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Alaska Air National Guardsmen deploy to Iraq

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska — Approximately 30 Alaska Air National Guard Guardian Angels with the 212th Rescue Squadron and support personnel from other 176th Wing units will deploy to Iraq this week.

Gov. Bill Walker will speak to the first group leaving Sept. 26.

Guardian Angel comprises combat rescue officers, pararescuemen, survival, evasion, resistance, and escape (SERE) specialists and uniquely trained support personnel dedicated to the Air Force core function of personnel recovery.

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Details:

What: Service members deploying to Iraq

When: Tuesday, Sept. 25

Where: Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson

Note: Media interested in attending the deployment should contact David Bedard at (907) 687-2738. Please text or leave a voice message with name of news organization and reporter. Plan to meet at the Boniface gate visitor's center at 7 a.m. for escort to the event.

Please direct questions to Balinda Dresel, (907) 428-6034 or (907) 891-2983.