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## **Nearly 200 West Tennessee Guardsmen leaving for Iraq**

**NASHVILLE** – Tennessee Army National Guard soldiers from the 1174th Transportation Company in Memphis are scheduled to leave Wednesday, April 15, on the first leg of a deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Almost 200 soldiers will depart the Memphis Armory by bus at 8 a.m. bound for Camp Atterbury, Ind. They will remain at Camp Atterbury for a short period of time completing advanced, pre-deployment training before departing for their ultimate destination in northern Iraq.

“The company is looking forward to deploying,” said 1st Lt. Daniel Isley, Platoon Leader for the 1174th. “Our soldiers are well trained and many are combat veterans from previous deployments who volunteered to deploy again.” The 1174th is composed of soldiers primarily from the Memphis area, with 60 volunteers recently joining the unit from throughout Middle and East Tennessee.

“One of our main missions will be to transport equipment and supplies throughout most of Iraq and Kuwait,” said Capt. Chris Kirkman, commander of the 1174th. “We will also be conducting security operations.”

The mobilization of the 1174th brings the total number of mobilizations of Tennessee National Guard soldiers and airmen in the War on Terrorism to over 14,200.

**ADVISORY TO MEDIA: Soldiers are scheduled to depart from the Memphis National Guard Armory, 2610 East Holmes Road, at 8 a.m. Wednesday, April 15. Families and friends have been requested to be there at 7 a.m.**

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