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Ohio Army National Guard unit returning home

COLUMBUS - The Ohio National Guard will welcome home about 30 Soldiers assigned to the Springfield-based 237th Forward Support Battalion, Rear Area Operation Center (RAOC) during an 11 a.m. ceremony Oct. 20 at Southgate Baptist Church, 2111 S. Center Blvd., Springfield, 45506, as they return from a yearlong deployment to Mosul, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Once deployed, the unit took over the Base Defense Operations Center of Forward Operating Base (FOB) Marez and operated a command post to provide the tactical coordination of responses to threat activities in and around the FOB. Soldiers coordinated efforts of the force protection unit and quick reaction force, developed a base defense plan, an anti-terror/force protection management plan, and consequence management plan for the entire FOB which consisted of more than 8,500 coalition Soldiers, U.S. civilians, third country nationals and local nationals.

The Soldiers departed Aug. 13, 2006, for Camp Shelby, Miss., where they received specialized training that prepared them for their yearlong deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

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