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## Members of Utah Army Guard's 142<sup>nd</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion Deploy to Afghanistan

SALT LAKE CITY — Approximately 30 members of the Utah Army National Guard's 142<sup>nd</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion will depart Utah on the first leg of their 12-month deployment to Afghanistan Sunday, March 16.

The mission of these soldiers will be to provide intelligence support to Coalition forces involved in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Members of the 142<sup>nd</sup> will first travel to Fort Hood, Texas, for several weeks of deployment-specific training before heading overseas.

Soldiers and families will gather at the Salt Lake Readiness Center at 5 a.m. Sunday, March 16, hold a brief departure ceremony and prepare to board buses leaving at 6 a.m. for Salt Lake International Airport.

**Media Notes:** The Salt Lake Readiness Center is located at 1640 N. 2200 W. in Salt Lake City. Best access to families and soldiers will be at the readiness center and not at the airport. For questions, please contact Lt. Col. Hank McIntire at (801) 420-4778.