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MEDIA ALERT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Guardsman to deploy to Iraq

RAPID CITY, S.D. – Lt. Col. Harvey Fitzgerald will be honored during an activation ceremony at 3 p.m. (MDT) on Friday, July 6, at Building 450 on Camp Rapid as he prepares to deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The public is encouraged to attend.

Fitzgerald, from Hermosa and a member of South Dakota National Guard's Joint Force Headquarters, has volunteered to deploy with a providential reconstruction team and serve as an agri-business specialist.

Fitzgerald will serve as a senior advisor to the Iraqi provincial government in formulating agricultural policy to expedite government investment in the agriculture sector, and also guide the investment policy to induce private sector agriculture.

Specific duties of the mission include, performing baseline assessment of the agriculture sector, advising the government in developing effective agriculture networks, and advising the government on new legislation aimed at providing financing to local farmers.

Fitzgerald will report to Fort Benning, Ga., for training prior to deployment.