



Postcard from Afghanistan

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At the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Resident Office in Kunduz, we are responsible for the construction of projects totaling over \$175 million in three provinces in Afghanistan - Kunduz, Baghlan, and Takhar. Projects consist of Afghan National Army (ANA) and Afghan National Police (ANP) facilities in support of USACE's Mission to deliver infrastructure and services to support the Afghan National Security Forces in protecting the population and development of Afghanistan.

Based in Fort Hood, The Great Place, I work back home for the Directorate of Public Works as part of Installation Management Command (IMCOM). Having the opportunity to work in Afghanistan and be member of the USACE Afghanistan Engineer District team has allowed me to use skills and abilities towards achieving the Mission and look forward to using the knowledge and experiences

gained upon my return to The Great Place.

Work at the Kunduz Resident Office is both fulfilling and challenging. The quick pace and long hours are rewarded by construction projects coming on-line and occupied by National Army and National Police forces. Satisfaction also comes from seeing our efforts become reality and discussing with local Afghan engineers and contractors principles and challenges of project construction and management. It is through these interactions and sharing of ideas that I have learned about the culture, people, and country. This experience is one which I will value when my tour ends and a new USACE team member carries forward the baton of building a brighter and safer future for the country and people of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.