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Ohio National Guard signal company to return from Puerto Rico

COLUMBUS, Ohio — An Ohio National Guard unit that has been providing communications support to hurricane relief efforts in Puerto Rico will arrive home at about 8:30 p.m. today, Nov. 15, at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base in Columbus.

About 40 Soldiers from the [137th Signal Company](#), based in Newark, Ohio, have been deployed since Oct. 11. The signal company provided mobile satellite, telephone, internet, video conferencing and information technology services for more than 50 missions conducted by deployed military assets in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria.

Since the first hurricane made landfall in August, more than 400 men and women of the Ohio National Guard have been engaged with rescue and relief efforts in Texas, Florida, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

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 Soldiers' return should arrive at the main gate at 8 p.m. in order to gain entry to the base, and must RSVP by 5 p.m. to Stephanie Beougher at 614-506-3490 or stephanie.k.beougher.nfg@mail.mil. A government-issued photo ID and media credentials are 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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