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Deployment ceremony for Wyo. Army National Guard Soldiers

CHEYENNE, Wyo. – The Wyoming Army National Guard will deploy 24 Soldiers to Kosovo and Bosnia, Sept. 25, to provide aviation maintenance. The unit's deployment ceremony will be held at the Joint Forces Readiness Center Auditorium, located at 5800 Central Ave., at 2 p.m., on Sept. 23.

The mobilization order for Detachment 3, B Company, 777th Aviation, is for a 12-month deployment. They are deploying to provide maintenance support for the 1st Battalion, 112th Aviation, from the North Dakota Army National Guard.

Lt. Col. Steve Alkire, commanding officer of the 94th Troop Command, said that this deployment provides a great opportunity for these 24 Soldiers to deploy and make a difference. "We appreciate not only their sacrifice but the sacrifice of their families as well, as they will be gone for the next year," he said.

The 24 Soldiers mobilized will be on federal active duty orders for 400 days. The period of active duty can be extended, based on the U.S. Army's requirements. According to an Army press release on Aug. 5, the Army is developing a nine-month long deployment cycle, but will only affect those Soldiers who deploy in 2012 and will be fully implemented by April.

The Soldiers are from the Wyoming communities of Cheyenne, Green River, Laramie, Powell, Sheridan, Wheatland, Torrington and the Nebraska community of North Platte.

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Media planning to attend the event should call 307-772-5935 by noon, Sept. 23, for access to the facility.