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Guard unit called up for duty overseas

Bloomington-based soldiers to train at Fort Dix before being deployed abroad

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About 150 soldiers with a National Guard unit based in Bloomington are headed overseas.

Soldiers with the 2nd Battalion, 150th Field Artillery Regiment — which includes soldiers based in Bloomington, Spencer, Greencastle, Lebanon and Danville — have been called to active duty.

The soldiers are to report to Fort Dix, N.J., by mid-September, after which they'll likely head to the Middle East.

Citing security issues, a National Guard spokeswoman said she couldn't give the unit's final destination.

"They're expected to be on active duty for up to 18 months," spokeswoman Capt. Lisa Koczynski said.

For Sgt. 1st Class Matt Tracy, the news is bittersweet.

As a 14-year veteran of the National Guard, he knew being called up was always an option.

"It's part of the package," he said. "It's our turn."

But he'll leave behind his wife, 16-month-old son and friends and family.

"It's going to be tough," he said. The unit is trained in field artillery, including the 155-mm howitzer — a "big gun" that weighs about 10 tons and shoots rounds weighing 95 pounds each.

At the Bloomington armory, soldiers are gearing up for deployment, including getting medical exams, undergoing physical fitness checks and making sure they have the proper equipment.

Helping with those tasks is the unit's medical officer, Staff Sgt. David Duncan, who will leave behind his family — three children, including a daughter who's less than 2 months old.

"It's difficult for anybody to leave their family," he said. "But my family's dealt with it before."

Duncan said he's served in Panama and at Indiana's Camp Atterbury during the unit's recent deployment, where many soldiers guarded the Newport Chemical Depot.

"But we've all got friends over there," Sgt. Zach Baker said. "And we're going to take our turn so they can come home. That's something to feel good about."

In June 2003, the battalion was mobilized in support of Operation Noble Eagle, implemented after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to protect military installations and other sites.

Some of the soldiers served at Camp Atterbury, where they provided administrative control.

But the majority guarded the Newport Chemical Depot near Terre Haute, where VX nerve gas is stored.

They returned home earlier this year.

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HURRICANE KATRINA

Katrina clobbers coast



Fire and rescue personnel launch a boat amid floodwaters from Hurricane Katrina as they head out to rescue a family Monday outside a hotel in Pascagoula, Miss.

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At least 55 deaths confirmed; more feared

By Allen G. Breed
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NEW ORLEANS — Announcing itself with shrieking, 145-mph winds, Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast just outside New Orleans on Monday, submerging entire neighborhoods up to their roofs, swamping Mississippi's beachfront casinos and killing at least 55 people.

Jim Pollard, spokesman for the Harrison County, Miss., emergency operations center, said 50 people were killed by Katrina in his county, with the bulk of the deaths at an apartment complex in Biloxi. Three other people were killed by falling trees in Mississippi and two died in a traffic accident in Alabama, authorities said.

For New Orleans — a dangerously vulnerable city because it sits mostly below sea level in a bowl-shaped depression — it was not the apocalyptic storm forecasters had feared.

But it was plenty bad, in New Orleans and elsewhere along the coast, where scores of people had to be rescued from rooftops and attics as the floodwaters rose around them. An untold number of other people were feared dead in flooded neighborhoods, many of which could not be reached by rescuers because of high water.

"Some of them, it was their last night on Earth," Terry Ebbert, chief of homeland security for New Orleans, said of people who ignored orders to evacuate the city



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Bryan Vernon and Dorothy Bell are rescued from their rooftop Monday after Hurricane Katrina hit, causing flooding in their New Orleans neighborhood. Officials had called for a mandatory evacuation, but many residents remained in the city.

of 480,000 over the weekend. "That's a hard way to learn a lesson."

"We pray that the loss of life is very limited, but we fear that is not the case," Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco said.

Katrina knocked out power to more than a million people from Louisiana to the Florida Panhandle, and authorities said it could be two months before electricity is restored to everyone. Ten major hospitals in New Orleans were running on emergency backup power.

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Katrina weakens

Katrina was downgraded to a tropical storm as it passed through eastern Mississippi.

Tropical Storm Katrina		
LOCATION	MOVEMENT	MAX WIND
32.9° N 88.9° W	NNE 21 mph	65 mph As of 7 p.m. Monday
--- Projected path		
--- Window of movement		



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Remnants of storm to bring heavy rain to Indiana today

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Wind and rain, remnants of Hurricane Katrina, will blow into Indiana today. The southwestern part of the state may see a few inches of precipitation and winds up to 35 mph.

"That's a walk in the park compared with the 15 inches of rain and 145 mph winds the hurricane brought to the New Orleans area on Monday."

"We may see moderate to heavy rain at times in the afternoon and into the evening," said National Weather Service meteorologist Chad Swain. "The track is still evolving, and a change of 50 miles or so could have a huge effect on rainfall amounts."

He estimated the storm center would be at Seymour sometime in the afternoon. The winds won't rise to the 57 mph standard for a severe thunderstorm warning, Swain said. Still, gray skies and a stormy day probably are in store for many Hoosiers as what's left of a Category 4 hurricane dissipates as it travels north.

"Because rainfall rates may be an inch an hour at the peak of the storm, I wouldn't be surprised if you see county flood warnings or flash-flood warnings," National Weather Service meteorologist Dave Tucek said.

Rain may linger Wednesday morning, then give way to sunshine and temperatures in the low 80s, Swain predicted. His life work is based on predicting and analyzing weather, but Swain — a meteorologist for 11 years — has no desire to be any closer to Hurricane Katrina than his Indianapolis office.

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Ivy Tech growing faster than expected

Enrollment in for-credit classes up 12% this fall, early figures show

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Ivy Tech Community College-Bloomington has increased its enrollment for the 12th straight year, growing faster than any other region in the state community college system.

About 3,885 students are enrolled in for-credit courses at the Bloomington campus this fall, up 12 percent from a year ago.

"Clearly, there's a recognition of the need for a community college in the state of Indiana, one that's affordable and accessible," said John Whitehart, the Ivy Tech-Bloomington chancellor. "And with that recognition comes growth."

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"We're at the numbers that were predicted for 2011."

JOHN WHITEHART,
Ivy Tech-Bloomington chancellor

