For Immediate Release

Ohio National Guard engineers to deploy in support of Hurricane Irma relief

COLUMBUS, Ohio — More than 20 Airmen from the 200th RED HORSE Squadron are scheduled to depart at about 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. today from the 179th Airlift Wing, located at the Mansfield Lahm Airport, to support Hurricane Irma relief efforts in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The 200th RED HORSE (Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineer) Squadron will support hurricane relief efforts by establishing Disaster Relief Bed-down Systems (DRBS), deployable kits that are capable of providing basic housing and life support facilities such as tents, showers and latrines, for up to 500 people.

The 200th RED HORSE Squadron, headquartered in Port Clinton, Ohio, is equipped to provide engineering, construction and logistics capabilities worldwide on very short notice. More than 600 RED HORSE Airmen have deployed in the last year to five countries, six states and one territory in support of missions around the world.

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NEWSROOM NOTES: Media who want to cover the Airmen departing must contact 1st Lt. Jordyn Sadowski, public affairs officer, at 614-202-8379 or jordyn.r.sadowski.mil@mail.mil, for coordination to gain access to the base (government-issued photo ID and media credentials required). Please RSVP no later than 1 p.m.

The Mansfield Lahm Airport is located at 2000 Harrington Memorial Road, Mansfield, Ohio, 44903.

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