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Guard unit returns to U.S. from Middle East

FORT HOOD, Texas. – The last of the 64 Soldiers from the 139th Brigade Support Battalion, South Dakota Army National Guard, arrived to the United States yesterday evening in Fort Hood, Texas, after serving a nearly yearlong deployment to Iraq and Kuwait in support of Operation New Dawn.

Forth-six remaining members of the 139th arrived to Fort Hood in a series of flights during the past two days. The other 18 members of the 139th returned home a month earlier.

The 139th, comprised of Soldiers from the Brookings, Redfield, Watertown, Miller, Mitchell, Rapid City and Sioux Falls areas, deployed in July as a Logistics Task Force with a mission to provide supply, maintenance and transportation support to U.S. forces in Iraq and Kuwait.

Members of the 139th will spend about a week at Fort Hood completing de-mobilization requirements before returning to South Dakota.

No details of the unit's arrival to South Dakota or welcome home ceremony are known at this time. Details of the unit's arrival home will be made available to the public as soon as they are confirmed.

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120510-A-CW157-004: Lt. Col. Bruce Carter welcomes home Spc. Scott Loveland of the 139th Brigade Support Battalion, South Dakota Army National Guard, as members of the unit arrived to the United States on May 10, 2012, in Fort Hood, Texas, after serving a nearly yearlong deployment to Iraq and Kuwait in support of Operation New Dawn. (SDNG photo by Sgt. 1st Class Theanne Tangen) (RELEASED)



120510-A-CW157-002: Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, adjutant general of the South Dakota National Guard, addresses Soldiers of the 139th Brigade Support Battalion after they arrived to the United States May 10, 2012, in Fort Hood, Texas, after serving a nearly yearlong deployment to Iraq and Kuwait in support of Operation New Dawn. (SDNG photo by Sgt. 1st Class Theanne Tangen) (RELEASED)

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