



News Release

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MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD UNIT DEPLOYS TO KOSOVO

BALTIMORE – Nearly than 60 citizen-soldiers from the Maryland National Guard will deploy from Baltimore on a multinational peacekeeping mission on Monday, in support of Operation Joint Guardian in Kosovo.

Selected soldiers of the 629th Military Intelligence Battalion are being mobilized for one year and will deploy to Camp Adaberry, Ind. for inprocessing. They will then go on to Kosovo to provide military intelligence support at all echelons, with tactical, operational and strategic commands.

“Maryland’s citizen-soldiers are defending freedom in the though-out the world, by answering our nation’s call. The Maryland Guard has been involved in every major military operation in America’s war on terror,” said Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.

The United Nations Security Council adopted a detailed resolution in June 1999, outlining the civil administration and peacekeeping responsibilities in Kosovo and paving the way for peaceful settlement of the conflict and the safe return home of hundreds of thousands of Kosovo, Albanians, and Serbian refugees and displaced persons.

Currently, the Maryland National Guard has more than 1,100 soldiers and airmen

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deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Operation Noble Eagle. Since September 11, 2001, over 4,100 Maryland citizen-soldiers and airmen have been mobilized and deployed.

The media is welcome to attend the deployment ceremony and unit members will be available for interviews.

Location: Laurel Armory
8601 Odell Road
Laurel, MD 20708-3531

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