are among one of the many dangers or natural disasters that can occur during the rainy season.

Areas that have experienced landslides in the past are more susceptible to experiencing another one in the future. It is important to know the level of risk in your area.

Landslides typically occur in areas:

- On or at the base of slopes
- With heavy rainfall or rapid snowmelt
- Burned by forest and brush fires
- Heavy saturated grounds

If you live in an area that is at risk, here are some ways you can prepare before a landslide occurs.

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## **Environmental Chief's Corner**

Congrats to this year's Environmental Award Nominees! Thank you for all of your hard work. Our team appreciates everything you do.

We're excited to be reaching out to our communities again this year on environmental education projects!

The Environmental team is working on a few outreach events this quarter. Grand Prairie will be hosting an Earth Day event on 26-28 April, and the

#### By Laura Caballero

ENV team at Headquarters will be hosting a booth at the 63d RD Organizational Day on 13 April in support of Earth Day. Check page 5 for more information.

The 63d RD will also be coordinating with Mad Science to bring presentations to Discovery Charter School Falcon Campus and Lynhaven Elementary in San Jose in support of Earth Day.

### Be in the Know. How a SPCC Plan Protects Waterbodies

y CTR Lisa Gonzales Storm Water Program Manager

il and fuel spills can happen at any time. To protect people and the environment from harmful spills, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) developed the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) rule. The purpose of this rule is to help facilities prevent a spill of oil or fuel into waterbodies or adjoining shorelines. It requires facilities to develop, maintain, and implement an oil spill prevention plan, called a SPCC Plan. The plan establishes procedures, methods, and equipment required for responding to a spill. Facilities that have a combined oil or fuel storage capacity greater than 1,320 gallons require a SPCC plan by regulation. Any container that holds 55 gallons or more is counted in the total.

After the Floreffe, Pennsylvania, oil spill in 1988, the EPA created regulations governing oil spills from above ground storage tanks. In Floreffe, a four-million gallon oil tank split apart and collapsed at an oil storage facility. Diesel fuel spilled over the tank's secondary containment dikes and made its way into a nearby river. The fuel moved down the river within minutes where it contaminated drinking water and ecosystems, killed wildlife, and damaged property. Response coordination was slow, and as a result, only 20 percent of the fuel that flowed into the river was recovered.

At Army Reserve facilities with motorpools, any employee involved in the handling, storage, delivery, and/or maintenance of oil or fuel containing equipment must know the SPCC requirements. The SPCC plan requires knowing the inventory of the containers or tanks onsite, where they are located, the direction of flow should a tank spill, the type of secondary containment, inspection procedures, security measures, spill procedures, emergency contacts, and notification procedures. All of these are essential components of a fast and efficient spill response coordination.

Prevent spills by:

- Knowing your facilities layout: storm drain inlets, valves, and shutoffs.
- · Maintaining adequate equipment on site to prevent leaks and spills.
- Making sure others follow appropriate delivery and handling procedures.
- Visually inspecting oil/fuel storage containers looking for evidence of leaking, worn, or deteriorating lines, seams, valves, or rust accumulation.
- Keeping spill kits stocked and readily available so that you can control a spill. Use materials
  from the spill kit to contain the spill and prevent a release from discharging into a storm drain
  as a countermeasure that can make the difference between containment and disaster.

*Remember,* in the event of a spill,

- Think quickly!
- Protect yourself
- ✓ Stop the flow
- Contain/control
- Clean-up
- ✓ Notify



# **Earth Day Outreach**

By CTR Gabriella Sugranes Environmental Specialist

he 63d Readiness Division HHC is hosting an Organizational Day for the HHC members, family and partners. The event will take place at the

### Moffett Field Clubhouse 13 April 2019 1100 - 1600

This will be a great opportunity to interact with others and enjoy the activities planned by the 63d RD.

The ENV team will have a booth in support of Earth Day. Come by and meet a few members of our team while learning some facts about the Earth!



# HHC, Organizational Day, 13 APR 19 BA







RSVP Now at: https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=433302&k=0662410A7B55



ebruary through September is peak migratory season for many birds across North America. Migratory birds have seasonal and predictable patterns of

movement, which are typically northsouth between breeding and wintering grounds. The DoD Partners in Flight (PIF) program reports that bird

66 Birds are indicators of the environment. If they are in trouble, we know we'll soon be in trouble. **99** 

scale brush cutting. Enter a CSS ticket prior to these actions to initiate the 63d RD Environmental Division's review for bird survey requirements.

> • Nests with eggs and fledglings are protected under the MBTA and are to be avoided until the young have fledged (~100 ft buffer for non-raptors and

-Roger Tory Peterson

populations have been in steady decline (https://www.partnersinflight.org/).

During the time frame of 1 February -15September, Federal regulation requires that the 63d RD provide protections for migratory birds. Reference the below information for requirements:

• Nesting bird surveys are required prior to ground disturbance/tree trimming/large

37% of MBTA species are at imminent risk, especially waterbirds and raptors

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1,320 ft for raptors). Disturbance to nesting birds is a violation under the MBTA.

- Bald and golden eagles' nests, eggs, and young are protected by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and require a buffer (~660 ft).
- Report any harm or impacts to migrating birds, bats, raptors, and bald or golden eagles to the 63d RD Natural Resources Department.

#### **Migratory Bird Regulations:**

- EO 13186, Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds
- 16 USC 701, Game and Wild Birds; Preservation
- 16 USC 703-712, Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA)
- 16 USC 668-668d, Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA)
- 50 CFR 21, Migratory Bird Permits
- 50 CFR 10.3, List of Protected Migratory Birds
- DoD-USFWS MOUs I

# The Soldier Behind the Name

By CTR Brendon Coye Compliance Support Program Manager

ocated in Sacramento, California, about 10 miles from the state capital, sits the B.T. Collins Army Reserve Center. Home to the 63d Readiness Division's Area Maintenance Support Activity 98, the facility provides communications training and supports units such as the 104th DIV (IT), Companies A and C of the 319th Signal Battalion, Company A of the 328th Combat Support Hospital, and the 304th PSYOP. Beyond the units, the

activities, and the buildings, there's much more to the Army Reserve Center. It's in the name: B.T. Collins.



Captain Brien Thomas "B. T." Collins served two tours as a Green Beret during the Vietnam War. In 1969, B.T. Collins lost his right arm and leg in a grenade attack. Despite spending 22 months recovering in 7 different hospitals, he used his pain and experiences to help others recover. According to Mark Shields, political columnist for the New York Times and Washington Post, "I never heard him complain about the pain that was his daily fate. Instead, he would cancel his schedule to drive hours to comfort and counsel someone he had never met who had just lost a limb."

After his discharge from the Army, B.T. Collins earned his Bachelor of Arts degree and eventually his Juris Doctorate from Santa Clara University. Following graduation, B.T. Collins served as director of the California Conservation Corp (CCC), appointed by then Democratic Governor Jerry Brown. During his tenure with the CCC, B.T. Collins enlisted high school dropouts, developing a "boot camp" where recruits would wake at 5am, run two miles, and work for 8 hours.

Controversial but successful, B.T. Collins helped develop the CCC into a program for

# FY18 Environmental Performance Assessment System (EPAS)/ Installation Corrective Action Plan (ICAP) Summary

By Pam Brady Training Branch Chief

#### **Common EPAS Findings**

- Personnel are not attending Environmental Training
- Facilities/units are not appointing Environmental Officers
- Facility SOPs are not available and/or up to date
- Document control is not effective
- Required inspections/inventories are not conducted by facilities/units
- Secondary containment is not adequate
- Spill kits are not available
- Equipment is not serviced/maintained
- Expired materials are not assessed for shelf life or not turned in for disposal



FY18 ICAP at a Glance

279 Total findings from 135 facilities assessed
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Class I Findings\* (22.6%)

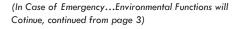
Class III Findings or Management Practices\*\* (67.7%)

27 Positive Findings (9.7%)

**15** Repeat Findings (5.4%) (4 were Class I)

#### 3 Second Year Repeat Findings (1.1%) (1 was Class I)

- Class I findings: a violation of Federal, state, or local law/regulation; could result in regulatory action.
- \*\* Class III findings: a violation of DoD, Army, or 63d RD regulation/policy. Management Practices (MP): recommendations to improve processes.



needs to prepare for diverse scenarios. The process includes identifying critical functions (such as hazardous waste disposal), identifying how quickly after a disaster those functions might be needed (such as possibly within 24 hours, 48 hours, or longer), and identifying what entity could be a backup on performing these functions.

For the environmental team, having the ability to back each other up means making efforts to cross-train one another while performing our everyday work. It also means ensuring that more than one person is provisioned in the appropriate systems or holds the correct certifications to perform certain functions. Let's remember that the time to prepare is now, before crisis strikes.



- Learn about emergency response and evacuation plans in your area
- Create an evacuation plan with your friends and family/ people in your home
- Assemble and maintain an emergency preparedness kit
- Become familiar with the area around your home and travel routes

It is important to stay tuned into your local radio or television stations for the latest emergency news. If a landslide is occurring in your area, stay alert and awake. If you suspect danger, evacuate immediately—inform your neighbors or contact your local public safety departments.

Watch out for signs that may indicate a landslide is occurring nearby:

- New cracks or bulges in the ground
- Leaning telephone poles, trees or fences
- Rapid increase or decrease in creek water levels
- Unusual sounds that may indicate moving debris—trees cracking or moving boulders

After a landslide has occurred in your area it is important to stay away from the slide area, as there may be danger of additional landslides. Watch for flooding that may occur after a landslide. Check for any injured or trapped people or animals. If you suspect someone is in danger, contact the local fire department immediately. Inspect damages to your buildings to assess the safety of the area. Damaged ground should be replanted as soon as possible, to ensure safety in the future.

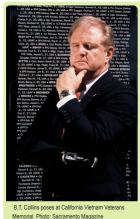


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participants to better themselves by making improvements to their communities.

B.T. Collins later served as the Chief of Staff for Governor Brown and then as Chief Deputy to Republican California State **Treasurer** Tom Hayes from 1989 to1991. Republican Governor, Pete Wilson,



hoto: Sacramento Magazine

appointed B.T. Collins as Director of the California Youth Authority in recognition of his successful tenure with the CCC. Here, he employed the same methods used to develop the CCC, giving incarcerated youth training opportunities. At the urging of Governor Wilson, B.T. Collins ran for the State Assembly seat for the Sacramento-area 5th District and won. He went on to win re-election in 1992 and served in that capacity until his death in 1993.

Not just a politician, B.T. Collins worked alongside organizations to improve the Sacramento community. Serving as the Sacramento Valley Blood Bank chairman, he encouraged his CCC enlisted members to donate blood telling them "to give blood because there's no black blood, no white blood, no Mexican-American blood. There's only red blood." With his vast network of contacts, B.T. Collins referred those in need of support services to WEAVE (Women Escaping a Violent Environment). In 1994, for his contributions, WEAVE honored B.T. Collins' legacy by dedicating the B.T. Collins Memorial Counseling Center. The center offers counseling services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

B.T. Collins' name adorns parks, schools, counseling centers, and military installations as a remembrance of his contributions to not just his country and state, but to his community and its people 🌢

# 63d RD Environmental Training

### **FY19 Environmental Training Schedule**

63d RD Environmental Training is required for all personnel located on 63d RD property who actively handle or store hazardous materials, hazardous wastes, or other regulated wastes and the supervisors of those personnel. Additionally, EOs, all 63d RD facility managers, and shop supervisors are required to attend. After initial training, an annual refresher is required. To enroll in training, contact Pam Brady, pamala.h.brady.ctr@mail.mil, (501) 771-8937. Note that personnel operating in facilities located in California **MUST ATTEND** training held in California (listed with an asterisk below). Conversely, courses held in California are only open to personnel operating at facilities located in California.

	IO-HOUR Hazaraou	Js waste/Environmental Compliance Course-Initial
2019		
9-10	April	Tustin, CA*
21-22	May	Las Vegas (Sloan), NV
4-5	June	Broken Arrow, OK
27-28	August	Grand Prairie, TX
10-11	September	Ft Hunter Liggett, CA*

### 16-Hour Hazardous Waste/Environmental Compliance Course-Initia

Third-Day Training for Key Personnel

(Facility Managers, Shop Supervisors, Environmental Officers, others as needed)

2019		
11	April	Tustin, CA*
23	May	Las Vegas (Sloan), NV
6	June	Broken Arrow, OK
29	August	Grand Prairie, TX
12	September (as needed)	Ft Hunter Liggett, CA*

#### 8-Hour Hazardous Waste/Environmental Compliance Course-Refresher

2019					
26	March	Camp Parks, CA*	10	September	New Boston, TX
28	March	Austin, TX	12	September	Seagoville, TX
28	March	Sacramento, CA*	17	September	Broken Arrow, OK
14	May	Fresno, CA*	19	September	Ft Sill, OK
23	May	Las Vegas (Sloan), NV	25	September	Camp Pendleton, CA*
13	June	Marana, AZ	TBD	2019	Ft Hunter Liggett, CA*
5	September	Port Hueneme, CA*	TBD	2019	Ft Hunter Liggett, CA*

\* Note that personnel operating in facilities located in California MUST ATTEND training held in California † Weekend

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