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CONNECTICUT ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AVIATION UNIT PREPARED FOR DEPLOYMENT SEND OFF

Aviation unit is the third Connecticut National Guard Unit to deploy in six weeks

HARTFORD, Conn. - Maj. Gen. Thaddeus J. Martin, the Adjutant General and commanding officer of the Connecticut National Guard, today announced that the 1-169 General Support Aviation Battalion is preparing for mobilization in support of operations in Kosovo.

A send off ceremony will be held at the Main Hangar of the Army Aviation Support Facility in Windsor Locks on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.

The 1-169 General Support Aviation Battalion is preparing to deploy 90 Soldiers to Kosovo to provide aerial medical evacuation and transportation support, as well as fuel testing. The unit will also provide maintenance and fueling capabilities. Based in Windsor Locks, the unit is commanded by Lt. Col. Jeffrey LaPierre of Prospect.

"Our aviation assets play a crucial role in operations both here in Connecticut as well as overseas," said Maj. Gen. Martin. "Working together with units from the other components of the Army is a great opportunity to build relationships and gain valuable experience."

In their training leading up to mobilization, the unit had the opportunity to train with Army Reserve units from California and Florida who will be deploying alongside the 1-169 Aviation.

This ceremony marks the third Connecticut Army National Guard unit to deploy in less than six weeks, and brings the number of Soldiers deployed around the world to 185.

This event is open to the media.

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Directions to the Army Aviation Support Facility:

From I-91 N: Take Exit 40 (Bradley Connector), then take 2nd exit (Route 75), **RIGHT** at the end of the exit. Follow Route 75 north to the Valero Service Station light. At that light, take a **LEFT**. Come to stop sign and take a **RIGHT**. Follow the airport perimeter road (Light Lane) for approximately ½ mile to the Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF). The facility gate/entrance will be on your left. Contact the AASF Guard Shack at 860-292-4515 for assistance in getting to the facility if lost.

Media Advisory Notes: Any media outlet interested in broadcasting live from the AASF, please contact Capt. Mike Petersen at 860-524-4857 or 860-883-5336 in advance for coordination.

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