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Wyoming Soldiers return from historic deployment

CHEYENNE – Soldiers from the Wyoming Army National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 300th Field Artillery, 115th Fires Brigade, will return to the Casper Natrona County International Airport's Nerd Hanger at 2 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 2:50 p.m., on April 1.

This is the second of three groups of returning Soldiers. Those returning include Soldiers from the 2-300th, as well as 960th Brigade Support Battalion service members who were attached to them for the deployment.

Members of the public are invited to join the Soldiers' families in welcoming the unit home. The Nerd Hanger, located next to the commercial aircraft terminal, will be open to family members, media and the public two hours prior to the chartered aircraft arrival. Those planning to attend will be directed to a designated parking area at the airport.

This group of roughly 400 Wyoming Soldiers left the Casper airport in April 2009, to conduct pre-mobilization training at Fort Hood, Texas, before making the journey to Kuwait and Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The mission of this unit was to conduct convoy security and escort missions throughout Kuwait and Iraq.

Throughout its deployment, the 2-300 FA conducted more than 15,500 convoy security and personnel security missions, drove more than 3.2 million miles and moved and secured more than 500,000 Department of Defense personnel in Kuwait. The unit also integrated more than 200 Soldiers from outside units into the battalion from more than 36

different states, secured more than 48,000 logistics vehicles into Iraq and maintained accountability of more than \$94 million worth of military equipment.

Additional duties for this unit included command and control operations, communication support, logistical support, intelligence support, medical support and electronic warfare support for more than 680 Soldiers operating in three different countries.

Homecoming event coordinators are looking for volunteers to help wave flags and welcome Wyoming Soldiers home. For more information on how to help with the ceremony, please contact the Wyoming Guard's Yellow Ribbon Program by calling Deputy Military Personnel Officer, Ms. Corey Loghry, at (307) 772-5933.

For media wishing to cover this event, or for additional information please contact the Wyoming National Guard Public Affairs Office at (307) 772-5253.