From the White House: The final march out of Iraq

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Washington, DC (RPRN) 12/15/11 — Good afternoon, After nearly nine years, our war in Iraq is ending. In recent days, many of our troops have come home and been reunited with their families for the holidays. Over the next few days, a small group of American soldiers will begin the final march out of Iraq. This moment of success is because of their sacrifice. More than 1.5 million Americans have served in Iraq. More than 30,000 of these brave men and women were wounded. Nearly 4,500 gave their lives. America's military families have borne a heavy burden. As we mark the end of this war, we need to show our veterans and their families that they have the thanks of a grateful nation. Take a minute to look back at the moments that brought us to this point, then share a personal message of gratitude with those who have served.

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