



# The Macrogram

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## MONTHLY MEETING – TOPIC

January 9, 2007

**Topic: Rebuilding Public Works in Iraq**

**Speaker:** LTC John Lawlor  
Labor Relations Officer  
353rd Civil Affairs Command  
Director of Public Works  
City of Waterbury

**Directions: Cugino's**, 1076 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111, Ph: (860) 665-0881 Main Street is Route 176. **Cugino's** is south of Route 175 (Cedar Street). Use alleyway to parking area in rear.

<b>Agenda:</b>	<b>Program Charges:</b>
Cocktails: 5:30-6:30 PM	Regular Members - \$28.00
Dinner: 6:30 7:30 PM	Retirees - \$15.00
Program: 7:30- 8:30 PM	Full Time Students - \$15.00

**Technical Chairperson:** Arnie Grot  
**Reservations:** Call Shirley at Dynamic Metals (860) 583-3336 by noon January 5th. **Thanks!**

**Abstract:**

As the Public Works Director for the City of Waterbury, John Lawlor is accustomed to answering challenges with his city's Public Works team. As a Civil Affairs officer in the Army Reserve, while his call-up was not unexpected, he anticipated that Iraq would be different than the places he had served before. He expected unique challenges for the team he would assemble.



John's presentation conveys his experience as Public Works Team Chief for a Civil Affairs Battalion assigned to the 1st Infantry Division, responsible for essential services in the North-Central region of Iraq, which includes the area known as the Sunni Triangle. His

responsibilities included oversight and reconstruction of the local Iraqi infrastructure. His team oversaw the construction of schools, water and waste water treatment facilities, irrigation pumping stations, fuel distribution efforts and electrical energy distribution. His team worked with the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) and its Program Management Office (PMO) to empower local government and leaders to

help themselves—a daunting task after 35 years of dictatorial rule where directives were issued from the top down, with no questions asked.

**Bio:**



Lieutenant Colonel John Lawlor was commissioned as an Infantry officer in 1987 after serving three years as an enlisted Combat Engineer. His initial assignment as an Infantry Officer was to the 26th Infantry Division, Connecticut Army National Guard, Hartford, in assignments including Rifle Platoon Leader, Mortar Platoon Leader and Scout Platoon Leader. He was then assigned to the 29th Infantry Division (LIGHT) where he served as Company XO and Battalion S-3 (Air). LTC Lawlor Commanded Company B 1-102nd Infantry, 29th Division.

LTC Lawlor transferred to the Civil Affairs Branch and served as the Public Utilities Officer for the 411th CA Battalion. LTC Lawlor deployed to Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina where he served as Aide-de-Camp to the NATO Assistant Chief of Staff for Military Operations. Upon re-deployment he was selected by the Commanding General of the 353rd Civil Affairs Command, Fort Wadsworth, NY to serve as the Staff General Secretary. He also served as a member of the military staff committee, Joint Chiefs of Staff, J5-Global as a Military Assistant to the US Ambassador to the United Nations.

LTC Lawlor then attended the Command and General Staff College at West Point. LTC Lawlor's next assignment was as Assistant G5, Plans and Policy Officer for the 353rd Civil Affairs Command. LTC Lawlor was deployed as a member of the 415th CA Battalion in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. While deployed he served as the Public Works Team Chief for Engineer Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Tikrit, Iraq.

Lieutenant Colonel Lawlor's awards include the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Meritorious Unit Award, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Expert Infantryman's Badge, and the Ranger Badge. He is a graduate of the Airborne, Air Assault, and Nuclear Biological and Chemical Warfare courses.

John Lawlor is a native of Waterbury, CT. As a CT Freemason, he served as Master of Harmony Lodge No. 42 A.F. & A.M. in 2002. John is the Director of Public Works for the City of Waterbury.