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## Utah Guard Col. Charles Gosselin Retires after 32 Years of Service

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah – Col. Charles J. Gosselin, III, retired in an official ceremony Aug. 4 after 32 years of dedicated service as a member of the U.S. Army and Utah Army National Guard.

Gosselin, of Salt Lake City, is a native of New Bedford, Mass. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1979 after completing a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice at St. Anselm College in Manchester, N.H. After Basic Training he completed the 91B Field Medic course, later attending Airborne School and completing the Special Forces Qualification Course in 1981.

He served as a member of the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Groups from 1983 to 1991. In 1991 he received a direct commission as a second lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps and was assigned to the 144<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital of the Utah Army National Guard. He completed a master's degree in Nursing Anesthesia in 1994.

After receiving his commission, Gosselin served in various positions in the Utah Guard's Medical Command, culminating in service as commander of that unit from 2006 to 2012. He dedicated much of his career to the medical readiness of more than 6,700 soldiers in the Utah National Guard as they prepared to serve overseas in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn and Noble Eagle, as well as domestic missions such as the 2002 Salt Lake Olympic Winter Games and the response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005.

Throughout Gosselin's career he has completed numerous overseas deployment training missions in Italy, England, Spain, the Netherlands, France, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Trinidad and Tobago and Morocco.

"Thirty years [in the military] can beat the hell out of you," joked Gosselin during his remarks. "The work that soldiers do is what keeps us coming back.

"We saw more than 50,000 patients in 10 countries. They received treatment that they would not have had otherwise," he continued. "I'm proud to wear this uniform, and I'm glad to be on the team that carries the biggest stick in the neighborhood."