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Utah Guard Soldier to Compete in National Guard Best Warrior Contest

DRAPER, Utah – Sgt. Conlee Luke, a member of the Utah Army National Guard's 116th Engineer Company, will compete July 22-24 in the Noncommissioned Officer category of the Army National Guard's Best Warrior Competition in Little Rock, Ark.

Luke, of Cedar City, took top honors in his category at the Region VII Best Warrior Competition at Fort Carson, Colo., in April.

Events at the competition in Little Rock will include a physical-fitness test, pistol and rifle shooting, road march with 85 lbs. of gear and equipment, land navigation (by day and by night) and a mystery event.

"Sgt. Luke has proven at the state and regional competitions that he has the drive, the knowledge and the skills necessary to compete and win at the national level," said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller, top enlisted soldier of the Utah Army National Guard.

The three-day competition will pit regional winners against each other to determine who will represent the Army National Guard at the national Best Warrior Competition at Fort Lee, Va., this fall. The Fort Lee event will feature the top competitors from the U.S. Army, Army Reserve, and National Guard.

"At the different levels of competition Sgt. Luke has constantly trained to further enhance his military and professional skills," added Miller. "Once he completes the competition, this training will allow him to share those skills with his fellow soldiers, thus resulting in better units to serve when called upon."

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