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## **For Immediate Release**

### **2-211th Aviation Battalion Hosts Bronze Star Ceremony**

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah – The 2-211<sup>th</sup> Aviation Battalion will host a special ceremony to present a Bronze Star for Merit to World War II veteran Richard J. Johnson at the Utah National Guard's West Jordan armory Friday, Nov. 19, at 6 p.m.

Johnson earned the Bronze Star for his heroic actions to save the life a fellow Soldier on Jan. 10, 1945, near Rechrival, Belgium.

Unbeknownst to him, someone from his unit submitted him for the award, which he received in the mail in July 1951. No ceremony was ever held and no medal ever presented. The 2-211<sup>th</sup> wishes to correct that oversight and give this Soldier the respect and recognition he has earned.

**Media Notes:** The Utah National Guard's Jake Garn Armory is located at 7602 S. Airport Road (4470 West) in West Jordan. Please contact Lt. Col. Pete Adams at (801) 716-9206 for more information.