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Cincinnati-based Ohio Army National Guard unit returns home

Columbus – Maj. Gen. Gregory L. Wayt, Ohio adjutant general, will greet 57 Soldiers from the Ohio Army National Guard's Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, as they return from their yearlong deployment to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The public is invited to the unit's welcome home ceremony at 9 a.m., Friday, July 27, at Tri-County Assembly Church, 7350 Dixie Highway, Fairfield, Ohio 45015.

The Soldiers mobilized out of Camp Shelby, Miss., where the entire unit trained to run a Reception, Staging, Onward movement and Integration (RSOI) Forward Operating Base (FOB) in Kuwait.

The unit's mission was to run and support all personnel who transition, work, train and live in the Kuwait northern desert camps. While operating the largest deployment camp in Kuwait-Camp Buerhing-the unit housed more than 150,000 personnel, supported 24 brigade combat teams and over 250 separate units. The unit coordinated the distribution of more than 2 million meals served in three dining facilities, issued more than 640,000 Meals Ready-to-Eat (MRE) and 15 million bottles of water.

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Editor's Note: News media are encouraged to arrive about 30 minutes in advance of the ceremony. For additional information, call Maj. Joshua Quantz at (614) 336-6570 or James Sims at (614) 496-3812.