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Fort Polk Unit returns from Central Command

Fort Polk, La.--- A welcome home ceremony is set for approximately 60 members of the 1st and 5th Platoons of 7th Chemical Company, 83rd Chemical Battalion, Warrior Brigade. The platoons returned earlier this 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 Thursday, June 26 at 9 a.m., at Honor 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 Karla Gonzalez at (337) 531-6134.

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