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Operation E.L.F. to Host Annual Holiday Party for Military Families

Lieutenant Governor Wyman to Attend 15th Annual Event

HARTFORD, Conn. – Maj. Gen. Thaddeus J. Martin, Adjutant General and Commander of the Connecticut National Guard, announced Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman will kick off the annual holiday party for Operation E.L.F. (Embracing Lonely Families) on Saturday, December 17, 2016 at the William A. O'Neill Armory in Hartford beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Families that account for over 65 children of deployed military members are expected to attend. Operation E.L.F. has received support from over 40 volunteers, who have donated their time to help wrap gifts and work the event itself.

Operation E.L.F. helps the state's military families ease hardship and address the financial stresses of deployment throughout the year. The Connecticut National Guard currently has more than 100 service members deployed to the Middle East, with another 300 preparing for deployment in the coming months.

This event is open to the media, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Directions follow on the next page.

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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.

Parking: Limited parking is available on the EAST side of the Armory (between the Armory and LOB Parking Garage). Television production vehicles must be coordinated with Major Mike Petersen at 860-524-4857 or michael.t.petersen.mil@mail.mil.