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## 233rd Transportation Company celebrates holidays

### HOLIDAY

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CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE SPEICHER, Iraq - With the holiday season in full swing, it can be tough for deployed Soldiers to deal with the separation from their family and loved ones.

One way that the 233<sup>rd</sup> Transportation Co. has combated this stress, is to come together and celebrate the holidays with just a little reminder of home. Soldiers from the 233<sup>rd</sup> Trans. Co. celebrated the holiday season with a get together here, Dec. 24.

Because of all of the anonymous care packages that the company has gotten over the past month, each Soldier was able to get a present from under the Christmas tree.

1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. J. C. Scott, first sergeant, 233<sup>rd</sup> Trans. Co., wearing his Santa hat, handed every Soldier their present.

The transportation Soldiers also held a drawing and had competitions in order to earn \$20 AAFES gift cards and an iPod. A few of the competitions included a door decorating contest, an Army knowledge contest, as well as a gift given to the Soldier who held the highest physical fitness score in the company.

"The company has deployed five times since the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom and this was the first time that the company celebrated the holiday season like this," said Sgt. Elizabeth Robinson, a Bardstown, Kentucky native, who helped coordinate the event.

Pfc. Christina Disano, from Brattleboro, Vermont, started planning this event as early as late November. Disano stepped up to the challenge and made sure that she could brighten up the deployment for 250 Soldiers.

“It was a lot of hard work, but I believe that I made this event enjoyable for everyone,” said Disano.

Capt. Lydia Welch, commander, 233<sup>rd</sup> Trans. Co., awarded Disano with a Certificate of Achievement and a company coin for all of her hard work, as she was able to balance her heavy equipment transport missions, as well as the holiday event.

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