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2 Guard Soldiers return from deployment, home for Christmas

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111222-A-CW157-001: South Dakota Army National Guard Soldier Chief Warrant Officer 3 JD Rodriguez embraces his wife, Martha, at the Rapid City Regional Airport Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011, after returning home from a four-month deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Rodriguez, of Rapid City, deployed with the South Dakota Army National Guard's Detachment 48 Operational Support Airlift Command in August as a C-12 King fixed-wing aircraft pilot. This was his second deployment; he first deployed with Det. 48 in 2008. (SDNG photo by Staff Sgt. Theanne Tangen) (RELEASED)



111223-A-CW157-001: South Dakota Army National Guard Soldier Maj. Amber Heinert greets her children Austin, 2, and Riyahn, 3, at the Rapid City Regional Airport Friday, Dec. 23, 2011, after returning home from a five-month deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Heinert, of Hill City, voluntarily deployed with the 928th Area Support Medical Company, Colorado Army National Guard, in July as a behavioral health officer, providing initial assessments and triage, stress management services and education, and crisis intervention for coalition forces. (SDNG photo by Staff Sgt. Theanne Tangen) (RELEASED)

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