

47th Forward Support Battalion, 40th Engineer Battalion, 4-27th Field Artillery Battalion were received with open arms by friends and loved ones waiting in Germany.

During their deployment, 1AD soldiers conducted thousands of patrols and participated in various humanitarian aid projects.

"We ran bus-escort missions, went to local villages, met some of the kids, pulled security at Camp Monteith and Bondsteel, and generally made a better place for these people to live in," said SPC Robert Brown from HHC 1-35 Armor Battalion.

"I liked knowing I was doing something good," Brown continued.

"We set goals that we attained and it went well...no injuries, just an overall great feeling."

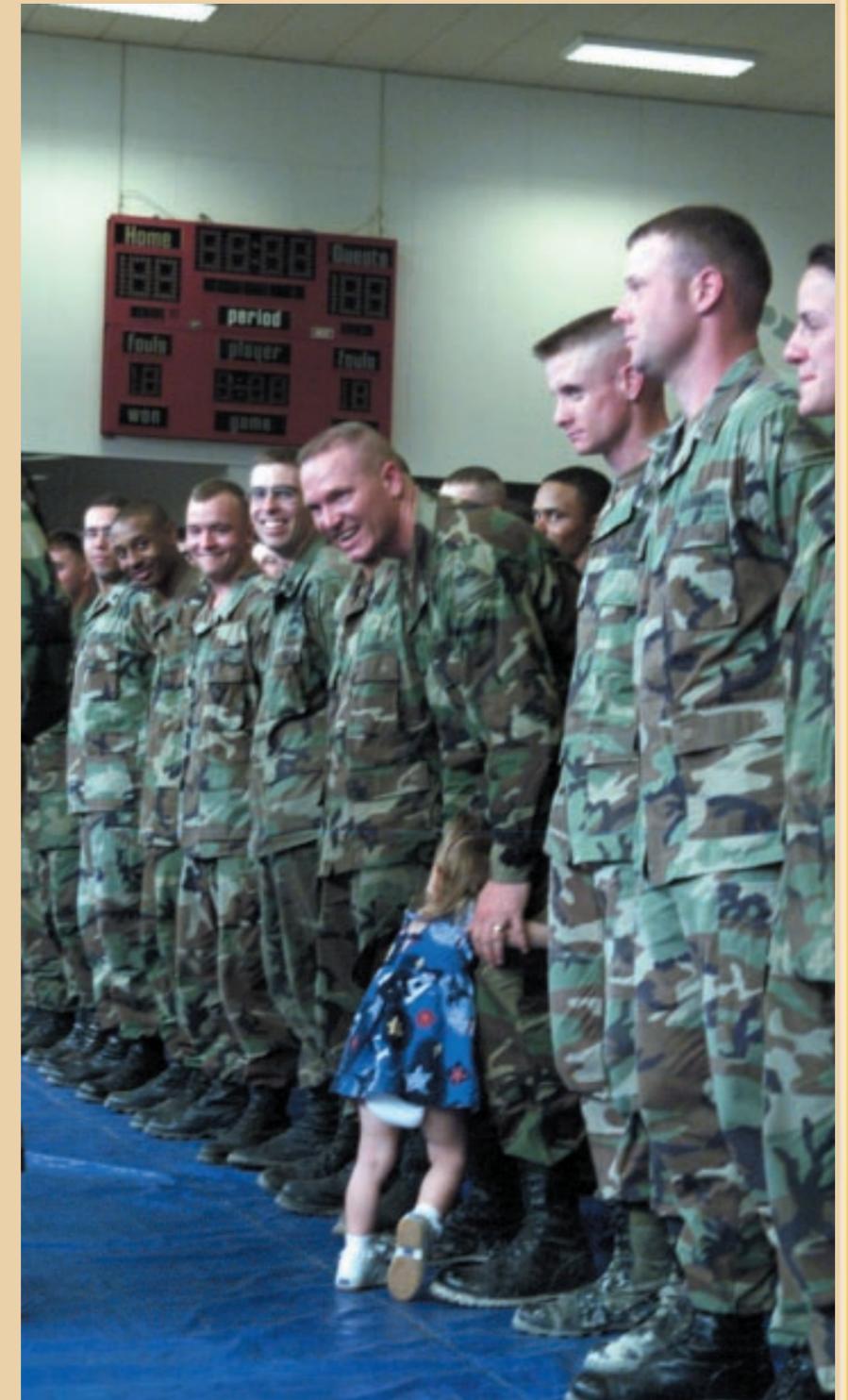
While soldiers were away, their family members relied on individuals such as the 2nd Brigade Family Readiness Liaison, SFC Anthony DeLong to keep them informed and to better prepare them for deployment.

"We briefed the families on the current situation in Kosovo and kept them up-to-date on what the soldiers were doing on the day to day missions without compromising the mission and we also kept them informed of what was going on back in the community that they could participate in," explained DeLong.

DeLong went on to thank the USO, AAFES and the Commissary for support in preparing homecoming receptions for the soldiers returning from Kosovo.

The 101st Airborne Division stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., relieved 1AD.

"I am absolutely confident in the training and abilities of the next American contingent Task Force Falcon 3A. They come to you from the 18th Airborne Corps and they represent the very best America has to offer," said Gen. Riley in his speech during the transfer of authority ceremony at Camp Bondsteel.



Top left: Family and friends await the arrival of the 1-35 AR. Bottom left: Mother and son are reunited during 47th FSB's homecoming. Middle bottom: A big smile and a waving flag awaits 1-35 AR. Above: Laughter erupts as a little girl breaks from the crowd to welcome home her daddy a little bit early, during 47th FSB's homecoming.