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## **For Immediate Release**

### **Utah National Guard's 222nd Field Artillery Deploys**

DRAPER, Utah – The approximately 475 Soldiers of the Utah National Guard's Second Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery (referred to as the 222nd or Triple Deuce), will depart Utah in four groups on the first leg of their 12-month deployment to Iraq Saturday, June 4, from Cedar City and St. George as follows:

- 4:30 p.m. from Cedar City Airport (CDC)
- 5:30 p.m. from Cedar City Airport (CDC)
- 6:30 p.m. from St. George Airport (SGU)
- 7:30 p.m. from St. George Airport (SGU)

The mission of the Triple Deuce, which is comprised of units based in Cedar City, St. George, Beaver, Fillmore, and Richfield, and commanded by Lt. Col. Brad Fuller, will be to provide security for Coalition forces in support of Operation New Dawn in Iraq.

Unit members will receive several weeks of mission-specific training at Camp Atterbury, Ind., and are expected to arrive in Iraq later this summer.

The 222nd deployed in 2003, initially bound for Iraq but was redirected to Fort Lewis, Wash., to provide training to ROTC cadets. In 2005-2006 the unit deployed to Iraq to conduct supply-route security, defend forward-operating bases, provide artillery fires to disrupt insurgent operations and to recruit and train Iraqi police forces.

The departure of the Triple Deuce will bring the number of deployed members of the Utah National Guard to approximately 1,000. Other units currently deployed include the 141st Military Intelligence Battalion (Iraq), 118th Sapper Company (Afghanistan) and 151st Security Forces Squadron (Iraq).

**Media Notes:** The Cedar City airport is located at 2560 Aviation Way in Cedar City. The new St. George airport is at 4550 S. Airport Parkway in St. George. For more information, please contact Lt. Col. Hank McIntire at (801) 420-4778. Follow us on **Twitter** @UTNationalGuard for updates.