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BAUMHOLDER, Germany —
The 1st Armored Division welcomed troops home from the division's rotation in Kosovo and Macedonia.

Over 3,400 soldiers have returned since May 17 after spending six months deployed in support of KFOR. The homecoming marks the end of a one-year rotation by 1AD supporting the United Nations' efforts to stabilize the region and promote a more peaceful Kosovo.

Old Ironsides' soldiers began deploying in support of rotation KFOR 2B in November, relieving 1AD's first rotation, KFOR 2A, in Kosovo and Macedonia. According to V Corps Commander Gen. James Riley, 2B's rotation was a great success.

"These soldiers, the soldiers of Task Force 2B, as we call them, have had a great rotation, in many ways the most dynamic Falcon rotation to date. On their watch...we saw Falcon soldiers as they re-established the border, turned over weapons, and fighters turned back to Serbian control...and in the midst of all this turmoil, Task Force Falcon has never lost sight of its primary mission, enforcing a safe and secure environment in its area of responsibility."

Iron soldiers from 141st Signal Battalion, 501st Military Intelligence Battalion, 123rd Main Support Battalion, HHC, 1st Armored Division, 4th Brigade's 1-501st Aviation Battalion, 2-501st Aviation Battalion, 127th Aviation Support Battalion, 1-1 Cavalry and 2nd Brigade's 1-6th Infantry Battalion, 2-6th Infantry Battalion, 1-35th Armor Battalion,



Iron Soldiers from 2-6th Infantry Battalion march into Baumholder's Mountaineer Gymnasium after returning from six months in Kosovo. Family and friends wait inside to receive their loved ones.

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