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Ohio National Guard Operational Mentor & Liaison Team (OMLT) to return home

COLUMBUS– Approximately 30 Soldiers from the Ohio Army National Guard Operational Mentor and Liaison Team 1.2 (OMLT), 174th Air Defense Artillery Brigade are scheduled to return from active duty this month in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The public is invited to the unit's 3 p.m. Welcome Home Ceremony Friday, Feb. 12, 2010, at the Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church, 1636 Graham Rd, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068.

The unit mobilized in February 2009. The OMLT program is a key NATO contribution towards the development of the Afghan National Army (ANA).

This mission provided training and mentoring to the ANA forces. The unit began their initial training period in Hungary and Germany and then deployed to Afghanistan.

The unit safely performed over 100 combat missions, including support of the Afghan National Election. OMLT 1.2 also safely performed 20 combat logistical convoys of more than 200 miles each.

Unit awards include 11 Bronze Star Medals, two Army Commendation Medals with Valor device, nine Combat Infantry Badges and eight Combat Action Badges.

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EDITORS NOTE: News media are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes in advance.

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