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Utah Guard's 141st Military Intelligence Battalion Returns from Iraq Duty

DRAPER, Utah – Approximately 175 members of the Utah National Guard's 141st Military Intelligence Battalion will return from their 12-month deployment to Iraq via charter aircraft Wednesday, June 15, at 2:30 p.m. at the Utah Air National Guard Base in Salt Lake City.

The mission of the unit was to provide intelligence support to Coalition forces in Iraq. Initially, 275 Soldiers of the 141st deployed in June 2010 for this mission. When the mission was downsized after several weeks, some 30 Soldiers returned home to Utah, and approximately 20 Soldiers were redirected to Afghanistan. These 20 returned to Utah this past weekend. Another 50 Soldiers have already returned home in small groups during the past month.

The 175 Soldiers returning this Wednesday arrived from overseas at Fort Lewis, Wash., last week and have been undergoing demobilization processing.

Charter flights typically run ahead of schedule, so media planning to cover the return of the 141st should plan to be on site one hour before the announced arrival time.

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