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## **Ohio Army National Guard Soldiers to return home from Operation Iraqi Freedom**

The Ohio Army National Guard welcomes about 180 Soldiers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 107<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, with headquarters in Stow, from a yearlong deployment supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. A public ceremony to recognize the Soldiers and their families will take place Monday, Jan. 9 at 6 p.m. at the John S. Knight Center, located at 77 E. Mill Street, Akron, Ohio 44308.

The battalion mobilized in 2004 and arrived in Iraq in January 2005. During the deployment, the unit operated the theater's only high-value criminal detainee facility and was responsible for the security and safety of more than 140 high profile former Iraqi regime members and suspected terrorists. In addition, the battalion conducted more than 600 convoy security escort missions throughout Iraq.

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