



**UTAH NATIONAL GUARD PUBLIC AFFAIRS**  
12953 S. Minuteman Drive, Draper, UT 84020-1776  
P: (801) 432-4407 - F: (801) 432-4677 - [www.ut.ngb.army.mil](http://www.ut.ngb.army.mil)

**Press Release 09-023, 15 April 2009**

**Contact: LTC Hank McIntire, (801) 420-4778**

## **For Immediate Release**

### **Utah Guard's 2-211<sup>th</sup> Aviation Honors Soldiers for Kuwait/Iraq Service**

DRAPER, Utah – The Utah National Guard's Second Battalion, 211<sup>th</sup> Aviation, will hold a Freedom-Salute ceremony for its Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans Sunday, April 19, at 10 a.m. at Little America hotel.

At the ceremony, the 150 Soldiers of the Battalion will receive the "Freedom Salute Award" to publicly acknowledge their service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from January 2008 to January 2009.

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.

Soldiers of the 2-111<sup>th</sup> provided airlift and transportation support for personnel and equipment in the U.S. Central Command area of operations in Iraq and Kuwait. More information on the 2-211<sup>th</sup> is available at the following Internet links:

- <http://www.ut.ngb.army.mil/html/pao/news/7may08.htm>
- <http://www.ut.ngb.army.mil/html/pao/news/6may08.htm>
- <http://www.ut.ngb.army.mil/minuteman/Spring2009.pdf>

Soldiers of the 2-211<sup>th</sup> are from the following cities: Alpine, American Fork, Bountiful, Brigham City, Cedar Hills, Clearfield, Clinton, Draper, Eagle Mountain, Elsinore, Farr West, Ferron, Grantsville, Herriman, Kaysville, Kearns, Layton, Lehi, Magna, Mapleton, Midvale, Murray, Ogden, Orem, Paradise, Payson, Perry, Pleasant Grove, Provo, Redmond, Richfield, Riverton, Rush Valley, Salt Lake City, Sandy, Saratoga Springs, Smithfield, South Jordan, Spanish Fork, Springville, St. George, Stansbury Park, Syracuse, Taylorsville, Thatcher, Tooele, Uinta, Vernal, Wales, Washington Terrace, West Jordan, West Point, West Valley City, Woodland Hills and Woods Cross.

**Media Notes:** Little America hotel is located at 500 S. Main in Salt Lake City. On the day of the event, please contact COL Scott Robinson at (801) 716-9018 for more information.