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SPECIAL EVENTS DAY WITH THE TENNESSEE NATIONAL GUARD

Tennessee National Guard Ceremony Planned to Award Soldiers for Heroism: *Additional event scheduled to recognize employment program milestone*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Maj. Gen. Max Haston, Tennessee’s Adjutant General, will recognize and award Tennessee Army National Guard Soldiers during two separate ceremonies to be conducted at the Headquarters, Tennessee National Guard, Maj. Gen. Hugh B. Mott Building in Nashville, Tenn., on September 3. Gen. Haston will present **four** Tennessee Guard members **The Soldier’s Medal**. The award is only given to individuals who have distinguished themselves by an act of heroism not involving conflict with an enemy. The Soldier’s Medal is equivalent to the same degree of heroism required of a military member awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross during combat. By regulation the event must have involved “personal hazard or danger and the voluntary risk of life under conditions not involving conflict with an armed enemy.”

Prior to the awarding of the Soldier’s Medal, Maj. Gen. Haston will recognize the **2,000th** Tennessee Guard member employed through the **Tennessee National Guard Employment Team which is a branch of the Tennessee Guard’s Military and Family Readiness Operations**. This is a nationally administered program by the National Guard Bureau which seeks to connect unemployed Soldiers, Airmen and family members of the Tennessee National Guard with employers.

Schedule of Event: - September 3, 2014 -

- 1. 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.:** Recognition of the **2,000th** Tennessee Guard member employed through the support of the **Tennessee National Guard Employment Program**. The event is being held in the **Military Department’s Media and Joint Information Center, (Room B-102.)**
- 2. 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.:** Awarding of **The Army Soldier’s Medal** to **four** Tennessee National Guard Soldiers. The event will be held in the **Hall of Flags**.

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