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**REPRESENTATIVE GREG SMITH PARTICIPATED IN
DEMOBILIZATION CEREMONY FOR 1186th MILITARY POLICE
COMPANY**

Twenty-one from Milton-Freewater return home.....

SALEM – Today Representative Greg Smith had the privilege of honoring and welcoming home the men and women of the 1187th Military Police Company (-), Oregon National Guard and their families for their outstanding performance as an integral component of Operation enduring Freedom, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

“I am proud of you, and your families for putting your lives on the line for all of us! In addition, I want to thank all of you children for sharing your Dad or Mom with our country so they can keep us safe. This is a supreme sacrifice to put your families, your careers, and your lives on hold. I commend all of you!” said, Rep. Smith. “Many of you are from my home District and I want you to know I am here for youand will do all I can to keep the process working for you.”

Salem Auditorium was the gathering place for the family and friends of the 1186th as they stood to attention for their demobilization from service as prison guards at the military prison located in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Forty-four soldiers make up the 1186th Military Police Company, twenty-one of the Soldiers are from District 57, and six make their home in Milton-Freewater, OR. Deployment took place in May of 2004. Their days and nights in Cuba were spent guarding some of the most dangerous assassins and war criminals in the world.

Also, offering their commendation and support was Mr. Craig Campbell, Senior Policy Advisor to Gov. Ted Kulongoski, Brig. Gen. Raymond C. Byrne, Jr., Acting Adjutant General, Oregon National Guard, and Col. George d Laning, Commander, 82 Bde Troop Command..

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