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Yellow Ribbon Program reintegration event and Freedom Salute Ceremony scheduled for Casper

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 26, from 1 - 2:45 p.m., at Wolcott Galleria, 136 South Wolcott Street, in Casper.

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 3 - 4 p.m., 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 the area of Casper, Wyo., served with the 960th Brigade Support Battalion, 115th Fires Brigade. Throughout its time in Kuwait, the unit processed more than 20,000 work-orders, served more than 500,000 meals and significantly improved the cleanliness and efficiency of Camp Virginia.

The unit also initiated camp improvement projects including the installation of run-quiet generators, replacement of 700 transient tents, construction of 30 additional large transient tents, installation of a wireless emergency notification system, and several smaller quality-of-life upgrades to 1,000 permanent and 180,000 transient Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines.

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