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### For Immediate Release

## Utah Army Guard Aviation Medevac Unit Conducts Hoist Training

DRAPER, Utah – The Utah National Guard’s Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 171st Aviation (MEDEVAC), will conduct hoist operations Wednesday, May 30, at Camp Williams at 2 p.m. Show time is no later than 1:15 p.m. for media desiring to observe the training.

The Utah National Guard is training a unique capability not seen in the organization in more than 20 years. One of the statewide missions tasked to Charlie Company is to provide support for civilian search and rescue. Crews have performed numerous search-and-assist missions in the past; however, they are now able to provide hoist capabilities along with critical care to injured personnel upon arrival at the scene and en route to a higher level of medical care.

Additionally, Charlie Company is able to provide hoist operations during daylight or nighttime hours. The hoist is capable of reaching the ground at over 200 feet from the hovering aircraft and lifting rescued persons into the aircraft. The aircraft is capable of conducting these operations at up to 12,000 feet MSL (Mean Sea Level). To see video of a training mission, click here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bOKwLJu0CNA>.

**Media Notes:** Camp Williams is located at 17800 South Camp Williams Road in Riverton at the Salt Lake-Utah County line. Government-issued identification is required to enter Camp Williams. Meet at building 8050 no later than 1:15 p.m. in order to observe the hoist operation scheduled for 2 p.m. See this link for a map:

[http://www.ut.ngb.army.mil/campwilliams/Cantonment\\_Interactive\\_Plain\\_Map.htm](http://www.ut.ngb.army.mil/campwilliams/Cantonment_Interactive_Plain_Map.htm).

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