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Ohio National Guard unit to return from deployment

COLUMBUS, Ohio—The Ohio National Guard will welcome home **about** 270 Soldiers from the 1-174th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, at an 11 a.m. ceremony Friday, Sept. 9, at the TriCounty Assembly of God, 7350 Dixie Highway, Fairfield, Ohio, 45014. The public is invited to attend.

The troops are returning home from a yearlong deployment in support of Operation New Dawn in Iraq. The 1-174th ADA Regiment led a joint task force of 630 active Army, Navy and civilian contractors, which were stationed at 18 different forward operating bases. P

The unit conducted counter rocket, artillery and mortar force protection across Iraq, a mission which included detection, early warning and interception of enemy ordnance directed at U.S. military targets. The 1-174th ADA Regiment had the distinction of being the first National Guard unit to lead the joint task force.

During deployment the task force protected an estimated 120,000 U.S. military and civilian contractors, and the 1-174th ADA Regiment has been recommended for the Meritorious Unit Citation.

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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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