

Rough Transcript
Mr Oliver Bussler, Spouse of Maj Glenys Bussler (15 April 2016)

Deployment(s): Spouse deployed to Afghanistan 2011 and Kosovo 2016

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Note: *Quotations are not 100% verbatim*

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0:20	They've been married seven years, but known each other over a dozen years.
0:45	They had been dealing with Afghanistan at home due to Glenys's job. Alexandra, their daughter, was old enough that her departure might not have same effect. Conversation started with talk of going to Haiti, which later changed to Afghanistan. "It certainly had different implications." Had a number of conversations and "jointly made the decision as a family, talking about it around the kitchen table, the three of us." A lot of her colleagues had gone. To be an effective leader, she needed to go. "We were supportive. You don't realize—you have a functioning family unit, and then it changes." Glenys looked after a bunch of things and his job wasn't as flexible, but it had to become flexible. This gave him an opportunity to get more time with Alexandra. Certainly some tension. "She was with people doing similar experience, but she'd left behind a family that had new challenges. But no wife when I came home, no one to have dinner with, to watch TV on the couch with. "t ended up being a long time. Eight months. But looking back, I have no regrets." Lots of positives. More appreciation for what she did around the house. And he's very proud of her.
4:20	It does suck. There is definitely a military community here to support you when your spouse goes away, but majority are female spouses, so it's a different dynamic. So when someone sets up a coffee date, he's in a different situation. It doesn't quite fit. He did undergraduate degree with the military, so he has some understanding. It set him up better, knowing she was in a safe environment. Being spouse left at home, there's a lot to pick up.
5:50	It was positive. He's glad she got to go. Proud of what she contributed.
6:25	So, this time? Only six months this time, but they're at a phase, thinking about retirement, so this time it should go by quickly. "I take solace in the fact it's going to be a much safer environment." He's educated himself about the situation there. It's a good way for her to end her military career. One final contribution.
7:25	How does daughter feel? She's still at home. The last one was "water off a duck's back. As a young teen she was focused on her own thing. Now she's in college, focused on her career and an internship. Impact will be a lot less. And previous one was less too. It aligns well with that

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	Additional visuals desired: --photo of daughter?