

**LINCOLN-BASED HELICOPTER UNIT  
TO BE WELCOMED HOME TOMORROW,  
AUGUST 24, AT NATIONAL GUARD AIR BASE**

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LINCOLN, Neb. – Approximately 90 Nebraska Army National Guard Soldiers will be welcomed home to Lincoln tomorrow, Aug 24, at the National Guard Air Base in Lincoln.

The Soldiers – members of the 2-135th General Support Aviation Battalion – were first mobilized for Operation Iraqi Freedom in March 2006. After attending mobilization training, they then deployed to Iraq where they provided aeromedical evacuation support to American and Coalition forces in Iraq.

The unit is currently undergoing demobilization processing at Fort Carson, Colo., and is expected to arrive – by plane – in Lincoln tomorrow morning. A short welcome home ceremony is scheduled to begin at approximately 11 a.m. at the National Guard Army Aviation Support Facility. Among those expected to speak during the welcome home ceremony are Lt. Gov. Rick Sheehy, U.S. Representative Jeff Fortenberry, Maj. Gen. Roger P. Lempke and other state, local and military officials.

Due to space constraints, tomorrow's welcome home ceremony is not open to the public.

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NOTE: The media is invited to cover the homecoming ceremony of 2-135th General Support Aviation Battalion. The ceremony is scheduled to begin at approximately 11 a.m. at the Nebraska Army National Guard helicopter hangar located at the National Guard air base, which is collocated with the Lincoln Municipal Airport. The Soldiers are expected to arrive by plane shortly before 10:30 a.m. A Public Affairs official will be on hand to assist the media.