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## 700 Minnesota National Guard Troops Heading To Iraq, Kuwait

ST. PAUL, Minn. (FOX 9) - Almost 700 Minnesota National Guard soldiers will deploy to the Middle East after a departure ceremony September 20th, 2019.

According to the National Guard, at least part of the St. Paul-based 34th Expeditionary Combat Aviation

Brigade will deploy to the Middle East to help fight ISIS in Iraq and Syria.

The brigade will provide Army helicopter, Unmanned Aerial System and fixed-wing support to United States Armed Forces and Coalition Forces. The National Guard says they will fly UH-60 Black Hawk, CH-47 Chinook and AH-64 Apache helicopters as well as Grey Eagle unmanned aircraft and the fixed-wing C-12 Huron.

"Our soldiers are ready to deploy, well-trained, fully-equipped and highly-motivated," said Col. Gregory Fix, the brigade commander. "Several of our soldiers re-enlisted or extended to go on this deployment."

"We will provide support to Operation Spartan Shield and Operation Inherent Resolve, using aviation assets to provide reconnaissance, transportation, and medical evacuation and partner with other coalition military units," said 34th ECAB Commander Gregory Fix.

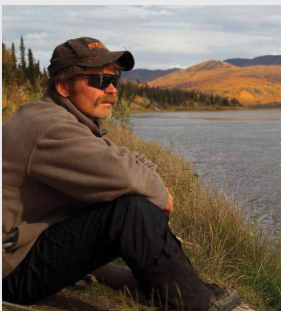
The Minnesotans will join units from seven other states as well as Coalition forces from Spain and Italy.

The Minnesota National Guard has deployed 18 aviation units in the past 18 years.

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## Quarterly Veteran Spotlight - Brian Heaphy

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# Work Opportunity Tax Credit

A bipartisan group of senators has introduced legislation to make permanent the Work Opportunity Tax Credit, a tax break that encourages companies to hire veterans, people with disabilities and other groups who face barriers to employment, before it expires at the end of 2019.

The WOTC offers an employer tax credit of between \$1,200 and \$9,600 per employee for hiring and retaining employees who are members of populations that traditionally have a hard time finding work, or are often out of the labor force altogether. The credit amount is based on the wages paid to employees within the targeted groups.

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