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## **WELCOME HOME CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN DAVENPORT**

Approximately 75 Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Company B, 1-171st General Support Aviation Battalion, based in Davenport, will be honored in a community welcome home ceremony on May 13 at 3 p.m.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend the homecoming ceremony at Army Aviation Support Facility #3, 9650 N. Harrison St., Davenport, Iowa.

Soldiers from the 1-171st GSAB deployed alongside members of the Minnesota National Guard to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, a region comprised of more than 20 nations from Northeast Africa, across the Middle East and Central and South Asia. They returned home in late 2021.

While mobilized, the aviation unit conducted cargo and troop transport, refueling and maintenance operations in support of U.S. and Coalition forces. The unit logged nearly 3,000 flight hours, moved over 3,500 personnel, and transported nearly 2 million pounds of cargo on CH-47 "Chinook" helicopters.

The GSAB was previously activated into federal service in 2003, 2010 and 2016 in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

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