

# South Dakota National Guard

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## **Deployment ceremony scheduled for Yankton, Watertown Guard units**

YANKTON, S.D. – A deployment ceremony is scheduled for nearly 115 Soldiers with the South Dakota Army National Guard’s Bravo Battery, 1-147th Field Artillery Battalion and 147th Forward Support Company, Saturday, Dec. 15, at 11 a.m. at the Yankton High School.

The public is encouraged to attend the event as the units depart for an eight month deployment to Europe. The units will deploy within European Command’s area of responsibility in support of allied nation partnerships and regional security and stability goals.

Planned speakers for the ceremony include Gov. Dennis Daugaard and Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, SDNG adjutant general.

A community send-off ceremony will also be held for deploying Soldiers with the 147th FSC on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 11 a.m. in Watertown at the Ernie Edwards Readiness Center.

The Yankton-based Bravo Battery is equipped with the Multiple Launch Rocket System, or MLRS, and is capable of providing artillery support to a brigade, division, corps or coalition task force. The Watertown-based Forward Support Company is a multifunctional logistics unit which provides supply and maintenance support.

The units will report to Fort Bliss, Texas, to complete several weeks of theater-specific training prior to deployment overseas.

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