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**NEBRASKA ARMY GUARD CAVALRY
SOLDIERS TO RETURN TO NEBRASKA
TOMORROW AFTER SPENDING YEAR IN IRAQ**

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LINCOLN, Neb. – Approximately 60 Nebraska Army National Guard Soldiers assigned to Troop A, 1-167th Cavalry, will be welcomed back to Nebraska tomorrow, June 22, after a year-long combat tour in Iraq, at approximately 4:15 p.m. in Lincoln.

The unit – which prior to being mobilized for Operation Iraqi Freedom was based in Hastings and Grand Island – is expected to arrive at the National Guard Air Base in Lincoln aboard a chartered aircraft at approximately 4:15 p.m.

At the time of its January 2005 mobilization, the unit was the first Nebraska Army National Guard combat unit to deploy to a combat zone for a combat mission since World War II. While in Iraq, the Soldiers were stationed in Ramadi as part of the 2/28th Brigade Combat Team, Pennsylvania Army National Guard.

The Soldiers arrived back in the United States late last week and have since been out processing from active duty at Camp Shelby, Miss.

Following the Soldiers' arrival, a short welcoming ceremony is planned. At this time Governor Dave Heineman and Brig Gen. William Kuehn, assistant adjutant general-Army, are scheduled to speak.

Due to space constraints, the ceremony is not open to the public.

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NOTE: The media is invited to cover the welcome ceremony for Troop A, 1-167th Cavalry. The Nebraska National Guard is co-located with the Lincoln Municipal Airport. Public Affairs officials will be on hand to assist the media. Also, because of the nature of chartered aircraft please be aware that the schedule could change slightly. If any major changes occur, the Public Affairs Office will put out a press release with the details.