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Comedians perform at COB Q-West

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CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE Q-WEST, Iraq — Soldiers lounged poolside, and soaked in some comedy, during a comedy show at the newly-opened pool here June 11.

Los Angeles-based comedians George Grey, Bruce Jingles, and Joey Medina performed for more than 160 Soldiers, Airmen and contractors at the opening of the “Mirage” base swimming pool.

Grey, Jingles and Medina discussed important topics with Soldiers, like the National Guard, relationships, and the non-alcoholic beer at Q-West.

“God bless the National Guard,” said one comedian. “The only place you’ll find a 50-year-old private.”

Travel delays kept the group in Q-West for couple extra days, so they gave an encore performance at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation base complex the following evening.

The extra time gave the comedians a chance to do some driver’s training on the M1117 Armored Security Vehicle (ASV). They also spent some time at the pool, as well as just hanging out and talking with Soldiers.

The poolside show was a hit with Soldiers.

“It was a perfect evening for the show, and it was definitely good for a laugh,” said 1st Sgt. Walter Posch, first sergeant, 181st Brigade Support Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade. “We should have more shows there.”

Posch, on his second deployment to Iraq, and a native of Rainer, Ore., said he appreciated the repaired pool facility.

“It’s a very nice facility,” Posch said. “There has been a lot of hard work that has gone into restoring the pool, volleyball courts, grounds, and stage, and it has made this a very nice facility to hold events like this.”

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Comedian George Grey warms up the crowd on a stage located at the pool facility on Contingency Operating Base Q-West, Iraq, June 11. Los Angeles-based comedians George Grey, Bruce Jingles, and Joey Medina performed for more than 160 Soldiers, Airmen and contractors at the opening of the “Mirage” base swimming pool. (Photo by Maj. Scott Cooley)