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Deployed service members' holiday stories, shout-outs available

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Currently, about 100 Soldiers from Headquarters, 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, located in Columbus, are deployed to Kosovo in support of Operation Joint Guard-Kosovo Force (KFOR). This provides opportunities for stories with local Ohio ties, particularly during this holiday season.

Potential stories:

- Many of these deployed Soldiers have children under one year of age — how families are handling the holidays apart.
- There's a large number of law enforcement officers in the unit from communities across the state — highlight them defending the country overseas as well as back at home.
- Some own businesses — highlight the busy holiday retail season and how to manage civilian responsibilities while being deployed.
- One Soldier is on his seventh deployment, with many others being deployed multiple times.
- A large amount of these Soldiers are Ohio State University alums or are current students — highlight their school spirit and excitement for the upcoming College Football Playoff.

The Ohio National Guard public affairs office can facilitate interviews, imagery and videos for individuals as needed. Live video streams may be available with prior coordination. Requests for video or imagery for holiday stories need to be submitted by Dec. 21, 2016.

Holiday shout-out messages

Video holiday greetings from Ohio military service members are now available on the Defense Video & Imagery Distribution System (DVIDS) for media [here](#).

Holiday shout-outs specifically from deployed 37th IBCT Soldiers are available on DVIDS [here](#).

Continue to check the site for additional holiday greetings, as more are uploaded weekly. Media and the general public can download the videos by registering for a free account at:

<http://www.dvidshub.net/member/registration>

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