

MAJOR RICHARD CRANFORD

U.S. Army Major Richard Cranford deployed to Iraq in September, 2007 where he served as Military Police, responsible for managing execution of the police partnership program. Working closely with the Iraqi Police Services in eastern Baghdad, Cranford led initiatives to train, coach and mentor the Iraqi Police.

Cranford's work encompassed seven Iraqi Police districts, with more than 10,000 Iraqi Police Officers. He was specifically responsible for tactical operations, investigations, administrative and logistical support, and training.

In charge of the Tactical Operations Center, Cranford worked to synchronize the Operations and Intelligence sections to command and control of 45 police transition teams.

During the deployment, Cranford earned a Army Commendation Medal for courageous action taken during an enemy indirect fire attack, according to the award citation. Cranford responded, performing first aid on Wounded Soldiers.

Cranford also earned a Bronze Star for his service during the 2007 to 2008 deployment.



U.S. Army Major Richard Cranford earned a Bronze Star and an Army Commendation Medal while serving in Iraq during a 2007 - 2008 deployment.

