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Ohio National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery Regiment to return home

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio National Guard will welcome home about 285 Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, located in McConnellsville, as they return from a nearly yearlong deployment in support of Operation Inherent Resolve and Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

The public is invited to the unit's welcome home ceremony at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 31 at Morgan High School, 800 Raider Drive, McConnellsville, Ohio 43756.

While deployed, the unit's primary duty was to conduct a Counter-Rocket, Artillery, Mortar (C-RAM) mission in Iraq and Afghanistan. C-RAM is a set of systems used to detect and/or destroy incoming artillery, rockets and mortar rounds in the air before they hit their ground targets, or simply provide early warning.

During its deployment, the 2-174 ADA team successfully protected U.S. military, government contractor and civilian personnel, as well as strategic assets at various locations throughout Iraq and Afghanistan.

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NEWSROOM NOTES: Media interested in covering the event should RSVP by 4 p.m. Friday, March 30 to Stephanie Beougher, public information officer, at 614-506-3790 or stephanie.k.beougher.nfg@mail.mil.

On the day of the event, news media are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes in advance of the scheduled start time.

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