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## **Jackson National Guard to depart for Iraq**

**NASHVILLE** – Soldiers from the Tennessee National Guard’s 194th Engineer Brigade, headquartered in Jackson, are scheduled to leave June 24 on the first leg of a deployment which will take them to Iraq.

The unit is composed of about 140 Guardsmen primarily from West Tennessee, but includes many from Middle Tennessee and other areas. This will be the second overseas activation of the unit since December 2004. The deployment is for approximately one year.

Soldiers will report directly to the “commercial” side of Jackson’s McKellar-Sikes Regional Airport at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, the 24th. They are set to board their aircraft promptly at 10:00. Friends and family are being asked to arrive at the airport by 8 a.m.

There will be a ceremony at the airfield to include awards, promotions and special remarks.

The brigade will travel to Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, where it will remain for a brief period undergoing additional training prior to departing for Iraq.

The 194th Engineer Brigade will have command and control of all engineering assets in-theatre, serving as a corps-level Engineer Brigade.

The brigade will be under the command of Brig. Gen. Bob Harris, of Hixon. Harris served as Deputy Brigade Commander when the engineers deployed in 2004. The Headquarters Company Commander is Capt. Steve Love, of Jackson.

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