

Utah PTA and the Utah National Guard Partner to Honor Utah Military Families



Utah PTA President, Liz Zentner and General Jeff Burton, Utah National Guard.
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Utah PTA and the Utah National Guard announced on Oct. 28, 2013 their "Military Family" Partnership that will honor Utah's military families during the month of November. In the spirit of serving together, the Utah PTA and Utah National Guard partnership is a special one because they are both involved in service to the community and ultimately to the nation.

At the Utah National Guard complex in Draper, Utah PTA President, Liz Zentner presented the adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, Maj. Gen. Jeff Burton, with a proclamation declaring November to be Utah PTA Military Family Month in support of Utah Military Families.

The Utah PTA proclamation is part of the National PTA Military Families initiative to encourage public support for the continuing sacrifice and dedication to both community and nation that is exhibited not only by those serving in the Armed Forces, but for those families who are left behind.

According to Kathy Allred, Utah PTA's Military Families appointee, "Families also serve, even if they don't wear the uniform." She speaks from experience of 26 years of family service as an Army wife, raising eight children, moving 17 times, taking care of the home and supporting her husband.

This year's partnership included a PTA essay contest, entitled, "Why I am Proud of my Veteran!!" The essay contest was open to students of military families through their local PTA organization and the National Guard.

These students will receive their awards at the Honorary Colonels Corps reception before the Utah National Guard's 57th annual Veterans Day Concert, to be held Monday Nov 11th, at the Huntsman Center on the campus of the University of Utah at 7 pm.

"The concert is free to the public and traditionally is one of the highlights of our traditional community service", said Lt. Col. Hank McIntire, Utah National Guard public affairs officer.

Music for the concert is being provided by the Utah National Guard's 23rd Army Band.
And Granite School District High School Choirs.

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