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## **Ohio Army National Guard unit returns home**

COLUMBUS—The Ohio National Guard will welcome home approximately 80 Soldiers assigned to the Columbus-based 285 Area Support Medical Company during a 12:00 p.m. ceremony Sept. 16 at Central Crossing High School, 4500 Big Run South Road., Grove City, 43123, as they return from a yearlong deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Soldiers mobilized out of Fort McCoy, Wisc., where they received specialized training that prepared them for their yearlong mission performing medical support operations in the Global War on Terrorism.

The unit's many accomplishments included treating more than 22,000 patients, training and certifying more than 300 combat lifesavers, administering about 8,000 immunizations and assisting in more than 300 medically evacuated servicemembers and civilians.

"I'm very proud of the unit and the great job they did while deployed," said Brig. Gen. Matthew L. Kambic, Ohio's assistant adjutant general for Army. "I am even more pleased that they have all returned safe back to Ohio and to their families."

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**Editor's Note:** News media are encouraged to arrive about 30 minutes in advance. For more information call Capt. Marshall Jackson at (614) 496-3812.