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“Big Dawgs” hold change of command

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CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE SPEICHER, Iraq- The 391ST Combat Sustainment Support Battalions’s Headquarters and Headquarters Co. welcomed a new company commander and said farewell to one they have had for some time, here Dec. 20.

Lt. Col. Ronald Pacheco, commander, 391st CSSB, 16th Sustainment Brigade, and Command Sgt. Maj. David Emerick, command sergeant major, 391st CSSB, were on hand to recognize two great officers taking the next step in their military careers.

Capt. James J. Geishaker, outgoing commander, HHC, took command of the unit while it was still the 191ST Ordnance Battalion and has been in charge during the battalion’s move to Bamberg from Miesau, the re-designation to the 391ST CSSB and the deployment of the unit to Iraq. This is Geishaker’s third deployment to Iraq.

Capt. Merna C. Morris, incoming commander, HHC, is a graduate of Ohio State Univ. and was commissioned into the ordnance corps in 2001.

“I’m excited to serve as the commander for the HHC ‘Big Dawgs,’” Morris said. “We have well-disciplined and trained Soldiers who are always ready to go the distance. It is my intent that we will each achieve personal and professional success, during my tenure as the commander.”

Emerick was sorry to see Geishaker go, but was optimistic about the incoming commander.

“Capt. Geishaker has done a great job with the HHC during his command and we look forward to great things from Capt. Morris,” Emerick said.

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Lt. Col. Ronald Pacheco, commander, 391st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade, congratulates Capt. James J. Geishaker, outgoing commander, HHC, 391st CSSB, on a job well done after the HHC change of command ceremony at Contingency Operating Base Speicher, Dec. 20.