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Utah National Guard to Present Bronze Star to World War II Veteran

DRAPER, Utah – The Utah National Guard will host a ceremony Thursday, Jan. 27, at 11 a.m. at Spanish Fork Armory to present the Bronze Star Medal to World War II Veteran Samuel D. Banz.

Banz, of Spanish Fork, served in France and Germany with the U.S. Army's E Company, 242nd Infantry Regiment, 42nd Infantry Division. He will receive the award for meritorious achievement and service in ground operations against the enemy.

Major General Brian Tarbet, adjutant general of the Utah Guard, will present Banz with the Bronze Star and the following awards, none of which were ever formally presented to him:

- Good Conduct Medal
- European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and Bronze Star attachment (Double)
- World War II Victory Medal
- Combat Infantryman Badge (First Award)
- Honorable Service Lapel Button, World War II
- Sharpshooter Badge and Rifle Bar

Media Notes: Spanish Fork Armory is located at 2801 N. Main in Spanish Fork. Please contact Capt. Shane Day at (801) 432-4144 for additional information.