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Ohio National Guard aviation support company to deploy

COLUMBUS, Ohio — About 110 Soldiers from the Ohio National Guard's Company B, 638th Support Battalion (Aviation Support), headquartered in North Canton, are deploying to Kuwait.

The public is invited to the unit's call to duty ceremony at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 8 at the Faith Family Church, 8200 Freedom Ave. NW, North Canton, Ohio, 44720.

The unit is equipped and trained to conduct field maintenance, battle damage assessment and repair (BDAR), and dispatch downed aircraft recovery teams (DART) for CH-47 Chinooks, HH-60 Black Hawks and AH-64 Apache helicopters.

Company B will be joined for this mission by its detachments from Massachusetts and Indiana, as well as the Army Reserve's 244th Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade from Fort Dix, New Jersey.

This will be the unit's first deployment as a company in its 71-year history.

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NEWSROOM NOTE: On the day of the event, news media are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes in advance of the scheduled start time.

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