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Tennessee Army National Guard Air Cav Squadron leaves out

NASHVILLE -- More than 600 Tennessee Army National Guardsmen from the 1/230th Air Cavalry Squadron departed March 30 and 31 from their home stations in Jackson, Alcoa and Smyrna bound ultimately for Iraq.

Their immediate destination is Fort Sill, Okla., where they will complete a number of weeks of pre-deployment training before leaving for Iraq.

The Squadron's mobilization brings to more than 14,000 the number of Tennessee Army and Air National Guardsman who have deployed since Sept. 11, 2001.

PHOTOS FOR YOUR SELECTION:

Photo #1: Spec. 4 J.J. Spradling gives a big kiss to his young daughter moments before departure.

Photo #2: A young, unidentified Sergeant receives a crushing goodbye hug from his wife.

Photo #3: Staff Sgt. Brian Boyd and son, Walker, enjoy a laugh together as he awaits departure.

Photo #4: Air Cavalry Sergeant with some deep thoughts just before he boards his bus.

Photo #5: It's never easy when a husband and wife say goodbye.

Photo #6: The distant gaze of this Air Cavalry Sergeant and the emotions of his wife say it all.

Photo #7: One final hug and tearful parting words.

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