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Ohio National Guard unit returns

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Ohio National Guard and the local community will welcome home the 641st Quartermaster Detachment (Water Purification) Sept. 29 during a 1 p.m. ceremony at Kettering Middle School, 3000 Glengary Drive, Dayton, OH 45420.

About 30 soldiers from the 641st have been deployed to Iraq since October/November 2005 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit was located at Logistical Supply Area Anaconda near Balad, a base populated by about 25,000 U.S. servicemembers. The 641st was responsible for producing more than 62 million gallons of purified water for shower, dining and wash facilities on the base.

The unit also produced purified water for five other forward operating bases in and around Baqubah, Iraq, and set the record for purifying 829,000 gallons of water in a single day. The Guam-based 909th Quartermaster Detachment was assigned to support the 641st to accomplish this mission.

Soldiers from the 641st deployed to Nicaragua in support of Operation New Horizons in 1999 following Hurricane Andrew, to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in 1998, and to Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield in 1990.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: The Ohio National Guard Public Affairs Office at 614-336-7000 or Capt. Marshall Jackson at 614-496-3813. Capt Jackson will be the point of contact for media personnel at the ceremony. Please visit the public website at www.ohionationalguard.com