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Brigadier General Ernest C. Audino, US Army (Ret), is a Senior Military Fellow at the London Center for Policy Research. He also serves as SVP, Military Market Development, at Raydon Corporation. He is a frequent contributor to the Washington Times, Fox News and many other media outlets in the USA and overseas where he provides commentary and analysis on Kurdish and US national security issues. He also is completing a book based on his service with the *peshmerga*. It will bring to a US audience key portions of the Kurdish story of triumph over atrocity, endurance under chemical weapons and freedom after genocide.

General Audino graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1983 and retired in 2011 after a 28-year Army career. He served multiple assignments in armor, cavalry, infantry and Stryker units. Other key assignments include service as an Army Congressional Fellow in the US Senate, duty as the Executive Assistant to the Vice Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Director of Nuclear Support at the US Defense Threat Reduction Agency. His last assignment was as the Deputy Director of Operations for Headquarters, US Army, in the Pentagon.

He considers his most significant assignment to be his service in Iraq where he commanded a team of combat advisors embedded in 3rd Infantry Brigade, 4th Division Iraqi Army. His brigade was formed entirely from Kurdish *peshmerga* and missioned to conduct counterinsurgency operations.

His education includes:

Bachelor of Science, United States Military Academy, West Point

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