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Utah National Guard's Honorary Colonels Corps Hosts 52nd Annual Bronze Minuteman Awards Dinner

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah National Guard will host its 52nd Annual Bronze Minuteman Awards Dinner Tuesday, June 11, at 6:30 p.m. at Salt Lake's Little America Hotel.

The Honorary Colonels Corps of Utah is sponsor of 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. Jeff Burton and Honorary Colonels Corps Commander, retired Brig. Gen. E.J. "Jake" Garn, will present Bronze Minuteman awards to Lane Beattie, Chief Chris Burbank, Mark and Sally Dietlein, Master Sgt. Mark Harrison, Gail Miller and President Boyd K. Packer for their individual devoted service to and leadership among the citizens of Utah.

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

Lane Beattie is president and CEO of the Salt Lake Chamber. After working in the private sector as a realtor for 25 years, he served for 12 years in the Utah senate and six years as its president. Beattie was chief state Olympic officer for the 2002 Salt Lake Olympic Winter Games, often called the most successful in history. He has been with the Chamber since 2003, working to bolster the Utah economy through investment in transportation, health care, education and international business. He is also a member and strong supporter of the Utah Veterans and Military Employment Coalition.

Chris Burbank has been chief of Salt Lake Police since 2006 and has served with the department since 1991. In 2010 he was selected as Public Official of the Year by the

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YWCA for his work on behalf of women and children in Salt Lake City. He has received similar accolades from the Latino and immigrant communities for his dedication to diversity. In 2011 he was named Utahn of the Year by *The Salt Lake Tribune*, and earlier this year he was selected as one of six police chiefs nationwide to meet with President Barack Obama to discuss the administration's plan regarding gun violence.

Mark and Sally Dietlein are co-founders of Hale Centre Theatre in West Valley City. Sally, as an actress, choreographer, composer and producer, and Mark, as a performer, director and businessman, have combined their efforts to make Hale Centre Theatre the best-attended community theater in Utah, with more than 24,000 season ticket holders. Away from the stage, Sally is a board member of the American Lung Association, and Mark serves on the national level with the Boy Scouts of America.

Master Sgt. Mark Harrison was a member of the Utah Army National Guard for 35 years as an artilleryman, administrator and recruiter. Many of the young soldiers he enlisted are now serving in senior leadership positions with the Utah Guard. In addition to his exemplary military service, Harrison is on the board of directors of the Spanish Fork Chamber of Commerce and is president of the Spanish Fork Jaycees. He is also chairman of the Spanish Fork flag-retirement ceremony, an annual event where hundreds of U.S. flags are retired by Utah Guard soldiers and Boy and Girl Scouts.

Gail Miller is owner of the Larry H. Miller Group of Companies and administers the Larry H. & Gail Miller Foundation, a charitable organization that assists a number of projects and causes. Since Larry Miller's death in 2009, Gail has been actively involved in all aspects of the company's and foundation's operations. Her generous donation for the construction of Sunrise Hall, a new chapel at Camp Williams, was the catalyst for taking that project from the drawing board to the groundbreaking, which occurred on June 5 of this year.

President Boyd K. Packer serves as President of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He has been a member of that quorum since 1970. Prior to his full-time church service he was a teacher and administrator for the seminaries and institutes of religion for the LDS Church. He was an Army Air Corps pilot in World War II, serving in the Pacific theater, and he was stationed in Japan following the war. As a member of the Church's Military Relations Committee in the 1960s, he was instrumental in securing authorization from President Lyndon Johnson and the Department of Defense for LDS servicemembers to serve as chaplains.

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.