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Soldiers bound for Afghanistan

A deployment ceremony was held for 11 Soldiers of the South Dakota Army National Guard's 129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment Friday, Feb. 15, at the Duke Corning Armory on Camp Rapid.

Guard. There is no question in my mind that this unit will do exactly that."

This is the third mobilization for the 129th - deploying to Fort Riley, KS, in 2003 and MacDill Air Force Base, FL/Qatar in 2006 - both in support of OEF.

"I believe it takes a special kind of person to make the decision to become a professional soldier - someone who will place the needs of their country above the needs of themselves; someone who will dedicate their lives to an idea;

someone who will leave their homes and their family and sacrifice some of that precious time they have together," said Asscherick. "The soldiers that are comprised of the 129th MPAD are no exception."

The unit will report to Fort Dix, NJ, and complete several weeks of theater-specific training prior to deploying overseas. Seven other additional soldiers from Oregon, Washington, Maryland, Massachusetts and South Carolina will join the unit when they arrive at Fort Dix.

"Our mission is vital to our nation's strategy there," said Maj. Wayne Asscherick, 129th commander. "Our mission has three separate and equally important parts; to do what we do best, and that is produce public affairs products in the form of print and broadcast stories and photographs; manage the media embed process and coordinate for civilian news media to be able to embed with combat units so they can let the world know what is happening in Afghanistan; teach, coach, assist and advise members of the Afghan National Army on public affairs matters."

Rapid City Mayor Sam Kooiker and Maj. Gen. Tim Koicher, the adjunct general of the SDNG, were featured speakers at the ceremony.

"I want to thank you for putting yourself in harm's way, so that we can be free at home," said Kooiker. "You are going to a place where freedom is not free. Freedom isn't free here either and we can't take it for granted. What you are doing is critical because you are spreading the true message of what freedom is all about. Thank you very much for your service and for all you do."

"I know today is a very proud day for you," said Reichs. "These activation ceremonies are all too common and we've had many of them in the SDNG. Over and over again, our units have gone over and successfully completed their mission and they've come back and have added to the 151-year legacy of the South Dakota

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