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232 and counting ...

Cdr. Francis Williams and Petty Officer 3rd Class Ashley Urbanski, the longest and shortest serving sailors at Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan, cut a cake during the Navy's 232nd birthday celebration at Camp Eggers Oct. 13.

photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Brian P. Seymour

Air Corps tours new home, \$182 million facility

by Air Force Capt. Tim Touzeau
Combined Air Power Transition Force

KABUL – Senior leaders with the Afghan National Army Air Corps got a glimpse of their new home during a recent tour of a multi-million dollar construction site at the Kabul International Airport.

About 38 ANAAC personnel, mentors with the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan and contractors, met with the construction team to tour the \$182 million airlift, mobility and maintenance facility. The facility is scheduled to open April 2008.

Air Force Lt. Col. Greg Stanley, Combined Air Power Transition Force mentor to Air Corps Chief of Staff Brig. Gen. Mohammed Barat, arranged for the ANAAC leadership to see their future home.

“The engineering and earthquake resistant construction of the buildings is very impressive,” Barat said.

Daryl Greenway, the assistant project manager for International Technical Solutions Inc., provided the group an overview of the project before they set out on the 2 1/2 hour tour. After a safety briefing from the site Safety Manager David Blackwell, the group began touring the site on foot.

Besides the \$21.5 million Joint Aviation Forces maintenance hangar, the group visited one of the bases’ two power plants, which has three 4.5 megawatt generators. With both plants and a month’s supply of diesel fuel on hand, the base will be capable of running independently of Kabul’s power grid.

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The new facility is a large-scale professional construction project, built to western standards. It features load-bearing reinforced concrete and earthquake-resistance.

When the new air base is finished next spring, it will serve as the ANAAC headquarters and home base for up to 57 aircraft.

It will also house 1,600 personnel in 10 modern barracks, conference center, medical clinic, dining facility, gym, soccer field, volleyball courts, flight simulator building, communications center and a fire station.

“This Air Corps facility is a testament to our commitment to a self-sufficient Afghanistan,” Stanley said.



photo by Air Force Capt. Tim Touzeau

Greg Wikle (hard hat) shows building plans to a group of Afghan National Army Air Corps officers in front of their new headquarters building.

ANSF, coalition building relationships with IO

by Petty Officer 2nd Class Brian P. Seymour
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KANDAHAR – Afghan National Security Forces and their coalition partners are turning words of promise into action by using information operations, a peacekeeping component that’s being waged everywhere in Afghanistan.

Through the Commanders Emergency Relief Program, ANSF and

coalition mentors have been successful at winning the hearts and minds of the local population by providing them a better life.

This recently established initiative permits the entry of ANSF and coalition forces into friendly villages to build wells, schools, mosques, medical clinics, roads and other community services to help make the Afghans safer, healthier and happier.

A successful IO campaign may not win the global war on terrorism, but

it is “incredibly critical,” said Col. Thomas McGrath, commander of Afghan Regional Security Integration Command–South.

He said IO is needed to gain intelligence on the whereabouts of anti-coalition forces.

“The big thing is that we’re out in the villages doing things to help the Afghans trust and support us,” McGrath said. “When people feel like they have security, they’re more likely to give up intelligence.”



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The mission of the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan, in partnership with the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the international community, is to plan, program and implement structural, organizational, institutional and management reforms of the Afghanistan National Security Forces in order to develop a stable Afghanistan, strengthen the rule of law and deter and defeat terrorism within its borders.