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**St. George, Washington County and Utah Guard Officials to Sign  
Community Covenant in Support of Nation's Armed Forces**

DRAPER, Utah – Officials from Washington County, the City of St. George and the Utah National Guard will conduct a ceremonial signing of a Community Covenant Thursday, June 2, at 6:30 p.m. at Burns Arena on the Dixie State College campus in St. George.

The Community Covenant is a formal commitment of support by local communities to Servicemembers of all military branches and their families – active, Guard and Reserve – as well as former members of the military, and is designed to foster and sustain effective community and military relationships and to improve the quality of life for Soldiers and their families.

The signing of the Covenant also coincides with a send-off tribute to honor Soldiers of the 222nd Field Artillery. The Triple Deuce will depart Utah later this week bound for a 12-month deployment in Iraq. More than 150 Citizen-Soldiers will be leaving from the Washington County area.

Washington County, the City of St. George, and Dixie State College have teamed up with local businesses and citizens to honor the departing unit and all active military personnel with the signing of the Covenant. The program will include performances by the Southern Utah Heritage Choir, Color Country Chorus, Dixie State College Herald Trumpets and local singer-celebrity Dave Reber.

The event is free to the public.