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## **Traveling brass band lightens lunch for Q-West Soldiers**

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CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE Q-WEST, Iraq — Seven members of the traveling 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division brass band, based out of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, played a variety of big band, jazz, pop music and even movie themes, at the Knight's Feasting Hall dining facility here from March 11 to 14.

"They were so good I didn't want to leave, but I had a meeting at brigade," said Sgt. Jolonda Terry, assistant non-commissioned officer in charge, Knight's Feasting Hall, after listening to the band during a lunch show.

Along with several shows at the main dining facility, the band also fit in a performance at the convoy support center dining facility.

Soldiers couldn't get the catchy tunes off their minds.

"I still have that Jackson Five song stuck in my head; everyone was walking out of the DFAC humming that," said Spc. Phillip Stosser, cable technician, 181st Brigade Support Battalion, 16<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade.

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The band, part of Task Force Lightning, Multi-National Division – North, at Contingency Operation Base Speicher, kicked off a tour of bases in northern Iraq with the first performance at Q-West.

Bandmembers enjoyed performing at Q-West, said Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Shawna Snodgrass, events coordinator, 181<sup>st</sup> BSB and Q-West Mayor’s Cell.

“They were very appreciative of the support they felt during performances, as well as the accommodating arrangements for transportation and billeting,” Snodgrass said. “They definitely want to come back to Q-West during their tour.”

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Members of the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division’s traveling brass band perform during the dinner meal at the convoy support center dining facility at Contingency Operating Base Q-West March 13. The seven members of the traveling band, based out of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, played a variety of big band, jazz, pop music and even movie themes, for Soldiers at Q-West during lunch and dinner meals from March 11 to 14. (Photos by Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Shawna Snodgrass)



Members of the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division's traveling brass band steal time for a pose in-between sets during the dinner meal at the convoy support center dining facility at Contingency Operating Base Q-West March 13. From left to right: Spc. Mark Zeeff (drums), Sgt. Steven Gilbert (trombone), Sgt. Jontevius Johnson (keyboard), Sgt. Stephen Reier (trombone), Staff Sgt. Marvin Shelton (tuba), Sgt. Timmy Watts (clarinet), and Staff Sgt. Daniel Collins (clarinet). The seven members of the traveling band, based out of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, played a variety of big band, jazz, pop music and even movie themes, for Soldiers at Q-West during lunch and dinner meals from March 11 to 14.