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Fort Polk Unit returns from Central Command

Fort Polk, La.--- A welcome home ceremony is set for approximately 300 members of the 83rd Chemical Battalion, Warrior Brigade. The 83rd returned last week from Central Command where they spent the last few months in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The mission of the 83rd Chemical Battalion is to deploy worldwide; provide nuclear, biological and chemical reconnaissance, biological surveillance, decontamination, and smoke support to protect forces in contingency operations.

The ceremony will be conducted Tuesday, June 10 at 4 p.m., at the Warrior Brigade field here.

The event is open to the public and the local community is encouraged to attend. Come out and support your troops.

Media wishing to cover the ceremony should contact Maj. Ron Elliott at (337) 531-1418 or Samantha Bingham at (337) 531-4630 by 3:00 p.m. tomorrow.

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