

Soldier Bio: SGT Christopher Pauley



Sgt. Christopher Pauley, 27, a Military Working Dog Handler with the 88th Military Police Detachment is currently deployed in Northern Iraq and working on Contingency Operating Base (COB) Speicher- Tikrit, Iraq. Pauley is the handler of Staff Sgt. Jack- a German Shepherd who is trained to attack and find explosives. They have been together for 18 months now as this is Pauley's first working dog and Jack's first handler. Pauley was an MP prior to being a Military Working Dog Handler.

Pauley was born and raised in Orrville, Ohio, where his mother and father currently reside. He graduated from Orrville High School in 2002, and joined the military in April of 2004. This is Pauley's third deployment and he plans to redeploy this summer and return to his duty station at Camp Zama Japan.

MISSIONS:

- (1) IRAQI ELECTIONS: responsible for sweeping polling sites and attached to QRF (Quick Reaction Force) -placed on stand-by if needed by Iraqi Security Forces (ISF.)
- (2) SEARCH FOR WEAPONS CACHES: conduct searches in the Salah ad- Din Province. Receive reports on possible weapons, explosives, and ammunitions in an area. SGT Pauley and his military working dog (SSG Jack) report and search the area.
- (3) FORCE PROTECTION- sweep the area for explosives before any MWR Event/ USO tour; respond threats on base; and conduct presence patrols- walk through living quarters to ensure safety.
- (4) IRAQI K-9 PROGRAM/ VETERINARIAN TRAINING: Train Iraqi's to be dog handlers, to include, Veterinarian training (how to care for their dog using immediate first aide) – ex. teat w/ intravenous fluids (IV); and for heat exhaustion, bullet wound, splint fracture (basic medical aide.)

- (5) SET UP AND CONDUCT TRAINING PROBLEMS: Set up training problems for Iraqi's in order to mentor and train the dog and handler for future missions.

Awards or recognitions:

- (1) This team received recognition as the TF Marne Dog Face Hero of the North: SSG Jack and SGT Pauley are selected for their outstanding performance as a Patrol Explosive Detector Dog Team. Through their tactical proficiency, competence, and ability to perform in any environment, they have earned the confidence and respect of the maneuver commanders they support. SSG Jack and SGT Pauley have conducted approximately 70 missions that include raids and cordon and search operations. Their ability to coordinate with units to establish excellent pre-mission rehearsals ensured that each mission was successful. When not on mission, they enjoy a good book and taking long runs around COB Speicher, keeping their minds and bodies ready for the rigors of combat.