Fort Devens Soldiers mobilize for COVID-19 relief

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Devens, MASS. -- Approximately 170 U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers with the 804th Medical Brigade departed Fort Devens Reserve Forces Training Area (Fort Devens RFTA) for New York City April 8th in support of COVID-19 relief efforts as part of a newly created Urban Augmentation Medical Task Force (UAMTF).

U.S. Army Reserve Command (USARC) created 15 UAMTFs, each with a commander and 85 personnel, to provide expeditionary medical staff to urban areas most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“UAMTFs didn’t exist two weeks ago,” said Lt. Gen. Charles D. Luckey, chief of Army Reserve and commanding general, USARC, after his visit to Fort Devens RFTA. “Now they do and they are awesome. They are tasked to go wherever they are needed in this country to support our fellow citizens in their time of greatest need.”

Additional members of the 804th continue to live and train on Fort Devens in preparation for future COVID-19 support mobilizations.

The 804th, headquarterd at Fort Devens RFTA, is one of five subordinate units of the 3rd Medical Command (Deployment Support) (MCDS). MCDS, headquarterd in Atlanta, Georgia, manages all of the Army Reserve deployable field units east of Ohio.