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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recognizes employees for meritorious service and significant contributions

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Afghanistan Engineer District-South celebrated the meritorious service and achievements of deployed military service members and civilians during award ceremonies held throughout September.

The recipients ended their deployment tours after receiving Army and civilian service medals and awards, the Department of Defense Global War on Terrorism Civilian Service Medal and the NATO Medal.

Civilian awardees were:

Lynda P. Christensen, realty specialist, deployed from USACE's Norfolk District.

Deborah Duncan, deputy for programs and project management, deployed from USACE's Middle East District in Winchester, Va.

Charles K. Eberhardt, construction representative deployed from USACE's Savannah District.

Carol HICKEL, chief, business management office, deployed from USACE's Middle East District in Winchester, Va.

Elliott Porter, project manager, deployed from USACE's Pittsburg District.

Harry W. Shatto, contracting specialist, deployed from U.S. Army Contracting Command, Mission and Installation Contracting Command, Fort Belvoir, Va.

Hans F. Tolksdorf, civil engineer, deployed from USACE's San Francisco District.

Military awardees were:

Capt. Derek Bowen, Kandahar Airfield Area Office officer in charge, deployed from Las Vegas, Nev.

Capt. Gregory J. Ward, Shindand Resident Office officer in charge, deployed from Sangdahlem Air Base, Germany.

Master Sgt. Angel A. Espinoza, Qalat Resident Office noncommissioned officer in charge, deployed from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Master Sgt. Angel M. Morales-Perez, Kandahar Area Office noncommissioned officer in charge, deployed from the 348th battalion, 158th Infantry Brigade, Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico.

Tech. Sgt. Mark A. Pechuls, quality assurance representative, deployed from the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.

Staff Sgt. Andrew S. Hansen, air movement noncommissioned officer in charge, deployed from Okemos, Mich.

Sgt. Nathan Olmstead, mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicle team member, deployed from Rome, NY.

Corporal Teon Stepney, mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicle team member, deployed from Miami, Fla.

Corporal James R. Bounds, mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicle team member, deployed from Shippensburg, Pa.

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South, Southwest and West with the goal of achieving counterinsurgency effects and bolstering the Afghan Government's services to its people.

These awards and decorations are a reflection of the dedication and service of the Military members and Civilians who have deployed in support of USACE's mission in Afghanistan, and who have committed themselves to delivering projects that help improve security and governance in Afghanistan.

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