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CONNECTICUT ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AVIATION UNIT PREPARED FOR DEPLOYMENT SEND OFF

Fourth Connecticut National Guard Unit to deploy in 2015

HARTFORD, Conn. - Maj. Gen. Thaddeus J. Martin, the Adjutant General and commanding officer of the Connecticut National Guard, today announced that the 1109th Theatre Aviation Sustainment Maintenance Group is preparing for mobilization in support of operations in Afghanistan.

A send off ceremony will be held at the Main Hangar of the Army Aviation Support Facility in Windsor Locks on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.

The 1109th TASM-G is preparing to deploy approximately 65 Soldiers to Afghanistan and Kuwait to provide rotary-wing maintenance in support of NATO's Resolute Support Mission. Based in Groton, the unit is commanded by Col. Vincent Vannoorbeeck.

The unit last deployed in 2012, a mission also requiring a split of forces between Afghanistan and Kuwait. Only four TASM-G's exist in the nation, and Connecticut's is responsible for providing technical and mechanical support to the rotary-wing assets of 14 states.

"The uniqueness of the 1109th is an asset that will serve the needs of the nation well on this deployment," said Maj. Gen. Martin. "This is a well-trained, highly-skilled unit that will excel as so many other Connecticut National Guard units have done during deployments."

This ceremony marks the fourth Connecticut Army National Guard unit to deploy in 2015, bringing the total number of Connecticut Soldiers deployed around the world to nearly 240.

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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