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UPDATE

Ohio National Guard Special Forces Company to return

COLUMBUS—About 40 Soldiers from the Ohio Army National Guard's Columbus-based Company B, 2nd Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) are returning home from deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The unit mobilized in September 2008 and is returning in two phases with two planned welcome home ceremonies. The public is encouraged to help welcome the Green Berets home during both ceremonies to be held at the Groveport Recreation Center, 7370 Groveport Road, Groveport, Ohio 43215. The ceremony is planned for August 6 at 1 p.m.

Company B came to the Ohio Army National Guard in May 1994. In that time, the unit has distinguished itself in service around the globe during deployments to Kosovo, Northern Iraq (Operation Provide Comfort), Kuwait, Haiti, Iraq and most recently, Afghanistan.

During this deployment, the company trained and conducted operations in conjunction with Afghan National Army units.

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EDITORS NOTE: News media are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes in advance.

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