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## **Nashville artist “Wanted to do something for our Tennessee Guardsmen”**

**NASHVILLE** – Rob Hendon, a well-known Nashville artist, donated an original work of art to the Tennessee National Guard at the West Gallery of the Country Music Hall of Fame® and Museum on March 16.

“I wanted to do something for the Tennessee National Guard and all the soldiers and airmen deploying,” said Hendon. “I love painting and decided that this was a way for me to show my support.”

Hendon presented his work to Brig. Gen. Max Haston, Assistant Adjutant General-Army for Tennessee, who accepted the gift on behalf of Tennessee’s soldiers and airmen. “We are honored that a local artist would present the Tennessee Guard with such a gift,” said Haston.

The painting is an interpretation of the logo for the 131st Annual Conference of the National Guard Association of the United States, being hosted by Tennessee in mid-September at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. The conference is expected to bring more than 5,000 attendees to Nashville representing all 54 states and territories.

“We will be displaying the painting in the lobby of our newly dedicated Major General Hugh B. Mott Tennessee National Guard Headquarters,” Haston said. “We also plan to display the painting at the conference in September.”

Hendon’s paintings are well known and have been seen in a variety of venues. Hendon's guitars have appeared on the television shows, *Gone Country*, *Nashville Star* and the ABC series, *October Road*. His painting of a Roy Orbison-themed guitar for Nashville’s GuitarTown project now sits in front of the famous RCA Studio B. and his painting of a 35-foot Les Paul guitar adorns the floor of the Gibson Guitars sales offices on Church Street.

The Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum is currently exhibiting a show of Hendon’s other works.

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**CUTLINES: Brig. Gen. Max Haston and artist Rob Hendon after Hendon presented the original painting in the West Gallery of the Country Music Hall of Fame® and Museum.**

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