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411th Engineer Battalion Sergeant presented Purple Heart

Lt. Gen. James R. Helmly, Chief, Army Reserve (left), and Command Sgt. Maj. Nicholas A. Piacentini Jr, Command Sergeant Major of the United States Army Reserve Command (right), share a light moment with Sgt. Aaron M. Carvalho (center) after pinning a Purple Heart on his shirt at Tripler Army Medical Center on Sun., Aug. 29. Carvalho, a Reservist assigned to Company A, 411th Engineer Battalion from Hawaii, was wounded when a roadside bomb exploded beneath the Humvee he was driving. His Humvee was the third vehicle in a convoy returning to Camp Anaconda near Baghdad on August 21. Also seriously hurt in the incident were his fellow Soldier riding shotgun in the Humvee, Staff Sgt. Juanita Wilson, who is hospitalized at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C. Three other Soldiers further back in the Humvee were also struck by shrapnel from the explosion.



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