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Deployment ceremony for Wyo. Army National Guard Soldiers

CHEYENNE – The Wyoming Army National Guard will deploy eight Soldiers to Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba, Nov. 14. A ceremony will be held for the unit within the Casper armory, located at 5905 CY Ave., at 3 p.m., Nov. 13.

The unit, the 197th Public Affairs Detachment, is scheduled for a 12-month deployment. The Soldiers will conduct predeployment training at Fort Bliss, Texas, followed by 11 months in Cuba.

“The Soldiers will be supporting the United States Southern Command at GITMO with public affairs functions, like creating news releases, articles and videos,” said Maj. Steve Alkire, Wyoming Army National Guard mobilization officer.

The eight Soldiers will serve on federal active duty orders for 400 days, although the period of active duty can be extended based on the U.S. Army’s requirements.

The Soldiers, which include broadcast and print journalists, are from the Wyoming communities of Byron, Casper, Laramie, and Pine Bluffs, and Oakley, Utah.

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Media planning to attend the event should call 307-631-4153 by noon, Nov. 12, for access to the facility.