

Postcards from Iraq

Witnessing history in front of my eyes

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Iraqis are brave individuals. Stricken by violence, lacking basic services and challenged to provide even the bare minimum for their families, they continue to work towards a better future. They courageously report to work every day despite their personal security because they believe in our mission and commitment in assisting them to rebuild their nation and to provide a better future for new generations to come.

This deployment provided me the opportunity to be part of the great impact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Gulf Region Division is providing. We assist the people of Iraq by developing projects that will help to strengthen Iraq's governance, community, services and protect critical infrastructure assets.

As the Secretary of General Staff, I had the opportunity to witness history being written in front of my eyes. The changes that have taken place in Iraq are remarkable. Although these positive improvements and historical changes are the results of the new and better Iraq, the future ahead is fragile. GRD is assisting the Iraqis with reconstruction projects, and is also building a strong foundation for the new generation of Iraq, its children.

One of the significant events during my deployment was the turn over of donated wheelchairs to the Prosthetic Clinic. It was a very long journey but amazingly rewarding.

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Making SGS plans with MG Dorko.



GRD delivers donated wheel chairs to the prosthetic clinic.



The signing of an important pact between the US and Iraqi governments.