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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Deployment ceremony to be held for 235th MP Company

RAPID CITY, S.D. – A deployment ceremony will be held for 124 Soldiers of the South Dakota Army National Guard's 235th Military Police Company at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Stevens High School auditorium in Rapid City.

The public is encouraged to attend.

The 235th, headquartered in Rapid City with a detachment in Sioux Falls, will deploy to Afghanistan for a yearlong tour in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The mission of the 235th is to provide security for U.S. military personnel, installation and facilities and to guard prisoners of war and civilian internees.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard, Rapid City Mayor Sam Kooiker and Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, the adjutant general of the SDNG, will be the featured speakers at the ceremony.

The unit will report to Fort Bliss, Texas, to complete several weeks of theater-specific training prior to deployment overseas. This will be the third mobilization for the 235th – deploying in support of Operation Noble Eagle at Fort Carson, Colo., in 2003, as well as in support of OEF in Afghanistan in 2006.

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