

Postcards from Iraq



Small world ...

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One thing truly unique about working in Iraq is that every employee, contractor and serviceman captures vast and different memories.

The fondest memory I will take with me is being able to visit and get to know Army Specialist Jack Ramthun. Jack's father and I worked together in Kansas and became close friends. Jack's dad, Arde and his mom were very concerned about his deployment. I run into Jack often and share common work goals.

Jack is with the 20th Engineer Battalion and they provide tremendous support to the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, which is my primary focus as the Resident Engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Gulf Region Division Central District's Victory South Resident Office. We're building schools, health clinics, outdoor markets, water and sewer projects, electric generation and distribution lines, police stations, paving roads, erecting bridges, and renovating Baghdad's International Airport.

When I complete my tour in August, I will take home many memories of challenges, new friends and getting to know Jack. I hope Jack will remember me as his Iraq Godfather.



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