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## V Corps Soldiers depart for Afghanistan

HEIDELBERG, Germany—Approximately 60 Soldiers from Headquarters, V Corps, departed Heidelberg today en route to Afghanistan.

The V Corps Soldiers have been training and preparing over the last several weeks for the deployment. They are part of the force deploying from Germany to Kabul, Afghanistan, to support the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and its efforts in Afghanistan.

USAREUR continues to provide expeditionary-force capabilities to ongoing military operations around the globe while maintaining NATO and other coalition partnerships. -30-

CUTLINES & PHOTOS BELOW:



COOKSEY: Spc. Rick Cooksey of Gardner, Kan., bids farewell to his wife, Pfc. Cathy Diaz, of Los Angeles, Calif. Approximately 60 V Corps Soldiers departed today for their deployment to Afghanistan to support the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and its efforts in Afghanistan. (Sgt. Maj. Lisa Hunter, USAREUR)



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MCRAVIN: Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Richard

McRavin grabs a bag lunch on his way out to board the bus. McRavin, a native of Tacoma, Wash., is one of approximately 60 V Corps Soldiers who departed today for their deployment to Afghanistan to support the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and its efforts in Afghanistan.

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