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Helping Hammers

When Builder 2nd Class Petty Officer **James Allen** shipped out as an activated reserve member of the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 21 (NMCB 21) in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, he took his trusty Stiletto Ruger titanium hammer along. The hammer saw plenty of action, driving as many as 2,000 nails a day. Impressed by the tool's light weight and durability, the other 15 members of James' crew borrowed it whenever they could, as they had only three other hammers to share.

In a letter to Stiletto praising the hammer's quality, James asked whether the company could send a few to his crew mates in Iraq. Stiletto President Mark Martinez was so moved by the humble request that he supplied enough hammers

for the entire battalion. The members of NMCB 21 have used the tools for projects ranging from building showers to rebuilding a girls' school. Lt. Cmdr. Rick Sherer, executive officer of NMCB 21, was so impressed by Stiletto's generous support of the troops (and by the quality of the hammers) that he recommended Stiletto hammers for permanent inclusion in their builders' kits. For more information about Stiletto hammers, visit www.HandymanClub.com or call 800-987-1849. — Mike Berger ◆





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