

Tip of the Sphere

1st Space Battalion sends Soldiers to Iraq, Qatar

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SSG James Fix, 2nd Space Company, 1st Space Battalion, gets a special hug from Anthony Roth, during a send-off ceremony held at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., Dec. 16, 2004. The ceremony honored 18 Soldiers from Peterson Air Force Base and Fort Bliss, Texas, deploying to Iraq and Qatar in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. The Soldiers are scheduled to be deployed for one year. Photo by SFC Dennis Beebe

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — A farewell ceremony conducted Dec. 16, 2004 honored 18 Soldiers from the 1st Space Battalion as they deployed from Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., and Fort Bliss, Texas, in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.

The 1st Space Company, Theater Missile Warning, (TMW) deployed five Soldiers from Colorado Springs and seven from El Paso to Qatar for a one-year tour.

“These are our finest Soldiers. They trained hard and have built solid teams. Now they are going off to do their mission and nothing is more important. They are prepared and ready,” said LTC Jeffrey Farnsworth, commander of the 1st Space Battalion.

The deployed TMW team members are, Team Leader CW2 Christopher Hall, SFC Ronnie Price, SGT Dawn White, SGT Alexander Appleby and SPC Michael Scott from Colorado. The El Paso contingent consists of SSG Christopher Lamb, SSG Tracey Rosser, SGT Darrell Jones, SGT Gilbert Garcia, SGT Eric Robinett, SPC Nicholas Carpenter and SPC Joshua Williams. There are also three Soldiers who went out in advance of the larger deployment. They are SSG Jeffrey Crane, SPC Jonas Moody and PFC Theodore Fuller.

The 2nd Space Company also deployed six Soldiers of Army Space Support Team (ARSST) 1 to replace the members of Team 2 who have been manning the system in Baghdad for the past year. They are MAJ Tod Pingrey, 1LT Lauren Miller, SSG James Fix, SGT Jason Martinez, SGT Paul Lizer and SPC David McQuay. The ARSST team supports the warfighter with products and information derived from Space-based capabilities. Items such as satellite imagery maps, blue force tracking, satellite communications and satellite weather are funneled directly to those who need them at all levels from planners to operators.