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# Southwest Airlines Sends 171 Texas Troops Home for The Holidays

Airline Flies Troops from Raleigh-Durham to Texas in Time for Christmas

**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 at Fort Bragg, 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 out of Raleigh-Durham International Airport on Sunday. All the soldiers will be headed to Texas to spend time with their loved ones before shipping out to Afghanistan. Southwest Airlines is proud of its commitment to the soldiers and happy to send them home for the holidays.

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

**WHEN:** Sunday, Dec. 23, 2007  
9:00 am

**WHERE:** Raleigh-Durham International Airport  
Southwest Airlines Gate Area

\*\*\*MEDIA\*\*\*

For questions, interviews, or escort to gate area, please call: Glen English, Southwest Airlines, (919) 345-3186.

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

**OTHER**

**FACTS:** Southwest Airlines is proud of its long-time commitment to supporting U.S. troops. 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.

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