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## *Two USACE NCOs inducted into Sgt. Audie Murphy Club*

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**BASRAH, Iraq**--Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Dorko, commander of the Gulf Region Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, inducted two Soldiers serving with USACE in Iraq into the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club.

Inducted into the prestigious club at a Jan. 26 ceremony at Camp Blackadder in Basrah were Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Golden and Staff Sgt. Jeremy King. Golden is noncommissioned officer in charge of the Adder Area Office of the Corps' Gulf Region South district and King is the supply noncommissioned officer in charge at GRS.

Sgt. Audie Murphy Club membership goes to those noncommissioned officers whose leadership, achievements and performance merit special attention. It is a means of recognizing those NCOs who have contributed significantly to the development of a professional NCO Corps and a combat ready Army. Recipients exemplify leadership characterized by personal concern for the needs, training development, and welfare of Soldiers and concern for families of Soldiers.

Dorko said the United States has "the finest Army the planet has ever seen" thanks to excellence of its noncommissioned officer corps and the leadership provided by its NCOs. Speaking of Golden and King, he said he is heartened to see great young NCOs exemplifying the values, including selfless service, that make



Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Dorko presents Staff Sgt. Jeremy King with the Audie Murphy medallion. (USACE photo by Betsy Weiner)



Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Dorko presents Sgt. 1st Class Chris Golden with the Audie Murphy medallion. (USACE photo by Betsy Weiner)

the Army an exemplary institution.

Audie Murphy is America's most decorated war hero. One of 13 children from Kingston, Tex., Murphy received the Medal of Honor for heroism during service in Europe in World War II before reaching his 21st birthday. "You lead from the front," he said.

GRD Command Sgt Maj. Eloy Alcivar described Murphy as "a very courageous combat leader who led by example." He recalled that Murphy enlisted shortly after his 18th birthday, having been rejected by the paratroopers and the Marines, and that he weighed 110 pounds at the time. He said Golden and King survived a rigorous selection process to gain admission to the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club. Both Soldiers were awarded the Army Commendation Medal.

Golden, as NCOIC of the Adder Area Office, works with the office commander, Cmdr. Stephen Seaman, to manage the operational planning and construction

quality assurance of 61 reconstruction projects valued at over \$443 million and the oversight of the 16 civilians and 18 Iraqi construction engineers who work in the office. He is currently serving a one year volunteer assignment in Iraq. He is married and has three children.

King is responsible for ensuring that critical actions are integrated and properly executed to provide support for some 460 military and civilian USACE personnel located at seven sites in southern Iraq. He performs all duties related to procurement, maintenance and inventory of all supplies and equipment and transportation of personnel. He also controls and manages a supply budget of \$312,000. He is married and has a daughter.

"NCOs lead the way, Essayons," said Golden. King singled out GRS Sgt. Maj. Timothy Freitag for special thanks for mentoring him.

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