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Draper Resident and Utah Guard Employee Joe Trujillo Honored for Act of Service

DRAPER, Utah – Utah National Guard employee Joe Trujillo will be presented the Commander's Award for Public Service in a ceremony Thursday, Aug. 19, at 10 a.m. at Draper headquarters.

Trujillo, a Draper resident and Family Assistance Center specialist with the Utah Guard, will receive the award for going above and beyond the call of duty in assisting a family in need.

In the early-morning hours of July 14, Trujillo became aware of a family driving their Soldier to catch a plane overseas, and their car had broken down. Trujillo responded immediately when he became aware of the situation. He arranged for a ride to the airport for the Soldier, picked up the family, fed them, drove them to their house in Brigham City and arranged to have their car towed and repaired at a reduced cost.

"Mr. Trujillo is the epitome of our Utah Family Readiness Center specialists," reads the award citation. "He is a credit to himself and the Utah National Guard Family Program."

The medal, which is a Department of the Army commendation, may be given to civilian employees to "recognize service or achievements that contribute significantly to the accomplishment of the mission of an Army activity, command or staff agency," according to Army Regulation 672-20, *Decorations Awards, and Honors: Incentive Awards*.

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