



# Postcard from Afghanistan

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As a deployed U.S. Army Corps of Engineers volunteer, I currently serve as an Afghanistan Engineer District-North project manager for the Operations and Maintenance Division managing 17 active projects totaling \$28.6 million in value, designed to upgrade and/or renovate current Afghanistan National Security Forces facilities (12 Afghanistan National Army and 5 Afghanistan National

Police projects). As an example, five of the ANA projects are titled "National Army Volunteer Center (NAVC) Security Upgrades" to improve security and living conditions for Afghan soldiers and new recruits. The project includes adding guard towers, improving perimeter walls and main access gate, and upgrading water, power and sewer infrastructure. I have two new projects under development; one hopefully being awarded this month.

