

Postcards from Afghanistan

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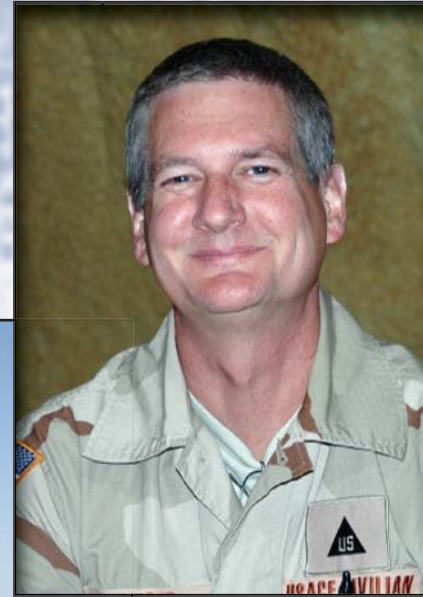
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Hello to all my family, friends and coworkers!



Richard (far left) while at a project site in Kabul, Afghanistan, to inspect a voltage surge, is shown a place of interest by Ngib (center).

As my tour comes to a close here in Afghanistan, I am looking forward to seeing all of you. My tour which started in June has been a great experience managing road projects. I have been able to meet and make lasting friendships and see places that were just beautiful. I was



fortunate to fly over and drive some of the most spectacular mountain ranges in the world. The local people overwhelm us with friendship and kindness.

I volunteered for a 6-month tour to see the country and assist where I could to help out not only our military, but the country of Afghanistan. I started out working in construction as an Electrical Engineer but was asked to help out in roads as a Project Manager. This was a challenging job and I have learned to respect the people who work at this full time. Our workload has been very fast paced to meet the needs of this country.

I am now looking forward to going home and spending time with my immediate family. We plan on having a Merry Christmas and visiting with other family members. Then I plan on getting back to work at the Nashville District as the Chief of the Electronic Service Section for Hydropower Branch located in Hendersonville, Tenn. I'm also going to be participating in coaching my kids in sports. I am glad I was able to contribute to the country of Afghanistan and have this opportunity to share this experience with others.

