



# Ohio Adjutant General's Department

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## Two Ohio Army National Guard aviation units to deploy

COLUMBUS, Ohio — About 100 Soldiers from Company B, 3rd Battalion, 238th Aviation Regiment (General Support Aviation Battalion), located in North Canton, Ohio, and 200 Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 137th Aviation Regiment (Assault), located in Columbus, are embarking on approximately yearlong deployments in support of U.S. Central Command.

The units' call to duty ceremonies will be held with strict social distancing and personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements. Due to current safety and health considerations including not conducting large gatherings, the events will not be open to the public. However, both ceremonies will be streamed live on the Ohio National Guard's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TheOhioNationalGuard>.

**The call to duty ceremony for Company B, 3rd Battalion, 238th Aviation Regiment will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 16, 2020, in North Canton.** The unit operates the CH-47F Chinook, a twin-engine, tandem rotor heavy lift helicopter. Its primary roles are troop movement, equipment transport, and battlefield resupply. It has a wide loading ramp at the rear of the fuselage and three external ventral cargo hooks. The unit's previous deployments were in 2011-12 and 2015-16, both to Afghanistan.

**The call to duty ceremony for 1st Battalion, 137th Aviation Regiment will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 17, 2020, in Columbus.** The unit operates the UH-60 Black Hawk utility helicopter. While deployed, the unit's mission will be to provide aviation support and conduct partnership operations with regional countries. The unit's previous deployments were in 2004-05 (Kosovo), 2009-10 (Iraq), and 2015-16 (Kuwait/Iraq).

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**NEWSROOM NOTE:** Media outlets interested in interviewing deploying Soldiers via Skype after the ceremonies must contact Stephanie Beougher, public information officer, before **8 a.m. Tuesday, June 16** at 614-506-3490 (cell) or [stephanie.k.beougher.nfg@mail.mil](mailto:stephanie.k.beougher.nfg@mail.mil).

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