

Postcards from Iraq

Promoting Stability in Iraq

This past year I was notified that I would be deployed for 6 months to fill a position in Iraq. Though this would be my 8th deployment, I eagerly looked forward to the opportunity to again serve my country.

As a U.S. Air Force asset, I am currently filling an In-Lieu-Of tasking for the U.S. Army, supporting my sister service in the U.S. efforts to rebuild Iraq. The position I am assigned to is as a Program Manager with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Gulf Region Division, Baghdad, Iraq as the Special Projects Sub-Sector

Lead overseeing the development and implementation of more than 600 projects worth \$1.2B.

This deployment provides me the opportunity to make a significant impact to the mission; I am assisting in development of projects that will help to strengthen Iraq's decentralized self-governance, provide Iraqis community services, and protect critical Iraqi infrastructure assets. All of these efforts serve to boost Iraq's security, economic and political capacity, capability and stability.



Above left: Beside an armored vehicle. Above: In Saddam's reviewing stand in Baghdad. Left: Answering an Iraqi reporter's questions at a press conference.



As with all deployments, the people I worked with made all the difference. This included sister service personnel from the U.S. Army and Navy, U.S. Government employees, contract personnel, and most importantly, the Iraqi people themselves. I admire the Iraqis for their courage in the face of adversity and enjoy their warm and hospitable nature as they continue their struggle to bring a better way of life to their country, their people, and their families.

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