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Wyo. Army National Guard Charlie Med Soldiers return

CHEYENNE – The Wyoming Army National Guard's 21 Soldiers, who have been deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom since Aug. 5, 2009, are scheduled to arrive in Wyoming at noon on June 24, at the Raper Armory, located at 5500 Bishop Blvd., Cheyenne.

The Soldiers are members of C Company, 5th Battalion, 159th General Support Aviation Brigade, also known as Charlie Med. They have been performing medical evacuation missions in Afghanistan.

They will be greeted by Wyoming National Guard command staff and families. A brief welcome home ceremony will follow.

The unit is out-processing at Fort Sill, Okla., prior to the noon arrival in Cheyenne.

The Soldiers, to include pilots, crew chiefs, medics and maintenance personnel, are from the Wyoming communities of Cheyenne, Casper, Douglas, Laramie, Riverton, Rock Springs and Sheridan; and the Colorado communities of Denver, Idaho Springs and Colorado Springs.

Charlie Med is the most deployed unit in the Wyoming Army National Guard.

This was the second of three annual rotations for the unit in Afghanistan. The third rotation is scheduled for early 2011. Among the unit's recent mobilizations are Operation Noble Eagle, the country's homeland security effort; Operation Iraqi Freedom; Operation Enduring Freedom and the United Nation's mission in Bosnia. The unit has also been activated for fire fighting missions, search and rescue missions and other emergencies in Wyoming and around the world.

Media planning to attend the event should call 307-772-5253 by 3 p.m., June 23, for access to the facility.