



Expeditionary Contracting Command



Sgt. 1st Class (P) Mario Murray is a contracting non-commissioned officer with the 901st Contingency Contracting Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas.

Murray attended the Army Acquisition Basic Course in Huntsville, Ala., in February 2007, making him the first NCO to ever attend this course prior to establishing the 51C career field. Despite only having two months of contracting experience, Murray graduated at the top of the class and has always been a trendsetter in his career field, continuing to excel no matter what job or mission he is given.

Murray is the battalion's operations officer, managing the unit's day-to-day battle rhythm. From maintaining the battalion calendar, the digital training management system, the commander's updated briefings, just name a few, Murray never fails to get the mission right.

"Being organized, disciplined, and having a keen sense of the ever changing operational environment around the battalion are keys to being successful in my job," Murray said.

An Arkansas native and a devout "Razorback" fan, Murray's career has been fast paced. Remaining current to changes within military contracting is the key to Murray's success.

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From a multitude of deployments to the National Training Center, Calif., as a contracting NCO to being the NCO-in-charge at the Regional Contracting Command – Baghdad, Iraq, Murray has sought out and gained experience at every level afforded to him.

Recently, during Operation Bold Impact, a training exercise at Fort Riley, Kan., involving 412th Contracting Support Brigade Soldiers preparing for deployment, Murray manned the operation center during the exercise and coordinated all internal requirements needed to make this training successful for everyone.

