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## **Ohio National Guard Operational Mentor & Liaison Team to return home**

COLUMBUS— Approximately 28 Soldiers from the Ohio Army National Guard's Operational Mentor and Liaison Team (OMLT) 1.3 are scheduled to return from active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom next week.

The public is invited to the unit's Welcome Home Ceremony scheduled at 2 p.m., Wed., Aug. 4, 2010, at the Columbus Christian Center, 2300 North Cassidy Ave., Columbus, OH 43219.

The unit mobilized in June 2009. The OMLT program is a key NATO contribution towards the development of the Afghan National Army (ANA).

The Soldiers conducted more than 180 combat missions with the ANA and Afghan National Police forces (ANP), and engaged insurgents in 15 of those missions.

The unit conducted combat advisor operations down to the platoon level. The advisors lived with their counterparts and earned their respect in accordance with the Afghan cultural expectations of the warrior leader.

All Soldiers assigned to OMLT 1.3 earned either the Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Action Badge or Combat Medical Badge by performing their duties while in direct combat with insurgent forces.

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

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