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Logistics Soldiers revamp Iraqi warehouse system

WAREHOUSE

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AL KASIK, Iraq — Soldiers from the 574th Quartermaster Co., 30th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade, trained Iraqi Army soldiers on warehousing procedures as part of a logistics training assistance team here 6 Oct.

“When we got here, you needed a shovel to find parts,” said Sgt. 1st Class Josie Martinez, LTAT non-commissioned officer in charge, 574th Qm. Co. “Now we have set up a system to track parts.”

Martinez and his team of three have spent the last four months establishing a warehousing system for “Class IX,” or repair parts, with the Iraqis. The team, along with its Iraqi counterparts, has sorted out nearly 7,000 pieces of equipment.

“It was a mess,” said Staff Sgt. Ronald Jean-Louis, logistics assistance trainer, 574th Qm. Co. “Now, all storage has a label and location identified and it’s almost to U.S. standards.”

Staff Sgt. Jean-Louis said that working alongside the Iraqis is very rewarding.

“Getting them to be self-sufficient has been priceless,” said Jean-Louis.
“What we are doing is very important because without class IX, nothing moves.”
The Soldiers’ work has not gone without notice from the Iraqi Army leadership on base.

“The US Army has been excellent in helping us get parts and organizing them,” said Iraqi Army Col. Abdulhafidh Nsayf Jassim, commander, 3rd Motor Transport Regiment. “As a result of their work the maintenance has done very well.”



Warehouse 1

Sgt. 1st Class Josie Martinez, logistics training advisory team non-commissioned officer in charge, 574th Quartermaster. Co., 30th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade, shows Command Sgt. Maj. James E. Spencer, command sergeant major, 16th SB, the way he has helped train the Iraqis how to organize “class IX” (repair parts) at the Al Kasik Iraqi Army Base Oct. 6.



Warehouse 2

Command Sgt. Maj. James E. Spencer, command sergeant major, 16th Sustainment Brigade, presents Iraqi Army Col. Abdulhafidh Nsayf Jassim, commander, 3rd Motor Transportation Regiment, a brigade coin as a token of U.S. and Iraqi partnership. Col. Jassim said that he considered the coin a medal for all of his Soldiers and appreciated the support from U.S. and coalition forces.