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First Wave of Utah Guard Military Intelligence Soldiers Returns to Utah

DRAPER, Utah – Approximately 30 Soldiers from the Utah National Guard's 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion will be the first group to return to Utah from Afghanistan Tuesday afternoon, following a 12-month deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The 300 Soldiers from the 142nd deployed in February 2008 to Afghanistan via Fort Lewis, Wash., and have been providing intelligence support to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and other Coalition forces as part of Task Force Wasatch.

Soldiers will be undergoing demobilization processing at Fort Lewis through the weekend. The group is expected to arrive at the Utah Air National Guard Base adjacent to the Salt Lake International Airport. The Utah National Guard will announce the time of their arrival as soon as that information is available.

Remaining Soldiers of the 142nd are expected to return from overseas in late February.

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