

# 3rd Brigade Soldiers Return Home

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*Eighty percent of the soldiers at Fort Benning are arriving home after being deployed for almost a year.*

Six year old Collin Bradfield says he is excited, "My daddy's coming home!"

Friends and family gather at freedom hall to welcome home about two hundred soldiers. Among those is specialist Jeremy Ogburn. Ogburn is from Lamar County, Georgia. He says returning home is an overwhelming experience, "You feel very anxious, you know. You feel a lot of emotions, you feel happy. You know it crosses through your mind everything you've been through the last year and it's kind of like your happy place."

Ogburn says the hardest part was the long nights he spent thinking about his one year old daughter in Germany. Ogburn says he is looking forward to relaxing with his family and eating a hamburger!

"I'm going to run to him and give him a great big hug," Harvey Peavler said.

The estimated six hundred soldiers returning this week are part of about thirty six hundred who will return by mid October. About two hundred Third Brigade soldiers returned home over the weekend...and another two hundred will be home by the end of the week.