



# Companies B & C, 834<sup>th</sup> Aviation Support Battalion

## Operation Spartan Shield

### Unit Overview

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#### Deploying unit

Forty Soldiers from the Minnesota Army National Guard's B and C Company, 834<sup>th</sup> Aviation Support Battalion, 34th Combat Aviation Brigade, will deploy for a seven-month mobilization in support of Operation Spartan Shield.

#### Mission

The select soldiers will conduct aviation, mechanical and communication support operations to augment the 185<sup>th</sup> Theatre Aviation Brigade, with the Mississippi Army National Guard, currently operating in Kuwait.

#### Area of Operation

Headquartered at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, soldiers will support operations in CENTCOM theater.

#### Fast Facts:

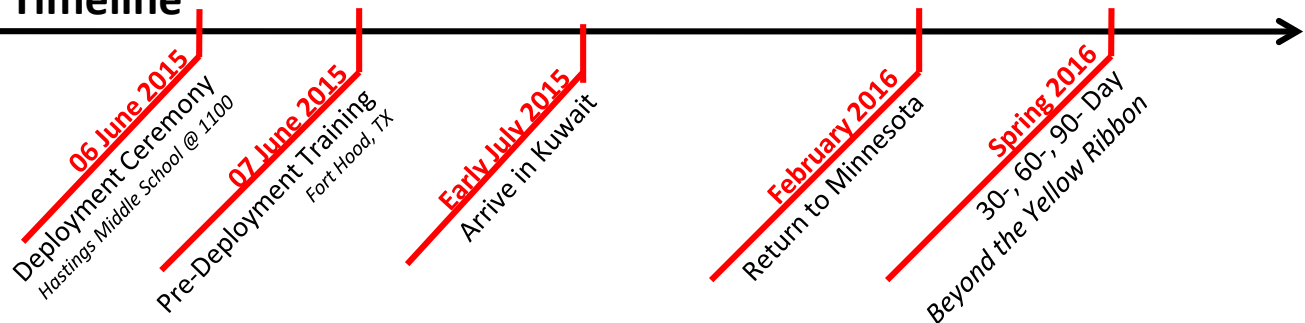
Headquarters Location of 834<sup>th</sup> ASB: Arden Hills, MN

Commander: LTC Gary Jorgensen

Enlisted Leader: CSM Craig Heggerston



#### Timeline



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# Companies B & C, 834<sup>th</sup> Aviation Support Battalion Operation Spartan Shield Demographics

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Based on the 40 deploying soldiers the demographics reflect:

**Age:** Average age is 29 years old. The youngest soldier is 20 and the oldest is 57.

**Gender:** Five, (12.5%) are female and 35, (87.5%) are male.

**Race:** 35, (87.5%) are Caucasian, 2, (5%) are Hispanic, 2, (5%) are Black, 1, (2.5%) is Asian.

**Civilian Education:** Two soldiers have one year of college, nine soldiers have two years of college, and five soldiers have Bachelor Degrees.

**Prior Deployments:** 16, (40%) have at least one previous deployment.

**Hometowns:** Hometowns of soldiers include:

Bloomington, Brooklyn Park, Burnsville, Cambridge, Elk River, Farmington, Ham Lake, Hastings, Inver Grove Heights, Lake Wilson, Lakeville, Mankato, Maple Grove, Moorhead, North St. Paul, Oak Park, Paynesville, Ramsey, Rochester, Rock Creek, Rosemount, St. Cloud, St. Paul, Sartell, South St. Paul, Stillwater, West St. Paul, White Bear Lake, Winona, Woodbury and Fargo, N.D.