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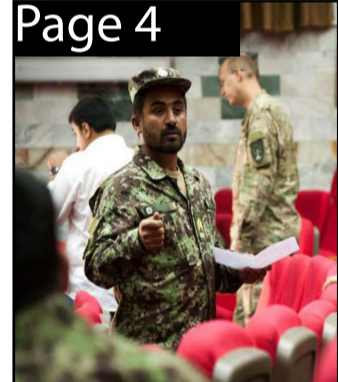
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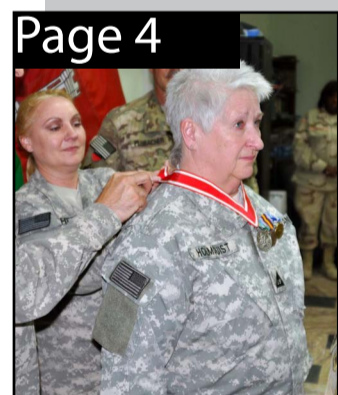
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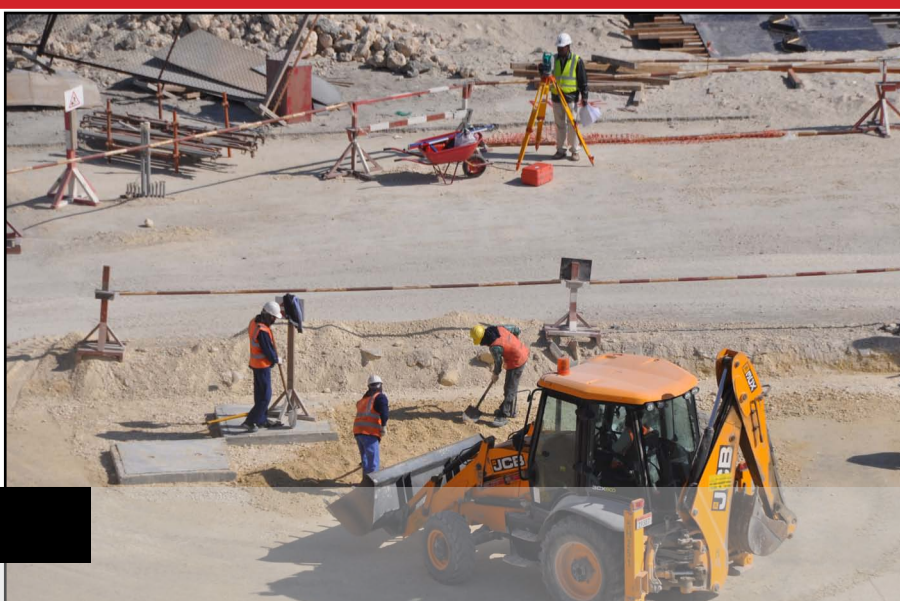
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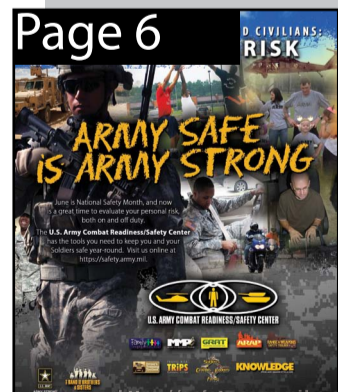
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Commander of the Afghanistan Engineer District-South, Col. Vincent V. Quarles and several district civilian technical experts toured the construction site of the Afghan National Civil Order Police Patrol Battalion Facility and Provincial Response Company in the Daman District, Kandahar Province, Afghanistan June 4, 2013. (Special thanks to Tony Carter for providing images/USACE Released)



by Jasmine Chopra-Delgadillo
USACE TRANSATLANTIC DISTRICT-SOUTH

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The \$3 million facility in Torghondi, the \$2 million facility in Qala I Naw and the \$3.4 million facility in Lash Jaween include administration offices, training rooms, guard shacks and towers, entry control points, water supply, treatment and distribution systems, dining facilities, fuel points, electrical generation and distribution systems and more.

The headquarters in Torghondi, Herat province near the border with Turkmenistan, was completed 50 days ahead of schedule, the one in Qala I Naw, the capital of Badghis province, was completed 120 days early, and the facility in Lash Jaween in Farah province was completed 70 days ahead of schedule.

“This is what happens when you have the right people on the team, communicating frequently and putting their efforts behind the same goal. They get the job done accurately and on time or ahead of schedule,” said Triet M. Bui, a registered professional engineer, registered environmental health specialist, and certified project management professional with the Afghanistan Engineer District-South.

Bui, a major in the U.S. Army Reserve and graduate of California State University Fullerton, served as the project manager for construction of all three facilities.

“I feel fortunate to have led a crew of knowledgeable and competent experts committed to building quality facilities for the benefit of Afghans” he said.

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**ANSF
Conduct ANP
Promotion
Ceremony**



An Afghan National Police officer receives her Sergeant Major promotion warrant, during a promotion ceremony in Kabul, Afghanistan, June 5, 2013, organized and conducted by the Afghan National Security Forces.

Afghan National Security Forces are now leading 95% of all operations across Afghanistan – and that figure continues to grow.

(U.S. Air Force Photo by: SSGT Dustin Payne ISAF HQ Public Affairs)

**McCulley
Promoted In
Afghanistan**



U.S. Army Col. Alfred A. Pantano Jr., U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Transatlantic District North(TAN) commander, administers the oath of office to newly promoted Lt. Col. Matt McCulley, officer in charge of the TAN Gardez Resident Office, during a ceremony at Forward Operating Base Lightning in Paktia province, June 2, 2013.

**Claudia Holmquist
de Fleury Recipient**



Please join us in congratulating our recent de Fleury recipient, Ms. Claudia Holmquist. And share with her family, friends and Wilmington team mates. A ten-year Corps employee from the Wilmington District, she has deployed to Afghanistan twice in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. She is currently the Transatlantic District-North Administrative Support Specialist for the Construction Branch here. She was awarded the steel de Fleury during a ceremony April 27. Also pictured Kevin Smyth, Stephanie Hall and Col. Alfred A. Pantano, Jr., TAN commander (right).

**USACE Awards
Contract for Construction
Phase Support Services**

by Joan Kibler
USACE TRANSATLANTIC MIDDLE EAST DISTRICT

WINCHESTER, Va. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Middle East District has awarded an architect-engineer contract for construction phase support services to support its projects in the Middle East and Central Asia.

The contract, awarded May 15, went to Parsons-Versar Joint Venture of Washington, D.C. The Middle East District will call upon the joint venture firm to provide general architecture-engineering construction phase support services including construction management, quality assurance, office engineering, scheduling, data management, and project engineering. The firm may be asked to assist in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) commissioning of completed construction projects if needed.

Additionally, the firm may be called upon to provide local citizens, third country nationals, or U.S. citizens as project engineers and quality assurance representatives to perform construction phase support services. These subject matter experts will report information to U.S. government officials who retain final decision-making authority on contractor performance.

This contract was awarded for a one-year period, with four additional one-year option periods, for a total of five years. Its maximum capacity is \$90 million over the life of



the contract. The government will issue task orders for specific work.

The contract was solicited under the Brooks Act (Public Law 92-582), which establishes the procurement process by which federal agencies select architect-engineer firms, and in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulations. The government selects and negotiates architect-engineer contracts based on firms' professional qualifications, specialized experience, and capacity to accomplish the work in the required time at a fair and reasonable price.

Parsons-Versar Joint Venture will be required to support projects managed by the Middle East District throughout the U.S. Central Command area of operations which

includes countries in the Middle East and Central Asia. The District's work includes designing and constructing facilities for use by U.S. forces, performing engineering activities for other U.S. government and foreign agencies, and providing operations and maintenance services for various customers. In addition, the District provides project management, engineering, contracting and support services to USACE districts in Afghanistan.



**Afghan National Army
Sergeant Major Promotion Ceremony**



U.S. Air Force Photo by: SSGT Dustin Payne ISAF HQ Public Affairs

An Afghan National Army Sergeant Major organizes the new graduates, during a promotion ceremony in Kabul Afghanistan, June 5, 2013. For the first time this Sergeants Major Promotion Ceremony was organized and conducted by the Afghan National Security Forces.



**249th Engineer Battalion
Change of Command**



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On June 24, 2013, Lt. Col David Hibner assumed command of the 249th Engineer Battalion from Lt. Col. Calvin Hudson in a change of command ceremony at Fort Belvoir, Va. Maj. Gen. Todd Semonite, Deputy Chief of Engineers and Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, presided.

Prime Power participated in operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle, New York City and Pentagon Terrorist Attacks, Just Cause, Desert Storm, Desert Shield, Provide Comfort, Provide Hope, Uphold Democracy, Support Hope, Joint Endeavor and Joint Guard, and numerous disaster relief missions.

The Battalion has earned three Superior Unit Awards: for disaster relief operations, 1992; for worldwide missions support, 1995; and participation in Task Force Eagle Implementation Force, 1996.

The 249th is a four time Itschner Award winner with D Company in 1982, C Company in 1983, B Company in 1984, and B Company once again in 1986. Additionally, the 249th Engineer Battalion has produced three Sturgis Award winners.



**Asian American
Pacific Islander
Heritage Honored,
Celebrated**



(USACE TAM photos by Ashley Shoemaker/Released)

by Julie Shoemaker
USACE TRANSATLANTIC MIDDLE EAST DISTRICT

WINCHESTER, Va. – National Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month was recognized at the Middle East District May 16 with an equal employment opportunity special emphasis lunch-and-learn event attended by more than 60 employees.

This year's theme is Building Leadership: Embracing Cultural Values and Inclusion.

The guest speaker, senior executive service member Stacey K. Hirata, chief of Installation Support Division at Headquarters USACE, discussed two Americans of Asian heritage who are known leaders, role models and people who have made a difference in the world.

He began with Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth, a first generation American of Chinese heritage. She is the U.S. Representative from Illinois's 8th Congressional District. In 2004, she was deployed to Iraq as a Blackhawk helicopter pilot, one of the first Army women to fly combat missions during Operation Iraqi Freedom. When her helicopter was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade Nov. 12, 2004, she lost her legs and partial use of her right arm. She was awarded a Purple Heart for her combat injuries. Following a year in recovery at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where she became an advocate for her fellow Soldiers and testified before Congress about caring for wounded warriors, she ran for Congress. Although she narrowly lost in 2006, she was appointed Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs in 2009 and ran again in 2012.

Hirata described his role model, the late Senator Daniel Inouye from the state of Hawaii. An American of Japanese heritage, Inouye volunteered for military service in 1943 and served until 1947.

His heroism was recognized in June 2000, when he was belatedly awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. He served in government starting in 1954, before Hawaii was admitted into the Union and throughout his life, concluding with the U.S. Senate from 1962 to his death in December 2012.

The district's AAPI Special Emphasis Program also showed a documentary movie about the state of Washington's Governor Gary Locke, addressing his inauspicious beginnings as the son of Chinese immigrants and demonstrating both the benefits and burdens of being 'the first.' The special emphasis program mission at MED is to promote equal opportunity in the hiring, advancement, training, and treatment of all employees including women, minorities, and individuals...

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