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## GRD Director of Transition Moves On

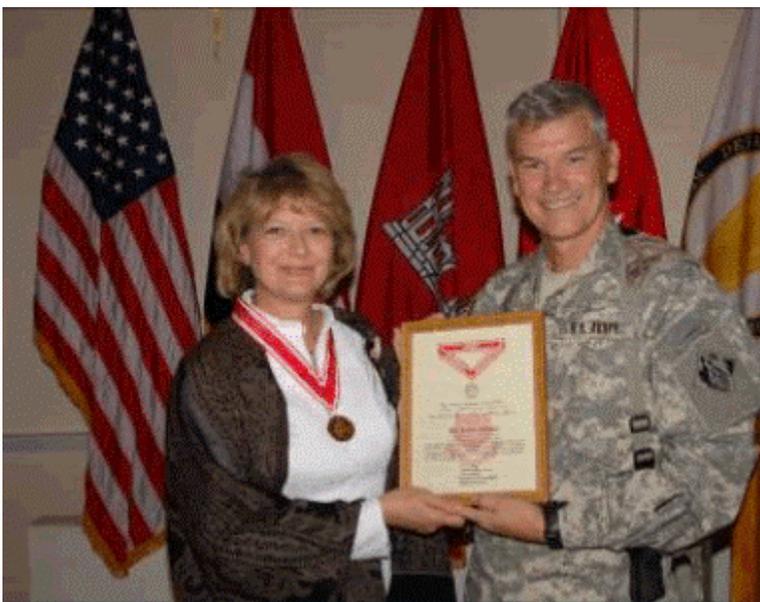
BAGHDAD, Iraq – Kathye Johnson, a member of the Senior Executive Service, recently completed her assignment as Director of Transition for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Gulf Region Division in Baghdad, Iraq. Johnson joined the Gulf Region Division in 2005 as the Director of Reconstruction Programs, overseeing more than 2,800 construction projects throughout Iraq.

When Johnson moved to her current position as Director of Transition, GRD had more than 3,700 projects planned with a construction budget in excess of \$9 billion.

As Director of Transition, Johnson worked with the Ministries of Iraq and the Iraq Reconstruction Management Office to assist the Government of Iraq in setting up contracting policies and procedures.

At a farewell ceremony, Johnson was awarded the Bronze de Fleury Medal for significant service or support to an element of the Engineer Regiment, by Brig. Gen. Michael Walsh, commander of the Gulf Region Division. Johnson was cited for her exemplary work in overseeing project management and funding during her tenure as Director of Reconstruction Programs.

The de Fleury Medal is awarded in the name of Francois Louis Tesseidre de Fleury, a French engineer who volunteered to serve in the American Army in its fights for independence from Britain in 1777. The U.S. Corps of Engineers began presenting the medal in 1989.



*Kathye Johnson receives the de Fleury Medal from Brig. Gen. Michael Walsh, commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Gulf Region Division in Baghdad, Iraq.*

Johnson heads to Washington, DC, to become the senior executive vice president of operations for PADCO, an arm of AECOM provides construction management and consulting services to developing and transitional countries.

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