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Utah National Guard Elite Advance to Regional Best Warrior Competition

DRAPER, Utah – Three servicemembers prevailed during the Utah Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition conducted at Camp Williams April 3-5. Two will represent the state in May at the regional competition.

Spc. Alex Davis, Charlie Company, 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion; Staff Sgt. Devin Jameson and 1st Sgt. Daniel Fellingham, both from 640th Regional Training Institute, were selected in the categories of best soldier, noncommissioned officer, and first sergeant, respectively, during the statewide event, which had representatives from each of the state's major Army commands.

"It was a well-organized competition where all aspects of being a warrior and a soldier were tested," Fellingham said.

The 21 competitors faced both physical and mental rigors during the three-day event, which included a physical-fitness test, completion of various Army warrior tasks, day and night land navigation, written exam, personal board appearance, written essay, stress-fire marksmanship, and a six-mile road march with 35-pound backpack.

"I had a great all-around experience," Jameson said. "It was really challenging, but fun."

Each competitor started their journey weeks prior at the company level, advanced through the battalion level, and represented their major command at the state level among the elite of the state. Davis and Jameson will now represent the Utah National Guard at the Region VII Best Warrior Competition to be held May 19-22 at Camp Williams, where they will compete against representatives from Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, New Mexico, and Nevada for the opportunity to advance to the Army National Guard competition at Little Rock, Arkansas, in July.

"I was grateful to all the competitors," Fellingham said. "The team spirit and esprit de corps that I saw there were empowering."

"These soldiers represent the highest quality of soldiers the Utah Army National Guard has amongst its formations," said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Miller, state command sergeant major. "Their will to win and compete is unmatched."