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Utah Guard's Embedded Training Team Honors Soldiers for Afghanistan Service

DRAPER, Utah – The Utah National Guard's Embedded Training Team will hold a Freedom-Salute ceremony for its Soldiers who served in Afghanistan Saturday, April 18 at 4 p.m. at Little America hotel in Salt Lake City.

At the ceremony, the 16 Soldiers of the ETT will receive the "Freedom Salute Award" to publicly acknowledge their service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from January to December 2008.

The award consists of a commemorative flag and case, a Defender of Freedom certificate, lapel pins and a commemorative coin. Employers of Soldiers will also be recognized at the ceremony and receive an Employer Freedom Medal and lapel pin.

The mission of the Soldiers of the ETT was to provide training and mentoring to members of the Afghan National Army. More information on the ETT is available at the following Internet links:

- <http://www.ut.ngb.army.mil/html/pao/news/24dec08.htm>
- <http://www.ut.ngb.army.mil/html/pao/news/10dec08.htm>
- <http://www.ut.ngb.army.mil/html/pao/news/20aug08.htm>
- <http://www.ut.ngb.army.mil/html/pao/news/29may08.htm>
- <http://www.ut.ngb.army.mil/html/pao/news/17Mar08.htm>
- <http://www.ut.ngb.army.mil/minuteman/Fall2008.pdf>
- <http://www.ut.ngb.army.mil/minuteman/Spring2009.pdf>
- <http://www.570knrs.com/podcast/BobWeekdays.xml> (June 17, 2008; the interview begins at 01:56:40 on the audio track)

Soldiers of the ETT reside in the following cities: Eagle Mountain, Grantsville, Hinckley, Lehi, Logan, Riverton, Sandy, South Jordan and Springville.

Media Notes: Little America hotel is located at 500 S. Main in Salt Lake City. On the day of the event, please contact LTC Tyler Smith at (801) 716-9151 for more information.