

Postcards from Iraq

GWOT duty

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I'm proud to say I'm serving in Iraq!

While detailed in Emergency Management at the Seattle District, I was among those helping employees prepare for six month tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. Every deployee asked, "Have you ever been to Iraq or Afghanistan?" I responded "no," and at that time wished I knew more about what to bring, living conditions, and even simple things like the difference between TDY/TCS. When I return stateside, I'll now be among those individuals familiar with all the ins and outs of overseas duty — the real story.

This has been an awesome opportunity on many levels — especially the hands-on training as a Budget Analyst working with experienced Accountants and Analysts. I've acquired a wealth of information about RMS, CEFMS shortcuts, CBR Reports, ENG 93, the various funding accounts for construction, and much, much more. All of this had to be learned at a fast-pace to get the work underway and finished for our customers, the Iraqi people.

With the support of my two children, supervisor, and co-workers, I was able to extend my support for GWOT until December of this year. Thanks for all of your words of encouragement and please consider joining me on this tremendous mission in Iraq.

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