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Ohio National Guard aviation detachment deploying to Afghanistan

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Six members of the Ohio Army National Guard's Detachment 2, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 641st Aviation Regiment, based in Columbus, are deploying to Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

The unit's call to duty ceremony will take place at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019, at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, 121st Air Refueling Wing headquarters auditorium, 7370 Minuteman Way, Columbus, Ohio 43217.

The unit operates the C-26 fixed-wing, twin engine turboprop aircraft, which is primarily used for personnel and cargo transport. The unit was organized in 2015, and was previously deployed to Afghanistan in 2016-17.

The Ohio National Guard was established in 1788 as the Northwest Territory Militia, and has more than 16,000 Army and Air National Guard personnel across Ohio who respond when called for federal, state, and community missions.

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NEWSROOM NOTE: Media planning to cover the event must RSVP no later than noon Tuesday, Nov. 12 to Stephanie Beougher, public information officer, at 614-336-7369 (office), 614-506-3490 (cell) or stephanie.k.beougher.nfg@mail.mil

On the day of the event, news media must arrive at least 45 minutes in advance of the scheduled start time in order to be escorted onto the base.

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