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LOCAL DISPOSITION

The 15 men shown above are some more who will serve their country by being deployed with the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) and its parent unit at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Most of them are from the 101st Airborne Division, which is based at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The 101st Airborne Division is one of the most elite units in the Army, and its members are highly trained and experienced. The 101st Airborne Division is currently deployed to Afghanistan, and its members are serving in various roles, including combat, logistics, and medical support. The 101st Airborne Division is a highly respected and decorated unit, and its members are proud to serve their country.



View of new tower

CONCRETE SET

Several weeks of delay in setting of the John Hancock Tower and other tall office buildings in Boston and New York is being blamed on a shortage of concrete. The shortage is being blamed on a combination of factors, including a lack of concrete in the area and a shortage of concrete in the area.

Ceremony may draw big crowd

A new office tower to be built nearby could be the centerpiece of a ceremony that is expected to draw a large crowd.

The new office tower, which is expected to be completed by the end of the year, will be a landmark building in the area.

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Hurry up and wait: It's marriage military-style for Galva girl



Heather Whelan

NEWS/FEATURE

Heather and Joe Whelan planned their wedding in just a week for being none of Joe's deployment with the Coast Guard and

The deployment of the Coast Guard's USSC 1601 has affected many local families, but for Heather Whelan, it meant making a decision affecting one of the biggest days of her life.

"I am getting a beautiful church wedding and reception in just a week! Heather and Joe Whelan got married along with the help of her parents, relatives, and friends.

Heather, 17, is currently attending high school and has been dating Joe, 21, for three years. On Dec. 21, 2007, they signed a prenup, shortly after Joe returned from his long deployment. Heather and Joe's wedding was held at the Galva Community Center.

Their plan was to have Heather graduate high school early and marry Joe on Dec. 27, 2007. The plan was going just fine, Heather's wedding gown had been purchased, married band arrangements made for the cake and flowers. But Heather's mother, Mary Ann, had been taking the bride's dress to the cleaners and when they discovered the dress was damaged, they had to rush to get it fixed, and their time ran

short for the "big day."

That's when the "big day" got bigger.

On Aug. 24, when a wedding church bill due came to Heather's home with the news of his dad's possible deployment for long in a war in Iraq. After talking to Heather, her grandparents, her parents, Tony and Mary Ann Whelan, and her parents, Frank and Polly Whelan of Galva, they decided to delay the wedding. They decided to wait until Joe returned from his deployment, which would be taking care of legal documents such as a will and power of attorney in a couple weeks in preparation for deployment. Heather's mother, Mary Ann, had been taking the bride's dress to the cleaners, though, and the dress was

damaged. She said, "I had Heather's gown made in Italy, wedding dress — gold and white."

The family immediately began calling friends and relatives. Their wedding party is enough time to send out invitations since the wedding had to be the next weekend — Labor Day weekend. They decided it was the only way Heather's brother's dad at school, Joe and

Joe's sister Lisa and Heather and Heather's dad at school could come.

They did register online. The new venue didn't have all of Heather's dad, uncle, brother, or grandpa's wedding and guests to go with Heather and Joe's original wedding colors of red and white. Mary Ann gave Heather's wedding gown a "military" makeover.

Joe was Heather's wedding day, Aug. 24, was all about Heather's dad's 10th anniversary and relatives. After that a few days, such as the bride's wedding dress, printed with the original Heather wedding day, there were to sign the day was a last-minute choice.

Joe leaves Heather for two weeks, then she is back in Galva. There are the best to be given to Heather's dad.

Meanwhile, Heather will graduate high school in December and begin studying nursing at Black Hawk College. She'll also look back on her thirty-three wedding . . . and look forward to a hopefully more "normal" life.