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Increased Military Traffic During 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Training Exercise

FORT CAMPBELL, KY – Between 1-10 May, the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) will conduct a major training event, spanning various locations in Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana.

This exercise is designed to assess the Division's ability to conduct large-scale, longrange air assault operations in conjunction with training scenarios that will test their communication, logistical resupply and tactical abilities. Notably, the exercise will include a historic number of aircraft from the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, combining "Screaming Eagles" and "All-American" Soldiers.

All military training will take place on military installations or local airfields. However, residents may see or hear an increased presence of military helicopters and ground vehicles moving around the region.

Army helicopters and supporting sustainment elements will establish Forward Arming and Refueling Points (FARPs) for aircraft flying between Fort Campbell, Kentucky and Fort Johnson, Louisiana. Military ground vehicles will also be moving between Fort Campbell and the cities listed below.

Residents living in and around the areas below may observe increased military ground and air traffic and noise during this time:

- Oxford, MS (University-Oxford Airport)
- Vicksburg, MS (Vicksburg Tallulah Regional Airport)
- Minden, LA (Camp Minden Training Site)
- Alexandria, LA (Alexandria International Airport)

"We're alerting the public to prepare nearby communities for an increase in noise and traffic during this exercise," said Lt. Col. Martin Meiners, spokesperson for the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). "Our priority is the safety of our Soldiers and the citizens of nearby communities, and we are grateful for the support from local citizens, local leaders and the Mississippi and Louisiana National Guard."

The 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) is a part of the Army's effort to pioneer the evolution of vertical envelopment with modern equipment and well-trained Soldiers, and to prepare the nation to win in any future military combat environment or conflict.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a military training exercise, there are no air show displays or other public events at these locations. Media interested in observing please contact <u>usarmy.campbell.101-abn-div.mbx.101pao@army.mil</u>

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