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Ohio Army National Guard firefighters to be honored for service, accomplishments during Operation Enduring Freedom

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Seven Soldiers from the Ohio Army National Guard's 296th Engineer Detachment (Firefighting), who recently returned from Afghanistan, will be honored for their outstanding service during a yearlong deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The public is invited to attend a deployment recognition ceremony to honor the Soldiers at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, 2012, at the Hilton Cleveland East/Beachwood, 3663 Park East Drive, Beachwood, Ohio 44122.

The Mansfield, Ohio-based unit mobilized in September 2011 and trained at Fort Bliss, Texas before deploying to Afghanistan. Members of the 296th provided aircraft rescue firefighting in support of military helicopter operations and emergency services to Forward Operating Base Wolverine.

Soldiers of the 296th earned seven Army Commendation Medals, seven Afghan Campaign Medals and several other awards for their service.

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NEWSROOM NOTE: News media are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes in advance of the scheduled start time.

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