

Postcards from Iraq

Deployment adds up to life enhancing experience

As the Command Deputy, Secretary to the General Staff (SGS) and Division Admin Officer, I have had the opportunity to meet and talk with people from all over the world, both civilians and members of the different military organizations. I have been privileged to have dined and talked with local nationals, Sheiks, and Government of Iraq Ministers; all of whom were so gracious and grateful. They are so willing to share their food, homes and lives, no matter how little they may have. They take such pride in what ever it is they are doing, and long to learn new ways. I shall always cherish the memories of the friendships I have been blessed with.

Also, without a shred of doubt, some of the most honored and precious memories I will take with me are those times spent talking with our U.S. Military members. These men and women are so incredible; their sense of pride, honor and duty make them infectious. I have never felt safer than I do being surrounded by the men and women of our various U.S. Military Forces. I am

grateful and honored to have had the opportunity, to witness first hand just how awesome our Soldiers are. I return home with an enhanced sense of pride, and a renewed commitment to support them to the fullest extent I possible can. They truly are Heroes; every one of them.

I have had the most wonderful, life enhancing, knowledge gaining experience that is so far above anything I could have ever imagined. It is truly something that I would highly recommend to everyone.



Me with a Soldier providing protection from his up-armored Humvee.



I have been able to see different parts of the country during official travel. Here I'm ready to take off aboard a Blackhawk helicopter.

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