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## CONNECTICUT ARMY NATIONAL GUARD UNIT RETURNS FROM GUANTANAMO BAY

HARTFORD, Conn. - Maj. Gen. Thaddeus J. Martin, Adjutant General and commander of the Connecticut National Guard, announces the scheduled return of over 50 soldiers from the 192nd Military Police Battalion after a nine-month deployment to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Soldiers are expected to be united with their families **Wednesday, January 27, 2016, between 2:30 and 4:00 p.m.** at the National Guard's Windsor Locks Army Aviation Readiness Center, 85-300 Light Lane, Windsor Locks.

**This event is open to the media. Media will not be allowed on post until 2:15 p.m.**

The 192nd Military Police Battalion, based in Niantic and commanded by Lt. Col. Paul Deal of Hampton, departed Connecticut alongside the 143rd Regional Support Group in March and reported to Ft. Bliss, Texas for further training and validation. The unit then deployed to Cuba, responsible for detainee operations at Guantanamo Bay in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Prior to their sendoff, the 192nd Military Police trained at J.B. Gates Prison in Niantic on multiple occasions, thanks to an agreement with the Connecticut Department of Corrections.

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“The success of the 192nd Military Police was built upon a set of skills honed right here in Connecticut, thanks to the commitment of the men and women who answered the nation’s call,” said Martin. “We are very proud of everything the unit accomplished while mobilized to Cuba.”

With the 192nd's return, the Connecticut National Guard now has nearly 150 Guardsmen mobilized and deployed around the globe.

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## **Media Advisory**

The arrival of the 143rd Regional Support Group at the **Connecticut National Guard’s Windsor Locks Aviation Readiness Center, 85-300 Light Lane, Windsor Locks**, is open to the media. **Media are welcome to arrive any time after 2:15 p.m.** Please present identification at the main entrance gate and you will be further directed.

**Directions:** I-91N from Hartford to Exit 40 (Route 20/Bradley Airport Connector), then take the 2nd exit (Route 75), RIGHT at the end of the exit ramp. Follow Route 75 north to the Valero Service Station light. At that light, take a LEFT. Come to the stop sign and take a RIGHT. Follow the airport perimeter road for approximately a half mile to the Windsor Locks Army Aviation Readiness Center. The main entrance will be on your left, immediately past the Huey helicopter on static display.