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Ohio Army National Guard engineer company to deploy

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Maj. Gen. Gregory L. Wayt, Ohio adjutant general, will honor about 140 Soldiers from the Ohio Army National Guard's Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Engineer Brigade, as they prepare for a yearlong deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The public is invited to the unit's deployment ceremony at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 1, at the Vineyard Church, 6000 Cooper Road, Westerville, Ohio 43081.

The Soldiers will mobilize out of Ft. McCoy, Wis., where the unit will receive theatre-specific training to prepare them for their mission in Iraq. The unit is a headquarters company and will be providing command and control over engineer units in their area of operation.

The unit is based in Columbus, Ohio.

"As this unit prepares to mobilize, I am confident that we will successfully accomplish our mission and exceed all expectations," said unit commander Capt. Summer Favors. "I am truly honored to be entrusted with such a great responsibility and to deploy with the greatest Soldiers and unit I know—the HHC 16th Engineer Brigade!"

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