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## **Corps archaeologist to talk about Iraq mass grave mission**

*FORT WORTH, Texas* – As the trial of Saddam Hussein nears, Paddie Patterson, an archeologist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Fort Worth District, is speaking out for the first time about her personal experiences as part of a carefully chosen team of archeologists and forensic anthropologists summoned to Iraq late last summer to work on a Mass Graves Project.

The project, directed by the U.S. Department of Justice, was organized for the Regime Crimes Liaison Office in Baghdad. The task, to exhume the human remains and document evidence from two of an estimated 270 mass graves believed to have been used by Hussein and his supporters in the murders of thousands of people. This evidence would be critical to legal allegations against the former Iraqi leader and his regime.

Although ready to share her experiences, knowing that Saddam Hussein's trial is barely underway does not do much to lessen the impact of what she saw. Patterson will be available Monday, Nov. 28, at 819 Taylor Street in downtown Fort Worth, to speak to the media about her experiences in Iraq for this solemn mission and what impact it may have on the impending trials. All interested media are invited to attend this two hour event beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1A03.

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