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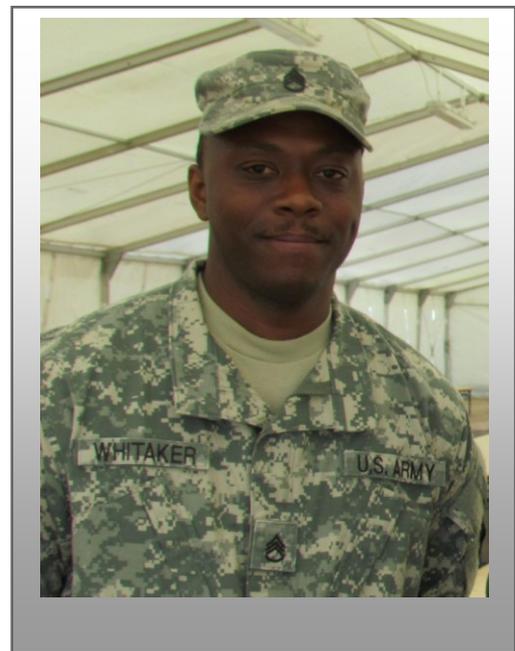
Spotlight on SSgt Rodney Whitaker

Story by Rachel Clark, 409th Contracting Support Brigade

Working as a contracting specialist with the 409th Contracting Support Brigade, Staff Sgt. Rodney A. Whitaker is an integral part of the 622nd contingency contracting team based in Grafenwoehr, Germany.

Stationed at the Regional Contracting Office in Grafenwoehr, Whitaker works alongside seasoned German local national contract specialists to train and prepare to conduct contingency contracting specialist missions across the European and African continents.

Whitaker's currently providing direct support to the 1969th National Guard team out of Nebraska in a training rotation at Joint Multinational Readiness Center Hohenfels Training Area. Whitaker has been key in preparing them for their Kosovo Force rotation by training them on contracting procedures as well the use of contracting software tools.



"Providing contracting support for the different missions is great. I like to see the missions take place and know that contracting played an important role in the success of the mission and the moral of the soldiers," said Whitaker.

In his first 11 months as a contract specialist, Whitaker administered contract actions as well as CCT missions including the 67th Normandy D-Day celebration and Joint Multinational exercise Combined Endeavor 11 for a combined value of over 2.5 million dollars.

A fire control specialist prior to his reclassification, Whitaker is currently pursuing his bachelor's degree in business management, and recently completed CON 234 as well as other DAU classes as he continues to work towards his level one certification.

He is a native of Albany, Ga.

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