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34th Infantry Division Soldiers return from Mid-East Deployment

Credit (CBS & WCCO News & Pioneer Press Edited)

More than 550 soldiers from the 34th Infantry Division HQ's and Support Battalion returned home, just before Christmas, from a 10-month deployment in Kuwait. The 34th Infantry Division "Red Bulls" departed in February 2024.

Officially, the deployed soldiers' mission in the Middle East was to train and support regional partners. The "War on Terror" might be over, but they were still in a rough neighborhood, and that was never more apparent than when Iran twice launched hundreds of missiles and drones at Israel. The U.S., Israel and other allies shot down almost all of them.

The deployed soldiers returned from overseas by commercial aircraft, to the Twin Cities, in two separate waves arriving on Wed, December 11th and Saturday, December 14. They were transported to the General Vessey National Guard Readiness Center in Arden Hills, and dismissed in short order, with a "Hearty Thank You to all, and Merry Christmas wishes from the command.

The 550 soldiers that made up the HQ's and Support Battalion were from Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, North Dakota and South Dakota. The Red Bulls, as the 34th Infantry Division is known, were responsible for operations across seven countries. The soldiers took part in a mission to conduct military exercises with partner nations in the region, according to a statement from the unit. The goal is to build the partner nations' military capacities.

Maj. Gen. Shawn Manke, the Minnesota National Guard's adjutant general was on hand to greet the soldiers and stated, "The Soldiers of the 34th Infantry Division have made the Minnesota National Guard proud, as they assisted allies and partners in building security throughout the Middle East." Maj. Gen. Shawn Manke, also stated, "We are happy to see them return to spend the holiday season with their families." (Continued on page 3.)



Returning Minnesota National Guard solders walk past friends and family at the General Vessey Readiness Center in Arden Hills on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024. More than 550 soldiers with the Minnesota National Guard's 34th Infantry Division returned from a 10-month deployment to the Middle East as part of a regularly scheduled deployment. (John Autey / Pioneer Press)

Making History: The Challenges of Deploying an Army National Guard Division.

Credit (The Military Review, November 2024)

In fall 2022, Lt. Gen. Jon Jensen, director of the ARNG, supported a request by the Combined Arms Center (CAC) to analyze the length of time it would require to deploy a full ARNG division. He directed the question to leadership within the 34th Infantry Division (34ID), who embraced the challenge and analyzed the problem set for several months. 34ID staff explored how long it would take to rapidly mobilize and deploy 34ID under the ODA concept into the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM) area of responsibility (AOR). Dubbed "Armory to Port," 34ID's analysis examined the challenges and implications of a no-notice deployment from the perspectives of staff members and agencies responsible for moving 34ID overseas. (Continued on page 5.)



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Greetings To Our 34th Infantry Division Association Members,

Season's Greetings, I hope you and your families enjoyed the Holidays.

Eighty-one years ago, during the winter of 1942/1943, MG Charles Ryder led the Red Bulls in battle across the Italian mountains against Field Marshall Kesselring's German troops in what became known as the Winter Line, Italian campaign battle, during WWII.

More recently, 2024, MG Charles Kemper led the 34 Infantry Division on a 10 month deployment to Kuwait on missions for US Central Command, and brought them home safely this past December, just prior to Christmas. Welcome home Red Bulls!

During this coming year, the 1st Armor Brigade Combat Team receives new equipment as it modernizes with the 34th Division. The 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team prepares for a rotation at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Johnson, LA. We wish our soldiers well during this intense training period.

In closing, I ask you to spread the word about the 34th Infantry Division Association with Red Bulls that you served with in the past and present. Rekindle those relationships and develop new ones as we work at sustaining our great Association. I ask you to invite a friend to join a local chapter of the 34th Infantry Division Association. And make plans now to attend the Fall Reunion.

I wish you a very Happy and Productive New Year for 2025!

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34th Infantry Division Final Roll Call Fall 2024

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> Final Roll Call Prayer May they have no more hills to climb, nor cold, nor rain, nor mud, nor enemy fire, and may they now rest in Peace.

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(34th Inf Div Return- Continued from page 1.)

During their deployment, the Red Bulls conducted numerous military-to-military exercises with partner nation forces in the region. They also modernized the HQ's with top of the line communications equipment. LTC Jay Hackett, the Inf Bn Commander, expressed pride in the unit's focus and dedication throughout the mission. "They really took care of the mission, and more importantly, each other," Hackett said.

The scene at the Arden Hills headquarters was filled with emotion as families eagerly awaited their loved ones' return. One soldier, medic Kacie Lou, was greeted with warm embraces from her parents and grandparents. When asked about her first desire upon returning home, she humorously replied, "I want to go eat some tacos."

Another returning soldier described the surreal feeling of being back, stating, "It's unexplainable. I feel like I'm in a dream, and I don't think it'll really set in until tomorrow morning when I wake up in my own bed."

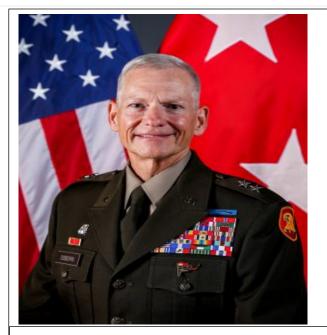
The 34th Infantry Division has previously deployed to Kuwait before, including in 2018-2019 in support of Operation Spartan Shield. Minnesota National Guard soldiers were also deployed to Iraq from 2009 to 2010, leading the multi-national Division-South in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Red Bulls' return marks another chapter in the division's rich history of service. With roots dating back to 1856, the Minnesota National Guard has consistently answered the nation's call, with more than 13,000 Soldiers and Airmen serving across 58 communities in the state.

The 34th Infantry Division Annual Reunion

Camp Dodge Johnston, Iowa

<u>The 78th Annual Reunion will be held on Friday and</u> <u>Saturday, 26-27 Sep 2025, at the Iowa Gold Star</u> <u>Museum at Cp Dodge. All needed information will be</u> <u>provided in the Spring 2024 Newsletter.</u>



Major General Steve Osborn Iowa State of the Guard Report

On January 16, 2025, MG Steve Osborn, the Adjutant General of Iowa, addressed the Iowa State Legislature, concerning National Guard activities over the past year, and what is planned in coming years.

MG Osborn announced that more than 1,800 34th Inf Div soldiers will be deployed to the Middle East this coming year. This is a scheduled deployment in support of Operation Inherent Resolve in Kosovo. The Iowa National Guard continues to work side by side with the KSF (Kosovo Security Force) in multiple capacities, strengthening interoperability, understanding and trust. He said in 2024, more than 700 service members were deployed across the state, nation and world.

MG Osborn also highlighted the Guard's efforts at the southern border of the U.S.. In April, we once again supported Texas and Operation Lone Star with 115 Soldiers Cavalry soldiers on the Southwest Border.

The Iowa Guard Counter Drug group was extremely successful while Iowa National Guard analysts work with law enforcement partners providing critical information needed to interdict illicit operations and prosecute rug cases. In 2024, analysts worked over 1,200 cases, contributing to the seizure of 2,327 pounds of drugs, and 884 arrests. This includes the seizure of approximately 30 pounds of fentanyl. We can all be proud of the Iowa Army & Air National Guard.



HQ Support Co, 34th Infantry Division U.S. Army Soldiers, assigned to Headquarters Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 34th Infantry Division, stand for a group photo in front of the Battalion's painted T-barrier in the U.S. Central Command's area of operations, Sept. 4, 2024. It is a tradition for Army units to decorate a T-wall barrier with a mural commemorating their deployment. Soldiers like to have their photos taken in front of their Mural. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Mahsima Alkamooneh)



34th ID War Mural T-BarrierArtist

U.S. Army Sgt. Josh Paavola, an automated logistical specialist assigned to Headquarters Support Company, HQ's & HQ's Bn, 34th Red Bull Inf Div, stands for a photo in front of the Battalion's painted T-barrier in the U.S. Central Command's area of operations, Sept. 4, 2024. Paavola designed and painted the barrier as part of an Army tradition to commemorate the unit's deployment. (photo by Staff Sgt. M. Alkamooneh)



U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Jason Benson, Deputy Commanding General–Maneuver, 34th Red Bull Infantry Division, for Task Force Spartan, speaks during a military-to-military partnership training exercise, Jade Chameleon. He attended an award ceremony with Jordan Armed Forces leaders on July 27, 2024.

(U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Mahsima Alkamooneh)



34th Infantry Division HHBN Group Photos U.S. Army Soldiers, assigned to Task Force Spartan's current operations and integration cell, pose for a photo in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, Nov. 3, 2024. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Abbygail Heinen





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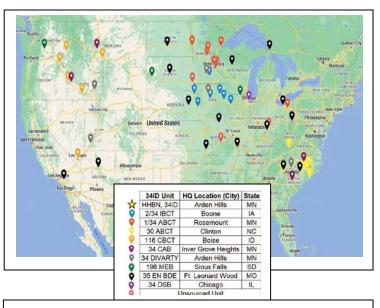


Members of the Minnesota Army national Guard conduct convoy operations at Camp Ripley at the height of summer in 2024. (photo by Anthony HouseBecker, MN NG)

The Army National Guard (ARNG) has been involved in the Global War on Terrorism and subsequent operations for over twenty years. Compared to active-duty units, ARNG divisions are tasked to overcome the tyranny of distance as they manage units spread hundreds (or thousands) of miles apart. For preplanned deployments managed through the Global Force Management Allocation Plan (GFMAP), ARNG units are traditionally notified months before deployment, but what happens if an ARNG division is called upon to "fight tonight"?



(Figure by Maj. Jessica Haugaard from MTOE 2024 for 34 ID operational division alignment units from the U.S. Army Force Management System Website.)



As U.S. joint operations move toward near-peer competition, the Army has shifted focus to its divisions, which are now the units of action in the Army's multidomain operations concept. Since 2020, the ARNG has realigned its major commands into interstate organizations through a concept termed "operational division alignment" (ODA): eight division headquarters aligned with brigades across multiple states that, when activated under federal authority, would deploy together in support of largescale combat operations (LSCO).

Currently the entirety of 34ID, as operationally aligned, is comprised of nine brigades, forty-six battalions, and 240 companies that span across twenty-nine states. 34ID consists of over twentyseven thousand soldiers and over seven thousand pieces of prime moving equipment.



Minnesota Army National Guard armored vehicles are loaded to a coastal port point of departure to support a 9-month deployment in 2021



The 34 Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade (IDSB) returns from deployment on November 21, 2024.

Credit (The Military Review, November 2024)



(U.S. Army photo by 2nd Lt. Trenton Fouche, Joint Force Headquarters - Illinois National Guard)

Family and friends wait for loved ones to arrive at Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport in Springfield, Illinois Nov. 21. Approximately 150 Soldiers from the 34th Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, based in Chicago, landed in the Windy City Nov. 21, arriving home just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. Approximately 300 Soldiers from the 34th IDSB and the 433rd Signal Company spent much of 2024 on a deployment to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility. This is the first overseas deployment for the 34th IDSB since the 34th IDSB operationally aligned with the 34th Infantry Division, formerly the 108 Sustainment Brigade, on September 2nd, 2023.

"The 34th Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade establishes the 34 IDSB commander as the 34th



Infantry Division's chief of sustainment, responsible for the integration, synchronization, and execution of sustainment operations," said COL Beth Roxworthy, the 34th IDSB's commander. "The 34th IDSB employs sustainment capabilities to create desired effects in support of the division commander's objectives."

Tradition of Transition: The 34 DSTB Honors Leadership During Change of Command.

Credit, LTC Bradford E. Leighton, State PAO, IL ARNG.

CHICAGO - Lt. Col Mark Williams, of Chatham, who oversaw the transition of his unit while also deploying two subordinate units, relinquished command of the Illinois Army National Guard's 34th Division Sustainment Troops Battalion to Lt. Col Brad Yakle, of Springfield, at the Northwest Armory in Chicago on Nov. 3.

"Mark's been here since July of 2022, so a little over two years in command and a lot has happened in this in this organization since he assumed command," said COL Beth Roxworthy, the Commander of the Illinois Army National Guard's 34th Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, the battalion's higher HQ's.

The battalion transitioned from the 108th Special Troops Battalion to the 34th Division Sustainment Troops Battalion. The battalion deployed the 633rd Theater Gateway Personnel Accountability Team to Kuwait and oversaw its successful return. It also deployed the 1863rd Financial Management Support Detachment to Poland. The 1863rd will return from deployment soon.



out going commander



COL Beth Roxworthy, the Commander of the Illinois Army National Guard's Chicago-based 34th Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade passes the guidon to Lt. Col. Brad Yakle, the incoming commander of the 34th Infantry Division Sustainment Troops Battalion, during a change of command ceremony at the Northwest Armory in Chicago on Nov. 3

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U.S Army Soldiers, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 34th Infantry Division, Task Force Spartan, watch a livestream of their family members participating in a Steak Dinner sponsored by a Saint Paul, MN-based civic organization back home. The soldiers are in the U.S. Central Command's area of operations, Oct. 5, 2024. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Abbygail Heinen)

Lt. Gen. Herbert R. Temple Jr., 21st National Guard Bureau Chief

Dec. 30, 2024 | By NGB PAO

Retired Army Lt. Gen. Herbert R. Temple Jr., former chief of the National Guard Bureau, died Dec. 28. He was 96. Temple served as the CNGB from 1986 to 1990, capping 43 years of military service. During his time as chief, he was instrumental in shaping the Guard of today." Temple was a RA soldier who joined the CA ARNG.

Lt. Gen. Temple was a general among generals and a leader among leaders. He leaves behind an exceptional, extraordinary legacy and I am so grateful for his support of the National Guard and his service to our nation. Temple oversaw the Guard's growth to more than 550,000 soldiers and airmen and expanded the engagement of Guard units in operations worldwide. He also oversaw Army Guard brigades undergo regular large-scale training rotations at the NTC and was the driving force behind the construction of the Army National Guard headquarters building in Arlington, Virginia. In 2017, the building was renamed in his honor.

Thank you for what you've done to make the National Guard what it is today."

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