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National Guard units returns to US from Europe deployment

ABERDEEN, S.D. – About 110 Soldiers with the South Dakota Army National Guard’s Alpha Battery, 1-147th Field Artillery Battalion and 147th Forward Support Company arrived in the United States, Wednesday, July 8, after serving on a 10-month deployment to Europe.

The units arrived at Fort Bliss, Texas, where they will spend the next several weeks completing demobilization requirements before returning to South Dakota.

The units deployed in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve, which builds readiness, increases interoperability and enhances the bond between ally and partner militaries using multinational training events in Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Romania.

The Aberdeen-based Alpha Battery is equipped with the Multiple Launch Rocket System, or MLRS, and provides artillery support to a brigade, division, corps or coalition task force. The Watertown-based Forward Support Company is a multifunctional logistics unit which provides supply and maintenance support.

Details of the unit’s arrival to South Dakota and welcome home event will be announced at a later date once details are confirmed.

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