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Wyoming Soldiers return from historic deployment

CHEYENNE – Soldiers from the Wyoming Army National Guard's 115th Fires Brigade will return to the Wyoming Air National Guard at 2:30 p.m., on April 2.

This is the last of three groups of returning Soldiers.

Members of the public are invited to join the Soldiers' families in welcoming the unit home. The Wyoming Air National Guard will be open to family members, media and the public two hours prior to the chartered aircraft arrival.

Those planning to attend must possess valid photo identification in order to access the military installation. Visitors will be directed to a parking area.

This group of roughly 100 Wyoming Soldiers left the Cheyenne Regional Airport in April 2009, to conduct pre-mobilization training at Fort Hood, Texas, before making the journey to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The mission of this unit was to conduct command and control operations throughout Kuwait and portions of Iraq.

Throughout its deployment, the 115 FiB was tasked with commanding more than 3,000 U.S. service members representing over 30 states and spanning multiple branches of military services. Overall, the brigade drove more than 5.5 million miles, successfully conducted more than 25,000 missions – including nearly 24,000 convoy escorts, around 4,000 response missions and 175 Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle escorts.

The brigade also held 42 host nation training events and trained more than 800 Kuwaiti Soldiers and Sailors. The 115th was ultimately responsible for commanding six camps in Kuwait and Iraq.

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.