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Utah Guard's 2-285th Aviation Deploys to Iraq

WEST JORDAN, Utah – Approximately 45 Soldiers of the Utah Army National Guard's 2-285th (Second of the 285th) Aviation Battalion, will depart Utah en route to a 12-month deployment in Iraq Monday, Oct. 5, at noon from the Utah Guard's Army Aviation Support Facility in West Jordan.

Pilots and crews of 2-285th will leave West Jordan in their assigned UH-60 helicopters bound for Fort Sill, Okla., where they will receive several weeks of training for their assigned mission to transport personnel, equipment and supplies in the U.S. Central Command area of operations. Other members of the unit will join them at Fort Sill later this week.

The deployment of the 2-285th brings to approximately 100 the overall number of deployed Soldiers and Airmen from the Utah National Guard.

Media Notes: The Utah Guard's Army Aviation Support Facility is located at 7602 S. Airport Road (4470 West) in West Jordan. Events begin at 10 a.m. with a 12 noon scheduled departure of the helicopters. Please contact Lt. Col. Hank McIntire at (801) 420-4778 for more information.