



# Welcome home a Hero today!

## How do I participate?

Come out to DFW International Airport. You can park just across from the Terminal, and we will give you a free parking voucher.

## Where and what time?

Every day the flight lands at approximately 10 a.m. to noon. Just call **972 574 0392** the morning of your visit to confirm the Terminal, gate and approximate landing time.

## For more information or to sign up a group, please contact:



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# Join the thousands in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex who welcome home our Soldiers!

Everyday more than 100 soldiers come through DFW International Airport on their way home for two weeks of much anticipated R&R with family and friends.

I just returned from a glorious two week leave in the great state of Texas.

I expected to arrive in Dallas, wander to my connecting flight to Houston and get home without any real memory of DFW. Instead, I was blown away by the whole experience. I was surprised by the water salute, but when I found the reception at the gate it was all I could do to choke back the tears. I sit here day after day in the dining facility and hear CNN report how everyone hates what we do and it makes it so hard to stay motivated. I wasn't born until 1968 but I have heard stories my whole life about Viet Nam vets getting spit upon in the San Francisco Airport as they arrived home. Of course, I always knew that there were huge differences between Dallas and San Francisco, but as a Houstonian I have also always had little love for Dallas. That will certainly change now.

Thank you so much for the completely unexpected and wonderful welcome. I really don't know how I can ever express the gratitude I feel for the homecoming you gave us. It makes me prouder than ever to be a Texan, to be an American and to be a soldier.

God bless you all.

Daniel A. Phillips  
111th Area Support Group  
Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan

One flight lands each and every day. DFW Airport in conjunction with the North Texas Commission have teamed up to ensure a group of supporters are at the terminal to cheer and give these soldiers a proper Texas Welcome!

## Why participate?

After long tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, our troops need a recharge. This warm welcome home starts their two weeks of rest and recuperation on a high note. There are only two airports in the entire nation receiving these flights (DFW and Atlanta).



## Who can participate?

We cannot do this without you.

- Corporations
- Youth Groups
- Schools
- Civic Organizations
- Churches

We welcome anyone who wants to show these soldiers how much their commitment means to the North Texas community!

