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## **For Immediate Release**

### **Utah Guard's 23rd Army Band to Perform at Armed Forces Day Concert**

DRAPER, Utah – The Utah National Guard's 23rd Army Band, together with the Choral Arts Society of Utah, will perform at the annual Armed Forces Day concert Saturday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Murray Park Amphitheater.

The audience will be treated to a night of great music, food and fireworks. Admission is free, and Veterans are particularly encouraged to attend.

The 40-member 23rd Army Band, based in West Jordan, was rated recently as fourth in the nation in the number of engagements during 2010. The Band performed in 66 separate venues throughout the U.S. and overseas, including a series of concerts in Morocco in July at the invitation of U.S. Ambassador to Morocco, Samuel Kaplan. See story and photos of the Band's Morocco trip here: <http://bit.ly/iXL5PF>

"Your state and the 23rd were instrumental in not only setting the standard for other Army Bands within the Army National Guard, but in justifying the requirements to maintain the current operating strength at a time of cuts," wrote Chief Warrant Officer 5 Thomas Goff, Reserve Component staff bands officer, in a letter of congratulations to 23rd Army Band director Chief Warrant Officer 2 Denny Saunders.

**Media Notes:** Parking for the Murray Park Amphitheater is located at 436 E. 5300 S. in Murray. For more information, please contact Lt. Col. Hank McIntire at (801) 420-4778.