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## **For Immediate Release**

### **Utah Army Guard's Det 50 Begins New Round of Deployments**

DRAPER, Utah – Last week, the remaining deployed unit of the Utah Army National Guard, the 128<sup>th</sup> Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, returned home. It was the first time since 9/11 that the Utah Army Guard did not have an entire unit deployed overseas. The respite was brief, however, as the six Soldiers of Detachment 50, Operational Support Airlift, will depart Utah en route to Afghanistan Friday, March 13.

Det 50, as the unit is known, is based near Salt Lake International Airport and will deploy to Afghanistan as part of Task Force ODIN in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Their mission will be to provide intelligence-gathering support in the U.S. Central Command Area of Operations.

The five warrant officer pilots and one enlisted Soldier will depart Friday from Salt Lake International Airport on Delta flight 1586 at 7:05 a.m. bound for the Combat Readiness Center at Fort Benning, Ga., where they will spend several weeks of training before heading to Afghanistan.

The unit last deployed in 2004, where they served in the Kuwait region for six months.

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