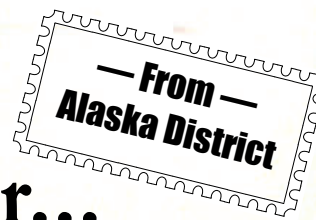


Postcards from Iraq

Working Hard, Playing Harder...



I deployed August 2005 from the Alaska District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in search of something different and to see the world.

I left behind my parents, Wayne and Rose Weiler, my sister radiation therapist Janice, my Marine brother Kurt and engineer brother Eric to head of to assist in Hurricane relief

in 2004, then from there, I decided to go to Iraq.

I also really wanted to see one of the places that my brother had deployed to with the Marines - Fallujah. I figured that this would be one of my only opportunities to do something for my country to pay back some of the freedoms that others like my brother, had been providing us for so long. Lastly, I figured it would help me pay down some student loans.

Back home I am a P2 Project Scheduler in the Programs & Project Management Division. Here, I am an information technology specialist working the helpdesk. Usually, G6'ers are a little different and that was no different here. We have a great and diverse team of Information Technology Professionals; hard workers and jokesters.

In this environment a great attitude helps the time fly by. For instance, having our shop dress up as the Adams Family for Halloween 2006 was a classic moment. So are namings for the Baghdad Hash House Harriers. On-On!

I am impressed the most my Iraqi associates abilities to laugh and smile given the situations that they deal with every day coming in to try and make their country a better place. I have made some life long friends and will continue to stay in touch with them. I have never met more generous and giving people.

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(Above) Here I am in Fallujah finally getting to visit my brother's former Marine Corps base.

(Right) The G-6ers dress up as the Adams Family for Halloween.

(Far right) Here I am riding in a 'Littlebird' helicopter over Iraq.



These are a few of the highlights of my many months in Iraq...but don't be fooled...this is during 24 months of 12-15 hour days. Work hard, play harder.