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Deployment ceremony scheduled for Sioux Falls Guard unit

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – A deployment ceremony is scheduled for more than 190 Soldiers with the South Dakota Army National Guard's 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade on Friday, August 28, at 1 p.m. at the Sioux Falls Arena.

The unit will deploy to Djibouti to support Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa to conduct operations in the region that enhance partner nation capacity, promote regional security and stability, dissuade conflict, and protect U.S. and coalition interests.

The mission of the 196th MEB is to command and control assigned units and support the security, mobility, and functional operations of forces in a designated region.

The ceremony will be limited to unit soldiers and their family members, as well as SDNG leadership, to allow for health and social distancing guidelines. The ceremony will be live streamed for public viewing via Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/SouthDakotaNationalGuard>.

Planned speakers for the ceremony include Gov. Kristi Noem, Maj. Gen. Jeff Marlette, SDNG adjutant general, and Col. David Dailey, 196th commander.

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

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MEDIA NOTE: News media will be permitted to attend the event to allow for news coverage. If planning on attending, please notify the SDNG Public Affairs Office at the information listed below.

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