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**Local Totowa resident receives Coin of Excellence from top U.S. general in Iraq**

**CAMP BUCCA, Iraq**—On Nov. 8, Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, commanding general, Multi-National Force-Iraq presented a few deserving Service members with his Coin of Excellence during his visit to Camp Bucca.

Camp Bucca unit leaders recommended outstanding Service members who they believe are performing above and beyond expectations of their rank and position.

Spc. Spencer Gomez, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2-113th Infantry Battalion supply specialist, was recommended by Sgt. 1st Class Edwin Tejada, supervising officer. The 2-113th Infantry Battalion, headquartered in Riverdale, N.J., is part of the 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, New Jersey Army National Guard.

Gomez was part of an elite group of logisticians that assisted in a massive fielding of the new Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Vehicle upon his arrival at Camp Bucca; these types of missions are mostly handled only by the Army's most experienced logisticians due to highly sensitive nature and cost of the equipment.

Camp Bucca is a forward operating base along the Kuwaiti border near the port city of Umm Qasr, Iraq's southernmost city.

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Sgt 1st Class Edwin Tejada, HHC, 2-113th Infantry, contributed to writing this release.

**Photo:**

Spc. Spencer Gomez, a Totowa, N.J. native with Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 2-113th Infantry Battalion, receives a coin of excellence on Nov. 8 from Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, commanding general, Multi-National Force-Iraq during his visit to Camp Bucca. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Amie J. McMillan)