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Utah Guard's 142nd MI Battalion Honors Soldiers for Afghanistan Duty

DRAPER, Utah – The Utah National Guard's 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion will hold a Freedom-Salute ceremony for its Operation Enduring Freedom veterans Friday, May 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Salt Palace Convention Center ballroom.

At the ceremony, the 300 Soldiers of the Battalion will receive the "Freedom Salute Award" to publicly acknowledge their service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from February 2008 to February 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 142nd provided intelligence support in Afghanistan to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and other Coalition forces as part of Task Force Wasatch. More information on the 142nd is available at the following Internet links:

- <http://www.ut.ngb.army.mil/html/pao/news/3june08.htm>
- <http://www.ut.ngb.army.mil/html/pao/news/15jan09.htm>
- <http://www.ut.ngb.army.mil/minuteman/Spring2009.pdf>

Soldiers of the 142nd are from the following cities: Alpine, American Fork, Aurora, Bountiful, Brigham City, Cedar City, Cedar Hills, Clearfield, Clinton, Cottonwood Heights, Draper, Eagle Mountain, Fruit Heights, Genola, Glenwood, Goshen, Grantsville, Harrisville, Heber, Hooper, Hyrum, Kanab, Kaysville, Kearns, La Verkin, Layton, Lehi, Lindon, Logan, Magna, Midvale, Morgan, Mount Pleasant, Murray, North Salt Lake, Ogden, Orem, Park City, Pleasant Grove, Price, Provo, Riverton, Roy, Salt Lake City, Sandy, Saratoga Springs, South Jordan, Spanish Fork, Springville, St. George, Syracuse, Taylorsville, Tooele, Washington, West Jordan, West Point, West Valley City, Woods Cross..

Media Notes: The Salt Palace Convention Center is located at 100 S. West Temple in Salt Lake City. Contact MAJ Joseph Green at (801) 518-8570 for more information.