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Capt. Jessica Secor Relinquishes Command in Iraq

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — In a heartfelt goodbye, Capt. Jessica L. Secor bid farewell to friends, comrades and ‘family’ within the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Gulf Region Division (GRD) at a Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment (HHD), change of command ceremony in Baghdad, Iraq. Secor, a member of the California Army National Guard, deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in February 2006.

“Today, I have mixed emotions. We’ve worked together, trained together and supported each other during this very important mission,” said Secor. “I’ve been touched by so many friends – those in the military, civilians, contractors and Iraqis. But it is time for me to return my family and turn over command to

Capt. Flemmer.”

The Gulf Region Division (GRD) is responsible for the U.S. government’s Iraqi reconstruction effort. Saddam’s regime largely neglected Iraq’s infrastructure and spent very little over the past three decades on essential electrical, oil, water and transportation infrastructure. In fact, World Bank figures estimate nearly \$60 B - maybe much more - is needed to modernize and sustain the nation’s aged infrastructure.

To date, GRD has completed over 3,000 Iraq reconstruction projects with another 375 underway.

Secor is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin with a Bachelor of Science degree in bacteriology. Her military education includes Basic Combat Training, the Heavy Construction Equipment Repair course and the Military Intelligence Officer Basic Course.



Secor is married to 1st Lt. Jonathan Secor (USMC), who also is deployed in support of Iraqi Freedom, formerly of Casco, Wisc.

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