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## **Correction Officer Meets Chuck Norris in Iraq**



Marine Cpl. John Pineiro, 3rd Battalion-14th Marines, Task Force Military Police, right front-standing, joins fellow Marines at Al Asad Airfield in Iraq for a photo with "Walker, Texas Ranger" star Chuck Norris, center. Norris visited the troops in Iraq while on tour with the United Services Organization.

AL ASAD AIRFIELD, IRAQ - Cpl. John Pineiro, 3rd Battalion-14th Marines, of Green Brook recently met "Walker, Texas Ranger" star Chuck Norris when Norris was on tour with the United Services Organization.

"A Marine from Pineiro's battalion had painted the actor's picture on some Humvees and Norris wanted to meet the Marine who did it," said Sheriff Frank J. Provenzano. "Norris stopped by to talk with the Marines, shake hands and take photos with the troops."

Cpl. Pineiro is a correction officer at the Somerset County Jail. He graduated the county police academy in Dec. 2003, and is expected to be stateside in April.

Cpl. Pineiro said that Norris' visit "really lifted the morale of the Marines that he came into contact with."