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WESTERN NEBRASKA TRUCK
COMPANY TO MOBILIZE IN JULY
FOR OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

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LINCOLN, Neb. – Approximately 150 Soldiers from Western Nebraska will be mobilizing for Operation Iraqi Freedom, Maj. Gen. Roger Lempke, adjutant general for Nebraska, announced today.

The Soldiers are members of the 1074th Transportation Company, which is headquartered in North Platte with detachments in Sidney, Ogallala and Broken Bow. The company is responsible for transporting dry and refrigerated containerized cargo, general non-containerized cargo, bulk water and bulk petroleum products.

Following its mobilization in July, the Soldiers are scheduled to conduct training at Camp Shelby for their mission in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Following that training, the unit is expected to deploy into the Central Command area for a mission that is expected to last approximately one-year.

The unit's final destination is not being released at this time.

This marks the second mobilization for the 1074th Transportation Company in three years. The unit was first mobilized in February 2003 for Operation Enduring Freedom and spent approximately nine months at Fort McCoy, Wisc., in support of mobilization efforts there.

A send-off ceremony will be held for the unit prior to its departure. Details will follow at a later date.

At the current time, approximately 800 Nebraska Army National Guard Soldiers are mobilized for duty in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, or approximately 23 percent of the total Army National Guard force in the state. More than 75 percent of the force remains available for homeland defense or other emergency response duties.