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Michigan Army National Guard Soldiers return from Afghanistan

LANSING, MICH.-- Following a 12-month tour of duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, more than 100 Michigan Army National Guard Soldiers from the Wyoming-based 126th Cavalry Squadron return home. The Soldiers are scheduled to arrive on Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Gerald R. Ford Airport in Grand Rapids in two separate mid-morning flights and will then travel by bus to their respective armory cities for community homecoming ceremonies that both begin at 1 p.m.

While in Afghanistan the squadron completed a variety of missions based on the needs of the theatre commander. Though the unit is headquartered in Wyoming, it has Troop commands located in Cadillac, Manistee and Dowagiac.

The B Troop ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. Sept. 22 at the Manistee Armory, 555 1st Street, Manistee.

The C Troop ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. Sept. 22 at Dowagiac High School, 701 West Prairie Ronde Street.

Today, more than 1,700 Michigan National Guard Soldiers and Airmen are deployed across the globe in support of the global war on terrorism. However, as the Michigan Guard serves the nation abroad, more than 95 percent of the force is available, trained and ready to respond to a state emergency, including a terrorist event.

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