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OPERATION SANTA CLAUS TOY MARCH, DEC. 17

Fort Riley's 70th Engineer Battalion Soldiers are preparing for their 8th annual Operation Santa Claus Toy March, despite that the majority of their Battalion is deployed.

Approximately 30 Soldiers will march a half a mile to Operation Santa Claus Headquarters, Bldg. 7802, where they will drop off sacks full of toys for area boys and girls. Normally more than 300 Soldiers participate in the march, but since the vast majority are deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Soldiers' families will be filling in and participating during the march.

The Soldiers are encouraging support from anyone who wants to participate in the march.

Last year the Soldiers, their families and the surrounding community members raised more than \$18,000 and helped more than 5,000 needy children during Operation Santa Claus.

Media interested in attending the march must RSVP to the Public Affairs Office at 785-239-2022. Media interested in covering the march should meet at PAO by 9:30 a.m.