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## CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD TO SEND OFF 70 GUARDSMEN FOR DEPLOYMENT

### *Waterbury-based unit to deploy in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve*

HARTFORD, Conn. - Maj. Gen. Thaddeus J. Martin, the Adjutant General and commanding officer of the Connecticut National Guard, announced nearly 70 members of the Connecticut Army National Guard's 143rd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion are preparing for deployment in support of operations in Eastern Europe.

**A send-off ceremony will be held at the William A. O'Neill Armory in Hartford, Conn. on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. Media are invited to attend.**

Based in Waterbury, the 143rd CSSB will be responsible for providing logistical support throughout Eastern Europe, with the majority of the unit to be based in Poland. The CSSB will be responsible for subordinate units totaling approximately 850 Service Members, including other National Guard, Active Army and Army Reserve units from all parts of the nation.

The 143rd CSSB is commanded by Lt. Col. William Daugherty of Stafford Springs, Conn. and Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Dentzau of Hampden, Mass.

This will be the unit's fourth deployment. Previously, the CSSB deployed to Bosnia in 2001, to Iraq in 2006 and Kuwait in 2013.

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"With a well-established reputation for delivering logistics support to the battlefield, I have no doubt the men and women of the 143rd CSSB have the institutional knowledge to succeed in meeting this latest challenge," Maj. Gen. Martin said.

**Media wishing to attend must coordinate for access. Please see below for details.**

**Directions to William A. O'Neill Armory, 360 Broad Street, Hartford, CT 06105:**

**Going East on I-84:** Take the Capitol Ave. Exit 48B. Take a right at the end of the ramp, and your first right on to Armory Street Extension. The Legislative Office Buildings will be on your right.

**Going West on I-84:** Take the Asylum Street Exit 48. Turn right at the light, then immediately take the left fork, which is Farmington Avenue. Turn left at the next light onto Broad Street. After one light, the State Armory will be on your left, take the next left into the Legislative Office Building driveway and continue left to park alongside the east side of the building (between the State Armory and LOB Garage)

**From I-91, Northbound and Southbound:** Take the Capitol Area Exit 29A. Follow the Whitehead Highway; go halfway around the rotary onto Elm St., left onto Trinity St., and bear right onto Capitol Ave. Take the first right after the I-84 on/off ramps and continue straight to the State Armory.

**Building Access/Media Parking:** Available. Media wishing to attend **MUST** coordinate with Maj. Mike Petersen at 860-524-4857 or [michael.t.petersen.mil@mail.mil](mailto:michael.t.petersen.mil@mail.mil).

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