

Postcards from Iraq

A Lifelong Experience in a Short Time in Iraq

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I am from Defense Contract Management Agency in Huntington Beach, California. I have been at the Gulf Region Central district in Baghdad since October and my tour is up in March.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to be part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers family for the past six months and it is an experience that I will take back with me and share with my family and co-workers back home.



Maria Akbarpour tries out "Saddam's Chair" in Baghdad's Al Faw Palace.



Maria stands beside one of the many armored vehicles being used in Iraq.

The work that the Corps has done for this country is unbelievable. It cannot be described or seen through e-mails, or explained in simple words. Dedication, sacrifice, and long hours, while striving to accomplish the mission and achieve the goals, that is what I have seen in the work that is being performed here.

It has been a lifelong experience in such a very short time. All the Gulf Region Central district employees and the Iraqis have gained my respect and my gratitude for everything they are doing.

Be safe.

