

Governor Asks Iowans to Continue to Support Troops

In the coming months, the largest single overseas deployment of Iowa National Guard troops since World War II will take place. Thirty-five hundred men and women of the Iowa National guard will be deployed to Afghanistan.

The deployment will be part of a scheduled rotation of forces in Afghanistan. The troops will be supporting the ongoing operations and training of the Afghan National Security Forces.

Governor Culver, in his Condition of the State speech, asked the Legislature to pass a supplemental appropriation to restore some of the cuts to the Department of Public Defense (DPD). The backfill of money will give the service men and women of Iowa the tools they need to complete their mission and return safely to Iowa.

In October 2009, the DPD, like all other state agencies, was subject to a 10% across the board cut. Governor Culver issued the across the board cut to maintain a balanced budget.

The Legislature joins in the support of the Iowa's troops and will review the Governor's proposal, while ensuring a balanced budget.