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Utah National Guard's 144th ASMC Deploys to Afghanistan

DRAPER, Utah— The Utah National Guard's 144th Area Support Medical Company will deploy Saturday, March 20, for a 12-month deployment to Afghanistan.

The approximately 80 Soldiers of the 144th are based at Camp Williams. Their mission will be to treat patients in a hospital/clinic setting and provide medevac and ambulance support in a combat environment.

Departing Soldiers are from the following cities:

American Fork, Aurora, Brigham City, Cedar Valley, Clearfield, Cottonwood Heights, Draper, Eagle Mountain, Farmington, Highland, Holladay, Hooper, Ivins, Kearns, Layton, Lehi, Logan, Magna, Mexican Hat, Myton, Ogden, Orem, Plain City, Pleasant Grove, Provo, Riverton, Roy, Salt Lake City, Sandy, Santaquin, Smithfield, Spanish Fork, Springville, St. George, Taylorsville, West Jordan, West Valley City and Woods Cross.

Soldiers will depart from the Utah Air National Guard Base on Saturday at approximately 11 a.m. Media desiring to cover the departure of the 144th should plan to arrive at least one hour prior.

The unit will travel from Utah to Fort Lewis, Wash., where they will spend 30 days in final preparations for their overseas assignment.

The unit last deployed in 2005-2006, serving in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Media Notes: The Utah Air National Guard Base is located at 765 N. 2200 W., directly east of the Salt Lake International Airport. Please contact 1LT Ryan Sutherland at (801) 390-4921 for more information.