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Ohio National Guard unit to return from deployment

COLUMBUS, Ohio—The Ohio National Guard will welcome home about 180 Soldiers from the 112th Engineer Battalion of Brook Park, Ohio, at a noon ceremony Friday, July 8, at the Lakewood Civic Auditorium, 14100 Franklin Blvd., Lakewood, Ohio, 44107. The public is invited to attend.

The troops are returning home from a yearlong deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

The battalion mobilized two companies to command, control and support Task Force Predator, a group of 750 personnel assigned to conduct route clearance missions. The task force was composed of regular Army units and National Guard units from Ohio, South Carolina, Utah and Mississippi.

The task force conducted 2,142 route clearance missions throughout Eastern Afghanistan clearing 134,609 kilometers of roadway. Eight Soldiers from states other than Ohio were killed in action during the deployment, and 105 Soldiers were wounded in action.

Awards and decorations for the Ohio Soldiers included 36 Bronze Star Medals, 31 Combat Action Badges and two Purple Heart Medals.

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EDITORS NOTE: News media are encouraged to arrive at least 60 minutes in advance in order to capture soldier/family reunions.

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