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Approximately 250 Soldiers from two Iowa Army National Guard companies based in Mason City and Iowa City are preparing to mobilize to Poland in 2022 as these units come into their "mission year" as part of the U.S. Army's current force generation cycle.

The 1133rd Transportation Company, headquartered in Mason City, and the 209th Medical Company Area Support, headquartered in Iowa City, were selected to support federal mobilization missions by the Department of Defense and the National Guard Bureau.

These units will support Operation Atlantic Resolve and NATO's Enhanced Forward Presence mission which enables the U.S. to provide deterrence to adversaries while supporting our NATO partners.

The 1133rd Transportation Company will transport equipment and supplies, while the 209th Medical Company will provide field hospital health service support.

Maj. Gen. Ben Corell, Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard, made the initial announcement during the annual <u>Condition of the Guard</u> address in January.

In 2020, personnel from the 1133rd Transportation Company and the 209th Medical Company aided in COVID-19 response efforts throughout Iowa. These Soldiers assisted with the transportation of personal protective equipment, COVID-19 testing site operations, and contact tracing.

The 1133rd Transportation Company was last activated into federal service in 2008 to support Operations Noble Eagle, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, and the global war on terrorism.

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The 209th Medical Company deployed to Iraq in 2003 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Then in 2005, the 209th Medical Company was activated in response to Hurricane Katrina.

The Iowa National Guard is working on scheduling send-off ceremonies, which will be announced at a later date.

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For questions concerning this release as well as additional information about the operations, training and activities of the Iowa Army and Air National Guard, please contact Maj. Katherine Headley, Iowa National Guard Public Affairs Officer by email at katherine.p.headley.mil@army.mil or 515-252-4582 (office).

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