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## **Tennessee National Guard's 212th Engineer Company Recognizes Community Support**

**PARIS, Tenn.** – On April 13, over 150 Soldiers from the 212th Engineer Company were formally recognized for their deployment to Operation Enduring Freedom during a Freedom Salute ceremony in Paris, Tenn. Senior Tennessee National Guard leadership and commanders of the unit presented items of recognition from the Department of Defense and the Army to those who left their loved ones and homes in February of 2013 to support missions in the harsh environment of Southwest Asia.

Many local and statewide community organizations assisted the families and friends of Guard members who were deployed, yet two organizations were particularly recognized for their dedication and support to the 212th Engineers. Sulphur Wells Church of Christ in Paris, Tenn., was bestowed the Distinguished Center of Influence Award for its support and Addilynn Memorial United Methodist Church in Bristol, Tenn., was awarded the Outstanding Center of Influence for its assistance. Both churches and their congregations rendered exceptional service to the unit members and their families during the recent deployment.

### **PHOTO CAPTIONS:**

**Photo 1:** (Left to Right) On April 13, Tennessee Army National Guard Capt. Susan Parker, Mrs. Beth Weatherford, and 1st. Sgt. Diane Beard-Sowell presented the Distinguished Center of Influence Award (Minute Man Statue) to Mrs. Weatherford for the support provided by Sulphur Wells Church of Christ in Paris, Tenn. to the 212th Engineer Company during its deployment to Operation Enduring Freedom.

**Photo 2:** (Left to Right) On April 13, Tennessee Army National Guard Capt. Susan Parker and 1st. Sgt. Diane Beard-Sowell accepted the Outstanding Center of Influence Award (framed Flag Mosaic) on behalf of Addilynn Memorial United Methodist Church in Bristol, Tenn., for the support provided by the church and congregation to the 212th Engineer Company during its deployment to Operation Enduring Freedom.

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