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Ohio National Guard helicopters return from Texas after assisting Hurricane Harvey response effort

COLUMBUS, Ohio — After more than a week in Texas supporting the response to Hurricane Harvey, more than a dozen Ohio National Guard Soldiers will return home today.

The 14 crew members and two CH-47 Chinook helicopters from Company B, 3rd Battalion, 238th Aviation Regiment are scheduled to arrive at the Ohio Army National Guard Army Aviation Support Facility #1, located at 5990 W. Airport Drive in North Canton, Ohio, 44720-1483, at 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8.

The Chinook is a twin-engine, tandem-rotor, heavy-lift helicopter that can be used to transport personnel, equipment and supplies.

Ohio's assistance to the state of Texas was made possible through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (passed by Congress in 1996), a mutual aid agreement between all U.S. states and territories that enables them to share resources during natural and man-made disasters. EMAC acts as a complement to the federal disaster response system, providing timely and cost-effective relief to states requesting assistance from other member states.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Media interested in covering the Soldiers' return are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes in advance of the scheduled landing time. Please bring a photo ID to gain entry onto the facility.

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