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207th Aviation Assists LifeMed Alaska with Medevac of Infant
Alaska Army Guardsmen called to rescue infant with blocked airway from Nightmute

CAMP DENALI, Alaska – The Alaska Army National Guard successfully medevacked a 9-month-old infant, with something lodged in his throat, to a Bethel hospital from Nightmute Saturday, Aug. 15.

The 11th Rescue Coordination Center received a request for assistance directly from LifeMed Alaska at approximately 11:30 a.m. LifeMed Alaska's critical care air ambulance was unable to land in Nightmute because repairs have closed the runway to all fixed-wing aircraft.

Alaska Army National Guardsmen with 1/207th Aviation out of Bethel were tasked with the mission. They began prepping a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter while they waited for LifeMed Alaska medics to be diverted from a mission in Chevak. After the LifeMed Alaska critical care air ambulance landed and taxied to the Alaska Army National Guard Hanger in Bethel, the medics quickly transferred from the aircraft onto the Black Hawk.

At approximately 1:30 p.m., the Black Hawk landed in Nightmute where LifeMed Alaska medics assessed that the infant was in stable condition and loaded him onto the helicopter for transportation to the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Hospital in Bethel.

The Alaska Army National Guard's 1/207th Aviation was awarded one save for this mission.