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Nashville artist presents original work to Tennessee National Guard

NASHVILLE – On Monday, March 16, well-known Nashville artist Rob Hendon will donate an original work to the Tennessee National Guard for the upcoming 131st Annual Conference of the National Guard Association of the United States, to show support for the men and women of the Tennessee National Guard.

The presentation will take place at 10:30 a.m. in the West Gallery of the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, 222 5th Avenue South, which is currently exhibiting a show of Hendon's other works.

The painting is an interpretation of the logo for the conference, slated for mid-September at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. The conference is expected to bring more than 5,000 attendees to Nashville.

Brig. Gen. Max Haston, Assistant Adjutant General for Tennessee, will accept the gift on behalf of Tennessee's soldiers and airmen. The painting will be displayed in the lobby of the newly dedicated "Major General Hugh B. Mott Tennessee National Guard Headquarters."

Hendon's paintings have quickly gained the attention of Nashville art lovers. His painting of a Roy Orbison-themed guitar for Nashville's GuitarTown project now sits in front of the famous RCA Studio B. His painting of a 35-foot Les Paul guitar adorns the floor of the Gibson Guitars sales offices on Church Street.

During the 2006 Tennessee governor's race, Hendon was asked to paint a "Bredesen" guitar at the campaign headquarters of Governor Phil Bredesen. Additionally, Hendon's guitars have appeared on the television shows, *Gone Country*, *Nashville Star* and the ABC series, *October Road*.

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