

(S.D.)-Guard Unit To Return Home To Black Hills On Thursday

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SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) - Some 160 South Dakota Army National Guard soldiers are scheduled to arrive back in the Black Hills Thursday after a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan.

A welcome home ceremony for the 842nd Engineer Company is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. at Black Hills State University in Spearfish. The unit is based out of Spearfish, Belle Fourche and Sturgis deployed in September.

Members of the 842nd arrived in the United States on Sept. 17 and have been completing demobilization requirements at Fort Bliss, Texas.

The unit during its deployment 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.