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**Guardian Angel Guardsmen deploy in support of Operation Resolute Support**

**JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska** — Members of the 212th Rescue Squadron, Alaska Air National Guard, along with a small contingent of support personnel from the 176th Operations Group, deployed from here to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Resolute Support, Jan. 25.

The deployers' mission will be to provide personnel rescue capabilities in their area of operation, according to Maj. Christian Braunlich, a combat rescue officer with the 212th RQS.

"We're deploying to support personnel recovery for Department of Defense personnel in theater," he said, "for situations ranging from people getting isolated from their convoys to aircraft crashes. We'll be standing by to rescue them."

Many Alaskans are already familiar with the Guardian Angel Guardsmen of the 212th RQS for their numerous missions saving the lives of Alaskans in peril in often austere conditions and in remote locations.

Braunlich explained that their experience conducting rescue missions across Alaska keeps their members in a consistently trained and ready status for deployments such as this.

"Any time we deploy and have the opportunity to do our mission in a tactical environment, our guys are excited to do that," he said. "The Alaska civil search and rescue missions we do daily keep our guys sharp, and we take pride in being extremely proficient in our tactical skill-set."

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**PHOTOS/VIDEO**

There is no available imagery from the departure.

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<http://dvidshub.net/r/w847g9>

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