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Ready First Brigade equipment arrives in Korea

CAMP HUMPHREYS, Republic of Korea – Beginning in late February, the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, from Fort Bliss, Texas, began arriving in Korea as the next rotational armored brigade combat team to support 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-US Combined Division and Eighth Army.

All Soldiers arriving as part of the Ready First Brigade complete a negative COVID-19 PCR test before arriving to the ROK and will complete a mandatory quarantine immediately upon arrival in accordance with U.S. Forces Korea policy.

1/1 ABCT's tracked vehicles and other equipment arrived at the port in Busan, and will move forward to their final destination via the Korean rail system.

The Soldiers and equipment from Ready First Brigade, replace 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, from Fort Bliss, Texas, which returns home following a nine-month rotational deployment in support of 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-US Combined Division. Like the hand-off nine months ago, 2/1 ABCT, 1st AD will take portions of its equipment back to the U.S., and 1/1 ABCT, brings some of its equipment to the peninsula.

M1 Abrams tanks and M2 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles are included in the home station equipment. The logistical process allows for proper maintenance and service of the old equipment and aligns our deployed forces with current Army-wide modernization and readiness efforts.

The Ready First Brigade is the eleventh rotational armored brigade to serve in Korea.

The introduction of off-peninsula units to Korea exposes U.S. Soldiers to the operating environment in the ROK, expands and enhances the partnership between the two armies, and supports the ironclad ROK-US Alliance. .

Eighth Army and 2nd Infantry Division rotational forces are part of the Army's enduring commitments within the Asia-Pacific region, and allow greater responsiveness to better meet theater operational requirements.

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For imagery of the rotational unit equipment arrival, please go to the following links.

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