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## Utah Army Guard's Detachment 50, Operational Support Airlift, Deploys to Afghanistan

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah Army National Guard's Detachment 50, Operational Support Airlift, will depart on the first leg of its nine-month deployment to Afghanistan Saturday, Feb. 23, at 9 a.m. from its hangar just east of Salt Lake International Airport.

The four pilots and two crewmembers will spend several weeks at Camp Atterbury, Ind., for deployment-specific training before heading overseas.

The mission of Detachment 50 will be to transport equipment in its C-12 aircraft in the U.S. Central Command area of operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

**Media Notes:** Media desiring to cover this event should plan to be on site no later than 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23. The hangar for Detachment 50 is located at 620 N. 2360 W. in Salt Lake City (next door to the Civil Air Patrol hangar). For questions, please contact Lt. Col. Hank McIntire at (801) 420-4778.