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Ohio National Guard unit to return from deployment to Afghanistan

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio National Guard will welcome home 12 Soldiers from Operational Mentor and Liaison Team 1.8 during a 2 p.m. ceremony Friday, Dec. 14, 2012, at Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church, 1636 Graham Road, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068. The public is invited to attend.

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

The unit mobilized jointly with members from the Hungarian Defense Force earlier this year, and trained at Fort Polk, La., as well as in Hungary and Germany, before deploying to Afghanistan. During the OMLT's six months on ground in Afghanistan, the joint team conducted combat patrols with the Afghan National Army, which included direct, close combat with anti-Afghan forces.

The OMLT-Augmented program is a key NATO contribution toward the development of the Afghan National Army (ANA).

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NEWSROOM NOTE: News media are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes in advance of the scheduled start time.

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