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WASHINGTON, D.C. April 4 -- Senators James Pearson, Bob Dole and Congressman Chester Mize today announced that Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird will attend ceremonies for the return of the colors of the First Infantry Division at Fort Riley April 15.

Deactivation of the "Big Red One" will be completed on that date.

The three legislators will accompany Secretary Laird to Fort Riley for the ceremonies.