

ANTITERRORISM AWARENESS MONTH



Commanding General's Antiterrorism Message

The Army's senior leadership has proclaimed August 2012 as the Army's Antiterrorism (AT) Awareness Month. This is of special significance as we approach the eleventh anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on New York City and the Pentagon. With our recent successes against our enemies in Iraq and Afghanistan, enhancing our Soldiers, Civilians, and Family Members' understanding of the nature of terrorism and the potential for retaliatory terrorist attacks on Army installations, stand-alone facilities and units is critical to our defense.

An essential part of the United States Army, Pacific (USARPAC) AT Strategic Plan is to instill a level of awareness in every member of the USARPAC community and that each member serves as a part of a protective shield. By building a strong understanding of the threats, we teach our communities how to become less vulnerable to exploitation. Therefore, Soldiers at all levels of command, Family Members and Army civilians are all a part of the solution.

This year's Army AT Awareness Month will be executed with the greatest degree of latitude delegated to commanders at the lowest levels. The following Army themes were developed to help focus and guide commanders on high pay off tasks that directly support USARPAC's AT program: 1) Recognizing and reporting suspicious activity – iWATCH; 2) Performing threat analysis and information sharing; 3) Leveraging the Command Information Program and Public Affairs; and 4) Reinforcing the importance of criticality assessments to evaluate and prioritize assets and guide resource allocation decisions.

I strongly believe that ensuring protection from terrorist acts is only successful by integrating AT principles with constant AT awareness into all of our activities and missions. Consequently, I encourage all of you to be ever vigilant –

"IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING"

Mission success depends on our ***People, Training*** and ***Equipment***, bonded together by solid ***Leadership, Teamwork and Discipline***

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