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Ohio National Guard unit to return from deployment

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Ohio National Guard will welcome home 25 Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Maneuver Air and Missile Defense Forward Detachment, at a 10 a.m. ceremony Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Tri County 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, Maneuver Air and Missile Defense Forward Detachment was responsible for providing a low-level 3-D picture of the airspace across the Iraq joint area of operations. In addition, personnel were tasked with assisting the Counter Rocket Artillery and Mortar (C-RAM) Battalion with clearing airspace to allow the Phalanx Weapon System to engage enemy indirect fire.

During its 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 Commendation.

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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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