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### For Immediate Release

## Utah Cities to Sign Community Covenant with Utah National Guard during Independence Day Celebrations

DRAPER, Utah – The Northern Utah cities of Kaysville, South Salt Lake, Centerville, Morgan, Farr West, West Bountiful and Hooper will hold Community Covenant-signing ceremonies with the Utah National Guard in conjunction with their July 4 celebrations.

Ceremonies demonstrate a formal commitment in an effort to bring both local and military leaders together to more effectively recognize the contributions of cities and Servicemembers.

The overall goal of the Community Covenant program is to educate local leaders on the challenges that Service members and their families experience in all phases of deployment (before, during and after), provide them with information on programs available to help military family members and create a dialogue with the Utah National Guard to ensure that communities can meet the needs of Servicemembers, veterans and their families.

Each Community Covenant is uniquely tailored so communities can help serve those who serve.

Cities and organizations that have recently signed community covenants include West Valley City, Pleasant View and Huntsville.

Here is a list of Community Covenant Signings slated for the week of July 4:

- Kaysville – Sunday , July 1, at 7:00 p.m. at Davis High School auditorium (325 South. Main Kaysville, Utah 84037). The signing will be part Kaysville’s Patriotic Devotional and feature Lt. Gov. Greg Bell. Admission to the devotional is free. For more information, please contact Capt. Casey Staheli at (435) 229-2360 or Kaysville Military Liaison, Mayor Steve Hiatt at (801) 644-2464.

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- South Salt Lake – Tuesday, July 3, at approximately 7:00 p.m. at the former Granite High (3305 South 500 East, South Salt Lake, Utah 84106) as part of their Freedom Fest Fireworks. The signing will take place before the fireworks and as part of the overall entertainment. For more information, please contact Capt. Joseph Simmons at (801) 380-1378 or South Salt Lake Military Liaison, Lyn Creswell (801) 483-6070.
- Centerville – Tuesday, July 3, as part of the city’s Celebrating Our Heroes activities. The signing will take place at approximately 7:45 p.m., between the city’s magic show and patriotic concert at Founders Park (300 North 100 East in Centerville). For more information, please contact Capt. Joseph Simmons at (801) 380-1378 or Centerville’s Military Liaison, Steve Thacker (801) 295-3477.
- Morgan – Wednesday, July 4, at 8:00 a.m. as part of their Independence Day celebration. The signing will take place following a flag ceremony and cannon blast honoring veterans at the Riverside Park (195 East 125 North, Morgan, Utah 84050) For more information, please contact Casey Staheli at (435) 229-2360 or Morgan’s Military Liaison, Mayor Jim Egbert at (801) 821-0708.
- Farr West - Wednesday, July 4, at the Mountain View Park (1500 North 1700 West in Farr West) as part of the city’s annual Freedom Festival. The signing will take at approximately 9: 45 a.m. following a patriotic parade and flag ceremony. For more information, please contact Capt. Casey Staheli at (435) 229-2360 or Farr West’s Military Liaisons, Paul Dinsdale at (801) 389-2849 or Bill Malone at (801) 391-8005.
- West Bountiful – Wednesday, July 4, at 7:00 a.m. as part of flag-raising ceremony and rededication/relocation of the Scott Widdison monument at City Hall (550 North 800 West in West Bountiful. A light breakfast will be served. For more information, please contact Capt. Joseph Simmons at (801) 380-1378 or West Bountiful Military Liaison, Mindi Tullis (801) 292-4486.
- Hooper – Wednesday, July 4, as part of the Hooper City Veterans Memorial dedication at 7:00 p.m. The dedication will take place at Hooper Park (5500 South 6100 West Hooper, Utah 84315). For more information, please contact Capt. Joseph Simmons at (801) 380-1378 or Hopper City’s Military Liaison, Courtney Putnam at (801) 648-4224.