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## **DEPLOYMENT RECOGNITION CEREMONIES SCHEDULED FOR IOWA NATIONAL GUARD UNIT-NOV 2**

Community homecoming and deployment recognition ceremonies for the 248th Aviation Support Battalion (ASB) will be held Friday, November 2. Local officials and Iowa National Guard leadership will participate, and the public and media are *welcome and encouraged* to attend the ceremonies. Here are the ceremony locations and times:

### **Davenport**

**Headquarters Support Company and Detachment 4, Company B:** approximately 75 Soldiers will be honored at a 1 p.m. ceremony in the Davenport Army Aviation Support Facility, 9650 N. Harrison St., Davenport, Iowa.

### **Waterloo**

**Company A and Detachment 3, Company B:** approximately 105 Soldiers will be honored at a 1 p.m. ceremony at the Waterloo Army Aviation Support Facility, 2245 West Big Rock Road, Waterloo, Iowa.

### **Muscatine**

**Detachment 1, Company A:** approximately 30 Soldiers will be honored at a 5 p.m. ceremony in the Iowa National Guard Readiness Center, 5801 Grandview Ave., Muscatine, Iowa.

### **Boone**

**Detachment 1, Headquarters Support Company and Company B:** approximately 180 Soldiers will be honored at a 5 p.m. ceremony in the Boone High School gym, 500 7th St., Boone, Iowa.

The 248th ASB is comprised of aircraft maintainers, test pilots, and logistical support personnel. A total of approximately 500 Army National Guard Soldiers with detachments from four other states (Louisiana, Maryland, Tennessee and Wisconsin) mobilized for this mission, which included approximately 390 Soldiers from the Iowa Army National Guard. These Soldiers traveled to their mobilization station at Fort

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Hood, Texas, for additional training before assignment to overseas locations in the U.S. Central Command theater of operation. Central Command is comprised of 20 nations in the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia, including Afghanistan, Iraq, and other countries. This deployment was the largest, single-unit deployment of the Iowa National Guard since 2010.

The battalion’s mission is to provide aviation maintenance and logistical support to a combat aviation brigade, which includes aircraft diagnostics, repair, maintenance, refueling, medical support, supply support activities, ground maintenance, and testing. Units within the ASB have previously mobilized in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (2001-2002, 2003, and 2004), Operation Iraqi Freedom (2008-2009), and Kosovo Force peacekeeping (2013-2014).

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