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Ohio National Guard unit to return from deployment

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio National Guard will welcome home 12 Soldiers from Operational Mentor and Liaison Team 1.6 during a noon ceremony Wednesday, December 14, at the Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church, 1636 Graham Road, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068. The public is invited to attend.

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

The unit mobilized jointly with their Hungarian Defense Force counterparts in January 2011, and trained in Hungary and Germany before deploying together to Afghanistan. The joint OMLT conducted nearly 200 missions with the Afghan National Army and Police Forces, participating in two major combat offensives.

Eight Ohio Soldiers assigned to OMLT 1.6 earned either the Combat Action Badge or Combat Infantry Badge for performing their duties while in direct combat with enemy forces.

The OMLT program is a key NATO contribution toward the development of the Afghan National Army.

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

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