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Ceremonies will honor three National Guard units

NASHVILLE – Tennessee National Guard soldiers from Lexington, Bolivar and Savannah, who returned home in September after a year in Iraq, will be honored in Freedom Salute ceremonies Sunday, Feb. 8, at Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson.

Approximately 115 Guardsmen and their families will be recognized during Sunday's program, which will begin promptly at 1:30 p.m. in the Freed-Hardeman Sports Center Auxiliary Gymnasium, 158 East Main Street.

The soldiers of the 251st Military Police Company were mobilized in December 2007. While at Camp Cropper, Baghdad, they shared responsibility for overseeing thousands of detainees at one of the busiest internment facilities in theater.

Decorations earned by soldiers of the MP Company during deployment included eight Bronze Star Medals, three Meritorious Service Medals, 54 Army Commendation Medals and 46 Army Achievement Medals.

Maj. Gen. Gus Hargett, Tennessee's Adjutant General, will be on hand Sunday to present each soldier with a beautiful cased American Flag, ceremonial coin, medallion, and lapel pin to commemorate their service to their country. The Guardsmen who have served more than one tour in Iraq will receive special recognition.

The prestigious Minuteman Statue and a framed flag mosaic will also be presented to two representatives from the community for their outstanding support of the soldiers and families during the deployment.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend all ceremonies.

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