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Ohio National Guard transportation company returns from Puerto Rico

COLUMBUS, Ohio — An Ohio National Guard transportation company returns home today from Puerto Rico after providing logistical support following Hurricane Maria.

About half of the 86 Soldiers from the Ohio Army National Guard's 1483rd Transportation Company, based out of Walbridge, Ohio, are scheduled to arrive at about 7:30 p.m. today, Tuesday, Nov. 21 at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base in Columbus. The other half of the company returned Monday, Nov. 20.

Elements of the 1483rd deployed on Oct 27 and 29 to Puerto Rico, where they were tasked with providing logistics on the ground to deliver much-needed food and water. The company conducted more than 120 missions, moved 780 tons of food and water and delivered items to approximately 67,500 families.

The transportation company was the final Ohio National Guard unit still deployed for hurricane relief efforts, marking a positive transition from relief efforts conducted by military units to recovery efforts managed by the Puerto Rican authorities and Federal Emergency Management Agency. More than 400 Ohio National Guard Soldiers and Airmen supported hurricane relief efforts in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands this summer and fall.

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 7 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.

The RANGB main entrance gate is on 2nd St., which intersects with Airbase Road/Rickenbacker Parkway West. It is located in the vicinity of 7370 Minuteman Way, Columbus, Ohio 43217. Entering the Rickenbacker International Airport (civilian/commercial) side, off of Alum Creek Drive, will not grant access to the Air National Guard base.

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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