

# South Dakota National Guard

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Rapid City Guard unit honored at activation ceremony

RAPID CITY, S.D. Twenty-two Soldiers from Detachment 1, Company B, 935th Support Battalion, South Dakota Army National Guard, were honored at an activation ceremony in Rapid City today as they prepare to deploy for a year-long tour to Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Several hundred family members and friends gathered at the Army Aviation Support Facility to see the Soldiers off, including Gov. Dennis Daugaard, Rapid City Mayor Sam Kooiker and Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, adjutant general of the SDNG.

The 935th mission will be to provide aviation maintenance and repair support to aircraft armament and avionics equipment, and will give this support to the 35th Combat Aviation Brigade. The unit specializes in maintenance and repair of rotary-wing aircraft to include the UH-60 Black Hawk, OH-58 Kiowa, and other U.S. Army rotary aircraft.

The unit will report to Fort Hood, Texas, to complete two months of theater-specific training prior to deployment overseas. This is the second mobilization for 935th. They deployed to Iraq in 2004-2005 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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**120606-A-CW157-028:** – Pfc. Damon Lappe, with his niece Ava Jaure, 4, both of Box Elder, pray during the activation ceremony for the South Dakota Army National Guard's Detachment 1, Company B, 935th Support Battalion, June 6, 2012, at the Army Aviation Support Facility in Rapid City. The 935th are deploying for a year-long tour to Kuwait to provide aviation maintenance and repair support for aircraft armament and avionics equipment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. (SDNG photo by Sgt. 1st Class Theanne Tangen) (RELEASED)



**120606-A-CW157-081:** Chief Warrant Officer 3 John Wurtz, commander of the South Dakota Army National Guard's Detachment 1, Company B, 935th Support Battalion, addresses the audience during their activation ceremony June 6, 2012, at the Army Aviation Support Facility in Rapid City. The 935th are deploying for a year-long tour to Kuwait to provide aviation maintenance and repair support for aircraft armament and avionics equipment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. (SDNG photo by Sgt. 1st Class Theanne Tangen) (RELEASED)



**120606-A-CW157-123:** Gov. Dennis Daugaard wishes the Soldiers of the South Dakota Army National Guard's Detachment 1, Company B, 935th Support Battalion well on their deployment June 6, 2012, during their activation ceremony at the Army Aviation Support Facility in Rapid City. The 935th are deploying for a year-long tour to Kuwait to provide aviation maintenance and repair support for aircraft armament and avionics equipment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. (SDNG photo by Sgt. 1st Class Theanne Tangen) (RELEASED)



**120606-A-CW157-141:** Staff Sgt. Wayne Garner comforts his son Andrew, 8, of Winner, during the activation ceremony for the South Dakota Army National Guard's Detachment 1, Company B, 935th Support Battalion June 6, 2012, at the Army Aviation Support Facility in Rapid City. The 935th are deploying for a year-long tour to Kuwait to provide aviation maintenance and repair support for aircraft armament and avionics equipment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. (SDNG photo by Sgt. 1st Class Theanne Tangen) (RELEASED)



**120606-A-CW157-194:** Staff Sgt. Shawn Jensen, of Rapid City, shows his daughter Mara, 4, how to use the controller on a helicopter before the activation ceremony for the South Dakota Army National Guard's Detachment 1, Company B, 935th Support Battalion June 6, 2012, at the Army Aviation Support Facility in Rapid City. The 935th are deploying for a year-long tour to Kuwait to provide aviation maintenance and repair support for aircraft armament and avionics equipment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. (SDNG photo by Sgt. 1st Class Theanne Tangen) (RELEASED)

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