

# Dept. of Military Affairs: Sendoff ceremony for deploying Wisconsin Army Guard unit

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State elected officials and senior Wisconsin National Guard leadership will join family and friends at a May 7 sendoff ceremony for the deploying members of the Wisconsin Army National Guard's 112th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment (MPAD) at the unit's headquarters in the Armed Forces Reserve Center in Madison, Wisconsin.

Eight members of the 112th MPAD will deploy to Eastern Europe in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. The Soldiers will provide public affairs support to U.S. forces operating in the region.

Operation Atlantic Resolve builds readiness, increases interoperability and enhances the bond between ally and partner militaries through bilateral, joint and multinational training. Deploying ready, combat-credible U.S. forces to Europe in support of this operation is evidence of the strong, unremitting U.S. commitment to NATO and Europe.

The 112th MPAD previously supported Operation Atlantic Resolve with nine Soldiers during a three-week training exercise in 2015. The Soldiers supported public affairs efforts in Poland, Latvia and Lithuania.

The 112th MPAD deployed to Joint Task Force Guantanamo, at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2008-09, where it supported Joint Task Force efforts related to the beginning of military tribunal hearings of detainees — including the 9/11 co-conspirators. The detachment returned to Guantanamo in 2018 with eight members to support a reduced Joint Task Force mission.