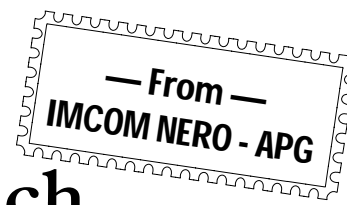# Postcard from Iraq

Constant synergistic, cohesive approach...

Greetings to all Gulf Region Division service members, Army civilians, contractors, and Iraqi associates. I arrived in Baghdad during the first week of June 2007 and I have the honor and privilege to become the fourth command sergeant major of this great unit.

I am very grateful to Brig. Gen. Walsh for granting me the opportunity to be the next Command Sergeant Major of this great team.

The transition has been very expeditious, efficient, and pleasant thanks to Command Sgt. Maj. McDaniel and our exceptional GRD staff members. I am glad to be part of the Gulf Region Division team and feel very welcomed.

All of you should expect me to live by and uphold the Army values and to show you a very high degree of work ethic.

In return, I expect all of you to consistently demonstrate the values of your profession and this organization as it goes a long way to maintaining your health, welfare, and safety. These areas are very important to me personally and professionally.

Brig. Gen. Walsh's priorities are my priorities and I will enforce his policies to the letter, as well as those originating from our higher commands.

These policies are very critical to our organizational success and to our personal safety here in Iraq.

Our mission is very important and requires a constant synergistic and cohesive approach to achieve the desired results. I encourage you to maintain a robust relationship with your fellow GRD team members, our Iraqi associates, and combatant units operating in your area of responsibility.

You and your Families have made significant sacrifices in order for you to honorably serve our nation, our host nation and the great people of Iraq. I am glad and proud to be part of the GRD Family. Thank you for your service.

CSM Eloy Alcivar
Gulf Region Division,
Baghdad, Iraq

Here is a photo of me and an Iraqi project manager in Northern Iraq during a visit to a project site there during the summer of 2007.