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## **Ohio National Guard unit to conduct welcome home, awards ceremony for its Operation Enduring Freedom deployment**

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio National Guard will welcome home about 40 Airmen from the 220th Engineering Installation Squadron, at a 1 p.m. ceremony Sunday, Sept. 18, at the Secrest Auditorium, 334 Shinnick Street, Zanesville, Ohio 43701. The public is invited to attend.

The Airmen returned this spring from a deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and various unit members served in Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kuwait, Bahrain and Qatar. As part of the ceremony, several awards will be presented to the unit's Airmen, including six Bronze Star Medals.

The 220th EIS Airmen provided installation and upgrade of networks and communications infrastructure during their deployment, where they supported U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force and NATO forces. Airmen from the 220th were responsible for the installation of five technical control facilities and communications installation projects at multiple bases and combat outposts throughout Afghanistan.

The 220th EIS has previously deployed for Operations Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn.

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EDITORS NOTE: News media are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes in advance in order to conduct Airmen/Family interviews.

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