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Airport airlift

Troops from the Illinois Army National Guard board a Lockheed C-130 Hercules transport during an airlift on Friday at the Mt. Vernon Outland Airport. The transports, based in Peoria, touched down in Mt. Vernon to refuel before the soldiers boarded. Three planes were used during deployment.

Incoming flight

Airport Director Chris Collins directs an incoming aircraft, a Lockheed C-130 Hercules with the Illinois Air National Guard — the second of three — during Friday's midday airlift. The National Guard stopped at the Mt. Vernon Outland Airport to eat and refuel before heading to Kansas.



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