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Utah National Guard Hosts 57th Annual Veterans Day Concert

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah National Guard will hosts its 57th annual Veterans Day concert Saturday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. at the University of Utah’s Jon M. Huntsman Center.

The event will include performances by the Utah National Guard’s 23rd Army Band, led by Chief Warrant Officer Denny Saunders, and a 600-voice Granite School District high school combined choir.

The program, entitled “Looking Forward,” will highlight the sacrifices made by everyday military veterans and their families throughout the history of our nation. Special attention will be given to young airmen and soldiers, who represent the future of our country and its defense.

During the program, Zions Bank will present its third annual Veterans Service Award to recently retired Maj. Gen. Brian Tarbet, former adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, for his lifetime of service and support of military veterans.

A new addition to this year’s concert is the Utah Guard’s partnership with the Utah PTA, which recently held an essay contest for children of currently serving members of the Armed Forces. The theme of the contest was “Why I Am Proud to Be a Military Brat.”

The following students were selected as winners of the contest and will be recognized at the concert:

- Brian Walker, a fifth-grader at Sage Hills Elementary in Saratoga Springs
- Josiah Ortega, of Excelsior Preparatory Academy in Eagle Mountain
- Madeline Buhman, a senior at Timpanogos High School in Orem

Admission is free and the public is invited. Veterans of all ages and their families are encouraged to attend.

For questions, please contact Lt. Col. Hank McIntire at (801) 432-4407.