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**‘Team player’ receives award for mechanical excellence**

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CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE Q-WEST, Iraq — Pfc. Jerry McKeever, Bravo Co., 1-184<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 30<sup>th</sup> Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 16<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade, earned the unit’s first Maintenance Excellence award here, Dec. 12th.

The Bravo Co. command team gave Pfc. McKeever the award based on his motivation and initiative on performing preventive maintenance checks and service, and maintaining his platoon’s vehicles combat ready at all times.

“He is constantly making sure vehicles are ready for quality control inspection and does not take any short cuts when it comes to PMCS,” Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Rafael Rodriguez, maintenance non-commissioned officer in charge, Bravo Co. “Pfc. McKeever is self-motivated and an asset to his platoon and the mission.”

McKeever earned the award for not only his technical ability, but his ability to help others.

“Ultimately, Pfc. McKeever received this award because he’s a team player.” said Capt. Peter Lewis, commander, Bravo Co. “Sure he knows a lot about cars and applies it to his

job, but he helps his peers do a better job maintaining our combat platforms. That's what's important."

This is the first award of its kind presented by the Bravo Co. command team while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Bravo Co. plans to make this award a monthly event. The award is designed to recognize soldiers who go "above and beyond" their duties helping the unit's maintenance section.

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