



**Bill Richardson**  
*Governor*

## **Governor Richardson Announces Deployment of Additional New Mexico National Guard Units**

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SANTA FE- Governor Bill Richardson today confirmed that President Bush has authorized the Department of Army to order to federal active duty nearly 200 members of the 642<sup>nd</sup> Maintenance Company based in Las Cruces, and the 1115<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company based in Taos.

“New Mexicans continue to answer the call to proudly serve our country,” said Governor Bill Richardson. “We pray for the safe, speedy return of these units, and all of the more than 1,000 New Mexico National Guard troops now serving at home and abroad.”

Soldiers from the 642<sup>nd</sup> will be augmented with soldiers from Santa Fe and Rio Rancho, and soldiers from the 1115<sup>th</sup> will be augmented with soldiers from Gallup, Farmington, Raton, and Clayton. The units will be mobilized initially for up to 18 months in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom II. They will mobilize January 5<sup>th</sup> and will conduct further training at Fort Hood, Texas before departing for Southwest Asia.

The 642<sup>nd</sup> Maintenance Company is composed of vehicle and heavy equipment mechanics. The 1115<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company specializes in hauling needed equipment and supplies. For additional information contact Major Kimberly Lalley at 417-1768.

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