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Soldiers of the Utah Army Guard's 2-211th Aviation Return from Afghanistan Duty

DRAPER, Utah – Approximately 65 Soldiers of the Utah Army National Guard's Second Battalion, 211th Aviation (Second of the 211th), will return from a 12-month deployment to Afghanistan **Saturday, June 23, at 1 p.m.** at the Utah Air National Guard Base in Salt Lake City.

Pilots and crews arrived from Afghanistan at Fort Hood, Texas, earlier this week and have been undergoing demobilization processing.

Their mission in Afghanistan was to transport personnel and equipment via UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters in the U.S. Central Command area of operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Flights can run ahead of schedule, so media planning to cover the return of the 2-211th should plan to be on site one hour before the announced arrival time. Updates on the arrival time will be sent out via Twitter @UTNationalGuard.

Here is a link to photos and an article of the 2-211th departure in June 2011:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/utahnationalguard/sets/72157627242509886/>

Media Notes: The Utah Air National Guard Base is located at 765 N. 2200 W. in Salt Lake City. Please contact Lt. Col. Hank McIntire at (801) 420-4778 or Maj. Bruce Roberts at (801) 716-9052 for more information.