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Assist. Adjutant General visits Guardsman at Q-West

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CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE Q-WEST, Iraq — Brig. Gen. Gordon Toney, assistant adjutant general, Washington Army National Guard, and Command Sgt. Maj. Shawn Lee, command sergeant major, Washington ANG, visited National Guard Soldiers here May 28.

Toney and Lee made a four-day tour of Iraq to visit the nearly 2,400 Washington Guardsmen in Iraq. While at Q-West, they met with Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 146th Field Artillery, based out Olympia, Wash.; Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 181st Brigade Support Battalion, based out of Seattle Wash.; and Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 81st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, based out of Everett, Wash.

The Guard units all serve under the 16th Sustainment Brigade, an active-duty logistics brigade based out of Bamberg, Germany.

The visit included a quick tour of Q-West and ended with a barbeque and pool party at the Mirage Pool, where Toney expressed thanks from the governor of Washington and encouraged Soldiers to finish strong and return home safely.



Brig. Gen. Gordon Toney, assistant adjutant general, Washington Army National Guard, speaks with Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 146th Field Artillery, out of Olympia, Wash., at Contingency Operating Base Q-West, Iraq, May 28, 2009. Toney expressed thanks from the governor of Washington and encouraged Soldiers to finish strong and return home safely. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kirsten Froelich)