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### **For Immediate Release**

## **Utah Army Guard's 128<sup>th</sup> Mobile Public Affairs Detachment Deploys to Afghanistan**

DRAPER, Utah – Eight members of the Utah Army National Guard's 128<sup>th</sup> Mobile Public Affairs Detachment will depart from Salt Lake International Airport on the first leg of their 12-month deployment to Afghanistan on the morning of Tuesday, March 25.

Flight numbers and times will be announced via Twitter @UTNationalGuard sometime Monday.

Soldiers will first travel to Fort Dix, N. J., for several weeks of deployment-specific training before heading overseas.

The mission of the 128<sup>th</sup> will be twofold: first, to provide public-affairs support to the Afghanistan Security Assistance Force (ISAF) for Operation Enduring Freedom, and second, to train their Afghan military counterparts to provide public-affairs support to military operations.

Specifically, Soldiers of the 128<sup>th</sup> will perform print and video coverage of U.S. soldiers working to accomplish ISAF mission goals, assist civilian media covering soldiers in the field, and offer public-affairs guidance to U.S. soldiers and ISAF command.

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