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**KEARNEY-BASED ARMY NATIONAL
GUARD UNIT RETURN TO NEBRASKA,
TO BE REUNITED WITH FAMILIES
AT 5 P.M. AT STATE FAIR PARK**

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LINCOLN, Neb. – Approximately 120 Nebraska Army National Guard Soldiers returned to Nebraska last evening after serving for a year in Kuwait.

The Soldiers – members of the Kearney-based Company B, 735th Main Support Battalion, which has detachments in McCook and Lexington – arrived back in Nebraska early last evening and began their demobilization activities in Lincoln this morning.

They will be reunited with their families this afternoon at approximately 5 p.m. at the Lancaster Building in the State Fair Park, Lincoln. Due to space constraints, the ceremony is not open to the public.

Following the short reunion ceremony, the Soldiers will be released to their families for the evening. They will then continue to demobilize in Lincoln for the remainder of the week before their final demobilization ceremony on Saturday, March 26 at 10 a.m. Central Time at the Kearney High School Auditorium located at 3610 6th Avenue, in Kearney. That ceremony is open to the public.

Co. B, 735th MSB was mobilized to active duty on Jan. 13, 2004, in Kearney, Neb. They departed Fort Riley, Kan., on March 23, 2004. While in Kuwait, the unit conducted a wide array of missions including providing maintenance support for the Army, Navy and Marines at Kuwait Sea Port, conducted basic Army skills training for 140 Air Force personnel, provided security and force protection at the Theatre Distribution Center in Kuwait and logged nearly 800,000 miles while conducting transportation missions. A number of those convoys extended into Iraq.

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NOTE: The media is invited to cover the reunion ceremony this afternoon at 5 p.m. at the Lancaster Building on the State Fair Grounds. The time, however, is a tentative schedule. Any changes to the schedule will be announced via new release from the Nebraska National Guard Public Affairs Office.