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Puerto Rican Guardsmen earn first safety streamer

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CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE Q-WEST, Iraq — The Puerto Rican Guardsmen of the 266th Ordnance Co. wrapped up their year-long deployment cycle here with a green Safety streamer for going 90 days without an accident.

“With the workload we’re doing over here, that’s hard to get,” said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Roy Wainscott, safety officer, 30th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade. “No one else in the battalion has gotten close yet.”

Soldiers from the 266th Ord. Co., based out of Aguadillo, P.R., ran the ammunition supply point here from April 2008 to January 2009, and supported not only the base and units throughout Multi-National Division - North, but also units in Afghanistan.

“They have a lot of heavy items and explosives,” Wainscott said. “That’s one place you don’t want a fire.”

Col. Martin Pitts, commander, 16th Sust. Bde., added a green safety streamer to

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the ordnance company's guidon during a ceremony Jan. 16. The streamer, the first to be awarded in the brigade, recognized the ordnance company for their commitment to safety.

“To be successful we must concentrate our efforts on accomplishing the mission and do it without injuring Soldiers or destroying equipment,” said Pitts. “To do so will require the teamwork of everyone in the unit incorporating all of the following four areas: leadership, individual responsibility, discipline, and composite risk management.”

All units that fall under the 16th Sustainment Brigade are eligible for the streamer. To be considered for the award, leaders must go through their safety officers, who will notify the brigade safety manager that the unit is eligible.

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Col. Martin Pitts, commander, 16th Sustainment Brigade, adds a green safety streamer to the 266th Ordnance Co. guidon during a ceremony at Contingency Operating Base Q-West Jan. 16. The streamer, the first to be awarded in the 16th Sust. Bde., recognized the company for going 90 days without an accident. Soldiers from the 266th Ord. Co., based out of Aguadillo, P.R., ran the ammunition supply point here from April 2008 to January

2009, and supported not only the base and units throughout Multi-National Division - North, but also units in Afghanistan. (Photo by Sgt. Keith M. Anderson)