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## **Deployed SD Guard unit assumes mission in Kuwait**

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155th Engineer Company

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait – The South Dakota Army National Guard’s 155th Engineer Company assumed responsibility for vertical construction projects in Kuwait during a ceremony at Camp Beuhring, Oct. 14.

The 155th took over mission responsibilities from the California Army National Guard’s 315th Engineer Company to improve survivability, remodel and complete new construction of base infrastructure in the U.S. Army Central area of operations in Kuwait.

As a construction company, the 154 members of the Rapid City and Wagner-based unit has a wide variety of occupational specialties, which include carpentry, plumbing, electrical and masonry.

A deployment ceremony was held in mid-August for the 155th prior to their pre-mobilization training at Fort Bliss, Texas. After about a month in Texas, the unit departed for Camp Beuhring.

Since arriving, the 155th has been learning their new responsibilities and taking over current operations from the 315th. Additionally, they’ve completed projects to include one on the Udairi Range Complex, multiple concrete pads for emergency phones, a gazebo and many small repairs around base.

This is the second mobilization for the 155th, which deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Noble Eagle in 2002-2003.

The 155th was the first SDNG unit to deploy after 9/11 in support of the Global War on Terror, where they helped to build up base infrastructure in Kuwait in the lead up to the Iraq war.

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**151014-Z-ZZ999-001:** U.S. Army Capt. David Dodson, right, of Summerset, S.D., and 1st Sgt. Jay Spaans, left, of Armor, S.D., both with the South Dakota Army National Guard’s 155th Engineer Company, participate in the change of responsibility ceremony with the California Army National Guard’s 315th Engineers Company, in a ceremony on Camp Beuhring, Kuwait, Oct. 14, 2015. The ceremony represented the handing over of responsibility for vertical construction projects in the U.S. Army Central area of operations in Kuwait. (Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Michael Dodge/Released)

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