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Marion, Ind. man bound for Iraq with Army Corps of Engineers Will serve on Electrical Safety Task Force

St. Louis, MO – April 3, 2009 -- Chad Adamson of Marion, Ind., is en route to Iraq with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. There he will be part of Task Force Safe, an initiative to find and correct electrical problems that have injured and killed several service members serving in Iraq.

The 36-year old Adamson has volunteered to serve for six months with Task Force Safe of trained electricians who are deploying to Iraq with the Army Corps of Engineers.

A 1992 graduate of Marion High School, Adamson is a four-year Army veteran who was an infantryman with the 10th Mountain Infantry Division in Fort Drum, NY. After he served in the Army Adamson used his G.I. Bill benefits to be trained as an electrician in the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (I.B.E.W.)

An employee of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for three years, Adamson maintains a variety of electrical equipment at the Melvin Price Locks and Dam near Alton, Ill.

When asked why he has volunteered for a six-month tour in Iraq, Adamson said his family has a strong military tradition. A cousin, Collin Bowen, died from injuries sustained when his vehicle was destroyed by an IED in an attack on his Army unit, Adamson said.

"It was tragic to learn of Collin's injuries and then his death," Adamson said. As bad as dying from combat is, it would be even more tragic for some Soldier to die from an avoidable accidental electrocution. I want to do my part to prevent that from happening to any Soldier," he affirmed.

Adamson resides in Edwardsville with his wife Nikki. They have four children: Kyla-17, Marciece-16, Alexa-14 and Jada 10.

Chad says he has numerous relatives in Marion. "I've got them all connected through Facebook," he said. "I know I am going to be busy in Iraq and that way I can keep them all up to date on what I am doing."

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Captions:

Image 1679.jpg - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers electrician Chad Adamson is seen here testing circuitry at the Melvin Price Locks and Dam near Alton, Ill., for proper, safe operation. Adamson is deploying with the Corps to Iraq as part of Task Force Safe, to find and correct electrical problems that have injured and killed several service members serving in Iraq.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers photo by Alan Dooley

Image 1687.jpg - Marion native Chad Adamson will deploy to Iraq for six months as part of Task Force Safe, to find and correct electrical problems that have injured and killed several service members serving in Iraq. Seen here, Adamson is looking over the Mississippi River south of Alton, Ill., where he works as an electrician at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Melvin Price Locks and Dam. *U.S. Army Corps of Engineers photo by Alan Dooley*