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Ohio National Guard medical company to leave for Puerto Rico

COLUMBUS, Ohio — An Ohio National Guard medical company will travel to Puerto Rico tonight to provide assistance to Hurricane Maria relief efforts. About 30 members of the Ohio Army National Guard's 285th Medical Company (Area Support) are expected to take off at about 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5 from Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base in Columbus, Ohio.

The [285th ASMC](#) is based in Columbus and is capable of providing medical support for those affected by Hurricane Maria, including trauma health care, preventive medicine consultation, optometry support, mental health consultation and ground evacuation of patients.

Several members of the company already deployed to Puerto Rico as part of an advance team that arrived on Tuesday, Oct. 3. The advance team has been networking with other units and organizations, preparing a base camp and providing basic medical care.

With today's deployment, there are more than 100 Ohio National Guard members supporting hurricane relief efforts in 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 Soldiers' departure may begin arriving at 9:45 p.m. but no later than 10 p.m. in order to gain entry to the base. Media must RSVP by 7:30 p.m. to 1st Lt. Jordyn Sadowski at 614-202-8379 or jordyn.r.sadowski.mil@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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