

Task Force ODIN back from Iraq, Afghanistan



Photos by Heather Graham, Sentinel News Editor

LEFT, Aiden, 8 months old, grasps the dogtags of his father, Sgt. Jon Trandem, during a redeployment ceremony Saturday for TF-ODIN Soldiers following their yearlong deployment to Iraq. RIGHT, Family members and friends cheer Saturday night at the West Fort Hood Physical Fitness Center as about 150 Soldiers from TF-ODIN-Iraq return to Fort Hood following a yearlong deployment to Iraq. Saturday's troops were the last of the task force to return from Iraq during this iteration. They followed the final flight of about 100 Soldiers from the latest iteration of TF-ODIN-Afghanistan who returned the night before.



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Afghanistan correction systems from May to July 2009.

In 2008, he was appointed as the Deputy Commandant, United States Disciplinary Barracks, Fort Leavenworth, Ks. in July 2008.

The colors passed to Ashford, marking the official assumption of command and Williams's trust in his new command sergeant major.

As the three officers marched back to their seats, Williams and Huey crossed behind Grimsley, taking their rightful spots in the ceremony.

With all of his accomplishments and contributions to the brigade, Huey will be truly missed, and he will miss Fort Hood.

"It's been an absolute honor for me to serve as the 89th MP Brigade commander," Huey said. "It is

hard to believe where we've been and what we've done since I took command in 2007. It proves to me that a loyal, dedicated and collective team can accomplish anything if they work together."

At the end of his speech, Huey addressed the Soldiers he worked with and recognized them for the many man hours they worked to accomplish the brigade's missions.

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rewarding time in my career," Huey said. "Leaders, Soldiers and staff thank you for the hard work and thank you for your outstanding professionalism."

A new beginning brings new ideas, goals and aspirations. Williams will bring all this and his desire to lead into the battle as he begins his command of the 89th MP Bde.

"To the troopers of the Griffin Brigade, to the leaders out there on the field, to those deployed, those at Fort Riley, Fort Bliss and here at Fort Hood, I only ask a couple of things: live the Army values and exude the Warrior Ethos," Williams said.

Williams said his goal of exceeding the brigade's already high security and law-and-order standards both on post and in the field.

"I know that we will improve the force protection



Photo by Spc. Candace Mundt, 89th MP Bde. Public Affairs

Colonel Patrick Williams, 89th MP Bde. commander, gives his incoming speech at a change of command ceremony July 15 at Sadowski Field.

and the quality of emergency services that are provided here at the great place," Williams said. "We as military police are charged to assist commanders, maintain good order and discipline, here at home or deployed. As you go about the business of the Army, remember the military police corps motto that we are of the troops and for the troops."

Program: Aid available

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must be used within a three-year time period from the start date of the first class; and must be used to obtain an associates' degree, licensure or certification. A waiver may be granted when fees for licensure or certification require an up-front fee greater than \$2,000 and up to the total maximum assistance of \$4,000.

"The MyCAA program popularity grew beyond our expectations and became too expensive to continue. Therefore, we are returning to the original intent of the program in a way that is attainable and fiscally responsible for the Defense Department," Stanley said. "As we look to the future, we envision a program that is much broader than DoD's financial assistance component. Military spouses will be guided along a more holistic approach to

career planning."

Under the long-term program guidelines, career counselors will continue to work with all military spouses to help develop career and education goals and plans, and assist them in identifying and accessing available federal education benefits toward these goals.

"Families play a crucial role in supporting our men and women on the battlefield. When servicemembers are confident that their families at home have access to resources and support, they are better able to focus on their mission," Stanley said. "The Defense Department is committed to investing in military families. When we invest in the well-being of the family, we invest in the well-being of the force."

More information can be found on the MyCAA website at www.militaryonesource.com.

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