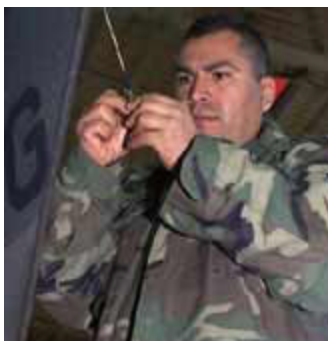




Deployments, Alerts Continue

More Soldiers, Airmen on the Move



With the war on terrorism pushing forward and the pressure on Iraq to disarm increasing, the deployment of Georgia Army and Air National Guardsmen in support of operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom continues to mount.

As of February 7 some 1,300 Army National Guard soldiers from Georgia have either been mobilized or have been assigned a mobilization date. Nearly 1,000 more have been alerted for possible mobilization.

In the Air National Guard, units from Savannah and Brunswick have rotated Guardsmen into the theater of operations, while some 300 airmen, both National Guard and active duty, have been deployed from the "combined" 116th Air Control Squadron. Additional, nearly 110 Air Guard Security Police remain on duty providing force protection at Robins AFB and in Savannah.

Here's a look at current Georgia Guard mobilizations in support of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom:

Georgia Army National Guard

202nd Explosive Ordnance Disposal – Kennesaw
Mobilized December 2002 – Assigned to Ft. Bragg, NC

3rd Infantry Detachment – Ft. Stewart
Mobilized January 2003 and deployed to Southwest Asia as part of the 3rd Infantry Division from Ft. Stewart.

148th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) – Winder
Deployed in January to Ft. Hood Texas to back-fill a unit that is deployed overseas. Will provide air ambulance support for Forts Hood, Riley, Sill, Bliss and Carson.

1177th Transportation Company - LaGrange and Cedartown
Mobilized in January and deployed to Fort Bragg, N.C. Will support Operation Noble Eagle homeland security efforts

75th Engineers - Ft Stewart
Mobilized in January and deployed to Fort Bragg, N.C. Will support Operation Noble Eagle homeland security efforts.

1230th Transportation Company – Bainbridge and Columbus
Mobilized in January and deployed to Fort Bragg, N.C. Will support Operation Noble Eagle homeland security efforts

Company B, 161st Medical Battalion – Marietta
Mobilized on February 2, 2003. Will deploy to Fort Stewart to prepare to possible deployment to an undisclosed overseas location as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

1148th Transportation Company – Thomasville and Moultrie Mobilized on February 3, 2003. Will deploy to Fort Benning to support Operation Noble Eagle homeland security efforts

221st Military Intelligence Battalion – Fort Gillem
Will mobilize on February 7, 2003 and will train at Fort Stewart to prepare for deployment to an undisclosed overseas location as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

265th Engineer Group – Decatur

Will mobilize on February 7, 2003 and will train at Fort Stewart to prepare for deployment to an undisclosed overseas location as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

277 Maintenance Company – Kennesaw

Will mobilize on February 10, 2003 to prepare for deployment to mobilization station and subsequent deployment to an undisclosed overseas location as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Additionally, units totally approximately 1,100 soldiers have been alerted to possible mobilization.

Georgia Air National Guard

116th Security Police Squadron - Robins AFB (60 members)

Providing security at Robins Air Force Base. Has been extended for a second year

165th Security Police Squadron - Savannah (71 members)

Providing security at Travis Field in Savannah. Has been extended for a second year

117th Air Control Squadron – Savannah

Rotating airmen onto active duty and deployed to various locations in the US and overseas.