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## Corps improves ANA soldier quality of life through barrack renovations

**KABUL** - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed the renovation of a dilapidated Afghan National Army barrack located at the South Kabul International Airport compound, Feb. 18.

The renovated barrack, called Building #16, contributes to the ANA quality of life as Afghan soldiers are training and learning on the military compound.

“Our mission here in Afghanistan is to ensure that the Afghan National Army and the Afghan National Police have the proper facilities and infrastructure needed so you can complete your mission,” said Lt. Col Stephen Danner, the Afghanistan Engineer District-North, Kabul area office officer in charge. “This is a building that supports the mission here, will support the troopers of the ANA and it was done on time.”

Upgrades to Building #16 include a new water, well and wastewater tank, electrical improvements, landscaping, and new paint, doors, windows and roof. Total cost for the renovations and upgrades was \$266,000.

The commander of the South Kabul International Airport, Maj. Gen. Qadam Shah, praised the Corps of Engineers for their work in renovating the barrack and thanked them for improving the quality of life for the ANA soldiers living and working at the garrison during the ribbon cutting celebration.

“We are moving toward the promotion of the ANA,” said Shah. “I am grateful to the Corps of Engineers for working with us and everyone who cooperated with the ANA. Because of this new facility our guys will have a place to stay in the winter where they will be out of the cold and in the summer they are out of the sun.”

Construction on the project began in May 2010 and was completed this month. The contractor was Global Engineering and Consulting Services, a woman owned and operated Afghan construction company based out of Kabul. At the height of construction, GE-CS employed 18 Afghan construction workers.

“Delivering quality work, on time delivery within budget and most importantly, customer satisfaction are the key factors of our company,” said Rashid Joyaa, GE-CS co-president. “As a fellow Afghan-American, I want to say thank you to the Corps of Engineers for allowing my company the opportunity to help my home country.”

The Corps of Engineers is the primary organization building army bases, police stations, roads, airstrips and other infrastructure projects in Afghanistan to increase the country’s stability and economy. The Corps of Engineers has two districts in the country – Afghanistan Engineer District-North, which is based in Kabul; and Afghanistan Engineer District-South, which is based in Kandahar.

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Key contributors to the upgrades and renovations of Building # 16, an Afghan National Army barracks located at the South Kabul International Airport celebrate the completion of the project. From left, Lt. Col. Stephen Danner, AED-N Kabul area office officer in charge; Billie Guille, an AED-N construction representative; Maj. Gen. Qadam Shah, commander of the South Kabul International Airport; and Rashid Joyaa, Global Engineering and Consulting Services co-president. (Corps of Engineers photo by LaDonna Davis)