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**COMMUNITY SENDOFF CEREMONIES PLANNED FOR THE
2ND BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 34TH INFANTRY DIVISION**

Local sendoff ceremonies for approximately 2,800 members of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team ("2BCT"), Iowa Army National Guard will be held in various locations throughout Iowa from July 30 through Aug 9. The public and media are *welcome and encouraged* to attend the sendoff ceremony.

Following the sendoff ceremony, the Soldiers will report to their mobilization station at Camp Shelby, Miss. for additional training and preparation before departing for Afghanistan. The 2BCT has been ordered to federal active duty under a partial mobilization call-up that authorizes the President to order members of the National Guard and Reserves to active duty for one year.

The mission of the 2BCT is to provide full-spectrum operations in a combat theater, including lethal and non-lethal capabilities, support to Afghan National Army and Police units, and assistance to humanitarian relief initiatives.

For questions concerning this release as well as additional information about the operations, training, and activities of the Iowa Army and Air National Guard, please contact Col. Greg Hapgood, Iowa National Guard Public Affairs Officer by email at gregory.hapgood@us.army.mil or 515-252-4582 (office) or 515-971-6385 (cell), or Lt. Brandon Cochran at brandon.w.cochran@us.army.mil or 515-252-4518 (office).

Find listed below the dates, times and locations of the community sendoff ceremonies (*note that some Soldiers will attend more than one sendoff ceremony, which will cause a larger aggregate total than 2,800 Soldiers when adding up the number of Soldiers listed below participating in all ceremonies*):

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Friday, July 30

Algona

Battery B, 1st Battalion, 194th Field Artillery (approximately 45 Soldiers)
11 a.m., Iowa National Guard armory, 1511 N. POW Camp Road, Algona

Boone

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade Combat Team (approximately 110 Soldiers)
10 a.m., Des Moines Area Community College (Boone campus), 1125 Hancock Dr., Boone

Eagle Grove

Detachment 1, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 194th Field Artillery (approximately 40 Soldiers)
11 a.m., Iowa National Guard armory, 216 S. Park Ave, Eagle Grove

Mt. Pleasant

832nd Engineer Company (approximately 50 Soldiers)
10 a.m., Mount Pleasant High School, 2104 S. Grand Avenue, Mount Pleasant

Keokuk

Detachment 1, 832nd Engineer Company (approximately 55 Soldiers)
10 a.m., Keokuk High School, 2285 Middle Road, Keokuk

Storm Lake

Company G, 334th Brigade Support Battalion (approximately 80 Soldiers)
11 a.m., Storm Lake High School, 621 Tornado Drive, Storm Lake

Sunday, August 1

Carroll

Company A, 1st Battalion, 168th Infantry (approximately 100 Soldiers)
10 a.m., Carroll High School, 2809 N. Grant Road, Carroll

Council Bluffs

-Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 168th Infantry
-Detachment 2, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 168th Infantry (Spencer unit)
-Detachment 1, Company B, 1st Battalion, 168th Infantry
-Detachment 1, Company F, 334th Brigade Support Battalion (approximately 215 Soldiers total)
10 a.m., Mid-American Center, 1 Arena Way, Council Bluffs

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Davenport

Company A, Brigade Special Troops Battalion (approximately 75 Soldiers)
10 a.m., Modern Woodmen Park (River Bandits), 209 S. Gaines Street, Davenport

Denison

Company D, 1st Battalion, 168th Infantry (approximately 50 Soldiers)
10 a.m., Denison High School, Fine Arts Center, 819 N. 16th Street, Denison

Estherville

Battery A, 1st Battalion, 194th Field Artillery (approximately 80 Soldiers)
11 a.m., Estherville Armory, 1704 3rd Avenue South, Estherville

Johnston

Infantry
-Detachment 1, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 168th
-Company C, 1st Battalion, 168th Infantry
-Detachment 1, Company C, 1st Battalion, 168th Infantry (Newton unit)
(approximately 100 Soldiers total)
10 a.m., Camp Dodge Freedom Center, 7105 NW 70th Avenue, Johnston

Red Oak

Company F, 334th Brigade Support Battalion (approximately 110 Soldiers)
10 a.m., Red Oak High School, 2011 N. 8th Street, Red Oak

Shenandoah

-Company B, 1st Battalion, 168th Infantry
-Detachment 2, Company B, 1st Battalion, 168th Infantry (Corning unit)
(approximately 100 Soldiers total)
10 a.m., Shenandoah High School, 1000 Mustang Drive, Shenandoah

Monday, August 2

Charles City

Detachment 1, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry
(approximately 35 Soldiers)
8 a.m., Iowa National Guard armory, 2003 Clark Street, Charles City

Clinton

Detachment 1, Company A, 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry (approximately 35 Soldiers)
2 p.m., Iowa National Guard Armory, 1200 13th Avenue North, Clinton

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Tuesday, August 3

Cedar Falls

- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry
 - Company E, 334th Brigade Support Battalion
 - Detachment 2, Company E, 334th Brigade Support Battalion (Iowa Falls unit)
(approximately 230 Soldiers total)
- 10 a.m., UNI Dome, 2501 Hudson Road, Cedar Falls

Dubuque

- Company A, 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry
 - Company D, 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry
 - Detachment 1, Company E, 334th Brigade Support Battalion
(approximately 130 Soldiers total)
- 10 a.m., Peosta Community Center, 7896 Burds Road, Peosta

Iowa City

- Company B, 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry (approximately 100 Soldiers)
- 10 a.m., City High School, 1900 Morningside Drive, Iowa City

Iowa Falls

- Company C, 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry (approximately 75 Soldiers)
- 10 a.m., Iowa Falls High School, 1903 Taylor Avenue, Iowa Falls

Oelwein

- Detachment 1, Company C, 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry (approximately 40 Soldiers)
- 10 a.m., Oelwein Middle School, 300 12th Avenue SE, Oelwein

Thursday, August 5

Johnston

- Troop A, 1st Squadron, 113th Cavalry
 - Troop B, 1st Squadron, 113th Cavalry
(approximately 130 Soldiers total)
- 10 a.m., Ankeny High School, 1302 North Ankeny Blvd., Ankeny

LeMars

- Troop C, 1st Squadron, 113th Cavalry (approximately 80 Soldiers)
- 9 a.m., Le Mars High School, 921 3rd Avenue SW, Le Mars

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Sioux City

- Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 113th Cavalry
 - Company D, 334th Brigade Support Battalion
(approximately 170 Soldiers total)
- 10:30 a.m., Sioux City East High School, 5011 Mayhew Drive, Sioux City

Friday, August 6

Marshalltown

- Detachment 1, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Brigade Special Troops Battalion (approximately 50 Soldiers)
- 10 a.m., Marshalltown Community College, 3700 S. Center St,
Marshalltown

Saturday, August 7

Cedar Rapids

- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Brigade Special Troops Battalion
 - Company B, Brigade Special Troops Battalion
 - Company C, Brigade Special Troops Battalion
(approximately 340 Soldiers total)
- 10 a.m., US Cellular Center, 370 1st Ave NE, Cedar Rapids

Sunday, August 8

Cedar Rapids

- Detachment 1, Company A, 334th Brigade Support Battalion
 - Detachment 2, Company A, 334th Brigade Support Battalion (Oelwein unit)
 - Company B, 334th Brigade Support Battalion
(approximately 160 Soldiers total)
- 2 p.m., US Cellular Center, 370 1st Ave NE, Cedar Rapids

Monday, August 9

Des Moines

- 334th Brigade Support Battalion
 - Detachment 1, Company C, 334th Brigade Support Battalion (Corning unit)
(approximately 340 Soldiers total)
- 10 a.m., Veteran's Memorial Auditorium, 703 3rd Street, Des Moines

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