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New Mexico Army National Guard Soldiers deploying

SANTA FE, N.M. – New Mexico National Guard Soldiers from Golf Company, 1st Battalion, 168th Aviation Regiment (LOBO DUSTOFF) will bid farewell to their families Saturday, March 6, 2021, 6:45 a.m. to serve in an overseas deployment in the U.S. Central Command area of operation for about the next 12 months. Media is invited to attend the farewell ceremony at the Army Aviation Support Facility, 7001 Huey Road, Santa Fe, N.M.

The New Mexico National Guard Aviation Soldiers, about 90 of them, will team up with Aviation Soldiers from the Colorado National Guard to conduct Air Ambulance/MEDEVAC operations in support of operational units there.

These Soldiers have spent the last year conducting pre-deployment training which concluded with a rigorous operational tempo in January.

“I want to thank the Soldiers of G Company, 1-168th Aviation Regiment for their selfless service, dedication and answering our nation’s call,” said Maj. Gen. Ken Nava, the Adjutant General of New Mexico. “I know they are well trained, well prepared and they are going to represent New Mexico well. Stay safe and we will see you upon your return.”

Nava also thanked their families, loved ones and their employers for their tremendous sacrifice which allows these Soldiers to serve.

The New Mexico National Guard has about 250 Soldiers serving on overseas deployments, 350 Soldiers and Airmen on the COVID -19 mission assisting agency partners and New Mexico citizens during the pandemic and about 50 Soldiers helping to secure the U.S. Capitol and the Roundhouse.

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