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Utah National Guard's Honorary Colonels Corps Hosts 51st Annual Bronze Minuteman Awards Dinner

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah National Guard will host its 51st Annual Bronze Minuteman Awards Dinner Wednesday, June 27, at Salt Lake's Little America Hotel at 6:30 p.m.

The Honorary Colonels Corps of Utah will sponsor the event. The Corps is an organization that promotes goodwill and positive relations between the National Guard and local Utah communities. Members provide annual support for Utah Army and Air National Guard activities such as the Freedom Academy and Veterans Day concert.

At the event Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet and Honorary Colonels Corps Commander, retired Brig. Gen. E.J. "Jake" Garn, will present Bronze Minuteman awards to Dr. Harvey A. Davis, Tom Guinney, Dr. Craig Jessop, Elder Russell M. Nelson, Command Sgt. Maj. Bruce D. Summers, Maj. Gen. Brian L. Tarbet, Col. Richard C. Workman and Brig. Gen. Roland R. Wright for their individual devoted service to and leadership among the citizens of Utah.

Here is a short summary of each recipient's accomplishments:

Dr. Harvey Davis is Director of Installations and Logistics for the National Security Agency. He played a significant role in the selection of Camp Williams as the site for the construction of the Utah Data Center. He has been with NSA for 26 years. Dr. Davis has been a champion of cooperation between the U.S. military and the NSA, recognizing the benefit of sharing expertise and resources to maximize our nation's ability to protect citizens, information, and resources in order to preserve freedom, liberty, and the rule of law.

Tom Guinney has been a successful restaurateur in Salt Lake City since the late 1970s when he and his business partners first opened the New Yorker restaurant. That

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enterprise has since grown into *Gastromony, Inc.*, which now includes eight restaurants and three fresh-fish markets, including the New Yorker, Market Street Grill, and Market Street Broiler. His restaurants and markets employ more than 650 people, serve nearly a million guests annually.

Dr. Craig Jessop is the founding dean for the Caine College of the Arts at Utah State University. This appointment followed his tenure for nearly a decade as music director of the world-famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Prior to his appointment with the Tabernacle Choir, Dr. Jessop served as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force, where he served as director of the U.S. Air Force Singing Sergeants in Washington, D.C.; and as commander and conductor of the Band of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe at Ramstein, Germany.

Elder Russell M. Nelson has been a member of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints since 1984. He is also an internationally renowned surgeon and medical researcher. He served for two years in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and spent time at every Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH) in Korea. His professional work included positions of research professor of surgery, director of the Thoracic Surgery Residency at the University of Utah and chairman of the Division of Thoracic Surgery at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City.

Command Sgt. Maj. Bruce Summers has served for the last five years as state command sergeant major of the Utah Army National Guard. He is the adjutant general's top advisor for policies and standards on the performance of training, personnel management, appearance and conduct of enlisted personnel. He also administers the Noncommissioned Officer Development Program for the Utah Guard. He was mobilized in 2003 with the 2-222nd Field Artillery to Fort Lewis, Wash., to train ROTC cadets and later deployed to Iraq in 2005-2006 with the 2-222nd.

Major Gen. Brian Tarbet has served as adjutant general of the Utah National Guard since 2000. A native of Cache Valley, he joined the U.S. Army in 1973 and transferred to the Utah Guard in 1976. After 9/11 he oversaw the flurry of deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. He led the Utah Guard in its support of the 2002 Salt Lake Olympic Winter Games, as well as its response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. The Utah Guard's partnership with Morocco has flourished under his leadership, and he has cultivated ties to civilian employers of Utah Guardmembers.

Richard C. Workman served as chief executive officer and a principal owner of Pentalon Corporation, building and managing office buildings, shopping centers and apartment complexes in Utah. In addition to his successful business career, Workman was also a Citizen-Airman, serving as commander of the 191st Air Refueling Squadron and later as commander of the 151st Air Refueling Wing. His tremendous generosity has ensured the long-term operability of Freedom Academy, a leadership and citizen-education program for high school seniors who serve as student-body officers throughout Utah.

Brigadier Gen. Roland R. Wright flew 200 combat hours in a P-51 over Germany with the 357th Fighter Group, based in England. He is credited with the destruction of three enemy aircraft in aerial combat, including one ME-262 jet. Aviation buffs will recognize General Wright's P-51, which was named the "Mormon Mustang." He served in World War II, Korea, Vietnam and retired from the Utah Air National Guard in 1976. He also practiced law in Salt Lake City as a partner with Clyde, Mechem & Pratt until 1991.

Media Notes: Salt Lake's Little America hotel is located at 500 S. Main. Media are welcome to cover the black-tie event. For more information, please contact Lt. Col. Hank McIntire at (801) 420-4778.