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As an Ohio Army National Guard (OHARNG) member who served with the 1483rd and 1487th Transportation Companies following Hurricane Maria in 2017, Metzger helped the units conduct over 120 missions, move 780 tons of food and water and deliver supplies to approximately 67,500 families who were left devastated following the Category 5 hurricane. “It was rewarding because we helped families in a desperate time. (They) didn't have water or food to give their families. I can't explain what assisting them during that time meant to me,” Metzger said. “It puts things into perspective when you see our own, hurting and struggling and a case of water changing the course of their day.”

Staff Sgt. Michelle Metzger and other members of the 1483rd and 1487th Transportation Companies provided humanitarian aid to the citizens of Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria in 2017.

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