

# Postcards from Iraq

It is not what you do, but what you leave behind

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At the Iraq Engineer Summit in Baghdad's Al Faw Palace, Lt. Col. William Morgan (l) discusses engineer operations .



Lt. Col. William Morgan (l) and Lt. Col. Marshall Banks distribute toys to Al Farouq village children.

Working within the Central District, Gulf Region Division, of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in and around Baghdad, has been an extraordinary experience. I arrived in Iraq a year ago and have had the opportunity to work with and for great Soldiers, civilians and Iraqis. The things I learned from people all over the world who are part of Central District, along with the hard work in magnificent reconstruction efforts and the marked improvements in the Iraqi infrastructure, will last a lifetime, in this nation . . . and in myself.

I served as the S-3 Operations and Plans Chief for a large portion of my deployment, but also served as the Officer in Charge of the Baghdad Area Office for my last three months. Both positions were challenging, but worth every minute.

Again, the Soldiers, Civilians and Iraqis I have had the privilege to work with are all focused on one mission, helping to rebuild Iraq for the Iraqis. If the news media would cover only a portion of the incredibly good things that the people of Iraq, the Coalition Forces' Service members and civilians have done and will continue to do, the perception of people who have not experienced being deployed to Iraq would be different, probably for the better. I know it made a difference in me.

In closing, I would like to everyone who supports Service members and civilians deployed to this Theater of Operations. Also, a special thanks to my family and friends for supporting me through this deployment.

See you on the High Ground.

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Lt. Col William Morgan (right) inspects a Central District project site near Baghdad with soldiers of the 101st Airborne (AASLT) Division.