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Guard unit returns to U.S. from overseas

FORT DIX, N.J. – Soldiers of the 200th Engineer Company, South Dakota Army National Guard, arrived on U.S. soil today at approximately noon (ET) at Fort Dix, N.J., after a year-long deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The 200th, of Pierre, Chamberlain and Mobridge, deployed with approximately 184 members in May 2011. As a multi-role bridging unit, the 200th had a mission to maintain, repair and replace existing military bridges throughout Afghanistan.

Members of the 200th will spend about a week at Fort Dix completing de-mobilization requirements before returning to South Dakota.

A welcome home ceremony is tentatively being planned for May 12 in Pierre. Details of the unit's arrival will be made available to the public several days prior to the event.

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