

Combined Joint Task Force

Operation Inherent Resolve APO AE 09306

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Operation Inherent Resolve Casualty

SOUTHWEST ASIA- "Yesterday, the United States of America lost one of her finest warriors doing what American troops do best -- protecting those who cannot protect themselves. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and loved ones of this brave Soldier," said Lt. Gen. Sean B. MacFarland, commander of the Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve. "We are proud of the combined forces who conducted the mission to rescue these Iraqi hostages. Their courage, skill, and sacrifice narrowly prevented yet another brutal massacre by Daesh murderers. It is important to realize that U.S. military support to this Iraqi rescue operation is part of our overarching counter-terrorism efforts throughout the region and does not represent a change in our policy. U.S. forces are not in Iraq on a combat mission and do not have boots on the ground."

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