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Yellow Ribbon Program reintegration event and Freedom Salute Ceremony scheduled for Sheridan.

CHEYENNE – Community members are invited to join Soldiers and their families of the Wyoming Army National Guard's 115th Fires Brigade for a Freedom Salute Ceremony to honor their service and sacrifice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom on June 13, from 1- 2:45 p.m., at the Holiday Inn, 1809 Sugarland Dr., in Sheridan.

Community members interested in learning more about supporting the returning Soldiers are also invited to attend the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration discussion and benefits information fair from 11 a.m. until noon, that day at the same location. The fair will include service providers from nearly every program available for returning service members and their families.

Reintegration events allow Soldiers, their families and community members to not only join together, but also learn how to work together while creating a cohesive community approach to a successful post-deployment process.

The unit left in April 2009, to conduct pre-mobilization training at Fort Hood, Texas, before making the journey to Kuwait and Iraq. The mission of this unit was to conduct command and control operations as well as convoy security and escort missions throughout Kuwait and Iraq.

Soldiers from Sheridan, Wyo., served with the 2nd Battalion, 300th Field Artillery, 115th Fires Brigade. 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.

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