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Ohio Army National Guard engineers to return home from Operation Iraqi Freedom

The Ohio Army National Guard welcomes home this week about 450 Soldiers of the 612th Engineer Battalion from a yearlong deployment supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Public ceremonies will be held on the following dates, at the following times and locations:

Friday, Jan. 6: About 150 Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company (Walbridge), at 1 p.m. at Owens Community College, 30335 Oregon Road, Perrysburg, Ohio 43551.

Saturday, Jan. 7: About 100 Soldiers of C Company (Norwalk), at 1 p.m. at Norwalk High School, 350 Shady Lane Drive, Norwalk, Ohio 44857.

Sunday, Jan. 8:

About 100 Soldiers of A Company (St. Marys), at 10 a.m. at Memorial High School, 101 South Street, St. Marys, Ohio 45885.

About 100 Soldiers of B Company (Tiffin), at 1 p.m. at Heidelberg College, 310 East Market Street, Tiffin, Ohio 44883

The battalion mobilized in November of 2004 and arrived in Iraq in January of 2005. The unit was responsible for a variety of engineering missions including: clearing roads of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), improving conditions at U.S. forward operating bases, providing base security and supporting construction projects in Iraqi communities.

Company B suffered the loss of one Soldier, Sgt. Jeremy M. Hodge, who was killed in action Oct. 10, 2005. Twenty-eight Soldiers in the battalion received the Purple Heart for combat related injuries.

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