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**310<sup>th</sup> Chemical Company returns from Central Command:  
Ceremony set for Friday**

Fort Polk, La.--- A welcome home and demobilization ceremony is set for approximately 165 members of the 310<sup>th</sup> Chemical Company, 83<sup>rd</sup> Chemical Battalion, Warrior Brigade. The unit returned earlier this month from Central Command where they spent the last few months in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The 310<sup>th</sup> is an Army Reserve unit with personnel from Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina. These "Citizen Soldiers" were mobilized following the terrorist attacks September 11, 2001. Following their mobilization, they deployed to Fort Polk where they became a vital part of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Chemical Battalion here. As part of the 83<sup>rd</sup>, platoons of the 310<sup>th</sup> have deployed to Korea, Afghanistan, Qatar, Kuwait, Dugway Proving Ground, Utah, and Iraq. Since their mobilization, they have been a part of Operation Nobel Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The mission of the 310<sup>th</sup> Chemical is to deploy worldwide and provide biological surveillance and detection to protect forces against biological attacks.

The ceremony will be conducted Friday, July 25 at 9:30 a.m., at 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 Karla Gonzalez at (337) 531-6134.

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