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Utah National Guard Hosts Regional Best Warrior Competition 2014

DRAPER, Utah – The Region VII Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition, hosted by the Utah National Guard, is scheduled May 19-22 at Camp Williams to determine the elite of eight states to advance to national competition.

Competitors from Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, New Mexico, Nevada, and Utah, will undergo rigorous challenges, both physical and mental, during the event who were selected by respective state-level competitions.

Soldiers will compete in categories of best soldier and best non-commissioned officer to determine those to represent Region VII at the upcoming Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition in Arkansas in July.

Utah competitors Spc. Alex Davis, 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion, and Staff Sgt. Devin Jameson, 640th Regional Training Institute, will represent the state with hopes of advancing to nationals.

“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.”

Artillery live fire and Blackhawk helicopters are involved in the Best Warrior Competition. Paladin howitzers are scheduled for May 21 and Blackhawk helicopters are scheduled for May 19-21.

Anna Beninati, paralympic athlete and motivational speaker, is scheduled to address the competitors during the awards ceremony May 22.

The competition is not open to the public.

For more information please contact the Lt. Col. Steven Fairbourn at (801) 716-9209.

Media notes:

Event schedule

Monday	Written & Oral Boards
Tuesday	Physical Fitness Tests & Small Arms
Wednesday	Land Navigation & Skills Tests & Mystery Event
Thursday	Awards Ceremony