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Iraq deployment offers opportunities for Kansas City native

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — A graduate of Shawnee Mission North High School and Kansas State College at Pittsburg, Kan., recently volunteered to deploy to Iraq for a 14-month deployment.

An element of danger exists everywhere Chuck Riley goes in Iraq. He works until after 8:30 p.m. every day. He gave up 180 channels of American TV for the joys of sometimes sharing communal showers and toilets. He misses his home and family.

So what entices the engineer to follow 89 of his Huntsville Center colleagues to a demanding occupation far from home in harsh conditions?

As team leader for Huntsville Center's Russian Chemical Demilitarization Program, Riley is accustomed to foreign travel, but he looked at an Iraq deployment as a brand new adventure.

"I decided to deploy to Iraq for many reasons," Riley said. "I saw the deployment as an opportunity for advancement, a change of pace and differing perspectives."

A change of pace is a good way to describe the first few months of Riley's deployment.

"I was initially assigned to the Maysan Resident Office in Basrah as the resident engineer," he said. "Then I was requested, two weeks later, to move to Diwaniyah for the area engineer position. After five weeks in that position, I was offered the chief of Engineering and Construction position at Tikrit, where I am currently stationed."

As the chief of Engineering and Construction, Riley manages a broad spectrum of projects for the Corps' Gulf Region North (GRN) District.

"I am responsible for three area offices, seven provinces of Iraq and the construction work performed by the Gulf Region North District," he said. "I also supervise the Project Management Branch for GRN."

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