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**1086 Transportation Company returns from Iraq:
Ceremony set for Tuesday**

Fort Polk, La.--- A welcome home and demobilization ceremony is set for Tuesday, November 25th, to honor approximately 100 members of the 1086th Transportation Company (TC). Also being honored are over 25 soldiers of the 1084th TC that volunteered to deploy with the 1086th TC.

The soldiers of both units left their families in February to deploy to in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Both units fall under the 61st Troop Command, a Louisiana Army National Guard Transportation Company, and are comprised of personnel from Vidalia, Ville Platte, Bunkie and Slidell, LA.

The mission of both units is to provide transportation for the movement of containerized; non-containerized, palletized, dry and/or refrigerated containerized cargo and bulk water products.

1086th TC arrived in Kuwait on March 27, 2003 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The company performed a myriad of missions including spearheading some of the earliest re-supply convoys into Iraq; delivering critical war material, such as ammunition, general supplies, humanitarian aid, barrier material, rations and bottled water, all of which enabled the 3rd Infantry Division to continue its heroic march towards Baghdad.

With time and experience, 1086th TC earned a reputation in Kuwait and Iraq for delivering critical war supplies on time, every time. They led missions to the very corners of Iraq; to Base Camps and Logistics Support Areas such as Pecan, Dogwood, Cedar, Umm Qasr, Baghdad, Anaconda, Diamondback, and Sycamore.

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As follow-on forces deployed in support of security and stabilization operations, 1086th TC hauled MILVANS and equipment containers for the "Ivy Division", and "Old Ironsides", along with movements for the 2nd and 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiments.

According to 1LT Christian Griffiths, 2nd Platoon Leader, 1086th Transportation Company, "The reliability and dependability of the unit was unmatched. The dependability and success of the 1086th TC will be difficult to replace and their hard work, positive attitude and dedication to duty will be missed." In all, 1086th accumulated 346,051 miles in support of V Corps and Coalition Joint Task Force Seven.

The ceremony will be conducted at 9:30 a.m., at Warrior Brigade Field here. Inclement weather location is at Warrior Gym.

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

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Media wishing to cover the ceremony should contact Maj. Ron Elliott at (337) 531-1418 or Samantha Bingham at (337) 531-4630.