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### **151<sup>st</sup> Maintenance Group Hosts Hometown Hero Salute**

SALT LAKE CITY – As part of the 151st Air Refueling Wing's Hometown Heroes Salute program, the 151st Maintenance Group will host a ceremony March 6 at 4 p.m. at the Utah State Capitol Rotunda.

In August 2008, General Craig R. McKinley, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, sanctioned the Air National Guard Hometown Heroes Salute recognition program. The purpose of the program is to celebrate and honor the significant contribution of its Airmen, families, communities and those special supporters to the mission of the U.S. Air Force and the Air National Guard.

Over the past few months, the 151 Air Refueling Wing of the Utah Air National Guard has hosted several ceremonies recognizing more than 400 military members who have deployed for more than 30 consecutive days in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Noble Eagle and other peacekeeping operations across the globe since 9/11, as well as their family members who have supported them.

Tonight's event will honor more than 140 maintenance personnel who have supported the Guard's air-refueling mission throughout the world. Congressional Representative Rob Bishop will assist with the presentation of awards.

The schedule of events is as follows:

- 4:00 p.m. - Ceremony begins
- 4:10 - Lt. Col. Nate Nelson, 151<sup>st</sup> ARW Group Command
- 4:20 - Brig. Gen. David M. Hooper, Assistant Adjutant General, Air
- 4:30 - Rep. Rob Bishop
- 4:45 - 23<sup>rd</sup> Army Band Brass Quintet Plays
- 4:55 - Presentation of Awards

Please contact Maj. Krista DeAngelis at (801) 505-3213 for more information.