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Ohio Army National Guard unit returns home

COLUMBUS—The Ohio National Guard will welcome home 50 Soldiers assigned to the Columbus-based 437th Personnel Service Detachment during a 4:30 p.m. ceremony Sept. 7 at Canal Winchester Middle School, 100 Washington St., Canal Winchester, 43110, as they return from a yearlong deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The unit mobilized out of Ft. McCoy, Wis., and received specialized training to prepare them for their mission in Iraq. The 437th worked extensively with the new Deployed Theater Accountability System (DTAS), a software system which provides up-to-the-minute headcount information on Soldiers, Marines, government civilians and contractors serving in the Southwest Asia theatre. While deployed, the unit's efforts significantly increased the accuracy of the information provided by that system.

The troops also conducted missions in personnel accounting, strength reporting, postal operations, essential personnel actions and casualty accounting.

"I'm very proud of them and what they did," said Brig. Gen. Matthew L. Kambic, Ohio's assistant adjutant general for Army. "Now it is time for them to return home to their families after a job well done."

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Editor's Note: News media are encouraged to arrive approximately 30 minutes in advance. For additional information call Maj. Nicole Gabriel at (614) 336-7449 or Capt. Marshall Jackson at (614) 496-3812.