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**NEBRASKA ARMY GUARD SOLDIERS TO RETURN  
TO NEBRASKA ON THURSDAY, JULY 13,  
AFTER ONE-YEAR MISSION IN AFGHANISTAN**

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LINCOLN, Neb. – Approximately 35 Nebraska Army National Guard Soldiers will be welcomed back to Nebraska by their families and state officials Thursday, July 13, at approximately 4:30 p.m. at the National Guard air base in Lincoln.

The Soldiers – members of the Camp Ashland-based 209<sup>th</sup> Regional Training Institute – have been serving in Afghanistan since mid-July 2005. In Afghanistan, they were responsible for helping train members of Afghanistan’s new national army. The Soldiers are commanded by Col. Ronald Schrock of Lincoln.

While in Afghanistan, the Soldiers helped develop training programs for Afghanistan’s new officer and noncommissioned officer corps, individual skills development, marksmanship and basic training. Many of the Soldiers assigned to the mission are instructors at Camp Ashland’s 209<sup>th</sup> Regional Training Institute where they provide similar training for National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers from a multi-state region.

The Soldiers are currently at Fort Stewart, Ga., where they are undergoing demobilization and administrative processing. They will then be flown back to Lincoln aboard a Nebraska Air National Guard KC-135R Stratotanker being flown by a crew from the 155<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing.

A short welcome home ceremony is scheduled for the returning Soldiers at the Penterman Armory located at the south side of the Nebraska National Guard air base, which is co-located with the Lincoln Municipal Airport. Among those expected to welcome the Soldiers back to Nebraska are Gov. Dave Heineman, Maj. Gen. Roger Lempke, adjutant general for Nebraska, and other state and local leaders.

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

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**Note:** The media is invited to cover the welcome home ceremony of the 209<sup>th</sup> Regional Training Institute Soldiers. Public Affairs officials will be on hand to assist.