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Ohio Army National Guard's 137th Aviation Regiment to deploy

COLUMBUS – Approximately 350 Soldiers from the Ohio Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 137th Aviation Regiment are scheduled to mobilize for active duty this month in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The public is invited to the unit's noon call to duty ceremony Sat., Jan. 3, 2009, at the St. John Arena, 410 Woody Hayes Dr., Columbus, Ohio.

The Soldiers will mobilize out of Ft. Hood, Texas, and then deploy to the Middle East and provide battlefield circulation of Soldiers and resupply missions across their Area of Operation.

This deployment will be the next chapter of their long history which includes some Soldiers that deployed to Iraq in 2003 and others that deployed to Kosovo in 2004.

"My Soldiers are extremely professional, have been training hard, will continue to prepare for this mission and will execute and exceed Army standards," said Lt. Col. Anthony DiGiacomo, the battalion commander.

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EDITORS NOTE: News media are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes in advance.

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