

# Letter From the Commanding General

Expo '04



Welcome to the Land Combat Expo 2004. Our Theme this year is: "USAREUR...AT WAR AND TRANSFORMING."

It's been a year of challenge, change, courage and commitment to the world, our great nation and to all of us in United States Army Europe. Our wonderful soldiers, civilians and family members serving in and supporting OIF and OEF have raised the bar for the world. We are displaying for our allies and enemies alike what a great democracy, using the on the ground presence of our units, supported by families and the backing of the American people, can achieve in defense of liberty.

During the three day period 28-30 September 04 you will have the opportunity to attend and participate in a variety of events here at the Expo that tell the story of USAREUR's support in the global war on terrorism, principally our support to OIF. You will see the latest military equipment that is being used in the war, and the equipment used by our allies in the support of the Global War on Terrorism. You will have the opportunity to hear soldiers and leaders tell of the battles and operations they participated in, in support of OIF...what they did, what they learned and how that has changed the way they now train and fight for the future. From a historical perspective you will learn how the 1944 Normandy Campaign and subsequent breakout compares with the build up in Kuwait and the drive on Baghdad in 2003. DoD/DA Organizations and commercial vendors will offer "a hands on" opportunity to see and study new and emerging military technologies and equipment, while the agencies that provide soldier and family services will show you how they can continue to support you and your families.

While participating in the events, exhibits and activities of this Expo, your sense of history and pride in being a member of our great Army will grow. You will gain a perspective on the outstanding achievements, contributions and sacrifices that you are making to America through your extraordinary professional and personal achievements. I urge you to take advantage of this great professional development opportunity to prepare yourselves for the great challenges yet to come. As members of Freedom's Expeditionary Force, together we will accomplish, Any Mission, Anywhere!

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