



# California Military Department California National Guard



## DEPLOYMENT CEREMONY

### Information Alert

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### Los Alamitos National Guard Unit Deploying to Kuwait

Nearly 150 Soldiers with the California Army National Guard will depart California this week in preparation for a yearlong deployment to Kuwait. The 140th Chemical Company will hold a departure ceremony at noon tomorrow, February 14, 2012 at the Veteran Services Center on Joint Forces Training Base, Los Alamitos. The unit will fly out of the base airfield at 9 a.m., Thursday, February 16, 2012 to participate in deployment training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. The public and media are welcome at both the departure ceremony and flight.

The 140<sup>th</sup> Chemical Company will conduct security operations on U.S. military installations during its overseas mission. Captain Orlando Cobos, company commander for the unit, will be available for interviews before and after the ceremony, as will other representatives of the unit and the California National Guard.

The Veteran Services Center is located in building 244 at 11200 Lexington Drive, Los Alamitos, CA 90720. Media interested in covering the ceremony or flight should coordinate with Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Tom Lasser at 310-562-1121.

If you have any questions regarding this, or any other matter pertaining to the California National Guard, please contact Major (Retired) Darrin Bender at (916) 854-3705.