



OUR UNIT IS HOME!!

by Richard Bayer, Racine County Veterans Service Officer

During the course of last week, the fine men and women of Company A, 151 Field Artillery, have returned home. Many of them had been assigned to other units (Company B out of Kenosha as just one example) of the 32 Brigade and were sent to do different duties while mobilized to Iraq. Now the entire Brigade is home and the reuniting with loved ones and each other is beginning.

Also beginning is their reintegration into civilian life and a return to a "new normal". I'm sure we all wish them well and will continue to remember this as we remembered them in our thoughts and prayers while they were away. Please pay attention how and what you ask of them in these days of change. Some may be very open about their time in Iraq, while others may be quite reluctant to converse about it right now.

As the Racine County Veterans Service Officer, my office awaits the calls for appointments from all of our Racine County returnees. We hope to assist them by recording their separation papers with the Register of Deeds for them. We also can help them enter the Veterans Administration Healthcare System, as well as the other education, home loan, and many other benefit programs that the VA and the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs may have to offer.

We know that they have spent time at Ft. McCoy demobilizing, where they may have already gotten involved with these programs. We stand available to help if they have further questions about their veterans' benefits. We are particularly interested in assisting them with any disability claims as well.

We are located in the Workforce Development Center (1717 Taylor Avenue) in Racine. Our office phone is 262-638-6702 or 262-638-6667 Monday through Friday. Employment assistance can be had by calling 262-638-6564 Wednesday through Friday. These offices are both open from 8 am until noon and 1 until 5 pm.

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