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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**FORT BENNING, Ga.** – Approximately 70 Soldiers assigned to the 789<sup>th</sup> Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company are scheduled to depart for a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan Nov. 6.

A brief farewell ceremony will be conducted at 5 p.m. at Freedom Hall.

The 789<sup>th</sup> EOD's primary mission while deployed will be to neutralize improvised explosive devices and to conduct counter-IED missions. Counter-IED missions provide intelligence and analysis of areas, which help identify IED manufacturers, financiers and suppliers.

The unit was named the Army's best Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team of the Year in 2011, the first time the competition had been conducted since 2001.

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