



**UNCASING CEREMONY...** Lt. Col. Christopher Chomosh, 1st Battalion 180th Cavalry Squadron Commander and Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Miller, prepare the unit's colors for the flag uncasing ceremony held for the 1-180th Battalion of the 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center.



**WALKING TALL...** Members of the 1st Battalion 180th Cavalry Color Guard carry the battalion's infantry colors before the battalion transitions from an infantry unit to cavalry. The uncasing ceremony was held June 22. The 1-180th CAV is headquartered in Durant, Okla. and will be deployed to Kuwait in support of Overseas Contingency Operations.

# From Infantry to Cavalry

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The 180th Battalion of the 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team held an uncasing of the colors ceremony at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center parade field here June 22.

Approximately 400 Soldiers stood tall while the Infantry colors were cased and the Cavalry colors were uncased.

As the rain continued to pour down, Lt. Col. Christopher Chomosh, the unit commander called the Soldiers of the 180th battalion saying "Warriors, you come from a long lineage of Soldiers that stood shoulder to shoulder, that were ready in peace and war, you men answered the call, trained hard and have proven yourselves."

The Durant, Okla. unit has been training at

CSJFTC for the last four months for an upcoming deployment in support of Overseas Contingency Operations. While in Kuwait the Soldier's mission will be Mobile Response Force.

They will put to use the training and skills that they have learned while at Camp Shelby. While in Kuwait they will continue to train for full spectrum ops, mounted, and dismounted, urban ops and battle drills.

The unit has been in transition from an infantry unit to a cavalry unit but it took approximately a year to receive the colors. The ceremony was the final effort to mark the transition.

"I am very proud of the unit and our new colors," said Chomosh, "We will be the first unit to have the honor to carry it and take it into harm's way. We will not fail," he said in his closing remarks.



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