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Utah Guard Chaplain Retires after 38 Years of Service

DRAPER, Utah — Utah National Guard chaplain Col. Lynn Humphreys will mark his retirement after 38 years of military service in a ceremony Monday, June 7, at 11 a.m. at the Utah Guard's Draper headquarters.

An Ogden native and resident of North Ogden, Humphreys joined the Army Reserve in the early 1970s as a wheeled-vehicle mechanic. He received a direct commission to the Army's chaplain corps in 1977 after completing a bachelor's degree at Weber State and a master's degree in counseling and guidance at Brigham Young University.

During his military career, Humphreys served in a variety of chaplain assignments in the Army Reserve's 96th Regional Readiness Command to include 6th Battalion, 83rd Field Artillery; 162nd Support Group; and 328th General Hospital. He also served as deputy staff chaplain of the 96th Army Reserve Command, 426th Medical Brigade and 9601st Medical Brigade. He concluded his chaplain career in the Army Reserve after serving 40 months as command chaplain of the 96th Regional Readiness Command.

In 2004 Humphreys joined the Utah National Guard and was appointed state chaplain, where he has served ever since.

Humphreys' military awards and decorations include selection as Sixth Army's Chaplain of the Year in 1989. He has also received the Legion of Merit; Meritorious Service Medal, with three oak leaf clusters; Army Commendation Medal, with four oak leaf clusters; and the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal.

In his civilian employment Humphreys was an instructor of religion for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for 36 years. He has also owned and operated Lynn Humphreys Auto Repair in North Ogden since 1973.

Media Notes: The Utah National Guard's Draper headquarters is located at 12953 S. Minuteman Drive (frontage road east of I-15). Please contact Lt. Col. Hank McIntire at (801) 420-4778 for more information.