



News Release

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MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD UNIT DEPLOYS

BALTIMORE – More than 40 citizen-soldiers of the Maryland National Guard will deploy from their home station in Aberdeen, Md. on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 8:00 a.m. in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Guardsmen, members of the 1159th Medical Detachment, are being mobilized for up to 18 months and will report to Fort Dix, N.J. for in-processing into active duty before deploying to Iraq.

“These citizen-soldiers of the Maryland National Guard have a vital role in the war on terror,” said Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor of Maryland. “As a medical unit they will be helping to save lives and bring freedom to the oppressed.”

The mission of the 1159th Medical Detachment is to help conserve the fighting force by providing aeromedical evacuation support and services within the theater of operations. Its state mission is to provide aviation assets to protect life and property and to preserve the internal security of the state when ordered by the governor.

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Members of the media are welcomed to attend the deployment, Maryland National Guard members will be available for interviews. For security reasons Maj. Kohler will escort the media to the Armory from the gate on Route 24 of Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Grounds at 7:30 a.m.