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## Ohio National Guard transportation company to deploy to Puerto Rico

COLUMBUS, Ohio — An Ohio National Guard transportation company will be leaving today to stage for logistical support to the Hurricane Maria response in Puerto Rico.

About half of the 86 Soldiers from the 1483rd Transportation Company, based out of Walbridge, Ohio, are scheduled to depart at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 27, from Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base in Columbus to assist in transporting food, water, equipment and fuel in support of Hurricane Maria relief efforts. The other half of the company is scheduled to depart Sunday.

Since Hurricane Harvey in late August, more than 200 Ohio National Guard Soldiers and Airmen have supported hurricane relief efforts in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The Ohio National Guard has more than 16,000 personnel and is the nation's fourth-largest National Guard. The Ohio National Guard responds with ready units and personnel when called for federal, state and community missions, and is an operational reserve of the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force.

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**NEWSROOM NOTE:** Media interested in covering the deployment should arrive at 1 p.m., and must contact Senior Master Sgt. Ralph Branson at 614-562-2431 for coordination to gain access to the base (government-issued photo ID and media credentials required).

For current information and stories on the Ohio National Guard support to hurricane relief efforts:

<http://ong.ohio.gov/stories/2017/AID/20170830-AID.html>

The Buckeye Guard digital magazine and newscast: <http://ong.ohio.gov/BuckeyeGuard.html>  
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