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## Utah National Guard "Triple Deuce" Artillery Battalion Change Of Command - 6-28-2014

DRAPER, Utah — The 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 222<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery, commonly known as the Triple Deuce, is scheduled to conduct a battalion change of command Saturday, June 28, at 10 a.m. at the Cedar City Armory.

At the ceremony, Lt. Col. Brent F. Anderson, commander of the Triple Deuce, will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Christopher A. Caldwell.

Anderson, born and raised in Cedar City, has commanded the Triple Deuce since June 2012. He led the battalion through its reintegration period since the unit deployment to Iraq in 2011. Anderson has deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from 2006-2007 with I Corps Artillery where he earned the Bronze Star Medal. He will continue to serve as the operations officer for the Utah National Guard, which has been his full-time duty while commanding the battalion.

"The battalion achieved deployment readiness a full year ahead of schedule," said Anderson. "Their achievement and professionalism are exemplary and my time in command will forever be a point of personal pride."

Caldwell lived in Cedar City from 1988-2010 and now resides in Draper. He currently serves as the operations officer for the 65<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade at Camp Williams. His former assignments include fire direction officer, platoon leader, battery commander, battalion fire direction officer, battalion assistance operations officer, battalion operations officer, and assistant professor of Military Science at Southern Utah University ROTC.

Caldwell deployed to Iraq with the Triple Deuce in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2005-2006 where he served as assistant operations officer. Caldwell is a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal for his wartime service.

"I'm excited to be part of the battalion again," said Caldwell. "There is no other battalion that has the level of community support as the Triple Deuce and I am honored to serve as its commander."

Caldwell has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering Technology and a Master of Public Administration Degree, both from Southern Utah University.

**Media Notes:** Cedar City Armory is located at 1065 North Airport Road, Cedar City, UT 84721. Pictures of Anderson and Caldwell attached.

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