

26 Jan 15

Alaska Air National Guard personnel deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom

\*includes press invite for Monday morning\*

Several HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopters and approximately 70 personnel from the 210th Rescue Squadron, maintenance squadrons and support personnel with the Alaska Air National Guard's 176th Wing will depart for a four-month deployment Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 26 and 27, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Their primary mission in-theater is to provide a personnel-recovery force for the Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa. They will use their time while deployed to sharpen their skills and train with partner nations.

The primary mission of the HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter is to conduct day or night personnel recovery operations in hostile environments to recover isolated personnel during war. The HH-60 is also tasked to perform military operations other than war, including civil search and rescue, medical evacuation, disaster response, humanitarian assistance, and security cooperation/aviation advisory.

Media interested in attending the departure will need to meet at the Boniface gate visitors center parking lot no later than 11:30 a.m. Monday. Please respond to this email or text 727-1972 if you plan to be there, and please be prompt. There will not be a media opportunity on Tuesday.

Lt Col Candis Olmstead  
Director, Public Affairs  
JFHQ-Alaska National Guard  
Department of Military and Veterans Affairs