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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)

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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.

For more news and information on USACE construction in Afghanistan, visit our website at www.aed.usace.army.mil/ses, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/U5-Army-Corpsof-Engineers-Afghanistan-Engineer-District-South or on Flickr at www.flickr.com/photos/usace-tas.
Afghan National Police officer receives her Sergeant Major promotion warrant, during a promotion ceremony in Kabul, Afghanistan, June 2, 2013, organized and conducted by the Afghan National Security Force.

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: Sgt. Dustin Payne (DAH HQ Public Affairs)

**McCulley Promoted In Afghanistan**


**U.SACE Awards Contract for Construction Phase Support Services**

by Joan Kilber

USACE TRANSATLANTIC WESTERN DISTRICT

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

The contract, awarded May 15, went to Parsons-Venom 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 Lead and Energy or Environmental Design (LEED) commissioning of completed construction projects as 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. Those 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 92-58), 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 timely professional qualifications, experience, and capacity to accomplish the work in the required time of a fair and reasonable price.

Parsons-Venom 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 design 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.

**Claudia Holmquist de Fleury Recipient**

Please join us in congratulating our recent de Fleury recipient, Ms. Claudia Holmquist de Fleury. And share with her family, friends, and Washingtonians the story of a ten-year Corps employee from the Wilmington District, she is deployed to Afghanistan to support 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 (Ret).

**An Afghan National Army Sergeant Major Promotion Ceremony**

An Afghan National Army Sergeant Major promotes the next generation, during a promotion ceremony in Kabul, Afghanistan, June 5, 2013. For the first time this Sergeant Major Promotion Ceremony was organized and conducted by the Afghan National Security Force.

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**249th Engineer Battalion Change of Command**

**PRIME POWER**


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.

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**Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month**

**Heritage Honored, Celebrated**

WINCHESTER, Va. – 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 Stacy K. Himura, chief of Installation Support Division at Headquarters USACE, discussed how Americans of Asian heritage who are known leaders, role models and people who have made valuable contributions in the world.

His leagues with Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth, a first generation American of Chinese heritage. She is a 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 veterans, she ran for Congress. Although she narrowly lost in 2008, she was appointed Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs in 2009 and ran again in 2012.

Himura described her role model, the late Sen. Daniel Inouye from the state of Hawaii. An American of Japanese heritage, Inouye volunteered for military service in 1942 and served until 1947.

His heroism was recognized in June 2000, when he was bestowed the Congressional Medal of Honor. He served in government starting in 1954, before Inouye was admitted onto the House and throughout his legislative career, 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 Asian American. 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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