



1AD bids a fond farewell to Command Sgt. Maj. Preston



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What a mess!
Capt. Kevin W. Breedlove, Headquarters and Headquarters Company commander, receives a face full of whipped cream during a fund raiser for the 1st Armored Division Monument, at the Kite Fest at the Kuhberg Recreation Center in Bad Kreuznach, Germany, April 21. Co-workers and family members of all ages bid for the opportunity to put a pie in the face of one of the selected commanders and staff officers.

Photo by Spc. Roderick A. Berry

Cover: Iron Soldiers from all over 1st Armored Division attend the 7th Army NCO Academy in Grafenwoehr, Germany. Pictured: Sgt. Christopher M. Miller, 1st Brigade Recon Team, 1st Armored Division; Spc. Grisel Ruiz, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Division; Sgt. Andres Guarnizo, Company B, 141st Signal Battalion and Spc. Chester E. Greathouse, Battery B, 1-94 Field Artillery Battalion (MLRS).

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Iron Soldiers!

Great job at the BCTP Warfighter! You've helped ensure we stay ready to conduct combat operations and we remain a fit, disciplined, cohesive team led by skilled and versatile leaders, focused on excellence and capable of rapid deployment and decisive victory. We finished the defense with two of three brigades attacking a defeated Tank Army. It doesn't get much better than that! Well done.

We will focus on four major tasks over the next 75 days, and we need each and every one of you to stay focused on your particular mission if we're going to accomplish them to the

high standards you've become accustomed to. First, we'll bring the 2nd Brigade Combat Team home from Kosovo and pass that mission over to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) in good order. The soldiers on duty in Kosovo will remain our top priority until the last Iron Soldier is back home in Germany.

Second, we will complete the impending moves for the Division Headquarters, DISCOM, 141 Signal Bn., and 501st MP Company to Wiesbaden. DIVENG moves to Giessen and the 123rd MSB will consolidate in Dexheim with the 501st MI Bn. move to Wackernheim. We'll complete these moves smoothly and

re-post the Division's colors at Wiesbaden Army Airfield as we honorably end the Army's 50-year association with Bad Kreuznach, a community that has welcomed U.S. soldiers and families and played gracious host to us for these past 50 years. Our departure represents the end of an era in Bad Kreuznach. We've seen the U.S. 2nd Armored Division, the U.S. 8th Infantry Division, and our division headquartered at Rose Barracks. We will say "Auf Wiedersehen" with dignity and respect.

Third, we will carry on with the return of the Division to full warfighting proficiency—building on the small unit leadership spirit that served us so well in Kosovo.

And, finally, we will prepare and execute the summer transition, recognizing the great Iron Soldiers and families who have served the Division so well and welcoming the new arrivals to our great Iron Team.

We also bid a fond farewell to our division command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Preston and his wife, Karen. He's done a great job in America's Tank Division and leaves the Iron Team to be the new V Corps command sergeant major. We wish him and Karen all the best and look forward to seeing him excel in his new position. V Corps soldiers will benefit from his wisdom and leadership.

Iron Soldiers! Dignity and Respect!