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Media Advisory

Ohio National Guard aviation unit to return from deployment

- WHO:** Nearly 70 Soldiers from the Ohio Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 137th Aviation Regiment
- WHAT:** Returning Soldiers will be greeted at the airport as they arrive home from their nearly yearlong deployment to Kuwait. Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor and senior Ohio National Guard leadership will greet the Soldiers as they disembark their flight. Family and Friends will welcome home their Soldier on-site at the airport.
- WHEN:** Media availability will begin approximately 3:30 p.m. and last until Soldiers and Families depart.
- WHERE:** Port Columbus International Airport, Columbus, Ohio. Media should meet at baggage claim at 1:15 p.m. Family and friends will be waiting in baggage claim to meet returning Soldiers.
- BACKGROUND:** The 1-137th was deployed to Kuwait in Jan. 2015 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. While there, provided aviation support and conducted partnership operations with regional countries.

MEDIA COORDINATION NOTES:

- News media are encouraged to arrive at least 45 minutes in advance of the scheduled flight arrival time, as it may be early.
- No coordination is necessary for media members to access the baggage area where Families and friends will be awaiting to greet their Soldiers.

- For media interested in localizing their stories, the hometown breakdown for the returning Soldiers is as follows (multiple Soldiers from same hometown are indicated in parentheses):
 - Akron (2)
 - Amanda
 - Arvada
 - Ashland
 - Ashley
 - Blacklick
 - Bowling Green
 - Canal Fulton
 - Canal Winchester
 - Cincinnati (3)
 - Circleville
 - Cleveland
 - Columbus (12)
 - Dublin (2)
 - Enterprise
 - Gahanna (2)
 - Grove City
 - Johnstown
 - Kettering
 - Lancaster (3)
 - Loveland
 - Massillon
 - Mount Vernon (2)
 - Northwood
 - Obetz
 - Pataskala
 - Peninsula
 - Pickerington
 - Plain City
 - Polk
 - Portland
 - Powell (2)
 - Reynoldsburg (2)
 - Rushville
 - Sellersburg
 - Stoutsville
 - Thornville
 - Vandalia
 - Wadsworth
 - Wapakoneta
 - Washington Court House
 - West Salem
 - Westerville (2)

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