



# News Release

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## Media Opportunity **4ID hosts Purple Heart ceremony**

**FORT CARSON, Colo.** – The 4th Infantry Division will host a Purple Heart ceremony April 3 at 3 p.m. at McNearney Hall located on post.

The ceremony will recognize Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jared Grindstaff for injuries sustained while deployed to the Moqur Province of northwestern Afghanistan. Grindstaff will receive the Purple Heart from Maj. Gen. David S. Doyle, commanding general of the 4th Inf. Div.

On Oct. 14, 2010, then-Sgt. Grindstaff, assigned to the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Inf. Div., was injured when a military vehicle within his convoy drove over a pressure plate IED, causing the device to detonate. Grindstaff, who was attempting to help his vehicle navigate the route's difficult terrain, was directly impacted by the blast when the IED detonated nearly 50 meters away.

Grindstaff currently serves as a targeting officer for the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4th Inf. Div.

The Purple Heart was established by Gen. George Washington in 1782, initially referred to as the Badge of Military Merit, and is awarded to service members who are wounded, killed or have died from wounds received in action.

Media with questions or those interested in attending this event should RSVP by 4 p.m. Wednesday to the Fort Carson Public Affairs Office at (719) 526-4143/7525.

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