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Concept to Completion - Camp Patriot

By JOI Joseph Krypel

If you build it, they will come.” That is the message that was given to the amphibious Seabees of the West Coast months before Operation Iraqi Freedom ever began.



Seabee Row at Dusk

“They” are nearly 3,000 joint-service, permanent residents and a rotating stampede of U.S. Marines that have kept the Seabee built Camp Patriot population fluctuating since December, 2002.

Naval Central Command (NAVCENT), forward stationed in Bahrain, tasked Capt. Donald P. Cook and Naval Beach Group One, homeported in Coronado, Calif., to architect a base camp – and when it came to architecture of a camp, Commodore Cook turned to the experts.

The U.S. Navy Seabees of Amphibious Construction Battalion One (ACB-1), also homeported in Coronado, Calif., were the one’s that had to build it – and build, and

build and build they did.

“We spent months preparing for this,” explained Lt. Cmdr. George N. Suther of Atlanta, Ga., Operations Officer (S3) for ACB-1. “Our Seabees are accustomed to building and maintaining a beach camp that houses approximately 1,200 – we had to excel beyond that, and come up with a plan that would accommodate 4,500.”

Suther, tasked with the title of Base Camp Operations Commander, said the main focus had to be on sustainability. “We can build anything, that’s what Seabee’s do – but when you stretch your normal limits to the number they were talking, you really have to sit down and discuss it.”

Suther and the rest of the staff of ACB-1 put together a plan that covered the big issues. Supply concentrated on food, fuel and water, while Alfa Co. responded to transportation needs. Bravo Co. organized port operations, and Charlie Co. dealt with camp maintenance. After much discussion and planning with NAVCENT, the PHIBCBs from California put together a plan that would require their own assets and an additional six-point-four million dollar ‘city layout’ that would become Camp Patriot.

Suther, along with his Charlie Company Commander Lt. Jay Bieszke, developed a site

plan that allowed for the phased erection of the camp. Suther and Bieszke explained that concentration was placed on developing a limited amount of real estate, while continuing to focus on force protection and centralized amenities.

“We had a perceived shortfall,” explained Suther, “and that was that our battalion wasn’t designed to handle such a large tasking.” Perceived was all it turned out to be. According to Suther, the leadership at the unit level really banded together, and that made the difference. “We came together, we spent long hours together, and we put together our plan. When the order came down, we were 100-percent ready, and it’s apparent.”

To ensure the readiness that came to be, Suther had several planning conversations with Lt. Cmdr. Timothy Cowan, Ops Officer from the only other PHIBCBs in the Navy – Amphibious Construction Battalion Two, homeported in Little Creek, Va., during which the addition of 58 Seabees were provided to support the camp construction and its maintenance.

Like any city, “the house that Suther built” started small, and rapidly grew. “When we arrived on station, we had no assets,” reflected Suther. “The people were arriving, but the equipment was not – we had to ask for help.”

The help came from Lt. Col. Greg Maida and the semi-permanent Army soldiers of the 143rd Transportation Command, homebased in Orlando, Fl. Maida, familiar with the area and the local contractors, worked in Seabee

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ELCAS(M): Navy Elevated Causeway System to Lend Big Hand to Big Operation

By JO1 Joseph Krypel

In the minds of many, the 'Shock and Awe' to be remembered from Operation Iraqi Freedom will not be the result of any air campaign; nor will it be of any large explosion causing the destruction of troops or military headquarters. But instead, it will be of the massive offload and backload of thousands of Marines and the tons of fighting equipment and ammunition meant for all branches of service.

In what is being called the largest amphibious operation in the history of the United States, Camp Patriot, a joint-service multinational base camp constructed by Amphibious Seabees, is a key contributor to bringing the fight to Iraq – and then bringing our personnel and equipment home again.

The methods and means of moving troops and supplies are varied, but one of the primary tools built and used for the mammoth effort is the Navy's Elevated Causeway System – Modular (ELCAS(M)), owned, purchased and operated by Amphibious Construction Battalion Two.

ELCAS(M) is an expeditionary pier used to bridge the surf zone, providing an interface between lighterage, cargo vessels and the beach. Used in many exercises, and now in a war operation supporting Joint Logistics Over the Shore, ELCAS(M) is meant to support large offloads in areas where no pier facilities exist, or, in the case of Camp Patriot, where facilities or scheduling of movement need to be enhanced with additional resources.

"This is pretty monumental," explained Lt. Cmdr. Timothy Cowan, Operations Officer (S3) of ACB-2, homeported in Little Creek, Va. "This is the first time that the system has been put into use for a wartime operation, but more importantly, it was the efforts of all the PhibCBs that made it a reality."

Cowan explained that while an asset of ACB-2, the ELCAS(M) was constructed in a joint-effort with ACB-1, homeported in

Coronado, Calif.

"We have trained together for years, and while we may own it, this was a Seabee project – not an east or west coast project," continued Cowan.

The U.S. Navy has only two groups responsible for amphibious construction, one on each coast of the United States... and both now at Camp Patriot, Kuwait.

Construction began on April 1st, and the now completed 1,400-foot pier was completed on April 18th. Amongst busy beaches and real estate limited spaces, the 48-person per shift crew was hampered by equipment and weather delays, but the 'combined can-do Gator Bee' team completed their work three days ahead of schedule in mid-April.

With a 3,000-foot pier-length capability and a 24-foot wide roadway, the ELCAS(M) features two 175-ton cranes, two tractor trailer turntables, and lighting for 24-hour operation capabilities.

The pier is structurally supported by 24-inch steel piles that come in 30-foot-long pieces. These piles are welded together, then driven into the ocean floor until they reach a sufficient depth as support the bearing capacity.

According to Chief Steel Worker Charles Bailey, Project Leading Chief Petty Officer, the soil at the ELCAS(M) site was very soft. "Because the soil was so soft, we had to use much longer lengths of pile than we're routinely used to," explained Bailey.

"All the piles used were more than 76-feet long, and some used were as long 95-feet."

The pier can accommodate three-wide and five-wide barge ferries, as well as Army and Navy Landing Craft Mechanized (LCM-8) vessels, Landing Craft Utility (LCU) vessels, and Logistics Support



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ROWPU Goes With the Flow at Camp Patriot

By Lt. Cmdr. George Suther

One of the unique systems to an Amphibious Construction Battalion is the Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Unit, better known as ROWPU. Using a non-potable water source, this asset produces enough potable water to supply the entire command requirements for drinking, cooking, and showering. A single unit, depending on water source conditions, is capable of making 14,000 gallons of water a day. Each unit is operated by a four-person crew from Camp Company (Charlie Co.) and the Transportation Company (Alpha Co.) including Utilities Constructionmen, Construction Mechanics and Construction Electricians.

Personnel attend a two week specialized training session to learn how to maintain and operate the ROWPU. Powered by a 30KW generator, the unit forces non-potable water through several filter systems and injects it with specific chemicals to eliminate bacteria and separate the salt. The salty content is captured in a brine bladder and discharged back into the water source at a distance not to affect the water intake, while the finished product is stored in several 3,000-gallon bladders. The use of multiple small bladders instead of one large bladder is a safe guard. In case one bladder is contaminated, the others are still useable. Alfa Company dispatches 2,000-gallon water trucks to the bladder farm, receives

the product, and distributes as appropriate. Lastly, certified medical personnel test the water at the bladder farm and at the end container to ensure it is free of bacteria.

Presently Camp Patriot has four units in operation providing water to the galley for cooking and to service the soda machines. When the M/V CAPE JOHN developed problems with its water making system, the ROWPU team provided six thousand gallons of water daily to the CAPE JOHN. In addition, the team is providing 2,000-gallons of water daily to other ships pierside and at anchor. The water is delivered to the ships at anchor by a water bladder secured on a Barge Ferry where it is pumped up to the ship. The unit's primary purpose was to prepare for heightened threat conditions in which contracted potable water for shower systems and laundry would be interrupted and the camp would have to survive on its own capability. The ROWPU teams went into full swing when there was a decrease in bottled water distribution due to suspected contaminated products.

In further support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, British Royal Marines and U. S. Naval Forces were to secure of the port of Umm Qsar to aid in the flow of humanitarian aid to Iraq. CTG 53.6 contacted Camp Patriot and requested two ROWPU units in or-

der to supply critical water to support the camp at Umm Qsar. Members of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) Seven and 21 were assigned to operate the units. Since these Battalions do not have ROWPUs in their table of allowance, it was imperative that the Utilitiesmen from PHIBCB One and Two provide refresher training to the NMCB Utilitiesmen at Camp Patriot. UT2 Matthew Ostrowske of PHIBCB One stated, "The more Seabees we have that can utilize the ROWPU system, the better it is for the mission." In addition to the units themselves, the NMCBs were provided with three weeks of the necessary chemicals and point of contact information to provide follow up technical assistance.

Upon completion of the training UT1 (SCW) Dan Hasley of NMCB-21 had this to say about the mission, "This is outstanding. I had the school out in Gulf Port, Mississippi. It is great I can put my training to use and we couldn't have a better reason to operate it now."



Utilitiesman 3rd Class Mario Ramirez, a 23-year-old Olympia, Wash. native, checks the valve connections on hoses in the "water farm." Ramirez and nine other Seabees split the day working the reverse osmosis water purification unit (ROWPU) into 12-hour shifts. Camp Patriots ROWPU team makes approximately 35-thousand gallons of water in a 20-hour period - and has an additional 50-thousand gallons worth of storage.

USA Today

State News Shorts . . .

Illinois

Chicago - Chicago area funeral directors and cemetery owners are facing problems collecting state funds to cover the cost of serving the indigent, an industry group said. Many funeral homes are stuck with funeral costs because the state is strapped for cash or has stopped accepting public-aid funerals and burials.

Indiana

Crown Point - A physician who had two murder charges dropped against him said he hopes to reopen his clinic in Gary. But first, Jong Beck, 61, must face charges for allegedly prescribing pain killers and other drugs for fees. The charges were dropped after a toxicologist concluded that the deaths of two couldn't be linked to Beck.

CBR Training Note

The CFLCC area of operations, which includes Camp Patriot, has set Mission Oriented Protective Posture Ready - (MOPP Ready). All residents are to have your chemical protective suit, boots, gloves and masks within ten minutes of you. All medicinals should also be within ten minutes of you at all times. Notify your chain of command if you are missing any portion of your protective gear.

Here is a MOPP breakdown to remember:

MOPP Ready

Be within 10 minutes of all gear.

MOPP 0 - Modified

Carry masks and be within 10 minutes of your chemical gear.

MOPP 1

Wear chemical suit.

MOPP 2

Wear chemical suit and boots.

MOPP 3

Wear chemical suit, boots and mask.

MOPP 4

Wear chemical suit boots, mask and gloves.

Chaplains' Corner . . . America - strength through diversity

By Lt. Hussain Shaikh, CHC, USNR

Hello, again. This is Chaplain Hussain Shaikh. You know, the one with the Crescent Moon on the left collar. The Crescent Moon signifies a Chaplain of Islamic Faith and not an MRE Inspector (smile). I'll take this opportunity to share with you the meaning of the motto the E Pluribus Unum in the light of the Scripture, and this time I'll refer to the Noble Qur'an.

"OH people! Almighty God has created you from a single pair of male and female; and He scattered you into nations, tribes, and communities that you may recognize and get to know each other; and the most honorable among you in the sight of God is one who heeds the command of Almighty, one who fears Him, and one who is pious-God conscious. Remember God is all aware of what you do." (Qur'an, Chapter 49 Verse 13)

Let us look at America in the light of the above Qur'anic verse.

According to the United States Census Bureau (www.census.gov), the population of United States of America is over 290 million people. These folks represent almost all the countries in the world. Take a walk in any major met-

ropolitan city in America and you'll meet someone from Ghana, Peru, Australia, India, Nigeria, Turkey, Poland, Brazil... and the list can go on. All these folks bring their unique culture, traditions, skills, and nuances to America. Their collective efforts result in a robust American economy. The sum total of all their proud work ethics translates into a vibrant community under One God. Furthermore, no one can deny that our family tree goes all the way back to the first human pair created by Almighty God. Just like our ancestors, we are also stewards or representative of Almighty striving together to learn, live, and love each other.

United States of America is a proud and shining example of unity of humanity and strength through diversity. At this time and at this very moment, Americans, on a micro level, represent what the Almighty intended the entire world to be. That is, people from different ethnic, religious, racial, and cultural background working and living together. They get to know each other and develop lasting friendship as Americans. Out of many, One. E Pluribus Unum.

Kuwaitis and Americans - people from different ethnic, religious, racial, and cultural background working and living together. They get to know each other and develop lasting friendships as neighbors. Out of many, One.

E Pluribus Unum.



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618-6700

Medical Clinic

617-7280

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Chap. (Maj.) Scott Delbridge, USA
Lt. Hussain M. Shaikh, CHC, USNR
Chap. (Capt.) Alan Savage, USA*

Catholic Mass

Mon - Tues.....1130
Fri - Sat.....1130
Sunday.....0800/2030
Tues.....Rosary/Confessions.....1930
Fri.....Stations of the Cross.....1930

Catholic Instruction / Faith Class

Monday.....1930

Muslim Salah Al-Jumua

Friday.....1230

Quran Study

Monday - Friday.....2030

Jewish Shabat

Friday.....1800

Buddhist Prayer

Saturday.....1200

Protestant Worship

Sunday.....0930

Episcopal / Lutheran Communion

Sunday.....1100

7th Day Adventist Sabbath Service

Saturday.....1700

LDS Services

Sunday.....1700

Prayer and Praise

Sunday.....1900

Wednesday.....1030 / 1900

Choir Practice

Tuesday.....2030

Bible Study

Tuesday / Thursday.....1215

Eastern Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Sunday.....TBD

Contact Cmdr. Seiler at 973-5964 for info

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style with the PHIBCBs to lay the cornerstones of Camp Patriot.

“Lt. Col. Maida was a huge help,” says Suther. “The camp would have been built, but it wouldn’t have been built as quickly or as smoothly in the early phases without the help of the 143rd – they are honorary Seabees because of the ‘Can Do’ spirit they show.”

Forced to contract some things initially, the Seabees brought Camp Patriot to infancy with the items that directly affected the personal lives of every Sailor, Soldier, Marine, Airman and Coast Guardsman that started to arrive. Necessities like potable and non-potable water, meals-ready-to-eat (MRE) and contracted hot meals, as well as basic shelters started the city crawling, but as the tools started to arrive, the sleepy little dust-town quickly became a mobile metropolis.

Like lightning, necessities were up and running and the busy-bees of ACB-1 started with amenities. Shower trailers, movie tents, laundry-services, internet cafe, phone tent and the only Navy-run galley in the theater of opera-

tions – it may not be Atlanta, but it is the best home a Seabee can build – and there is something to be said about that!

“Our battalion is proud of the fact that we are a self-sufficient organization and did not have to rely on a lot of outside contracts, however, where it made good business sense we contracted to eliminate the stress our comparatively smaller work force,” said Suther.

“It was like starting a fire,” continued Suther. “First came tents, then the working spaces, then the strong-backing of tents, and finally – air conditioning.”

According to Suther, the plan went better than expected. “The men and women here really put some sweat into this place, and it was growing fast – we were actually struggling to find the real-estate to put things.”

The PBIBCB team understood that what they were building was in direct support of the war fighters, and they never complained about long hours. “No one could be more proud of the effort demonstrated here,” praised Suther. “This was a labor of love, and it’s evident by the craftsmanship you see – everyone here, even our Fleet

Bees of Bravo Company, put in the sweat to strongback tents and build protective bunkers.”

Camp Patriot is built on 200-acres of shared space with the Kuwaiti Naval Forces. With areas pre-designated for ammunition, parking, and harbor assets – people were placed where they safely could be.

Camp Patriot has three residential ‘suburbs’, known as Green Tent I and II and White Tent Area. “It’s like a family here – sometimes dysfunctional – but a family just the same,” laughed Suther. “We wanted to make sure we were living and relaxing together as a camp, not just working together.”

But working together is key. The entire population of Camp Patriot pitches in to support the camps infrastructure with force protection, galley food service attendants and cooks, sandbag working parties and camp-wide clean up days.

While Operation Iraqi Freedom winds down, the camp that could soon be history continues to grow. Since its birth, Camp Patriot has housed more than 8,000 total people living in 341 tents. Camp Patriot filled over 125,000 sandbags and built

138 protective bunkers. By mid April the Camp Patriot “Sand Dune Diner” had served 139,000 meals, provided 19,000 cases of Meal-Ready-to-Eat (MREs), and 35,000 cases of bottled water. Four thousand haircuts, 250 porta-potties, 120,000 pounds of mail and 190 movies have shown to round out the numbers.

Camp Patriot is currently home to the only Amphibious Seabees in the United States Navy – specializing in Maritime Prepositioning Force (MPF) operations and Joint Logistics Over the Shore in support of U.S. Marine and Army missions.

The PHIBCBs of Camp Patriot have:

- built a 24-foot wide gravel road for amphibious offload and the Navy’s (ELCAS(M))
- erected a 1,400-foot ELCAS(M) in support of offload and backload operations
- erected 7 tension fabric tents
- constructed two helicopter hangers out of 20-foot containers
- constructed an expeditionary helicopter field
- constructed a 300 meter 50-caliber machine gun range
- constructed four timber towers for force protection
- improved the base water system to include the addition of a chlorine process
- renovated an old cantina and inserted a food court and AAFES site
- renovated four barracks that had been left dormant since 1991
- inserted two ATM machines, an internet cafe and a phone bank

	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Weather Conditions	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny
TEMPS	77 / 94	70 / 92	68 / 92	65 / 91	65 / 93

ELCAS(M) . . .

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Vessels (LSV).

The roadway and pierhead are capable of handling two-way heavy hauling truck traffic, and cargo throughput is conducted on both sides of this expeditionary pier.

According to Chief Equipment Operator Ricardo Hernandez, one of two Safety Officers assigned to the project, the ELCAS(M) preparation and construction were completed incident free.

"The site itself had to be inherently safe," commented Hernandez, an ACB-1 crew-member. "Everyone had to know the job, the safety aspects, and what precautions were necessary to achieve this tasking safely. Everyone worked together

to ensure that adequate safety precautions were continuously taken. We're very proud of everyone's 'safe-thinking' work ethic."

Prior to the completion, Navy barge ferry operations moved over 1,500 containers instream, while Camp Patriot 'single-service' personnel offloaded over 15,000 containers and pallets that were pushed forward to the fight.

The professionalism displayed in the hectic environment of construction continues today as the battle-tired forces from Iraq return and begin their journey home.

Over the following months, it is expected that thousands of containers containing military supplies and equipment will tran-

sit the ELCAS(M), while the 'single-service' team at Camp Patriot continuously provides the support that will bring Operation Iraqi Freedom to its eventual end – and providing the leadership as well as the means to expedite the process are the hard-charging Amphibious Seabees of the United States Navy.

Camp Patriot is currently home to the only Amphibious Seabees in the United States Navy – specializing in coastal construction and ship to shore throughput. Partnering with the PHIBCBs are nearly 2,500 active duty and reserve Sailors, Soldiers, Marines, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen serving and supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Following just 18 days of construction, the U.S. Navy's Elevated Causeway System-Modular (ELCAS (M)) stands completed at Camp Patriot. ELCAS (M) is an expeditionary pier used to bridge the surf zone, providing an interface between lighterage, cargo vessels and the beach. Constructed by the U.S. Navy Seabees from both U.S. coastlines, this 1,400-foot pier is being used to support Joint Logistics Over the Shore (JLOTS), and the backload of what will be thousands of cargo containers holding military supplies and equipment returning home from Operation Iraqi Freedom. ELCAS (M) was constructed in a joint effort by Amphibious Construction Battalions (ACB) One, homeported in Coronado, Calif., and ACB-2, homeported in Little Creek, Va. (U.S. Navy Photo by Journalist 1st Class Joseph Krypel)



Equipment Operator CN Sadye Mehlman



Equipment Operator 2nd Class Julie Stugart



Construction Mechanic 2nd Class Paul Selfors

Camp Patriot Bees Get Combat Warfare Qualified

By *CMDCM Kevin Eichmann*

Never in the history of the PHIB Seabee's has it been so important to learn and understand Seabee Combat Warfare." These were the words uttered by Camp Patriot's first Seabee, Equipment Operator Third Class (Seabee Combat Warfare) Justin Jeffers from Collinsville, Illinois, upon receiving the Seabee Combat Warfare designation within two weeks after arrival to Kuwait for Operation "Enduring/Iraqi Freedom".

With warfare qualifications becoming mandatory for all enlisted personnel in the pay grade E-5 and above on sea duty, and assigned to a qualifying unit, the men and women of Amphibious Construction Battalion One and Two have shown unprecedented intensity towards achievement of their warfare qualifications. Upon arrival to the theater of operations, the initial construction ef-

forts in the building of a 4,500-person field camp left many personnel dog tired at the end of the workday. Although training for the program began soon after initial construction efforts were well underway, attendance was slim, seeing class sizes below five personnel.

With the start of the war pending, the Battalion's Training Officer Lt. Cmdr. Dale Tysor from Douglasville, Ga., made a major push to increase attendance numbers. Compiling a list of qualified personnel, he assigned subject matter experts to instruct key topics of the warfare program, establishing a rigid training regime. Faced with the dilemma of dwindling attendance numbers, he made a major advertisement push, publishing training notes in the Camp Patriot Plan of the Day, and making announcements during various staff meetings. Class sizes dramati-

cally increased by 400%, reaching an average daily attendance of twenty students.

Real world contingency operations reflect the training through Seabee Combat Warfare qualifications. Mess Specialist Second Class (Seabee Combat Warfare) Robert Caesar from Yonkers, New York stated: "Tactical convoy operations for resupply of potable water, Meals Ready to Eat (MRE's), and numerous other logistics for life sustainment has become a reality. With each convoy conducted, the threat of ambush by enemy forces requires immediate action of all personnel in the convoy for success. The Seabee Combat Warfare program has prepared me in performing this vital mission." Seabee Combat Warfare training ranges from general military tactics to chemical, biological, and radiological protection and decontamination. Upon designation as Seabee Combat Warfare, qualified members

have gained extensive knowledge in combat operations pertaining directly towards Seabee's contingency missions whether assigned to a Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB), Amphibious Construction Battalion (ACB) or Underwater Construction Team (UCT).

To date, five personnel have achieved their designation as Seabee Combat Warfare while deployed. Through a rigid training program, these numbers will undoubtedly increase ten fold over the period of the deployment. Currently nine personnel are preparing for their formal qualification board and subsequent designation. Waterfront Operations Chief, Boatswain Chief Petty Officer (Air Warfare) Juan Iraheta from Roseberg, Oregon is one of these motivated individuals who achieved his Seabee Combat Warfare qualifications and stated: "I consider myself fortunate for the opportunity of being in a command to earn an additional warfare device. Each platform has its own specific contingency missions and one must employ the knowledge gained to contribute towards the success of the command. Having served with the Amphibious Seabees, I now have a greater respect for their community and what they bring to the fight."

Things to Remember!

Sick Call Hours

0800 - 1000

1300 - 1400

1800 - 1900

Emergencies 24 hours a day

Barber Shop Hours

Appts.....0800 - 1600

Walk-ins.....1800 - 2000



Library

1000 - 2200

AA Meeting

Monday.....1930

AAFES Hours

Daily.....1000 - 2000

Galley Hours

Breakfast.....0500 - 0730

Lunch.....1130 - 1230

Dinner.....1700 - 1930

Laundry Service

Mornings 1000 - 1300

Afternoons 1400 - 1800

Camp Patriot's Unsung Hero - Mr. Terry D. Quinn

By Lt. David Wilhite

One of the unsung heroes of Camp Patriot enhancement endeavor has definitely been Terry Quinn, a Construction and Quality Assurance Representative from the Resident Officer in Charge of Construction (ROICC) Bahrain office. If there were one man, that you could name, that has really made the difference in the execution and completion of the preparatory construction tasks that occurred prior to and during Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), it would be Terry Quinn. He was an essential force in the design, planning, project management, and construction of \$18 million in combined Army and Navy mission support construction projects at Camp Patriot.

Prior to the commencement of OIF, ROICC Bahrain, managed by LT Steven J. Stasick, P.E., CEC, USN, rogered-up to execute construction projects at Camp Patriot using one of their established and extremely reputable construction contractors in Bahrain, Kooheji Contractors. Terry and LT David W. Wilhite, P.E., CEC, USNR, the NAVCENT Field Engineer, both volunteered to spearhead this effort, and moved up to Camp Patriot in early December to manage the construction projects. Terry was confronted with a variety of problems from the get-go, such as security issues, weather, lack of material, and lack of labor force. However through all of the frustrating dilemmas that were faced, Terry stood relentless in his pursuit of mission accomplishment.

On January 1st 2003 the ammo staging area was completed due to Terry's persistence and the contractor's dedi-

cation. Days thereafter, the Atlantic Ordinance Command, LEF was loading convoys headed North with the ordinance for the Marine Air Wing and other Marine units. On the 6th of February the South LCAC staging area was completed. On the 12th of February the 15th MEU were landing LCACs and off-loading equipment. Every project thereafter, the story has been repeated. Mission accomplishment has been foremost on Terry's mind. The military is nothing new to Mr. Quinn, he has probably forgotten more about the military than most of us now know. Terry has served as a U.S. Army Drill Sergeant during Operation Desert Storm. He has served as a First Sergeant of an Army Reserve Company, and has recently been promoted to Sergeant Major, and will attend the Sergeant Major's Academy upon his return to the states. Terry Quinn's medals include: Bronze Star Medal W/V Device, Republic of Vietnam, 1971-1972; Army Commendation Medal 2d award; Army Achievement Medal 5th award; Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal 4th award; National Defense Service Medal 2d award; Vietnam Service Medal Armed Forces Reserve Medal W/M Device and W/Hourglass Device; NCO Professional Development Ribbon W/Numeral 3; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Bar 2 award; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation; Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation; Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation; Combat Infantryman Badge; Drill Sergeant Badge; Rifle Badge (Exp).



A view of the North Beach from the air - LCAC and wash rack area that was completed on time and under budget thanks to the diligence of Mr. Terry D. Quinn. Currently the ramp is being used by the Marines of the 24th MEU, as they prepare to go back aboard USS Nassau Amphibious Ready Group.