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## **2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment begin their return from Operation Iraqi Freedom**

Fort Polk, La.—The first elements, approximately 600 troopers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment, will arrive at Fort Polk Thursday, July 8, 2004. The first group will arrive at the Cantrell Gym, here around 7:00 a.m. and the second group will arrive at 7:00 p.m.

The Soldiers of the 2nd ACR left their families in March and April of 2003 to deploy to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. They initially were scheduled to return this past March and April but their tour of duty was extended in Iraq.

The remaining 1800 Soldiers will return to Fort Polk during the next couple of weeks.

A formal welcome home ceremony will be conducted upon the Regiments return from block leave and will be announced at a later time.

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

Once we get confirmation on the remaining flights, we will notify you at least 24 hours in advance if possible. Please keep in mind, the times are based on current flight schedules and can change. Recommend arriving at the Public Affairs Office at least 30 minutes prior to the expected arrival times. The families will be at the gym and it is a great opportunity to get some family interviews prior to their loved ones return.

Please come out and give these combat warriors the welcome and media coverage they deserve.

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