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Hammers take the Diamondback Softball Championship

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CONTINGENCY OPERATING SITE DIAMONDBACK, Iraq – Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 18th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade, took home the Diamondback Softball Championship here, Dec. 7.

The Hammers pounded the team from the 632nd Maint. Co., 18th CSSB, 15-1, to take home the base crown.

“We just went out to have fun and get our minds off the daily routine,” said Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Ramer, personnel non-commissioned officer in charge and captain of the Hammers.

The Unionville, Illinois native and his team outplayed ten other units in the Diamondback Softball League.

The 18th CSSB is based out of Grafenwoehr, Germany. Their Soldiers provide logistical and sustainment support to coalition forces deployed throughout northern Iraq. They have been deployed for seven months and will redeploy Sep. 2009.



SOFTBALL

Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Ramer, personnel non-commissioned officer in charge and captain of the Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 18th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade, Hammers, gears up to swing at a pitch during the Contingency Operating Site Diamondback Softball Championship game, Dec. 7. The Hammers pounded the team from the 632nd Maint. Co., 18th CSSB, 15-1, to take home the base crown.