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## 141 Paratroopers volunteer to stay Army

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**KALSU, Iraq** – More than 140 Paratroopers decided to stay Army in a mass reenlistment ceremony Oct. 14 held at Forward Operating Base Kalsu, Iraq.

The Paratroopers from 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division made the decision to continue their service in the Army after being deployed for over a year. In recognition of this, Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, commanding general of Multi-National Division – Center, made a special trip to FOB Kalsu to personally lead the oath of enlistment for these Paratroopers.

“To reenlist this many Paratroopers after being deployed for a year is truly amazing,” said Master Sgt. Douglas Goodwin, senior career counselor for the 4th BCT (Airborne). “It says a lot about the leadership and the patriotism of these Paratroopers.”

After the ceremony, Maj. Gen. Lynch thanked each Paratrooper individually and posed for pictures.

To this date, the Spartan Brigade has reenlisted nearly 1300 Soldiers. Approximately 70 percent of them have decided to stay with the brigade for another tour.

“Soldiers are special people and to see these Paratroopers making a commitment to continue serving their country when the operational tempo is so high proves they trust in their leadership,” Goodwin said.

“It also shows how much they believe in what they are doing and stand proud as United States Paratroopers ready to defend our country against the ever growing threat of terrorism.”



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Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, commanding general of Multi-National Division – Center, Iraq speaks to the 141 Paratroopers from 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division during their reenlistment ceremony Oct. 14 on Forward Operating Kalsu, Iraq. (Photo by Sgt. Marcus Butler)



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141 Paratroopers from 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division reenlisted Oct. 14 on Forward Operating Base Kalsu, Iraq in a ceremony conducted by Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, commanding general of Multi-National Division – Center, Iraq. (Photo by Sgt. Marcus Butler)



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Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, commanding general of Multi-National Division – Center, Iraq recites the oath of enlistment to the 141 Paratroopers from 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division during their reenlistment ceremony Oct. 14 on Forward Operating Kalsu, Iraq. (Photo by Sgt. Marcus Butler)

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