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The Year of the Noncommissioned Officer

SPOTLIGHT: Sgt 1st Class Damian Anglin, Expeditionary Contracting Command, 411th CSB Yongsan, Korea

Sgt. 1st Class Damian Anglin, a contracting noncommissioned officer with the 411th Contracting Support Brigade, Contracting Command Korea (Yongsan), transitioned into the 51C career field after spending the majority of his time as an automated logistics specialist

When he heard about the new specialty, Anglin become intrigued and began researching the job criteria.

"I was also fortunate to have the 411th CSB/CCK headquarters right up the street from me where I could go and ask questions," said the former drill instructor. Impressed by the opportunities of moving into a new career field and the direct impact on Soldiers, it didn't take Anglin long to switch over.

Anglin said there is a commonality between drill sergeant duties and those of a contracting NCO. Both positions have a big impact on Soldiers that is long term.

Anglin recently provided contract support in excess of \$1 million for U.S. Pacific Command and United States Pacific Command during Garuda Shield 09 in Bandung Indonesia and Tendon Valiant, a

United Nations peace keeping mission. One of the projects he was responsible for was the construction of a deep well that will provide clean water for Soldiers at a multinational U.N training facility for years to come.

"It was a great learning experience for me. The mission was a great confidence booster and gave me an opportunity to put my new skills to the test, said the 15-year veteran from Mount

Vernon, N.Y. "I was a bit nervous at first but those nerves turned into confidence as I began to interact with vendors. Then, everything started looking and sounding like the training guidance I receive from both the Army Acquisition Basic Course and my unit. The end result was mission accomplished! And that is the ultimate goal.

Anglin will achieve level I certification in August. In the meantime he is aggressively pursuing his Bachelors degree that he hopes to be completed by early next year.

