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Gary York to receive Defense of Freedom Medal Friday for service in Iraq

Omaha, NE -- Gary York, power plant senior controller at Gavins Point Dam, in Yankton, S.D., will be awarded the Secretary of Defense Medal for Defense of Freedom Friday, Feb. 20, at 10:45 a.m. in the Gavins Point Power Plant conference room.

York served a 120-day tour in Iraq as part of the Task Force Restore Iraqi Energy. He sustained combat wounds to the head and shoulder while traveling in a convoy, Dec. 24, 2003, in the vicinity of Balad, Iraq. Unknown assailants using small arms fire attacked the convoy. Two Iraqi security guards traveling in the convoy were killed. York was treated at Landstuhl Army Regional Medical Center in Germany and recently returned to Yankton.

Brig. Gen. William T. Grisoli, commander, Northwestern Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will present the medal.

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