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CONNECTICUT ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AVIATION UNIT TO DEPART FOR MOBILIZATION

Aviation unit is the 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, announced that the 1109th Theatre Aviation Sustainment Maintenance Group will ship out to mobilization station on Sunday.

The unit will fly from the Army Aviation Support Facility in Windsor Locks, Connecticut, heading for Fort Hood, Texas, for further training and validation in preparation of deployment overseas.

The 65 soldiers of the 1109th TASMG, stationed in Groton, will then split their efforts between Kuwait and Afghanistan to provide helicopter maintenance – a task they perform for National Guard units of 14 states. The unit is commanded by Col. Vincent Vannoorbeeck of Hamden.

The unit last deployed in 2012, and is responsible for providing aviation maintenance and logistics support to 14 states and the District of Columbia, and also supports Connecticut's fleet of UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters.

Their departure marks the fourth Connecticut Army National Guard unit to deploy in 2015 and brings the number of soldiers deployed around the world to 240.

This event is open to the media starting at 10 a.m.

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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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