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Utah Army Guard's 2-211th Aviation Deploys to Kosovo

DRAPER, Utah – Approximately 60 soldiers of the Utah Army National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 211th Aviation, will depart Utah on the first leg of their 12-month deployment to Kosovo this weekend.

The first group of soldiers will depart via UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters Saturday, Nov. 23, at 10 a.m. from the Utah Guard's Army Aviation Support Facility in West Jordan.

Remaining soldiers will depart Sunday, Nov. 24, from Salt Lake International Airport via commercial aircraft.

Soldiers will first travel to Fort Hood, Texas, for several weeks of deployment-specific training before heading overseas to Kosovo.

The mission of the 2-211th will be to provide medical evacuation and airlift capabilities to NATO forces, as well as serve as the command-and-control element for soldiers from Albania, France, Germany, Morocco, Poland, Turkey and Ukraine as they conduct security patrols and work with Kosovo Security Forces.

Media desiring to cover the departure of the 2-211th on Saturday should be on site no later than 9:15 a.m.

Media Notes: The Utah Army National Guard's Aviation Facility is located at 7602 S. Airport Road in West Jordan. For more information, please contact Lt. Col. Hank McIntire at (801) 420-4778.