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Team maintains unit readiness

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CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq – The 271st Human Resources Company Motor Pool Section, with the Special Troops Battalion, 96th Sustainment Brigade, continues to excel while accomplishing their mission in Camp Liberty, Iraq. During the deployment, the Motor Pool section has performed all their duties with a limited amount of Soldiers.

Originally the motor pool personnel consisted of 11 wheeled vehicle mechanics, three power generator equipment repairers, one automated logistical specialist, and a motor sergeant. Due to several mission requirements and the lack of personnel in the unit, several mechanics were sent to different sections such as the Emergency Operation Center, Orderly Room, Supply Section, Army Postal Offices, and Mobile Postal Missions, contributing to the successful accomplishment of every mission.

The motor pool ended with a total of five soldiers in the entire section responsible of the maintenance of over 25 pieces of equipment. The motor pool personnel performed all the annual services of all vehicles, some of them with no

prior services, and corrected all the deficiencies detected while performing technical inspection, setting them to achieve the Army Standard. All the equipment is up to standard and available at all times.

“Cohesion, team work and excellent performance are just a few of the words that can be used to describe this excellent team”, said Sgt. 1st Class Pedro Alvarez, a San Juan, Puerto Rico native. “Demonstrating such qualities these outstanding soldiers performed all their duties in an efficient timely manner,” added Alvarez.

They proved that with professionalism, dedication and motivation every task can be accomplished even in the worst situation. Sgt 1st Class Alvarez also had this to say about the HR team, “All the soldiers of the motor pool maintained a positive attitude in all the changes that they encountered during their time in Camp Liberty, remaining flexible and motivated at all times, and made every mission a successful one. All of their actions contributed to the extraordinary achievement of the section, maintaining an average readiness of a 95%.”



Spc. Juan Nieves, a power generation mechanic with the 271st Human Resources Company, with the Special Troops Battalion, 96th Sustainment Brigade, and a native of Maricao, Puerto Rico, is conducting a Preventive Maintenance Check Service on a Generator set 5KW.



Spc. Adyel Aponte, a wheeled vehicle mechanic with the 271st Human Resources Co., with the Special Troops Battalion, 96th Sustainment Brigade, and a native of Bayamon, Puerto Rico, is repairing the chain of a truck forklift.

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