

Postcards from Afghanistan

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Happy Holidays to all my family and friends!

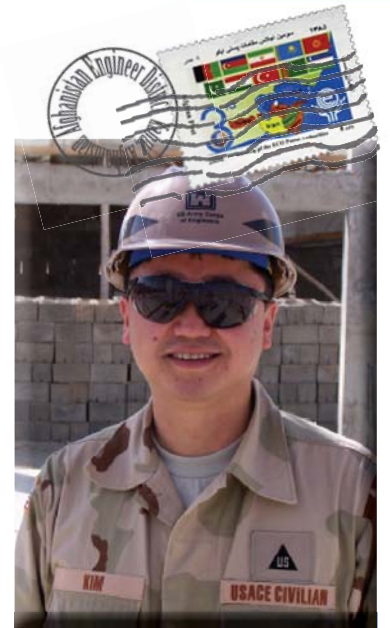
I arrived in Afghanistan in May 2008 from the Corps' Far East District in Korea. After in-processing through Afghanistan Engineer District at Qalaa House, I went to the Gardez Resident Office. It was about a 40 minute plane ride. I spent three weeks at Gardez. The most memorable thing about Gardez was driving through a small village to and from project site. As we would drive through the village, little children would run up to the road and wave at us. Some kids would run about 100 yards just to get near us. It made me feel good to see them.

After three weeks, I came up to Kabul and became the Area Engineer at Kabul Area Office. The work pace is hectic due to the large number of projects, countless meetings, monthly IPRs (in progress reviews) and job-site visits. Most of

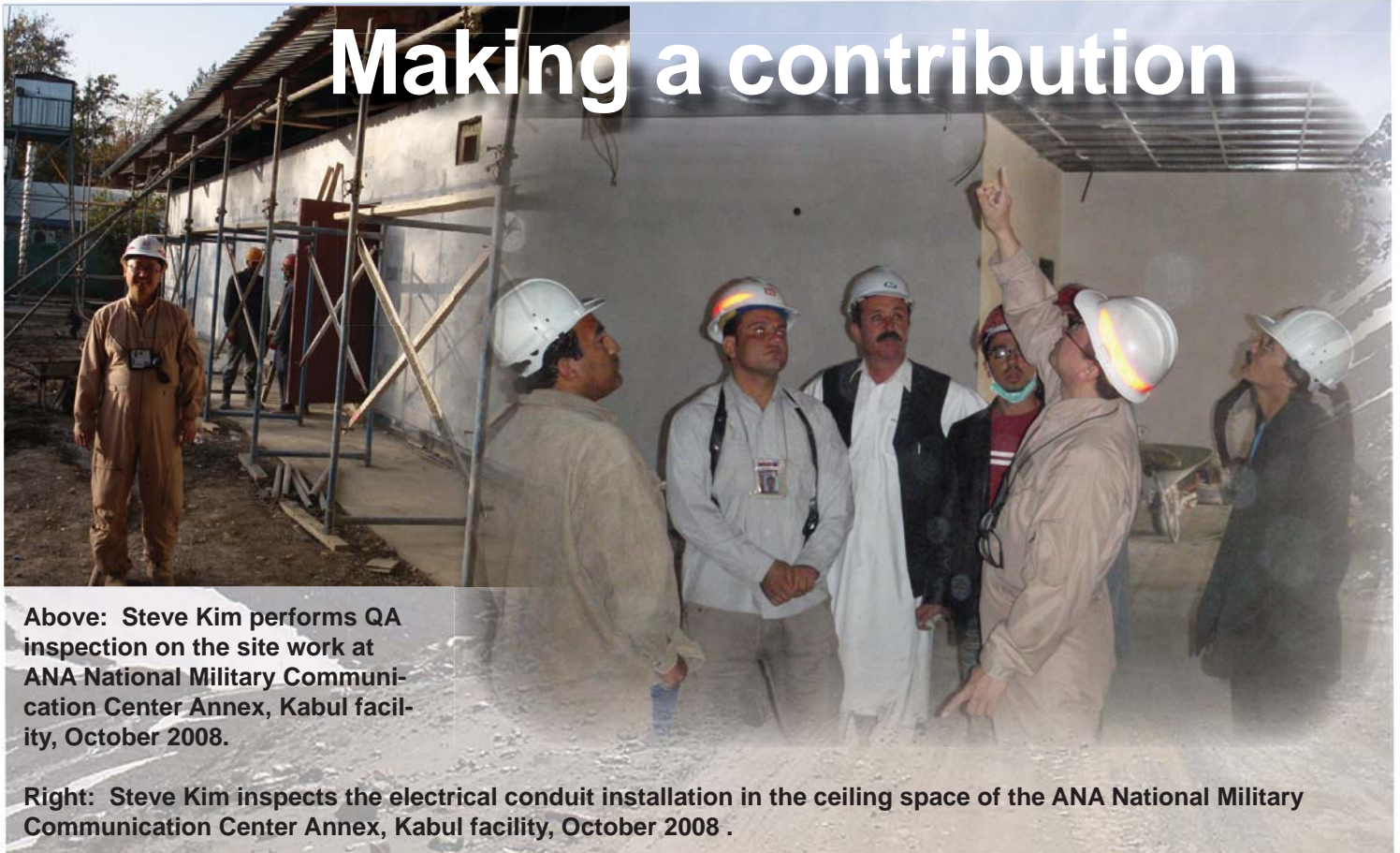
the projects that we turn over do not have quality issues. When I travel around the city, Kabul reminds me of Korea. The crowded streets, the open markets, the mountains, and the school children in uniform walking to and from school, they are all reminders.

I volunteered to be here for one year. The first six months have gone by very quickly, and I'm sure the next six will go by just as quick. GWOT has been on my mind for several years. I'm very glad that I'm here now - making a small contribution.

Steve



Steve Kim performs a Quality Assurance inspection at the ANA Gardez Hospital addition facility in Gardez, May 2008.



Making a contribution

Above: Steve Kim performs QA inspection on the site work at ANA National Military Communication Center Annex, Kabul facility, October 2008.

Right: Steve Kim inspects the electrical conduit installation in the ceiling space of the ANA National Military Communication Center Annex, Kabul facility, October 2008.