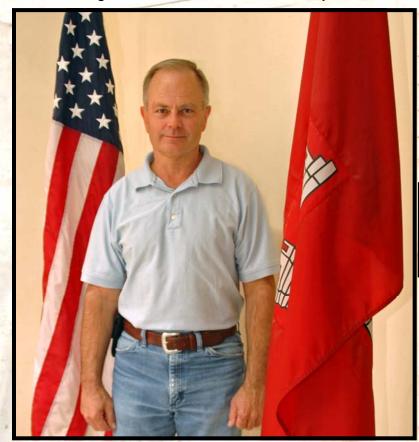
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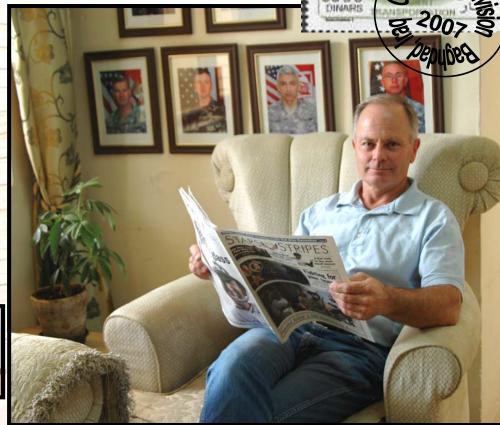
## My Third Tour To Iraq by David Crumpton Gulf Region South District

I am completing my third tour in Iraq working for the United States Army Corps of Engineers. My current assignment is with the Forat Area Office in the Gulf Region Southern District as the Najaf Resident Engineer.



I manage a workload of 30 projects valued at approximately \$57 million. I will have completed 20 projects on this tour making a total of 130 on all three tours spanning 24 months in Iraq.







The Ziggurat of Ur

The work includes constructing new hospitals and renovating existing ones, constructing new primary health care clinics, roads and bridges, electrical substations and distribution projects, water treatment plants and distribution networks, new and renovated schools, new border denial posts, new municipal buildings, airport expansion and heliport projects, university buildings, renovating vocational industrial schools, military training facilities, and irrigation projects.

I have had the privilege of working with many of the Iraqi provincial ministry staff on project development and execution over three provinces. The work has been very demanding but extremely rewarding in the support of the reconstruction effort in Iraq. I will be returning to my home in Abilene, Texas to reunite with my wife of 36 years and move on to my next assignment in Stuttgart, Germany. Essayons!