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Huntsville Center contractor employee killed in Iraq identified

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — A U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville contractor employee killed in Iraq March 8 has been identified.

Donald John Neil, 45, from Berlin, N.H., was killed March 8 during a work-related accident. Neil worked as a senior unexploded ordnance supervisor for Tetra Tech, Inc., which is headquartered in Pasadena, Calif.

“Our condolences go out to the families,” said Bill Sargent, program manager, Coalition Munitions Clearance Program. “Our personnel are highly trained and experienced and are doing a superb job, but it remains a very dangerous mission.”

The incident is under investigation.

Huntsville Center is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Center of Expertise for Military Munitions. Huntsville Center’s Coalition Munitions Clearance Program is responsible for receiving, transporting, segregating and destroying captured or any other munitions posing a danger in Iraq. Storage and disposal of the ammunition is performed at several locations throughout Iraq. To date, more than 400,000 tons of ammunition have been destroyed by the Huntsville Center program, significantly reducing risks to Iraqi citizens and U.S. personnel serving in Iraq.

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