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176th Wing Public Affairs

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Alaska Air Guardsmen of 210th and 212th Rescue Squadrons to deploy to Africa

Support Airmen of 176th Wing also to deploy

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska — Alaska Air National Guard members of 210th and 212th Rescue Squadrons, supported by mechanics and other support Airmen of 176th Wing, are scheduled to deploy June 8 to the Africa Command area of operations.

Airmen of 210th RQS operate the HH-60G Pave Hawk combat search and rescue helicopter.

Combat rescue officers and enlisted pararescue Airmen of 212th RQS are skilled parachutists, scuba divers and rock climbers responsible for rescuing isolated U.S. and allied military members.

Other 176th Wing Airmen will maintain the helicopters and provide other support functions.

The primary mission of the Pave Hawk is to conduct day or night personnel recovery operations into hostile environments to recover isolated personnel during war and is a highly modified version of the Army Black Hawk helicopter, which features an upgraded communications and navigation suite that includes integrated inertial navigation/global positioning/Doppler navigation systems, satellite communications, secure voice, and Have Quick communications.

U.S. Africa Command, with partners, counters transnational threats and malign actors, strengthens security forces, and responds to crises in order to advance U.S. national interests and promote regional security, stability and prosperity.

Additional unit members deploying for this mission departed yesterday and others are scheduled to depart tonight.

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Reporters are invited to the departure. Please see details below.

VIDEO of HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter being loaded into C-17 Globemaster III in preparation for deployment <https://www.dvidshub.net/video/754979/alaska-air-national-guard-loads-hh-60-pave-hawks-into-c-17-globemaster-iii>

- Details and instructions for reporters, next page -

Details:

What: 176th Wing deployment of rescue and support personnel

When: Pickup at the Boniface Gate will be 6 a.m., Monday, June 8

Where: Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson

Note: Media interested in attending the deployment must RSVP by Sunday, June 7 at 4 p.m. Contact Maj. Elizabeth Mangini at 907-726-4432 or mangini48@gmail.com. Please leave a message with name of news organization, reporter and best contact number in the event of a late-notice schedule change. See important instructions below for changes to base access requirements.

Instructions for base access:

Due to COVID-19 and the current JBER health protection condition, all visitors including media are required to get a base pass. The pass will be completed at the Visitor Center at the Boniface Gate. To expedite the process, please visit <https://dbids-global.dmdc.mil/enroll#!/> to pre-enroll. Media will be required to present a valid state or federal issued identification card to receive a DBIDS visitor pass. Visitors are subject to vetting through state and federal criminal databases before issuance of a DBIDS ID card or pass. Media must show a valid driver license, current vehicle registration, and proof of current insurance.