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THEY'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

FORT RILEY, Kan.--After serving approximately four months in the deserts of Kuwait, approximately 1,100 Fort Riley soldiers are expected to return to their families just in time for Christmas.

Troops are expected to begin returning Dec. 15. Each wave of troops will be welcomed with a redeployment ceremony at Hangar 817 on Marshall Army Air Field.

During the ceremonies, soldiers will march into the hangar to patriotic music for a final inspection. American flags will be waving as a member of Fort Riley's command group issues a brief statement of gratitude before releasing the soldiers to their families.

Soldiers of Task Force 1st Battalion, 34th Armor deployed in August to train with allies and conduct joint training with United States air and naval forces. The training conducted included individual and crew-level qualifications, platoon and company maneuver exercises, externally observed and controlled force on force exercises and coalition maneuver exercises with allied Land Forces.

Media opportunities are available for each redeployment. For times and locations, call Fort Riley Public Affairs at 785-239-2022.