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1st ILLINOIS PROVIDES PROTECTION OF AIRPORT DURING 2024 SOLAR ECLIPSE

Greenwood, Indiana – In a joint mission with 1st Indiana Civil Support Battalion, 1st Illinois will be deploying to Greenwood, Indiana to provide Force Protection at a regional airport during the upcoming lunar eclipse.

Greenwood rests in the path of totality and the airport required assistance in ensuring pilots and airport personnel are the only authorized individuals on the premises. Therefore, soldiers from both units will be posted at the entrances to the airport, as well as the gates leading onto the airstrips to prohibit unauthorized access.

Commander Argiris, of 1st Illinois stressed the importance of this mission. *“Greenwood is a suburb of Indianapolis, and it is expected that half a million people may try to make their way to the area to view the total solar eclipse. Authorized access to the airfield is an important security matter and we will be working closely with local law enforcement to ensure the safety of airport staff and pilots is maintained.”*

Veteran Reserve Corps personnel will be posted around the clock for the days leading up to, and including the day of the solar event.

The U.S. Veteran Reserve Corps is a 501(c)(3) uniformed service, much like the Civil Air Patrol or U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. They operate as a Community Emergency Response Team, an all-volunteer network of individuals specially trained in disaster response and relief.

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