

MESSAGE TO THE REGIMENT #59:

“The Engineer Blast”

20 October 2008

A. Overview: The Office of the Chief of Engineers is pleased to forward this fifty-ninth version of **“The Engineer Blast”**.

Thanks for all you do and stay safe – enjoy the **“BLAST!!”**

NOTE: In order to further enhance communications from the major entities of the Engineer Regiment to the field, the Office, Chief of Engineers (OCE) is facilitating a process to spread Engineer knowledge from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), The United States Army Engineer School (USAES), Engineer Branch, other Engineer agencies, and our office in the Pentagon. All links should work for .mil computers.

The Chief of Staff, Army announces the assignment of the following general officers:

Major General Merdith W. B. Temple, Deputy Commanding General for Military and International Operations, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, DC to Deputy Commanding General for Civil and Emergency Operations, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, DC.

Brigadier General Jeffrey J. Dorko, Commander, Gulf Region Division, United States Army Corps of Engineers, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Iraq to Deputy Commanding General for Military and International Operations, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, DC.



CSM Richard Prater receives the GRD colors from MG Michael Eyre as GEN Odierno officiates the Gulf Region Division Change of Command Ceremony



MG William McCoy passes Engineer Regimental Colors to COL Robert Tipton in 09 OCT 08 change of Commandant ceremony bidding farewell to BG (P) Gregg Martin.

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR TODD M. BURNETT
20TH ENGINEER BRIGADE
HAS BEEN SELECTED AS
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR
JOINT IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE DEFEAT ORGANIZATION

20th Engineer Brigade OIF Lesson Learned Conference, 9-11 December

The 20th Engineer Brigade in conjunction with the Fort Bragg Chapter of the Army Engineer Association will host an Operation Iraqi Freedom Engineer Lessons Learned Conference from 9-11 December at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux in Fayetteville, NC. The purpose of this conference is to share and disseminate lessons learned from all units who recently deployed and institutions that supported all aspects of their deployment, and to identify gaps in common understanding among deployed engineer units and staffs and the joint and Army supporting agencies and commands. The target audiences are leaders from Army and joint engineer units with recent deployment experience, units preparing to deploy, key staff from institutions that have a role in training, resourcing, and supporting deployed units, as well as friends of the Brigade that will be recognized for their outstanding support during the Brigade's most recent deployment. The conference will also be followed by the Brigade's Castle Ball on the evening of 11 December at the Holiday Inn and the Brigade's Changes of Responsibility and Command on 12 December at Frederick Gym on Fort Bragg. Points of contact are 1LT Jason Dye at jason.m.dye@us.army.mil or (910) 396-2830 or LTC Paul Huszar at paul.huszar@us.army.mil or (910) 624-6918. A subsequent announcement will be published with a link to the conference website for further details.

B. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) provides the following information: "Corps e-spondence" – Chief's Blog

1. TEAMMATES,

Please join me in congratulating six of our Senior Executive Service teammates who have received the 2008 Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executives:

*Mr. Lester S. Dixon, Division Programs Director, South Atlantic Division

*Ms. Karen Durham-Aguilera, Director, Task Force Hope

*Dr. Jeffrey P. Holland, Deputy Director, Engineer Research and Development Center

*Mr. Wesley C. Miller, Director of Resource Management

*Ms. Patricia A. Rivers, Chief Military Programs, Program Integration Division

*Mr. Michael B. White, Division Programs Director, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division

These distinguished senior leaders represent the very best and all set the standard in their profession. They have shown how passion for what they do energizes their talent and energizes their organizations.

Again, congratulations to Les, Karen, Jeff, Wes, Pat and Mike. We are proud of you! Thank you for your service to the Corps, Army and Nation.

Building Strong!
Van

2. USACE Reserve Support to Disaster Relief Operations (RESDRO) Program:

The RESDRO Program would like to thank members of the 308th EN Det. (Real Estate) and the 411th EN Combat BN who volunteered to deploy into the Ike and Gustav response areas. With the help of SFC Shuler, RESDRO's NCOIC, they also went all out to win the admin battle in order to deploy for this response immediately upon receipt of orders. HOOAH!! (Normal time from receipt of orders to reporting is 30 days.)

The 411th and 308th folks are first up if any RESDRO Taskers are released by the USACE Operations Center, but even they will have to deploy or stand down at some point. Who wants to be next up? ANY deployable RC Soldier willing to volunteer and train online for a RESDRO tour is welcome to apply; details, forms, and brand-new training materials are at <http://www.hq.usace.army.mil/dcgrc/RESDRO.htm>. Anyone desiring to take the advanced training is particularly encouraged to take Temporary Housing (available thru the Advanced RESDRO Relief Training link on the webpage).

Unfortunately, METT-TC means that RESDRO can't *guarantee* that we'll get any taskers to fill, but the preparation is the price you pay for the chance to help your neighbors. POC is SFC Shuler @ 202-761-4284, or RESDRO@usace.army.mil. ESSAYONS!

3. **Corps supports National Public Lands Day, Sept. 27:** WASHINGTON – Thousands of local volunteers at more than 100 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project sites will participate in this year's 15th annual National Public Lands Day Sept. 27, the largest annual volunteer hands-on restoration activity of its kind. Activities include the clean up, repairs, refurbishments and other volunteer events in parks, forests, rivers, lakes, wetlands, cultural and historic sites and other

public lands and waters and involve more than 120,000 volunteers at 1,500 sites nationwide. ([more](#))

4. If you are a looking for an [Engineer position opportunity, check this link for availabilities](#). Some postings may not be with USACE. Listed positions are still valid requirements.

5. **Engineer Publications:** [Engineer Memoirs: Lieutenant General Walter K. Wilson, Jr.](#)

6. **The following information is provided by the [412th ENCOM](#)—**

7. **The following information is provided by the [416th ENCOM](#)—**

8. **[The Gulf Region Division \(GRD\)](#)** GRD provides the following articles.

Type	Release Date	Title	Photos	Region	Author
Project	9/29/2008	Three significant water projects ongoing in Erbil Province	Hi-Res	GRN	LuAnne Fantasia
Release	9/29/2008	Engineers in Support of Division Operations	Hi-Res	GRC	Kendal Smith
Project	9/29/2008	Sulaymaniyah City is 'growing children'	Hi-Res	GRN	LuAnne Fantasia
Project	9/29/2008	Kirkuk is between big projects and huge ambitions	Hi-Res	GRN	Hassan Mohammad
Project	9/25/2008	Ongoing Projects Increase security in Ninewa Province	Hi-Res	GRN	LuAnne Fantasia
People	9/24/2008	Volunteering for Duty in Iraq-Why We Do It	Hi-Res	GRS	John Connor
People	9/24/2008	USACE Engineer Helps Improve Iraq Security	Hi-Res	GRS	John Connor
Project	9/16/2008	Votech grads part of crew renovating, expanding facility	Hi-Res	GRS	Alicia Embrey
Project	9/11/2008	New court house opens in Baghdad	Hi-Res	GRC	Kendal Smith and Polli Keller
People	9/10/2008	During 43 years service, Biltoft part of USACE history	Hi-Res	GRS	John Connor
Project	9/8/2008	Al Kut's downtown business area to get modern fish, meat market complexes	Hi-Res	GRS	Alicia Embrey
Project	9/8/2008	Basra neighborhood very pleased with newly opened Primary Healthcare Clinic	Hi-Res	GRS	A. Al Bahrani
Project	9/8/2008	New Imam Ali Bridge unites sister cities	Hi-Res	GRS	Alicia Embrey
Project	9/8/2008	A new sewer network for Kamaliya paves the way to progress	Hi-Res	GRC	Kendal Smith
Project	9/4/2008	Gulf Region Division builds Justice Complex on site of former tyranny	Hi-Res	GRC	Kendal Smith

9. **[Afghanistan Engineer District \(AED\)](#)**

Date	Title	Author
9/26/2008	Cadets receive on-the-job training	Brenda L. Beasley

10. The on-line edition of the October "Engineer Update" is now available at www.hq.usace.army.mil/cepa/pubs/update.htm

C. [The US Army Engineer School \(USAES\)](#) provides the following information:

1. Commandant's Notes: Teammates: On 8 October 2008 -- a gorgeous Fall day in the Ozarks -- the MANSCEN CG, MG McCoy, passed the Engineer Commandant Colors from me to COL Bob Tipton. It has been the greatest of honors to have served as your Commandant for the past year. This has been an awesome endeavor for Maggie and me, and we have loved every minute of serving with and for you all!

While fighting in two theaters and conducting full spectrum operations world-wide, our Regiment has been magnificent! From tip-of-the-spear Sapper and Counter-IED missions, across the total range of our many Engineer roles and functions throughout the depth and space of the operational environment, to national-level

Reconstruction Operations, our Regiment provides an absolutely critical capability for our Army, Joint Force and Nation. Simultaneously, we have TRAINED, Educated and helped Develop more than 20,000 new Engineer Soldiers and Leaders; SUPPORTED our deploying and deployed forces; continued TRANSFORMING ourselves into the Modular Engineer Force; CARED for each other and our Families; and ENGAGED key stakeholders -- all for the good of our Army!

We are One Engineer Regimental Team of Teams, comprised of more than 70,000 uniformed engineer Soldiers and more than 30,000 DA Civilians, as well as academic colleagues, alumni, contractors, Families and more... We are in great demand around the world -- everyone wants more engineers and the capabilities we provide so well. Yet, in our resource-constrained environment, it is unlikely that we will see any significant increase in resources, if any at all, in the foreseeable future... Thus, it is incumbent upon us to innovate and adapt across all the DOTMLPF domains -- developing new ways to team with each other, as well as our Joint, Interagency, Intergovernmental, and Multinational (JIIM) partners -- leveraging each others' strengths and capabilities in order to mitigate and overcome our gaps and shortfalls. A great example of this is the development of our Field Force Engineering concept over the past decade, and the un-precedented level of collaboration between the Troop and USACE elements of the Regiment. Another example is our Joint Engineer Operations Course (JEOC), and the unprecedented level of Joint Engineering we have seen develop over the past several years. There is much untapped potential that we must explore and develop.

The recently completed CAAT (Collection and Analysis Team) project in Iraq will be a great help in validating our requirements. Thanks to COLs Tipton, DeLuca and teams for orchestrating and executing this critical mission so well. The officially sanctioned CALL report should be published later this month.

On the BGE ("Building Great Engineers") front, we've had an awesome run since the last Blast. We've executed significant STRATCOM/Engagement events at:

-USMA (both the Engineer Expo to encourage under classmen to major in Engineering) and the Combat Leader Seminar and Branch Day (to inform, educate and encourage senior cadets to consider choosing our branch) - USACE Leaders Emeritus conference, where we updated and informed the grey beards and senior leaders -Army War College -Tufts University -MIT AROTC

Many of you have been conducting similar events as well. Special thanks and a big Hooah to MG Bo Temple, who has been a one-man, bone-crushing force at numerous schools and events throughout Virginia!!! I encourage you all to get engaged and go tell your and our Engineer Story. We have a comprehensive STRATCOMs push package available on our web site for your use.

I also had the great opportunity to travel to Iraq with the Chief and see a number of you. Although I would like to have stayed longer and to have seen every one of you, it was a great visit, and I was extremely impressed with what you are doing and achieving.

Although it was with a heavy heart that I passed the Engineer Colors, I am thrilled that COL Bob Tipton is now our Engineer Commandant. Bob is a combat-hardened, seasoned professional, with enormous full-spectrum engineer experience -- in short, a Great Engineer!!! Bob and Carol are the perfect command team to continue the momentum and lead our Regiment to the next level. I know you will give COL Tipton and our world-class team at the Engineer School the same enthusiastic, passionate, candid and professional support that you gave me.

On the brilliant morning of 9 October, the TRADOC CG, GEN Wallace, passed the MANSCEN / FLW Colors from MG Bill McCoy to me. We thank and honor MG and Jill McCoy for their great leadership, friendship, and many significant achievements over the past two years. We will miss them here at FLW, and wish them God Speed as they move to their new assignment as Deputy Inspector General of the Army.

I look forward to serving with and supporting each of you and the Engineer Regiment in my new role as CG MANSCEN and FLW.

Before closing, I want to re-emphasize that we are all Sappers! Regardless of your MOS, component, status, or

duties -- our Army and Regiment need you to adapt, innovate and overcome, in order to get to the objective and accomplish the mission, whatever it is... And to me, that's what being a Sapper is all about: a state of mind that figures out how to get the job done -- no matter what -- and has the willpower, perseverance and strength (mind, body and spirit) to see the mission through to completion ... all the while taking great care of our People. We are all Sappers -- Hooah!!!

I want to thank each of you for who you are and for what you do -- I am enormously proud of you! Every one of you is a critical member of our great Team. What each of you -- and we collectively -- do is extremely important and really matters to our Army, Joint Force and Nation. You all are doing a terrific job in an extremely complex, difficult and resource-constrained environment. I encourage you to keep at it, and to stay on the team!!! Many THANKS to you and your Families, and may God bless each of you!!!

Signing off the net as your Regimental Sapper-6...

Essayons!!! Army Strong!!!

Gregg

Gregg F Martin

BG, USA

Former Eng Cmdt (Regimental Sapper-6 ancient) CG, MANSCEN and FLW

2. Regimental CSM's Notes:

Engineers,

I've been doing some circulating and have some observations for your consideration.

First of all, I'd like to introduce you to one of our fighting Engineers.

SSG Norman L. Inch II The Silver Star

Sergeant Norman L. Inch II heroically distinguished himself by exceptionally gallant conduct in the face of the enemy of the United States as a Vehicle Commander assigned to 111th Engineer Company, 1st Engineer Battalion, Forward Operating Base MAREZ, Iraq.

On 15 March 2007 at 0830, 2nd Platoon was conducting route clearance when an IED detonated on the command vehicle at the intersection of MSR Tampa and ASR Barracuda. The Vehicle was catastrophically disable and the front half of the RG31 was completely separated from the rest of the vehicle. There were four casualties pinned inside. Immediately following the IED, the AIF attacked with a complex ambush of IEDs, RPGs, and small arms fire from all directions. SGT Inch commanded his vehicle to provide suppressive fire so that he could get closer to the rear door of the destroyed vehicle. SGT Inch requested help from the patrol's Special Forces medic to dismount with him and assist the aid and litter team in extracting his comrades from the destroyed vehicle. Without regard for his personal safety, SGT Inch dismounted and made his way to the open door of the destroyed RG-31. While moving to the destroyed vehicle he returned fire, eliminating the



threat and killing at least two of the AIF. He continued moving toward the destroyed vehicle, returning fire until he could open the door. With the help of his aid and litter team, he was able to pry the door of the RG31 and pull SFC Stone from underneath the vehicles contents that were blown loose during the IED blast. SGT Inch and the SF Medic helped to extract PFC Kimball from the destroyed vehicle and SGT Inch quickly designated a Casualty Collection Point at the side of an adjacent building that masked them from small arms fire. This allowed the Medic to begin treating the two extracted casualties while the patrol maneuvered to suppress the enemy. SGT Inch returned to the destroyed vehicle to extract the remaining two soldiers but was ordered by the Assistant Patrol Leader, SSG Deleon, to find cover because the patrol had already expended a majority of its ammunition and that at least 30 AIF were approaching their location from all sides. A supporting unit, E/2-7th Cavalry, showed upon scene to help regain fire superiority. SGT Inch again positively identified AIF that were approaching his position and successfully engaged and killed three more of return of the enemy. Immediately and without hesitation, SGT Inch provided security for the destroyed vehicle as the SF Medic entered the vehicle to cut SFC Pohahau and SPC Schumm free of their IBAs. SGT Inch continued to return fire as he held open the 300 pound door of the RG-31. He remained exposed to enemy fire for more than 20 minutes on the ground and illustrated greater concern for his fellow soldiers than for himself. Only after the casualties were safely uploaded to vehicles did SGT Inch returned to his vehicle. He reestablished radio communications with the Company TOC and gave the first calm transmission from the patrol. He gave a clear and concise Situation Report and informed the unit of the incident and patrol's plans for evacuation.

SGT Inch acted selflessly and without hesitation. His gallantry, heroism, and dedication to his subordinated and superiors saved the lives of at least four Soldiers. His actions illustrate the meaning of loyalty, duty, and personal courage and reflect distinct credit upon himself, Task Force Lighting, and the United States Army.

It's gratifying to know that we have Engineers like SSG Inch leading our Soldiers in battle. SSG Inch is just one example of Engineers doing great things for our Regiment. Please let me know of other great Engineers so we can recognize them all.

Congratulations to all the SFCs that were selected for promotion to MSG. We have a great base of knowledgeable PSGs and they'll be great 1SGs.

- BCT Engineers- Talked to 1SG Jon White (Eco, 2/25 SBCT), 1SG Brian Schoonover (Aco, 40th En Bn) and some of their Soldiers. They're doing great things in Iraq with the personnel and equipment on hand. -- Put your maintenance caps on if you get the Mark III RG-31. -- There is utility to having standardized load plans for like vehicles; especially when one breaks down and you have to quickly replace it. -- They are truly combined arms, working alongside the Infantry, Armor, Field Artillery and they have a distinct advantage when it comes to using assets that aren't in the Engineer Brigades. --They are overworked when it comes to route clearance missions. The Army is accelerating the stand-up of route clearance companies, and with a robust company, it should afford the Engineers the chance to gather intel between the IED site and the local population. Now, how do we plug in to the BCTs and share the info?

- CSM Dave Clark and the 18th Engineer Brigade are on the move and have the busiest AOR. The reaction time from finding the IED to getting some support is sometimes way out there and puts the Soldiers at risk. I think the Blow in Place Policy is a good one, but like everything else, may need to be relooked. The Commanders and Engineers on the ground are making the common sense check. -- Lots of Sons of Iraq and IA/IP checkpoints out there. There's value to stopping by and talking to those folks. -- We're almost exclusively emplacing demo with robots. Maybe it's time we did a class at the schoolhouse for our NCOs?

3. EEOCA News. EEOCA is an ATRRS course and the slots are filled by priority. Student priority is set by ATRRS via HRC. To adjust the priority of students units must contact HRC - Mr. Baily (703) 325-4585 or Mr. Steinway (703) 695-5914. Units have successfully changed priorities in the past and have sent up to 15 students to one class. There are three more classes between now and mid December. Additionally, please ensure students are withdrawn from courses if they do not intend to attend.

4. BGE Update. OCE-P has multiple hundreds of the Engineer Regiment Tri-Fold to help you with BGE / Engr recruiting presentations. With the right talking points it is useful anywhere, but as a stand alone product it is will

probably have the most effect with ROTC/Service Academy Cadets well before Branch selection. Just send Bill Arthur an email with how many you want and a mailing address. They are expensive, so please limit to what you really think you need given the target audience above. USAES Commandants Quarterly VTC. The VTC has been moved from 21 NOV 08 to 17 NOV 08.

5. Crane Operators. USAES and 1st EN BDE are still working through Crane Operator ASI Course issues for 21Es. The C4 (Crane Operator) ASI course has no programmed load and the units will not be able to send Soldiers to this training. Until this situation can be rectified minimal resources allocated/retained. To assist us in this process, units should push their Crane Operator training requirements and shortfalls to DA/HRC.

[UNITED STATES ARMY ENGINEER SCHOOL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION SYSTEM](#)

D. The Engineer Enlisted /Warrant/ Officer Branch provides the following information:

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E. The Office of the Chief of Engineers provides the following information:

1. **Multi-Service Force Deployment (MSFD) Conference:** OCE participated in the MSFD Conference, which is part of the DoD analytic agenda. MSFD documents are developed by the Joint Staff collaboratively with OSD, Services, COCOMs, and Defense Agencies. An MSFD contains a road to war, scenario assumptions, friendly/enemy operations, and a detailed force list. It is used for, among other things, examining the implications of the Defense Strategy and the implications of the Force Planning Construct. OCE is a member of the DA MSFD working group and will continue to participate in MSFD development, ensuring Army engineer capabilities are understood and used appropriately.

2. **ALARACT 217/2008:** THE ARMY HAS AN OFFICER/WARRANT OFFICER CALL TO ACTIVE DUTY (CAD) PROGRAM ONGOING (REF D ABOVE). THIS PROGRAM IS USED TO FILL ACTIVE COMPONENT BRANCH/FUNCTIONAL AREA SHORTAGES (ARMY COMPETITIVE CATEGORY

ONLY) AND IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR RESERVE COMPONENT (RC) OFFICERS AND WARRANT OFFICERS TO SERVE IN THE ACTIVE COMPONENT. THE CURRENT CAD PROGRAM INCLUDES RC LTS ASSIGNED TO THE INDIVIDUAL READY RESERVE.

3. [ALARACT 219/2008](#): (U) ON 01 NOV 06, THE ARMY REQUIREMENT FOR A PERIODIC (5-YEAR) PHYSICAL WAS REPLACED BY AN ANNUAL PERIODIC HEALTH ASSESSMENT (PHA). THE PHA FOCUSES ON INDIVIDUAL MEDICAL READINESS AND PREVENTION. THIS ALARACT PROVIDES AN UPDATE ON THIS PROCESS AND REMINDS ALL COMMANDERS AND SOLDIERS THAT PHA IMPLEMENTATION MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED NLT 01 NOV 08. AFTER 01 NOV 08, ONLY THE AUTOMATED PHA IN MEDPROS, AS WELL AS ANY PHYSICAL EXAMINATION COMPLETED FOR AVIATION, GENERAL OFFICERS, SPECIAL MOS TRAINING AND ACCESSIONS WILL INDICATE COMPLETION OF A PHA.

4. [ALARACT 220/2008](#): THIS MESSAGE SERVES AS AUTHORIZATION FOR WEAR OF THE EHWBDU, ABDU, AND ACCESSORY ITEMS AFTER THE MANDATORY WEAR OUT DATES FOR SOLDIERS ASSIGNED TO UNITED STATES ARMY SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND (USASOC) CONDUCTING OPERATIONAL TRAINING AND CONTINGENCY MISSIONS IN THE FOLLOWING OCONUS THEATERS:

- A. PACIFIC COMMAND
- B. SOUTH COMMAND
- C. AFRICA COMMAND

5. [ALARACT 237/2008](#): THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO CLARIFY PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN AR 600-9 FOR DETERMINING BODY FAT COMPOSITION FOR SOLDIERS WHO EXCEED THE SCREENING TABLE WEIGHT OR WHO ARE IDENTIFIED BY THEIR COMMANDER OR SUPERVISOR FOR A SPECIAL EVALUATION.

***** Engineers in the National Capitol Region:** Each month the Office of the Chief of Engineers hosts an Engineer Round-up at the Crystal City Gateway Marriot Bin 1700 Lounge commencing at 1700 on the last Thursday of the month, excluding November and December. Engineers and those who support Engineers are more than welcome to attend. It is a great opportunity to catch up on what's going on in the Engineer Community from a broad spectrum of perspectives. If you do not get an invitation now, please notify me so that I can add you to the specific distribution list. Click here to be added to the email list [DAEN-ZC](#). **Next event is 30 October 2008** LTC Liz Halford is hosting as part of her retirement festivities. See you there.

You can always find all the Messages to the Regiment at our AKO site are linked at the bottom of this document —AKO Login is required. For those having a hard time getting to the files that require an AKO logon, here is a [screenshot](#) to show where the files are physically located.

F: Topics of Interest: Post Deployment Health Reassessment (PDHRA)

On 23 January 2006, Secretary of the Army, Dr. Francis J. Harvey and the Chief of Staff of the Army, General Peter J. Schoomaker authorized a new health screening program, Post Deployment Health Reassessment (PDHRA) which is designed to address deployment related physical and mental health needs of Soldiers three to six months after returning from deployment.

This unprecedented Army health assessment program will address the deployment related physical and mental health needs of our Soldiers.

* The Army Post Deployment Health Reassessment (PDHRA) Program is a part of the DOD's overall force health protection program.

- * It extends the continuum of care for service members' deployment-related health concerns.
- * The PDHRA is a process designed to identify the deployment-related health concerns of all service members during the three- to six-month time period after their return from deployment and facilitate access to care.
- * The PDHRA provides education, screening, assessment and access to care for a wide variety of questions and concerns that service members may have about their health after they return from deployment.
- * The PDHRA is a Commander's program.
- * The Army program was created with joint cooperation with DOD and all services and components.
- * The Army program is being implemented on an installation-by-installation basis.
- * The Army program will integrate into Commander's programs to ensure that it is part of the deployment/training cycle to include risk reduction & community service that yields a holistic and interactive approach.
- * The PDHRA is being implemented in an iterative fashion as Soldiers return from deployment and reach the 90 -180 day assessment window.
- * The Army's pilot reassessment program has been implemented in selected locations from July to December in both Active, Reserve and National Guard components.
- * Lessons learned from these initial implementation pilot sites will be incorporated and full implementation of the reassessment program in each of the Services will begin in January 2006.
- * The Army PDHRA program is part of DOD's commitment to safeguarding the well-being of all Soldiers including Active, Reserve and National Guard personnel. The Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Health Protection and Readiness seeks to proactively identify potential health issues before they become chronic conditions as well as treat recognized health problems.
- * The Army PDHRA focus is on helping individuals and families retain a healthy balance in spite of the multiple stressors associated with deployment.

For more information on the Post Deployment Health Reassessment Program, see the website:
<http://fhp.osd.mil/pdhrainfo/index.jsp>

G. Engineer Unit Highlight: [14th Combat Engineer Battalion \(Rugged!\)](#)

This feature provides a venue for Engineer Units/Activities to post unit information. If you are an OIC/NCOIC of an Engineer Unit/Activity and would like your organization mentioned here, download the template and email back to me. All entries will be consolidated on a master page as they come in.

Engineer Unit Highlight: [Former Submissions](#)

H. Recurring Links: [The Commandant's Message](#); [Engineer Casualties](#); [PASSAGES](#)

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[The West Point Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering](#) ; [USMA Basecamp](#) ; [CORPS POINTS](#)

[The USACE Installation Support Community of Practice Portal](#), [Engineering Knowledge Online](#) ;

[Topographic Engineering Center](#) ; [United States Army Engineer Research and Development Center](#); [NCO Net](#)

[The West Point Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering](#): [ADSO Incentives Program](#)

[ENGINEER UNIT REGIMENTAL LINKS](#) [Joint Task Force North](#) ; [Engineer Museum Reference Library](#).

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I. Engineers Supporting Engineers—Professional Organizations Links:

1. [Army Engineer Association](#) : [AEA News](#); [Army Engineer Association Programs](#); [Membership](#).

a. AEA now has a web page dedicated to [Industry support to the Warfighter](#).

b. AEA is also building a new web page as an Engineer Organization / Unit Directory. We want to list all Engineer units, plus other key engineer offices, like the staff engineer offices at Divisions and Corps. We'll include USACE offices, AC, National Guard and USAR battalions and sep companies, and all of the sapper companies too. We want the activity name, mailing address, phone number, and current OIC / NCOIC name and email. Send your unit directory info to: aeamag@armyengineer.com. The [AEA Career Center online](#)

c. JOBS...after the Army: AEA has a complete online Career Center. You can learn about civilian opportunities



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autonomously. Research or survey the commercial job market with FREE (ANONYMOUS) resume post at AEA career center. Additionally, AEA has been running and will continue to run, a special series of articles in Army Engineer magazine which focus on individual job experiences of many retired Army Engineers. To read those articles, you need to [subscribe to the magazine](#).

2. [Society of American Military Engineers](#) : [The Military Engineer Online](#) : [Membership](#) [SAME Current eNEWS](#)

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a. "The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) is currently undertaking a grass roots effort to reach out to aspiring engineering and architects at local universities. SAME membership is FREE for students and also provides them opportunities for leadership, mentorship and potential internships or first jobs. To learn more about the SAME college outreach program and how to help set up a chapter at your university or a university near you, please visit www.same.org/college or send the Ben Matthews an email at samecollegeoutreach@gmail.com.

b. The Society of American Military Engineers, SAME offers **free memberships to students of the [Engineer Career Captains Course](#) and the [Engineer Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course](#)**. (Active, Reserve, National Guard – any phase)

c. **Deployed Engineering Team:** Get *The Military Engineer* and *SAME News* delivered directly to you! Complete our [temporary deployment form](#) and we will send your SAME materials to you onsite while serving in your area of operational responsibility (AOR). This free service is just one of the many ways SAME salutes our members. [Click here to provide your temporary AOR contact information](#).

d. **Transitioning from military service?** Retiring from the Federal Government? Looking for a new and exciting position in the A/E/C industry? If the answer to any of these questions is YES, place your resume on the [SAME Job Center](#) web site. *The service is free for SAME members.* The site has been or is being utilized by over 300 companies that through their placement of job announcements have access to your resume

3. **TEOCSA (The Engineer OCS Association)** [Website coming soon](#)

Attention is [invited to the short article, bottom p. 6.](#), “Remembrance, 326th Engineers Vietnam Veterans,” and to mention of the battalion’s Family Readiness Group (FRG). Whether or not attending Reunion ’08 and the opened-armed reception of Engineer OCS alumni and guests by the battalion on Thursday, 30 October, please consider making a generous donation to the 326th’s Family Readiness Group (read support group).

The battalion is scheduled to return from deployment to Iraq in November ‘08. Donations to the FRG are positive ways to demonstrate, “We support you!” Think big, please.

Please forward donations directly to the battalion.
See you in Nashville!

E. T. Mealing
Pres., TEOCSA
404.231.3402.

4. [Army Engineer Officer Wives' Club](#): AEOWC is a worldwide organization with members located wherever Army Engineers are stationed, or have retired. [Become a member](#)

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