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Guard unit returns to U.S. from Middle East

FORT HOOD, Texas. – Soldiers of Company C, 1st Battalion, 189th Aviation Regiment, South Dakota Army National Guard, arrived to the United States today in Fort Hood, Texas, after a yearlong deployment to Iraq and Kuwait in support of Operation New Dawn.

The Rapid City-based 1-189th, comprised of 67 Soldiers, deployed in May 2011 with a mission to provide aerial medical evacuation support to U.S. and coalition forces. The unit is comprised of pilots, crew chiefs, medics, mechanics, avionics specialists and flight operations personnel.

Members of the 1-189th 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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