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(S.D.)- Black Hills Communities Welcome Home 842nd Company

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SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) - The Black Hills communities of Spearfish, Belle Fourche and Sturgis are welcoming home 160 South Dakota Army National Guard soldiers on Thursday.

A ceremony for the 842nd Engineer Company is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. at Black Hills State University in Spearfish.

The unit, which deployed in September, just completed a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan. The soldiers have been completing demobilization requirements at Fort Bliss, Texas.

While overseas, members of the 842nd used bulldozers, scrapers, cranes, loaders and 20-ton dump trucks to build and maintain roads, construct base force protection measures and provide limited clearing operations.