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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SD Guard unit to deploy to Afghanistan

RAPID CITY, S.D. – The South Dakota Army National Guard’s 235th Military Police Company has received their official mobilization order for deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The 235th and its 124 assigned members are scheduled for deployment in January. The unit received an alert order for possible deployment in October. The mobilization order confirms the unit will deploy overseas.

The mission of the 235th is to provide security for U.S. military personnel, installation and facilities and to guard prisoners of war and civilian internees. The unit’s headquarters is located in Rapid City with a detachment based in Sioux Falls.

The unit will report to Fort Bliss, Texas, to complete several weeks of theater-specific training prior to deployment overseas. This will be the third mobilization for the 235th – deploying in support of Operation Noble Eagle at Fort Carson, Colo., in 2003, as well as in support of OEF in Afghanistan in 2006.

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