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California Guardsmen paint the bear



Spc. Roger Jongewaard, from Garden Grove, Calif., and Spc. Vadim Shafir, from Los Angeles, paint the California state flag on the protective wall surrounding their unit, Easy Co., 185th Armored Battalion, California Army National Guard, at Contingency Operating Base Q-West Jan. 5. The unit assumed responsibility for operations here Nov. 22, and is expected to return to California in August, 2009. "I'm just proud to be from California," Jongewaard said. (Photos by Sgt. Keith M. Anderson)