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**527th Engineer Battalion returns from Afghanistan:
Ceremony set for Friday**

Fort Polk, La.--- A welcome home and demobilization ceremony is set for Friday, September 5, to honor approximately 500 members of the 527th Engineer Battalion.

The soldiers of the 527th left their families in February to deploy to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The 527th, a Louisiana Army National Guard construction battalion, is comprised of personnel from Ruston, West Monroe and Camp Beauregard.

During their tour of duty in Afghanistan, the unit's members worked on a variety of projects to include upgrade and repair to both Bagram and Kandahar Airfields involving runway expansion, rapid runway repair, taxiways improvements and established drainage.

The ceremony will be conducted at 10:00 a.m., at Warrior Brigade Field here. Inclement weather location is at Warrior Gym. 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.

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