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Maintenance Soldiers learn to 'CLEAR' casualties

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CONTINGENCY OPERATING SITE MAREZ-EAST, Iraq — Soldiers from 158th Maintenance Co., 18th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade, conducted company-level evacuation and recovery (CLEAR) training on here March 24.

“As the subject-matter-expert of mortuary affairs, my duty is to ensure that the CLEAR teams are trained,” said Sgt. Jerome Gisclair, mortuary affairs non-commissioned officer, 18th CSSB.

Gisclair, a native of Golden Meadow, La., provided realistic scenarios that can occur during the procedure such as proper handling of human remains and inventory of personal effects.

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“The training is important because it gives us the skills needed to make sure the deceased make it home to their families,” said Sgt. Shon Scott, 158th Maint. Co., and a native of Prattville, Ala. “The training provided by the 18th CSSB was very informative. Sgt. Gisclair is very knowledgeable and he also stressed the need for much respect when handling human remains,” he added.

“The duties of the CLEAR team may not be the most desirable job, however it is a necessary job,” said Gisclair.



Sgt. Shon Scott, 158th Maintenance Co., 18th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade, simulates places evacuation tags on portions found during company-level evacuation and recovery team training at Contingency Operating Site Marez-East, March 24. (Photos by Sgt. 1st Class JennyAnne Canlas)



Spc. Steven Watkins, 158th Maintenance Co., 18th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade, places an evacuation tag on a simulated casualty found during company-level evacuation and recovery team training at Contingency Operating Site Marez-East, March 24.