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### **Transfer Of Authority ceremony held on Camp Bondsteel**

**Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo**—In a ceremony held yesterday, Brig. Gen. Jerry Beck and the 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division officially handed over authority of Multi-national Brigade (East) to Brig. Gen. Rick Erlandson and the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.

After serving in a six-month rotation that began in July, Beck and the 28<sup>th</sup> ID will leave Kosovo for the state of Pennsylvania where it is headquartered.

“This past year has been one of many successes,” said Beck. “When I look at what we have accomplished I am awed by how well these men and women have performed their duties. Not only have they provided a safe and secure environment, they have done it with enthusiasm, vigor and professionalism.”

Also in attendance at the ceremony was German army Lt. Gen Holger Kammerhoff, commander of Kosovo Forces who expressed his gratitude for the service of the Soldiers of the 28<sup>th</sup> ID.

“For six months the servicemen and women of this brigade have performed KFOR’s mission wonderfully,” said Kammerhoff. “Thousands of Soldiers have spent time away from their friends and families. I want to congratulate each of you for your commitment and dedication to duty. MNB (East) has earned the respect, trust and confidence of all Kosovars, no matter what ethnic or religious background, by being firm but fair.”

Erlandson, who has over 30 years of military experience, said the 34<sup>th</sup> ID stands ready to carry on where the outgoing unit left off.

“The 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and the units that make up the Task Force are well trained and ready to continue the mission,” said Erlandson. “The American Soldiers who arrived recently in Kosovo have worked at length in preparation to assume their duties. Each and every one of us understands the importance of this mission and the challenges that lie before us.”

MNB (East) is part of the NATO led KFOR and is comprised of soldiers from the United States, Greece, Armenia, Poland, Ukraine, and Lithuania. The mission of KFOR and MNB (East) is to provide a safe and secure environment in the region.

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