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**NEBRASKA SOLDIERS TO BE WISHED FAREWELL  
BEFORE START OF OVERSEAS DEPLOYMENT, FRIDAY  
AUGUST 5, AT HAYMARKET PARK IN LINCOLN, NEBRASKA**

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LINCOLN, Neb. – Around 90 Nebraska Army National Guard Soldiers assigned to a new National Guard headquarters detachment of the Active Army's 1st Infantry Division, will be given a send-off during an open-to-the public ceremony scheduled for 1 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 5, at Haymarket Park in Lincoln, Neb.

The Soldiers are members of the newly-organized 1st Infantry Division Main Command Post – Operational Detachment – commonly called a MCPOD -- a new type of unit that is designed to augment and enhance an active Army division headquarters staff during mobilizations. The detachment has a number of Soldiers assigned to it who are specialists in such areas as intelligence, legal affairs, infantry, artillery, aviation, signal, administration, military police, engineers, chemical, logistics and public affairs.

The MCPOD first formed earlier this spring. Since then the detachment has participated in several major training exercises with their active Army counterparts at Fort Riley, Kansas.

On Friday, the Soldiers and their families will be wished well before the start of their first mobilization and overseas deployment as a unit. Among those governmental and military leaders expected to speak at the deployment ceremony will be Governor Pete Ricketts, U.S. Senators Deb Fischer and Ben Sasse, U.S. Representatives Jeff Fortenberry and Adrian Smith, and Maj. Gen. Daryl Bohac, Nebraska's adjutant general.

Additionally, the ceremony will also include an appearance by the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard from Fort Riley, Kansas.

Due to heightened security at the ceremony site, officials are encouraging the public to plan for increased traffic and random security inspections.

Following the mobilization ceremony, the Nebraska Army National Guard Soldiers will attend additional training with the active Army's 1st Infantry Division Headquarters before departing overseas for a mission that is expected to last between nine months and a year. The unit's ultimate destination is not being released at this time.

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Note: The media is invited to attend the mobilization ceremony for the Nebraska Army National Guard's 1st Infantry Division's Main Command Post – Operational Detachment on Aug. 5, 2016, at Haymarket Park in Lincoln, Nebraska. The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Members of the Nebraska National Guard's Public Affairs staff will be on hand to provide assistance to the media.