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## CONNECTICUT ARMY NATIONAL GUARD UNIT TO DEPART FOR MOBILIZATION

### **Logistics unit is the first Connecticut Army National Guard unit to deploy in 2017**

HARTFORD, Conn. - Maj. Gen. Thaddeus J. Martin, the Adjutant General and commanding officer of the Connecticut National Guard, announced that the 143rd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion will ship out to mobilization station on Sunday, November 12, 2017.

**Media outlets are invited to attend this event with prior coordination beginning at 9:30 a.m.**

The unit will fly from the Windsor Locks Readiness Center in Windsor Locks, Connecticut, heading to an Active Duty installation in Texas for further training and validation in preparation of deployment overseas.

The 70 Soldiers of the 143rd CSSB, headquartered in Waterbury, will then travel to Eastern Europe, where they will be responsible for providing logistical support throughout their area of responsibility. The unit is commanded by Lt. Col. William Daugherty of Stafford Springs.

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

With the 143rd CSSB's departure, the total number of Connecticut National Guardsmen deployed around the world reached over 200. More than 140 members of the Connecticut Air National Guard's 103rd Airlift Wing are still serving in numerous capacities around the globe.

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## Directions to the Windsor Locks Readiness Center:

**From I-91 N:** Take Exit 40 (Bradley Connector), then take 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Maj. Mike Petersen at 860-524-4857 or 860-883-5336 in advance for coordination.

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