

# Serving His Country

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Colonel Lindsey Graham of the U.S. Air Force Reserves , also a member of the United States Senate, USACE AED Project Manager Jimmy Hadden, Nelson Mora (Resident Engineer from SAS), and Tim Michael (Project Engineer from NC) in front of one of the guard towers at the TIF.

Since Jimmy Hadden, a Project Manager for Civil Works didn't serve his country in his younger years he seized the opportunity to support our troops and protect the freedoms this country enjoys. In addition, the timing was right in his personal life so he volunteered to go to Afghanistan. "I had never been overseas or had the opportunity to work on such a large, challenging, and unique project" said Hadden. He was assigned the MILCON Bagram Theatre Internment Facility (TIF) project at Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan.

The TIF is a \$60 million project that is the number one priority of Afghanistan Engineering District (AED) and Central Command (CENTCOM). One thousand soldiers will work in various shifts where more than 1000 detainees will be housed. The facility has 19 buildings including detainee housing units, medical and dental buildings, a medical housing unit, vocational bakery, laundry, and carpentry buildings just to name a few. Sixteen guard towers have also been constructed.

The facility sits on 40 acres and once com-



**COL (USAFR) Lindsey Graham and COL Garrity (user) inside a Detainee Housing Unit communal cell.**

pleted it will have been designed and constructed in approximately 400 days! There are more than 1000 workers on site every day, primarily from India and the Philippines, with a few workers from Sri Lanka. In addition, they have more than 200 local Afghan Nationals, contributing primarily as equipment operators. They have exceeded 2.5 million man hours without any major safety mishaps. In fact, they have already received the United States Army Corps of Engineer (USACE) safety award.

“I would have never had the opportunity to work on such a high profile project and gain the knowledge and experience that this position has allowed me to”, said Hadden. The project is 14 days away from completion (18 Sep construction completion date) so Hadden will be able to participate in the USACE/contractor opening ceremonies which will occur 18 or 19 Sep. With a rewarding experience behind him, Hadden will return to the Charleston District in late October with a new appreciation for all military and civilian personnel who have risked their life to better serve our country.



**A communal cell in a Detainee Housing Unit being constructed.**

**A panorama of the MILCON Bagram Theatre Internment Facility (TIF) project at Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan.**

