



Afghanistan Engineer District

The Engineering Adventure of a Lifetime

Welcome to AED





Qalaa House (AED Headquarters)

Agenda

- **Where We Are and What We are Doing**
- **So, You are Thinking About Deploying**
 - What's the big deal about deployment?
 - Life gets in the way.
 - There's a WAR going on!
 - I've never been overseas!
 - What's it like to live there?
 - What's the job, I don't know if I can do it.
 - Can I leave my work and come back?
- **Sign Me Up Coach!**

So, You are Thinking About Deploying

What's the big deal about deployment?

- Support the USACE GWOT mission.
- It's the 'Engineer Adventure of a Lifetime'.
- It will broaden your career horizons.
- It is a value added life and work experience.
- It will change your perspectives forever.
 - Work
 - Life and living
 - Values
 - Appreciation of America and Freedom

So, You are Thinking About Deploying

Life gets in the way.

- The GWOT mission is going to be around a while.
- Plan for a deployment.
 - College
 - Job
 - Marriage
 - Kids
 - Savings
 - Retirement
- Life is what happens when your busy making other plans. Roll with it, we will still be here.

So, You are Thinking About Deploying

There is a WAR going on!

- Will I get killed or injured?
 - Personal Situational Awareness
 - Personal Protection
 - Force Protection
 - Combat Forces

So, You are Thinking About Deploying

I've never been overseas!

- Well, the flight is no picnic that's for sure, but:
 - The process gets you ready.
 - Official Passports.
 - You are not alone.
 - Fly through Europe to Dubai, RON and on to AED.
 - Were tracking you.
- Then there is the ride from KIA to Qalaa.
 - Holy Cow, what have I done!

So, You are Thinking About Deploying

What's it like to live there?

- The Quality of Life is pretty good. Qalaa sets the standard.
 - Single Rooms.
 - Call your family, e-mail your friends, send pics!
 - Private Showers; at the end of the hall.
 - Outstanding Dining Facility, 4-Star, 24/7, best in Kabul!
 - Great gym; to counter the effects of the DFAC.
 - PX, MWR, Mail, Barber, Taylor, Bazaar for Shopping.
- It is not the same everywhere but it is getting better everywhere.
- The field sites range from Qalaa standard to austere.

So, You are Thinking About Deploying

What's the job?

- AED is a full service Military Construction District.
 - PPMD, same as any other district.
 - Reach Back is required in some areas; CT, EN.
 - The staff is lean, the hours are long, the pace is intense.
 - The camaraderie is absorbing.
 - The financial compensation is very good.
- We are not a tactical combat organization but we operate in a tactical environment and we conduct ourselves accordingly.

So, You are Thinking About Deploying

Can I leave my work and come back?

- Yes, but;
- Retribution is mine sayeth the Supervisor!
 - Pretty much the number one ‘un-spoken’ concern.
 - Mostly a mid-level management issue.
 - Enforced with body language, off hand remarks, attitude.
 - Pervasive throughout the Corps.
 - Will remain until relief is provided to the managers.
 - Relief comes with risk and will have to be shouldered at the command level; District, Division, HQ.

So, Your Thinking About Deploying

Sign Me Up Coach!

- Plan for a deployment, coordinate for your absence.
- I have our TDA with me and I have the authority to offer you a position; right now.
 - Subject to Supervisor approval and personnel rules.
 - The offer is actually a two week 'hold' on a position to give you the time to think it through.

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