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142nd Military Intelligence Battalion Soldiers Return from Afghanistan

DRAPER, Utah – Approximately 260 Soldiers from the Utah National Guard's 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion will return to Utah from Afghanistan Friday, Feb. 27, 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 arrived at Fort Lewis Feb. 18 and are undergoing demobilization processing at Fort Lewis this week. Arrival will be at the Utah Air National Guard Base adjacent to Salt Lake International Airport on two charter flights Friday at 5:45 a.m. and 6:45 a.m., respectively.

Charter flights typically run ahead of schedule, so media planning to cover the arrival(s) should plan to be on site one hour before announced arrival time(s).

An advance party of 30 Soldiers of the 142nd returned from overseas Jan. 27.

Arriving Soldiers are from the following cities:

Alpine, American Fork, Aurora, Bountiful, Brigham City, Cedar City, Cedar Hills, Clearfield, Clinton, Cottonwood Heights, Draper, Eagle Mountain, Fruit Heights, Genola, Glenwood, Goshen, Grantsville, Harrisville, Heber, Hooper, Hyrum, Kanab, Kaysville, Kearns, La Verkin, Layton, Lehi, Lindon, Logan, Magna, Midvale, Morgan, Mount Pleasant, Murray, North Salt Lake, Ogden, Orem, Park City, Pleasant Grove, Price, Provo, Riverton, Roy, Salt Lake City, Sandy, Saratoga Springs, South Jordan, Spanish Fork, Springville, St. George, Syracuse, Taylorsville, Tooele, Washington, West Jordan, West Point, West Valley City, Woods Cross.

Media Notes: The Utah Air National Guard Base is located at 765 N. 2200 W. (just east of Salt Lake International Airport). Please contact Lt. Col. Hank McIntire at (801) 420-4778 for more information.