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### **51<sup>ST</sup> TRANS GETS ITS BAY DOORS**

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE Q-WEST, Iraq — 51<sup>st</sup> Transportation Company, 30<sup>th</sup> Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 16<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade, employs Iraqi Contractors for the installation of its motor pool doors, Dec. 18.

The 51<sup>st</sup> Motor Pool, home to the Maintenance Platoon, has long since lost its maintenance bay doors. The building has been nothing more than a hollow ‘tube’ since the unit first arrived at Q-West, and has been ignored by all the harsh elements of desert life with the exception of direct rainfall. Maintenance Soldiers and Soldiers from the line platoons working in the bay were directly subject to the intense summer heat; sand and dust storms swept through at will. Heading into the winter months Soldiers had no way to contain the heat from the heaters; cold rain and wind took the place of the sand and dust.

Doors were needed with urgency. After being held up in storage for months at an unknown location until after the Olympics in China, the doors finally arrived - leaving all involved scratching their heads about who would install them. It was then decided that Mustafa and Vahid with their team of Iraqi contractors would come in to lend their knowledge and expertise to the job at hand. With their immeasurable skill and outstanding work ethics the doors were up within two days.

“It is a good thing,” said Chief Warrant Officer James Inman, maintenance tech, 51<sup>st</sup> Trans. Co. “Now the Soldiers working [in the bay] can be as warm as I am in my office!”

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Contractors install the new door on the 51<sup>st</sup> Trans. Co., maintenance platoon’s work area.