

Local Soldiers Prepare For Deployment

**(KAIR)--Called to duty in the Persian Gulf and Levant regions.**

**Those are the orders given to the Leavenworth-based 35th Infantry Division Headquarters, involving around 500 soldiers from both the Kansas and Missouri National Guard.**

**According to a news release issued by the Kansas Adjutant General's Office, they will be activated in support of Operation Spartan Shield beginning in mid-2017 to enhance ongoing theater security operations.**

**Elements of the 35th Infantry Division deployed in 2003, 2007, 2013 and 2014 to support higher commands in peacekeeping operations in Bosnia and Kosovo.**

**It is one of 18 divisions in the Army and one of eight divisions in the Army National Guard.**

**Major General Victor J. Braden, Commander of the 35th Infantry Division, posted a video message on YouTube, outlining the deployment plan.**

