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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Sioux Falls Guard unit honored at deployment ceremony

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – The South Dakota Army National Guard honored 14 Soldiers from the 927th Engineer Detachment (Survey and Design Team) at a deployment ceremony today at the Multi-Cultural Center in Sioux Falls, as they prepare to deploy for a nine-month tour to Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard, Sen. Tim Johnson and Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, the adjutant general of the SDNG, were featured speakers at the ceremony.

The Sioux Falls-based 927th has a mission to plan, conduct, prepare and provide planning studies and tests for identified engineer work projects. They also provide guidance, legal descriptions, certification and surveys for engineer projects.

The unit will report to Fort Bliss, Texas, to complete several weeks of theater-specific training prior to deployment overseas. This is the first mobilization for the 927th.

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120706-A-CW157-165: Sgt. Steve Bellman, of Sioux Falls, S.D., comforts his son, David, 6, during the deployment ceremony of the South Dakota Army National Guard's 927th Engineer Detachment (Survey and Design Team) at the Multi-Cultural Center in Sioux Falls July 6, 2012. The 927th is deploying for a nine-month tour to Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. (SDNG photo by Sgt. 1st Class Theanne Tangen) (RELEASED)



120706-A-CW157-162: Spc. Jerome Meins, of Sioux Falls, S.D., prays with his family during the deployment ceremony of the South Dakota Army National Guard's 927th Engineer Detachment (Survey and Design Team) at the Multi-Cultural Center in Sioux Falls July 6, 2012. The 927th is deploying for a nine-month tour to Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. (SDNG photo by Sgt. 1st Class Theanne Tangen) (RELEASED)



120706-A-CW157-175: Gov. Dennis Daugaard shakes the hand of Spc. Jerome Meins, of Sioux Falls, S.D., during the deployment ceremony of the South Dakota Army National Guard's 927th Engineer Detachment (Survey and Design Team) at the Multi-Cultural Center in Sioux Falls July 6, 2012. The 927th is deploying for a nine-month tour to Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. (SDNG photo by Sgt. 1st Class Theanne Tangen) (RELEASED)



120706-A-CW157-157: Chief Warrant Officer 4 Kenneth Schoenfelder, of Mitchell, S.D., commander of the South Dakota Army National Guard's 927th Engineer Detachment (Survey and Design Team), addresses family and friends during their deployment ceremony held at the Multi-Cultural Center, in Sioux Falls July 6, 2012. The 927th is deploying for a nine-month tour to Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. (SDNG photo by Sgt. 1st Class Theanne Tangen) (RELEASED)

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