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Army Civilian Life in Afghanistan

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Editors Note

Scott Hayes, a government property administrator at Lake City Army Ammunition Plant has been deployed since January 2012. As a government civilian, Hayes is currently deployed to Afghanistan performing property management system analysis (PMSA). Below is his personal account of his experiences.

Traveling to your FOB (forward operating base) for civilians is an enjoyable experience, in my opinion--I like riding in helicopters. As you fly over the country you start to realize how poor of country Afghanistan is. In the south you do not see any green at all everything is tan and dirty. Once you land at your final destination things seem to have slowed down from the experience at Kandahar Air Base, KAF.

Once you arrive at your work/live CHU (containerized housing unit), you are able to settle in. You take the first few days to get settled in and try to figure out what type of routine to get into. And try to make your living quarters as much like home as possible.

Now you jump into work and start meeting the people that you will be working with. This can be a cultural experience due to the fact that the contractor is required to hire 80 percent foreign nationals and 20 percent Americans. So we do have a language barrier that can be frustrating and also rewarding as to most of the people are great to work with and try very hard to succeed in the job they are doing.

One thing that I will never get used to is the rocket attacks. At KAF rocket attacks seem to be normal. When the siren goes off you are required to lie on the ground for two minutes then proceed to the bunker. The first week in country I witnessed seven rocket attacks while at KAF. The FOB I am stationed at receives very few attacks. In my travels to other FOBs I have witnessed two more attacks.

After a few months life being deployed seems to become a little easier and you start to look forward to going to the gym, having movie night, or sitting on what we call the back deck listening to music, smoking cigars and playing cards. Self help projects are also a highlight to build morale; building decks and hanging shade netting helps give a sense of home to the place we live.

Things that I miss about home include not having to wear shower shoes, using a port-a-potty, taking a flashlight to the bathroom, walking three hundred meters to shower, using real silverware, walking on paved roads, and most of all, when not deployed, we take our friends and family for granted.

Overall the deployment has been a great experience and I have learned a lot in the five months I have been here. I plan on bringing what was learned back home and utilizing it at work.

And lastly, I want to thank all the people that sent care packages, emails, and phone calls.



New Management arrives at LCAAP

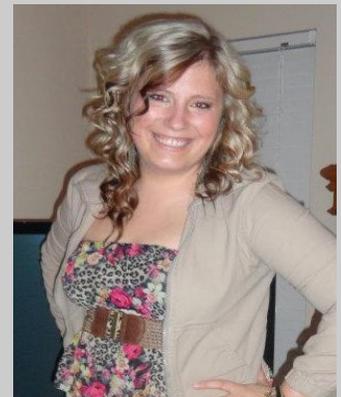
Tracy A. Cleaver, Civilian Executive Assistant for Lake City, is a native of Perry, Missouri and has over twenty-eight years of Army leadership and logistics experience. He was commissioned through ROTC in 1984 as an Infantry officer from Central Missouri State University where he majored in Industrial Safety. In 1991, Tracy requested and was granted a branch transfer from Infantry to Quartermaster. He has served at a number of CONUS installations, The United States Army Europe command, United States Army Korea and participated in numerous Joint Task Force disaster relief operations and Operations Desert Shield/Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Tracy has commanded at every level in the Army from Platoon through Brigade. Upon retiring from Active Duty he worked in civilian industry as a government contractor for Booz Allen Hamilton at Rock Island Arsenal, Ill. supporting Army Sustainment Commands Distribution Management Center contract and led a team in the development of the Army Sustainment Command's five year Campaign Plan. Tracy is married and the father of three children.



SCEP students departs LCAAP to start new

By Crystal Rankin
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Juliana Hoskam, Administrative Assistant at Lake City is scheduled to depart Lake City on 29 July 2012. She has been a SCEP student at Lake City since August 2010 executing a full range of office automation, clerical and administrative functions for the Commander and Administrative Office. Juliana amongst her many qualities brought a new light to the workforce. She came to work everyday with a smile on her face. Not only was she professional she added a new spunk to the office. When approached with daunting tasks she responded without hesitation, "I got this" or her favorite of all sayings is "Please tell me how I can help you". Juliana plans to continue her schooling and pursue her associates degree in Business Administration. "After school not sure where my future will lead; it is in God's Hands," said Juliana. Juliana has been a great asset to the staff and we all wish her the best in her future endeavors.



From the Commander's Desk ...

Well it is hard to believe that two years have come and gone. As we near 19 July 2012, there are so many feelings that I cannot put into words. I am truly humbled everyday by Lake City accomplishments. Vince Lombardi said, "individual commitment to a group effort— that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." That is what makes Lake City work—Team Lake City. This is JMC, RICC, McAlester, PM-MAS, PM-JS, ARDEC, ATK, and local LCAAP government staff. The accomplishments of LCAAP are too long to list everything, just know, I will miss everyone of you and thank you all for what you do everyday for the warfighter and your contributions to the team. I ask you continue to support the team safely and welcome LTC Cannon and his family as you did mine.



Lt. Col. Elizabeth Keough
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Commander challenges

- ◆ Safety is 24/7, not a 10/4, it is a behavior change in everything you do.
- ◆ Ask yourself, "Who needs to know?" Communication can always be improved within the government staff, ammunition enterprise, and with ATK.
- ◆ Treat everyone with respect; practice the golden rule.
- ◆ *Please send all suggestions to Rock-LakeCity@us.army.mil.*

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