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Mission Allows Moran to Meet with Troops and Learn More About Progress on War in Iraq

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced that he will travel to Iraq later this month to meet with American troops and learn more about the progress on the war in Iraq. The week-long oversight and assessment mission will allow Moran and three other Members of Congress to meet with intelligence officials, military commanders and coalition troops, in order to assess ongoing security and reconstruction efforts, the search for Saddam Hussein, and the search for weapons of mass destruction.

"The War in Iraq has touched us all and many Kansas families have sent their loved ones overseas to take part in the war," Moran said. "This is a unique opportunity for me to see the results of the war, first-hand, as well as to meet with troops and give them our support from Kansas."

Currently, approximately 148,000 U.S. troops are stationed in Iraq. About 4,500 are from the Kansas National Guard and Reserve Units. Moran will meet with the troops to discuss their morale and field conditions as well as learn more about the resources and techniques used in the war.

"In addition to conveying the support of Kansans, my goal is to learn more about the effects and the progress of the war, so that I can update other members of Congress," Moran said. "This will help our country determine what will be required of the U.S. in the future to help the Iraqi people re-establish security, restart their economy and rebuild their government."

Moran was invited on the trip by the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Due to the safety concerns and the secure nature of the trip, further information about the times and locations are not available.

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