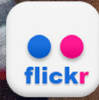


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WELCOME HOME



Photo above: Buses carrying Soldiers with A Company, 2-113th Infantry, pass under an American flag on their way to the National Guard Armory in Jersey City, N.J., June 25, 2015, for a welcome home ceremony. Photo right: Alpha Company Soldiers arrive at the National Guard Armory in Jersey City, N.J. The approximately 170 Citizen-Soldiers returned home from a nearly year-long deployment where they conducted a security force mission in Southwest Asia in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Inherent Resolve. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

Cover photo: Reunion after 10 months

Sgt. Jesse De La Cruz, A Company, 2-113th Infantry, makes funny faces with his 10-month old daughter after the welcome home ceremony at the National Guard Armory in Jersey City, N.J., June 25, 2015. De la Cruz had already deployed when his daughter was born. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

The Citizen-Soldiers returned from a nearly year-long deployment where they conducted a security force mission in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Inherent Resolve and Kosovo Force.



Photo above: Sgt. Jocsan Mairena holds his son during the welcome home ceremony June 25, 2015. Photo below: Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cuniff, left, The Adjutant General of New Jersey, awards Spc. Pedro Zamora the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal at the National Guard Armory in Jersey City, N.J., June 25, 2015. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)



1st Lt. James Souder, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st-150th Assault Helicopter Battalion, enjoys a quiet moment with his son at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., June 27, 2015. In addition to the Headquarters Company, Companies A and D also returned home after a nearly year-long deployment to Kosovo. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Sherwood Goodenough/Released)



Welcome home continued



Above: Spc. Joseph Bishop hugs his son at the National Guard Armory in Jersey City. Photo below: Family members take photos of 2-113th Infantry Soldiers being awarded the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)



VIDEOS

Clicking on each photo below will take you to the corresponding video on the New Jersey National Guard Facebook page.



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- 03 July 2015 Cape May, NJ at the Cape May Convention Hall, 714 Beach Avenue, Cape May, 7 pm
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