

Today's Issue...

▶ [Page One](#)

▶ [City](#)

▶ [Regional](#)

▶ [Sports](#)

▶ [Weather](#)

▶ [Obituaries](#)

▶ [World News](#)

▶ [Entertainment](#)

▶ [Town Hall](#)

▶ [Stock Quotes](#)

▶ [Health News](#)

[Star Courier White Pages directory](#)

▶ [Shopper](#)

▶ [Classifieds](#)

▶ [About Us](#)

▶ [Archives](#)

▶ [Illinois Lottery](#)

▶ [e-mail](#)

Star Courier City

KEWANEE
ILLINOIS



Possible delay of deployment may mean more family time for troops

By Star Courier staff

CAMP JOSEPH T. ROBINSON, Ark. -- The deployment date for the Army National Guard's 39th Infantry Brigade, which includes soldiers from Galva's Battery F, may be delayed due to reception, staging, on-ward movement and integration (RSOI) capabilities in the Central Command theater of operations based in Kuwait

The 39th Infantry Brigade was originally scheduled to deploy during the first week of March from Fort Polk, La., in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

"I want to assure everyone that this delay is in no way a reflection of the readiness or ability of the 39th Brigade Combat Team," said Brig. Gen. Ronald S. Chastain, commanding general of the brigade with headquarters in Little Rock Arkansas. "Our soldiers are fully trained and prepared to support the mission," Chastain said.

While the exact deployment dates have not yet been released, the command hopes to use this opportunity to allow soldiers additional time with their families, according to Guard spokesmen. Family time for most soldiers had already been scheduled Feb. 28 and 29 in the Fort Polk area. Many families in the Kewanee, Galva and Stark County area are planning to caravan to Fort Polk this weekend.

"Mission requirements will determine how many additional days will be possible for each soldier," said Chastain. "Some soldiers, such as advance party personnel, may still be required to depart on previously announced schedules."

Search The Web

[Travel Info](#)

[Web Directory](#)

[Yellow Pages](#)

[White Pages](#)

[Meet Someone](#)

[My Page](#)

[City Guide](#)

[Lottery Results](#)

[Weather](#)

[Movie Listings](#)

[Maps/Directions](#)

[Horoscope](#)

[Greeting Cards](#)

Depending on the new rotation schedule, some soldiers may get more time with family members than others. "The good news is that almost all of the soldiers will have more time with their loved ones than previously projected," said Capt. Kristine Munn, 39th Brigade public relations officer. Additional details will be released as soon as they become available.

The 39th Brigade Combat Team is comprised of more than 4,200 soldiers from 10 different states -- including 121 men from the 202nd Air Defense Artillery based at the Illinois National Guard Armory in Galva.

Mobilized in October 2003, the Brigade has been training at Fort Hood, Texas, and Fort Polk, La., since November. Soldiers in the Galva unit arrived at Fort Polk on Feb. 1.

The soldiers are expected to spend 12 months "boots on the ground" in Iraq as part of the 1st Cavalry Division which is being rotated into the Baghdad area during March and April to relieve the 1st Armored Division which has been stationed there since the invasion last March.

[[Home Page](#)] [[City News](#)] [[Regional News](#)] [[Sports](#)] [[Obituaries](#)] [[Weather](#)] [[Editorial](#)] [[Photo Gallery](#)] [[Classifieds](#)]
[[Calendar](#)] [[Archives](#)] [[Shopper](#)] [[Illinois Lottery](#)] [[About Us](#)] [[Email Us](#)] [[Health](#)] [[Entertainment](#)] [[Town Hall](#)]
[[World News](#)] [[Stocks/Market](#)]



TOP

copyright 1999 Kewanee Star Courier