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Utah National Guard Hosts 58th Annual Veterans Day Concert

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah National Guard will host its 58th annual Veterans Day concert Monday, Nov. 11, 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 “The Profession of Arms,” will highlight the service and professionalism of those who wear—or have worn—the uniform of our nation. Special attention will also be given to families, spouses and loved ones who support our servicemembers.

During the program, Zions Bank will present its fourth annual Veterans Service Award to William Christoffersen, of Holladay, for his many years of service and support of military veterans.

Also featured at 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 of My Veteran.”

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

- Landon Mers, a third-grader at J. R. Smith Elementary, in Heber City
- Megan Wahlquist, a seventh-grader at South Ogden Junior High School, in South Ogden
- Brynn Peterson, a freshman at Manti High School, in Manti.

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.