

## ANTITERRORISM AWARENESS MONTH



### Commanding General's Antiterrorism Message

This August marks the Army's fourth annual Antiterrorism (AT) Awareness Month. Terrorism is a form of violent action, undertaken to instill fear in order to force a political change. It is not new, and it is not gone.

My intent for this year's AT Awareness month is to instill command-wide heightened awareness and vigilance in our antiterrorism responsibilities. Although August is set aside for AT Awareness month, I want our AT focus and the protection of our Pacific Warriors, Families, and communities to last throughout the year. To help accomplish this, we will utilize the following themes to focus and guide commanders' efforts: recognizing and reporting suspicious activity through the iWATCH program; using social media to support AT awareness and community outreach efforts; increasing Family Readiness Group awareness; and using law enforcement as an enabler to protect our communities.

A vigilant effort of detection and prevention is our greatest weapon in the fight against terrorism. Protecting ourselves from terrorist attacks can best be accomplished by effectively integrating AT training and awareness with our existing protection programs. It takes all Soldiers, Civilians, and Family members together to ensure our homeland is protected. Our greatest fault is not taking action when we identify suspicious or illicit activity. I charge each and every member of the Army Pacific team to be vigilant and active – If you see something, say something. Thanks for helping to keep our Nation and our fellow citizens safe.

**One Team!**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Brooks', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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