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In grateful remembrance
Brig. Gen. Dennis E. Hardy, 1st Armored Division assistant division commander for support, places a memorial wreath during the American Memorial Day ceremony at the Epinal American Cemetery, Dinoze, Vosges, France, May 27. "The 1 million men and women we honor today, including those who lie here in American Cemetery at Dinoze, will continue to live in our nation's memory but only for as long as we uphold their traditions of service and selfless sacrifice."

*Photo by Ellen A. Hart
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Cover: *Husbands and wives and parents and children were reunited as Task Force Falcon 2B soldiers returned home from a six-month deployment to Kosovo. The returning soldiers were greeted with hugs and kisses from their loved ones. Photos by Sgt. Gregory F. Withrow, 1AD PAO. Back Cover: Photos by Spc. Roderick A. Berry and Sgt. Gregory F. Withrow, 1AD PAO.*

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Maj. Gen. George W. Casey Jr. salutes 1AD



facilities as we relocate to Wiesbaden Army Airfield. For 50 years, the Army has maintained a headquarters in BK: first, with the 2nd Armored Division, then, for 35 years with the 8th Infantry Division, and finally the Old Ironsides Division. The friendships and bonds that were developed in that time are lifetime memories. During the closure ceremony conducted on May 25, we had more than 25 veterans of both the 8th ID and the 1st AD, including a former division commander, retired Gen. David M. Maddox. Thank you, to the city of Bad Kreuznach, and thank you, to the soldiers who have served in this great community.

No unit has been able to survive without the support of the families that remain behind to keep the home fires burning. Iron spouses rose to the challenge of not only maintaining the community with the absence of their soldiers, but they accomplished this here, in Germany, away from the comfortable stateside living conditions. You made our communities a great place for families. Shelia and I want to personally thank you for your support and "can do" approach to everything you've done for soldiers and families.

Finally, the 1st Armored Division has a very successful history and I feel proud that you have added, in a magnificent way, to that history over the past two years. We've built on our past with an eye toward the future. We continue to be a lethal unit, capable of defeating any enemy, and restoring peace wherever we are called on to do so. Godspeed.

Iron Soldiers!

It hardly seems that two years have passed already and that are mission in Kosovo is finished. Many thanks to all of the Division's soldiers who made the U.S. KFOR mission such a great success. Once again, you proved that when "Old Ironsides" goes on point for the nation, they succeed magnificently and with quiet confidence. Good luck to the great soldiers of KFOR 3A as they assume their duties in Kosovo.

When I arrived, I challenged the Division to become a fit, disciplined, cohesive team led by skilled and versatile leaders, focused on excellence, and capable of rapid deployment, and decisive victory. Without question, every task you've been

asked to perform has proven you to be the leader you were challenged to be. Iron leaders have proven to be savvy and skilled, and have shown a desire to win on any battlefield.

In the next 30 days, the Division leadership will change hands, but our junior leadership and NCO Corps will be the glue that maintains the standards of excellence that have already been established. Our senior NCO Corps has never been stronger; our small unit leadership was exercised during the Kosovo rotation and proved that the mission can't be accomplished without strong platoon, squad and section leaders. Upon returning to garrison, you maintained your edge by capturing the leadership spirit with tough, realistic Sergeant's Time Training. Well Done!

We say good-bye to Bad Krueznach

Iron Soldiers!