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Ohio Army National Guard unit returning home

COLUMBUS—The Ohio Army National Guard's McConnellsville-based 2nd Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery Regiment returns next week from a yearlong deployment to Washington, D.C., supporting Operation Noble Eagle in the National Capital Region (NCR). The welcome home ceremony is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2007, at Morgan High School, located at 800 Raider Drive in McConnellsville, Ohio, 43756.

Nearly 180 Citizen-Soldiers from the unit mobilized in August of 2006 to train for about two months at Fort Bliss, Texas, before arriving in Washington, D.C., Oct. 31, 2006. After a two-week transition, the unit assumed their mission supporting homeland defense by protecting the National Capital Region.

Some of the highlights of the unit's deployment include: meeting with the President of the United States and senior military leaders; receiving accolades for their professionalism and job performance from the United States Secret Service and Western Air Defense Sector; fielding new equipment in support of the ongoing mission in the NCR; and making history at the Air Defense Artillery school by achieving the highest average during training on the Norwegian Advanced Surface to Air Missile System (NASAMS) at Ft. Bliss.

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