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Utah Air National Guard's 151st Security Forces Squadron Deploys to Iraq

SALT LAKE CITY - Approximately 33 Air Guardsmen from the Utah Air National Guard's 151st Security Forces Squadron departed from the Salt Lake Airport this morning for a six-month deployment to Iraq.

The unit is deploying to assist airbase defensive forces in support of Operation New Dawn.

For the deployment, the 151st SFS will be joined by four other active-duty, Reserve, and Air Guard units from around the country. However, the whole command element will be manned by the 151st SFS, including the commander, chief master sergeant and first sergeant.

The deployment is part of the 151st SFS's regularly scheduled Air Expeditionary Forces deployment rotation. Half of the assigned group is already deployed in theater. The 151st SFS is scheduled to return from deployment in August.

Air Guardsmen of the 151st SFS reside in the following cities:

Castle Dale, Centerville, Clearfield, Clinton, Eagle Mountain, Herriman, Kamas, Kearns, Layton, Logan, Menden, Murray, Provo, Roosevelt, Roy, Saratoga Springs, Spanish Fork, Syracuse, Tooele, West Jordan, West Point, West Valley City, and Rigby, Idaho.

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