



Media Advisory

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Who: The Family Support Group for the 290th Military Police Company of the Maryland National Guard in Parkville, Md. and the Orioles Advocates are sending used baseball equipment to an orphanage in Afghanistan.

What: The 290th MP Company was mobilized and deployed in July 2003, to support Operation Enduring Freedom and sent to Afghanistan. During their deployment north of Kabul they became aware of an orphanage that was in need of blankets, clothes and toys. The Family Support Group, made up of family members of the deployed soldiers started actively seeking donations for the orphanage. The family members have been sending the donated items to their loved ones overseas for delivery to help the orphans. The Orioles Advocates is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting interest in baseball since 1960, and has donated a large amount of baseball equipment. The Family Support Group is packing the equipment and getting ready for shipment overseas.

Where: CW4 Melvin Sherr Armory, 3737 Putty Hill Ave, Parkville, Md. 21236

When: Saturday, February 28, 2004 at 9 a.m.

Why: The unit and the family members along with concerned citizens are helping to make this a better world by helping children of the war torn Afghanistan.

Visuals: Family members of the 290th Military Police, a representative of the Orioles Advocates, and a soldier from the unit who visited the orphanage in Afghanistan will be available for comment.

