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Southwest Airlines Brings 171 Texas Troops Home for the Holidays

Airline Adds Extra Section to Flight Schedule to Bring Troops Home

WHAT: Southwest Airlines will perform a Christmas miracle for 171 Texas families on Sunday, Dec. 23. The 436th Chemical Company of the Texas Army National Guard is stationed in North Carolina waiting for deployment to Afghanistan. They recently got news that their deployment was delayed, so now they are able to spend the holidays with their families, and Southwest Airlines is making it possible! Southwest Airlines is flying 171 soldiers home to Texas. Since more than 100 of these soldiers live in Laredo, Southwest Airlines is adding an extra section to its schedule to bring these troops to San Antonio International Airport. Southwest Airlines Employees and Customers will welcome home these troops, along with their family members.

WHO: Texas Army National Guard
Southwest Airlines Employees
Southwest Airlines Customers
Families welcoming soldiers home

WHEN: Sunday, Dec. 23, 2007
12:15 pm

WHERE: San Antonio International Airport
Southwest Airlines Gate Area

MEDIA

For questions, interviews, or escort to gate area, please call:
Gary Dipasquale, Southwest Airlines, (cell) 210-414-8941.

VISUALS: -- Interviews with Texas Army National Guard troops.
-- Southwest Employees and Customers welcoming the soldiers.
-- Gate area decorated with balloons and "welcome home" banners.
-- Families embracing their loved ones.

OTHER FACTS: Southwest Airlines (NYSE: LUV), operates more than 3,400 daily nonstop flights to 64 cities in 32 states. Southwest Airlines employs more than 33,000 people throughout the Southwest system.

SOURCE Southwest Airlines