

Nashville District's Deployment Diary

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Sammy Dewayne Alley wears many hats; he is a Supervisory Power Plant Superintendent at Wolf Creek Power Plant, a Command Sergeant Major in the Army Reserves, and now a Construction Representative in northern Afghanistan. He has been deployed since May 2008 and has worked long and hard in building many local police buildings and border patrol structures for villages in the northern Afghanistan areas. Sammy works closely with Afghan engineers and workers during the building process.



Front row: Grandsons Seth, Cullen, and Colby. Back row: Son Jody, his wife Janet and Sammy.

Family is very important to Sammy. Between he and his wife Vicky, they have a blended family of his two sons, Chris and Jody, and four grandsons, Cullen, age 10, Colby, age 7, Seth, age 5, Trent, age 2, and Vicky's two daughters, Rachel and Alyssa, and one grandson, Eli, age 19 months. Vicky is also employed by the Nashville District at Dale Hollow Resource Office as a Civil Engineering Technician. She came to LRN in 2000 from USDA, where

Sammy Dewayne Alley

she had worked as a County Program Technician since 1983. Aside from their responsibilities at the Corps and the Army Reserves, the Alley's have a farm. Sammy's son, Jody, has been watching the farm's 35-40 head of cattle while he has been deployed, and Vicky's Dad, Ken, has rolled the spring and fall hay since Sammy has been overseas. The family will really be happy to have him



Sammy in Afghanistan at one of the construction sites with an Afghan interpreter.

home! There also has been a new shed constructed at the farm in Byrdstown. Sammy has only seen pictures of it and he is really looking forward to using his new facility to store his hay.



Alyssa, Vicky's daughter.



Sammy's son Chris, his wife Michelle and two grandsons Seth and Trent.

Projects have kept Sammy up and running through his overseas tour. Sammy says, "It will be hard to leave all the work. I am working 7 different contracts, one of them has 6 different sites. We are building lots of local police buildings for the villages." "The Police Headquarters is progressing well. It is hard to get the supplies needed to move very fast" Sammy explains.



"Play it again, Sam."

Sammy is looking forward to being home and has been keeping up with the hurricane relief deployments from Wolf Creek. He is a good man, ready to help where needed, and is a great asset to the Nashville District. Thank you Mr. Alley for a job well done!