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Soldiers show solidarity for one of their own

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CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE Q-WEST, Iraq. In December of 2008 while deployed to Iraq, Sgt. Beau Froelich found out that his father, who is my brother, Karl Froelich, was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Not only is Karl related to 81st Brigade Soldiers, he himself was a sergeant in the 81st Brigade from 1981-1987, assigned to Headquarter and Headquarters Co., 81st Brigade, Seattle WA as a communications specialist.

When Beau was home on R&R in January, his dad started chemo therapy treatments. Beau, his dad, a neighbor and Beau's one-year-old son, all went to the local barber shop to shave their heads, and for Beau's son to receive his first hair cut in a show of support . I was able to see the pictures almost immediately as Karl is blogging his cancer on Facebook.

Because my brother is blogging about having cancer, it has made it much easier for me to follow his diagnosis and experience while being here in Iraq.

On Sunday, Feb. 8, the 81st Brigade Special Troops Battalion had a head shaving party to show their support for my brother, Beau's father. All in all, 11 soldiers within the Base Defense Operations Center, 81st Brigade Special Troops Battalion participated and shaved their heads. This included Pfc. Caleb Meyers of Co. B, 16th Special Troops

Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade. The Soldiers were led on this adventure by Lt. Col. Ken Garrison, commander, 81st BSTB and Command Sergeant Major David Nunn, command sergeant major, 81st BSTB.

The rest of the participants were Maj. Kevin Harmon, Capt. Chris Blanco, Capt. David Raines, Master Sgt. Erik Nelson, Sgt. 1st Class Wesley LeBarge, Staff Sgt. Erik Brown, Sgt. Kyle Chaplin and Sgt. Beau Froelich.

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Soldiers from the 81st Brigade Special Troops Battalion show off their shaved heads at Contingency Operating Base Q-West, Iraq, Feb. 8. The Soldiers shaved their heads in support of Karl Froelich, the father of Sgt. Beau Froelich, 81st BSTB, who was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma in Dec. Karl was a member of the 81st Brigade from 1981-1987.