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541st CSSB moves in and takes over

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CAMP TAJI, Iraq - The Headquarters and Headquarter Company, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 96th Sustainment Brigade, arrived at Camp Taji, Iraq on Sept. 20, ready to start the reception and integration process. The headquarters element with approximately 70 Soldiers strong by the transfer of authority on Oct. 4, and has since received seven additional people to help sustain company and battalion operations as well as other missions on Camp Taji.

The HHC conducts logistical support, not only to more than 725 Soldiers of 541st CSSB, but to Camp Taji and thousands of other Soldiers outside the camp. The unit provides transportation support, maintenance support, recovery support, and provides classes of supply to include food and bulk fuel.

Providing fuel to the customers helps keep operations running smoothly. Fuel support entails everything from trucks running convoys, to supporting the helicopters in the aviation unit.

“HHC has been doing its best by providing sports facilities such as volleyball and basketball courts, internet and AFN to the Soldiers”, said Private Kayla Miller of Fair Haven, N.Y.

The headquarters element also hosts a weekly volleyball game within the unit to help build a stronger cohesion between the Soldiers and to maintain esprit de corps. The unit also has a Morale Welfare and Recreation building located within the living quarters, which has an exercise room and dozens of books for those who enjoy reading.

HHC also supports one of the MWR buildings on the Camp by providing one Soldier to augment the staff, thus helping the staff continue to provide great services to the units stationed here.

Pfc. Jassonnie Udoh of Kalamazoo, Mich. and the human relations specialist said, “We look forward to serving this community and will do whatever it takes to accomplish the mission. Our stay here will be memorable, knowing that we did our best to help set the pace.”



Spc. Brandon Alderson (left) of Lorimor, Iowa, the battalion commander's gunner and Sgt. Joshua Brown, of Smyrna, Tenn., who is the motor pool sergeant, work to cut old framing out of one of the unused rooms and remove all the debris in order to set up a work out room in the barracks for the Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 96th Sustainment Brigade, deployed from Fort Riley, Kan.



Spc. Sandra Ramos, the training room noncommissioned officer and a native of Mayagüez, Puerto Rico, and Spc. William Medina a supply specialist from Yabucoa, Puerto Rico, paint the floor of the Cultural Lounge, also known as “The Nightmare Lounge,” during the remodeling of the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation building for the Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 96th Sustainment Brigade, deployed from Fort Riley, Kan.

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