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Guard Unit Called To Duty

On Saturday the 120 members of the first 202 Galva Army National Guard Unit said some final good-byes to family and friends. They're leaving for duty Sunday. The soldiers say they're ready to do their part, but their families say they aren't ready to let their loved ones go.

Unit members were at the Galva High School football fields Saturday morning for a farewell ceremony to show them their support. The Galva National Guard unit leaves for Fort Hood, Texas early Sunday morning. In March they'll leave for Iraq.

"I'm ready to go, everything is packed," said First Lieutenant, Paul Peterson. "I'm physically and mentally ready. I'm just saying my last good-byes and spending the last hours with my family."

Paul has a wife and two kids. While he's deployed he needs to stay focused on his mission. With that in mind he's tried to make preparations for his family before he leaves. His wife, Kathryn is also trying to make things easy for Paul.

"I'm just trying to be really with it for Paul," says Kathryn. "I don't want to show the stress and just be here at home and have him know I'm ok. I'm not going to collapse when he leaves."

Galva's mayor, Don Hagaman presented a flag to the unit. It will be flown at Fort Hood, Texas and will also go with the unit in Iraq.



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