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Governor Herbert Selects Brig. Gen. Jefferson Burton As New Utah Guard Adjutant General

DRAPER, Utah – Utah Governor Gary R. Herbert announced his selection of Brig. Gen. Jefferson S. Burton as the new adjutant general of the Utah National Guard at a press conference at the Utah State Capitol May 24.

Burton, a longtime Payson resident, enlisted as an artilleryman in 1982. He graduated from Brigham Young University's ROTC program and was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1984.

After serving on active duty for six years as a Military Police officer with 7th U.S. Corps and the 4th Infantry Division, he joined the Utah National Guard in 1991 where he transferred to the Engineer corps.

With the Engineers, Burton has served in various positions to include company commander, battalion executive officer; assistant professor of Military Science at both Brigham Young University and Utah Valley State College, Director of Civil/Military Relations and Director of Personnel. He also served as commander of the Utah Guard's Recruiting and Retention Battalion.

In 2003, as commander of the 1457th Engineer Battalion, he led his 450 Soldiers on their deployment to Iraq with the 1st Armored Division Task Force in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In his current position Burton is responsible for the training and support of 5,600 Soldiers. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Combat Action Badge and Parachutist Wings.

Burton will formally assume command of the 7,000 Airmen and Soldiers of the Utah National Guard in an official ceremony at Camp Williams Saturday, Sept. 29, at 10 a.m.

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