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### Utah National Guard Partners with MaxPreps to Honor Alta Football Team

DRAPER, Utah – MaxPreps, America’s most comprehensive high school sports Web site, and the Utah National Guard join forces to congratulate the Alta High School football team on their outstanding 2008 season at a halftime celebration during the Alta boys varsity basketball game Tuesday, Jan. 20.

At the game, Alta will be honored as one of the top-ranked schools in the country on the MaxPreps Tour of Champions.

This season, Alta rose to the challenge among a field of tough competitors to qualify with an overall state ranking of #1 and a national ranking of #55. The team’s win/loss record was 13-1 in 2008.

“The National Guard honors the players and coaches of Alta because they are champions,” said Maj. Michael Baptista, of National Guard Bureau. “And like National Guard Soldiers, they stand united as champions of their community. That is why we are proud to be a partner in the Tour of Champions.”

“The National Guard applauds and congratulates them, champion to champion,” added Baptista. “Out of thousands of teams, the National Guard recognizes Alta as one of the very best in the country. Like the Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen of the National Guard, they are your friends and neighbors, and they are winners. We congratulate them for their incredible achievement and hope that one day they will consider joining our team.”

The Utah National Guard continues its historic dual mission to provide Soldiers and Airmen to Utah, who are trained and equipped to protect life and property, as well as serving the Nation, ready to defend the United States and its interests all over the globe.

**Media Notes:** Alta High School is located at 11055 S. 1000 E. in Sandy. Please contact Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Rob Cottle at (801) 432-4428 for more information.