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### **30-foot-by-60-foot flags set to unfurl from West Jordan Sugar Factory silos in preparation for 'Patriot Day Military Tattoo'**

(West Jordan, UT) — Two 30-foot-by-60-foot flags will be unfurled Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 3 p.m. from the West Jordan Sugar Factory silos, 8035 S. 2200 West. The flags will hang off the north side of the silos in preparation for Saturday's "Patriot Day Military Tattoo." Weather permitting, members of the West Jordan police and fire departments and members of the military will rappel down the 180-foot silos to help hang the flags.

The Military Tattoo will be held Saturday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. at the West Jordan Arena, 8035 S. 2200 West. This "Tattoo" is patterned after the world-famous Edinburgh, Scotland Tattoo where more than a quarter million people gather each year to enjoy a sensory feast of pipe bands, drummers, military regiments and more.

The West Jordan Tattoo will remember Patriot Day with a 600-flag Healing Field encircling a traditional fallen soldier's memorial. Saturday's program includes pipe bands, drum corps, the West Jordan High School marching band and drill team, a joint service color guard, massing of the colors and other patriotic entertainment.

A marketplace with arts, crafts and ethnic foods opens at 5 p.m. and can be enjoyed before and during the Tattoo entertainment. Admission is free but donations are appreciated and will benefit Gold Star Families (families who have lost a family member during active duty).

The word "tattoo" as it is used here is derived from the mid-17<sup>th</sup> century Dutch "taptoe." "Tap" means faucet and "toe" means "shut" – literally "shut the tap." This tattoo signaled the troops and soldiers back to their barracks for the night. From this tradition, the Tattoo was born and calls for international friendship through the language of music and dance.

For more information, call Lt. Col. Ronald McLean at 801-792-5949 or Gold Star mother Colleen Parkin at 801-809-8866.

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