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## National Guard unit leaving for Afghanistan

NASHVILLE – A Tennessee Army National Guard Agri-business Development Team will depart Smyrna on Sunday, Jan. 18, for a year in the rugged terrain of Afghanistan to assist farmers in that region.

The ADT is composed of soldiers with a wide variety of Military Occupational Skills from throughout Tennessee.

An advance contingent of Tennessee Guardsmen left Jan. 15 bound for Camp Atterbury, Indiana. They will be joined by the main body of soldiers Sunday and will remain at Camp Atterbury for an unspecified period of time undergoing specialized training before their departure for Afghanistan.

Under the command of Col. James Moore, the soldiers, accompanied by a security team, will be teaching basic farming techniques such as planting and harvesting wheat, planting corn in rows and using trellises to grow tomatoes and grapes. They will also work to improve irrigation systems and crop storage facilities.

The aim is to help farmers a world away become more self sufficient while avoiding the illegal drug trade.

**ADVISORY TO NASHVILLE-AREA MEDIA: Soldiers are scheduled to depart Smyrna Sunday at 10 a.m. from Building 425. Families and friends have been requested to be there at 8 a.m. Media representatives will be expected to produce media credentials at the Guard gate at the main entrance.**

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