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## MEDIA ALERT

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### **Soldiers provided hope, hydration, optimism during Carthage mission** *~ Hauled 7.3 million gallons of water more than 17.5 thousand miles over 8-month stretch*

**WHO:** The Arkansas National Guard

**WHAT:** completed the Carthage, Ark., water support mission

**WHEN:** July 31, 2019, thru April 3, 2020

**WHERE:** Carthage, Ark.

**WHY:** A handful of Soldiers from the Arkansas National Guard's 39<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team supported the residents of Carthage with hope, hydration and optimism (H2O) the past eight months, but that mission came to an end April 3, once a new well was complete. Alternating one tanker trailer from Camp Robinson and Fort Chaffee every week and two military Hippo water-hauling trucks, they hauled 7.3 million gallons of water over an eight-month stretch. The Soldiers carried water more than 17,500 miles during the totality of the mission, safely providing residents with a source of water.

"The Soldiers and Airmen of the Arkansas National Guard are always ready, always there," said Maj. Gen. Kendall Penn, the state's adjutant general. "That's our motto, and we live by it. We were there for the City of Carthage, and we'll be there for your city, too, when directed by the governor."

The Arkansas National Guard assumes support roles to augment civil authorities, where needed and directed by the Governor, to help in a crisis.