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Utah Guard's Freedom Academy Marks 50th Year Teaching Leadership and Freedom to High School Student-Leaders

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah – The Utah National Guard will conduct its 50th annual Freedom Academy beginning Saturday, July 30, through Friday, Aug. 5.

Approximately 100 high school student-body officers from throughout Utah will attend classes and participate in activities aimed at developing leadership skills, promoting a sense of patriotism and providing motivation to be actively involved in preserving the freedoms we enjoy.

Freedom Academy alumni are invited to a special reception Saturday, July 30, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Building 6150 at Camp Williams. Alumni can register to attend the free social at www.freedomacademyutah.org. Notable Freedom Academy alumni include Mike Morley, Utah legislator, and Mike Mower, of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

Here is an outline of the events planned for this week:

- **Saturday, July 30** – Freedom Academy alumni reception, 6 to 9 p.m. at Building 6150, Camp Williams.
- **Sunday, July 31** - Opening Ceremony, Camp Williams, 1:30 p.m. Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet, Adjutant General, Utah National Guard, will welcome participants.
- **Monday, Aug. 1** – Guest Speaker, Senator Jake Garn, Building 6150, Camp Williams, 8:50 a.m.
- **Tuesday, Aug. 2** – Governor's proclamation of Freedom Academy Day at Utah State Capitol, 9 a.m., and capitol tour to follow; Camp Williams Training Ranges (Weapons Familiarization, Engineer Equipment Demonstration), 1 to 4:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Aug. 3** – Tour of Utah Air National Guard Base, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Tour of Federal Courthouse, 1:30 to 3 p.m.; Tour of KUTV Channel 2 Studios, 3:15 to 5:15 p.m.
- **Thursday, Aug. 4** – Camp Williams, Apache Helicopter Demonstration, 8 a.m.; Rifle Shooting, Rappel Tower, Jump Tower, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Friday, Aug. 5** – Graduation, Keynote Speaker, Scott Anderson, 11 a.m.

Media are invited to cover these events. For more information or to arrange a visit, please contact Lt. Col. David Osborne at (801) 652-3922.