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National Guard unit to return from deployment

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Maj. Gen. Gregory L. Wayt, Ohio adjutant general, will honor about 160 Soldiers from the Ohio Army National Guard's 1192nd Engineer Company as they return from a yearlong deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The public is invited to the unit's welcome home ceremony at 1 p.m., Monday, May 31, at the World Harvest Church, 4595 Gender Road, Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110.

The horizontal construction company supported missions on 15 U.S. and Iraqi bases throughout the Multi-National Division Baghdad and U.S. Division-Central areas of operation. The Soldiers filled more than 18,000 HESCO bastions (large basket-type barriers used to reinforce physical security) and hauled more than 100,000 tons of fill and gravel. They also conducted convoy security and route sanitation missions, cross trained their counterparts from 101st Engineer Battalion, Massachusetts National Guard, on heavy equipment operations and trained Iraqi troops on engineer equipment and crane operations while maintaining 130 heavy equipment vehicles.

WHO: 1192d Engineer Company

WHAT: Welcome Home Ceremony

WHEN: 1 p.m., Monday, May 31

WHERE: World Harvest Church, 4595 Gender Road, Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Media members are encouraged to arrive one hour early to capture the returning troops reuniting with their families and loved ones.

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