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WHO: Col. Todd McCaffrey and approximately 600 Soldiers of the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team

WHAT: Welcome ceremony for troops returning from 15-month deployment to Iraq

WHEN: 10 p.m., February 26

WHERE: Wheeler Army Air Field

DETAILS: Col. Todd McCaffrey, commander of the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team (2SBCT), 25th Infantry Division will return home tonight after completing a 15-month deployment to Iraq.

During their deployment, the 4,500 2SBCT Soldiers conducted more than 30,000 patrols, many of them combined with their Iraqi Security Force counterparts, to help provide a safe, secure and stable environment for the Iraqi people.

The Soldiers, along with their Iraqi counterparts, found more than 1,100 weapons caches; completed more than 150 school projects and 20 hospital projects; and provided more than 1,000 micro-grants to Iraqi business owners, totaling more than \$2 million.

"Warrior" Brigade Soldiers earned four Bronze Star Medals with the valor device during their 15-month combat tour, along with 15 Army Commendation Medals with "V" device, and 35 Purple Heart Medals.

MEDIA NOTE: *Media wishing to attend should R.S.V.P. no later than 9 p.m., Feb. 26. For further information please contact Loran D. Doane, Media Relations chief, at 656-3157 or 317-847-2222.*