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Second Battalion, 211th Aviation Soldiers Deploy to Afghanistan

DRAPER, Utah – The approximately 65 Soldiers of the Utah Army National Guard's Second Battalion, 211th Aviation (referred to as the Second of the 211th), will depart Utah on the first leg of their 12-month deployment to Afghanistan Wednesday, June 22, at 9 a.m. from the Utah Guard's Army Aviation Support Facility in West Jordan.

Pilots and crews of the 2-211th will leave West Jordan in their assigned UH-60 helicopters bound for Fort Hood, Texas, where they will receive several weeks of training for their assigned mission to transport personnel and equipment in the U.S. Central Command area of operations. Other members of the unit will join them at Fort Hood later this week.

The departure of the 2-211th will bring the number of deployed members of the Utah National Guard to approximately 800. Other units currently deployed include the 118th Sapper Company (Afghanistan), 151st Security Forces Squadron (Iraq) and 2-222nd Field Artillery (Camp Atterbury, Ind., en route to Iraq).

Media Notes: The Utah Guard's Army Aviation Support Facility is located at 7653 S. Airport Road (4470 West) in West Jordan. Events begin at 9 a.m. with an 11 a.m. scheduled departure of the helicopters. Please contact Lt. Col. Hank McIntire at (801) 420-4778 for more information. Follow us on **Twitter @UTNationalGuard** for updates.