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Master Sgt. Kevin Hughes is Afghanistan Engineer District-South's Bulldog of the Week

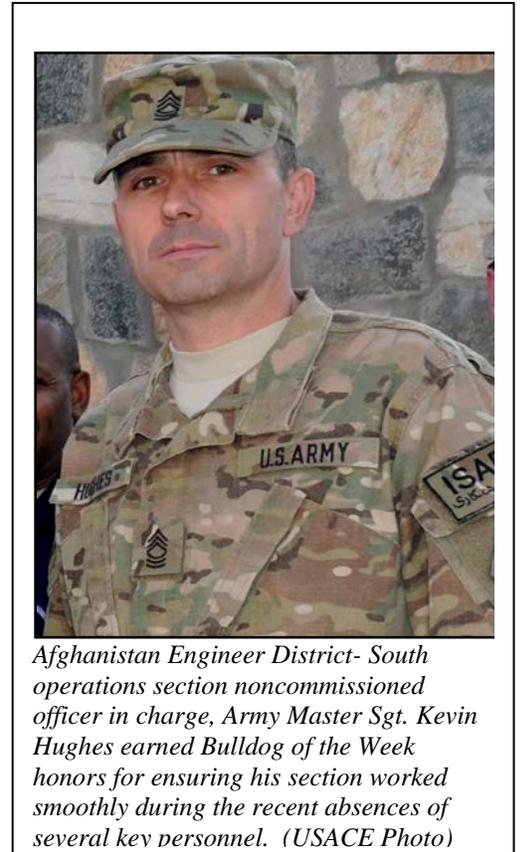
KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — Bulldogs can carry a big burdens on their shoulders. Army Master Sgt. Kevin Hughes recently assumed several key duties in the South District's Operations Section (J3), earning him this week's Bulldog honors.

Hughes is the section's senior non-commissioned officer, overseeing its day-to-day operations. He deals with issues such as mission planning and execution, force protection, biometrics enrollments, operations reporting, passenger pickup and questions involving air and ground movements, said Lt. Col. Thomas Mays, South District operations officer.

"Master Sgt. Hughes has been a critical part of the J3 Shop and has provided much needed continuity during periods of reduced staffing," Mays said. "He has stepped in to fill in for several members of the section when they were unavailable. Master Sgt. Hughes is the epitome of the professional Army NCO."

"Master Sgt. Hughes is an outstanding example of NCO leadership," said South District Commander Air Force Col. Benjamin Wham. "His contributions to the J3 section ensure successful operations for the entire district."

Hughes, whose home unit is the 7th Battalion, 98th Regiment, 80th Training Command, deployed to Afghanistan from Boston, Mass.



Afghanistan Engineer District- South operations section noncommissioned officer in charge, Army Master Sgt. Kevin Hughes earned Bulldog of the Week honors for ensuring his section worked smoothly during the recent absences of several key personnel. (USACE Photo)

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