



Minnesota National Guard

Operation Enduring Freedom



OMLT III Unit Overview

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Deploying Unit

Thirteen Soldiers from the Minnesota Army National Guard will leave Minnesota for training on March 2, 2010 for a one-year deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Mission

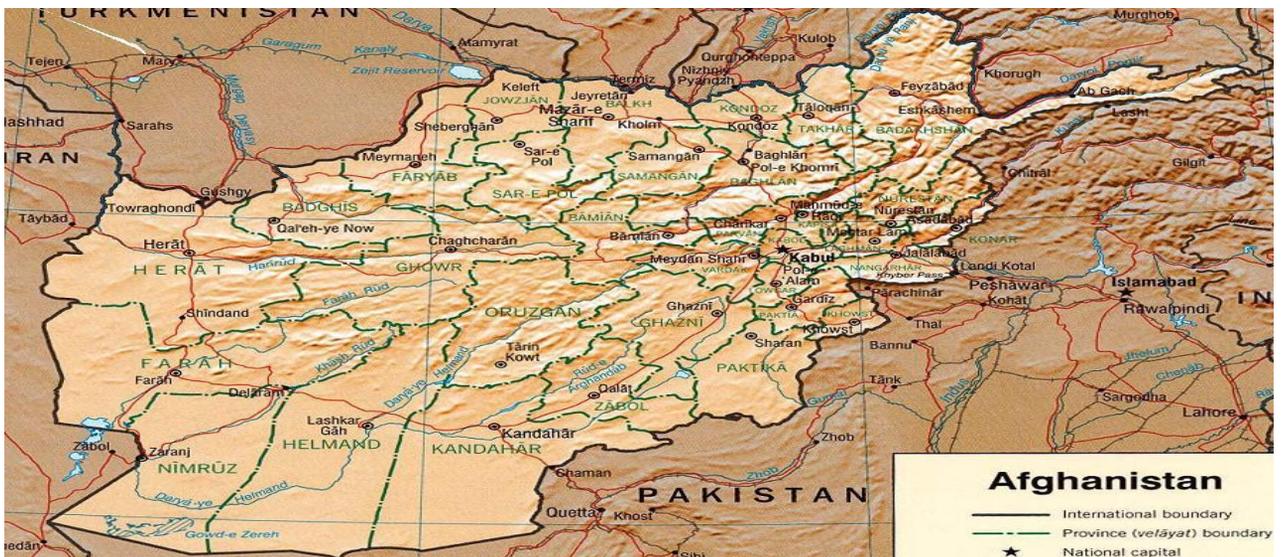
The Minnesota Army National Guard for the third time will support the Croatian Armed Forces as an extension of the State Partnership Program on the development and fielding of a combined Operational Mentoring Liaison Team (OMLT). OMLT III Soldiers will serve alongside their Croatian partners in Afghanistan as part of the NATO International Security Assistance Force (ISAF).

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The Operational Mentoring and Liaison Teams greatly contribute to the ISAF mission of assisting the Government of Afghanistan in establishing and maintaining a safe and secure environment. ISAF's key military tasks include: assisting the Afghan government in extending its authority across the country, conducting stability and security operations in co-ordination with the Afghan national security forces, mentoring and supporting the ANA and supporting Afghan government programs to disarm illegally armed groups.

Area of Operation

OMLT III will operate in the northern half of Afghanistan.





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Geography

Afghanistan is a landlocked and mountainous country in South-Central Asia, with plains in the north and southwest. The highest point is Nowshak, at 7,485m (24,557ft) above sea level.

Age

The average age of the deploying Minnesota Soldiers is 35 years old. The youngest Soldier is 23 and the oldest is 55.

Race

Of the 13 total deploying Minnesota Soldiers, 12 are Caucasian and one is African American.

Gender

All thirteen of the deploying Minnesota Soldiers are men.

Dependents

69% of the deploying Minnesota National Guard Soldiers have dependant children.

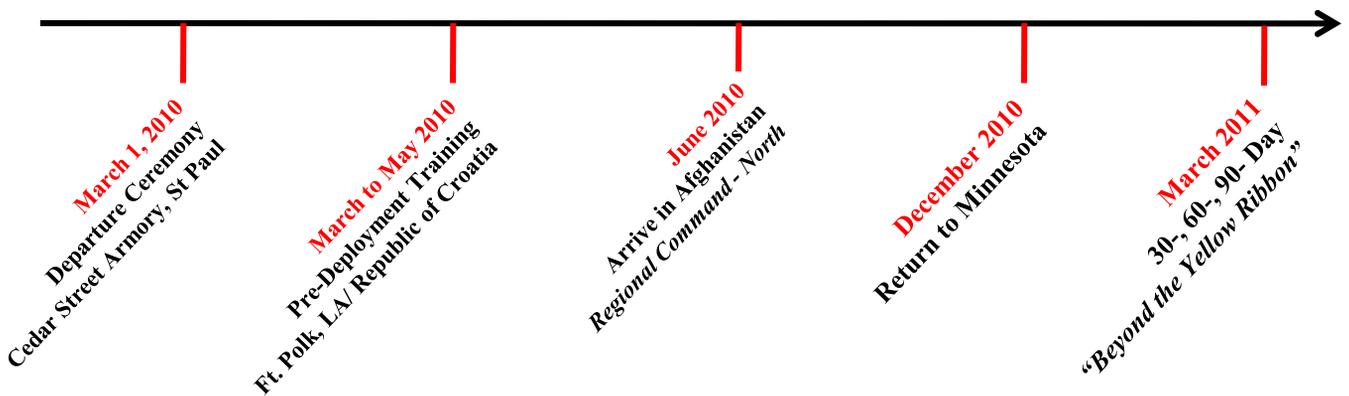
Previous Deployments

This is the first deployment for four Soldiers, the second deployment for five Soldiers and the 3rd deployment four Soldiers.

Highest Civilian Education

Eight of the deploying Soldiers have at least a high school diploma or equivalent as their highest civilian education and five Soldiers have earned a Bachelor's Degree.

Timeline



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