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Former Rangers Visit Troops in Middle East

Army Rangers visited troops stationed in Southwest Asia on an inspirational tour.

Washington, D.C. (October 7, 2011) – [Armed Forces Entertainment](http://www.armedforcesentertainment.com) sent Dani McKnight, Keni Thomas, Howard Mullen and Charlie Manis to meet, greet and speak to the troops stationed in the Middle East. The former Rangers signed autographs, posed for pictures and extended their gratitude to the men and women in uniform.

During McKnight's 28 years of service, he earned the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal for Valor, the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Ranger Tab, the Master Parachutist Badge with Combat Star and the Pathfinder Badge. Thomas is a decorated combat veteran of the elite 75th Ranger Regiment special operations unit. As a military analyst, Thomas has made numerous appearances on every major television network, including a featured story on *Good Morning America*. "Mad Max" Mullen is a retired Master Sergeant from the United States Army Rangers and a living legend amongst his Ranger Peers and the Special Operations community. Mullen distinguished himself as being one of only a handful of men to serve in all three Ranger Battalions and served as a Ranger Instructor during Ranger school, transforming from committee groups to the Ranger Training Brigade concept. Manis served with the Company D Indiana Rangers in Vietnam and earned the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Bronze Star with V-device, the Combat Infantry Badge, a Purple Heart and the Parachute Badge.

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