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## 'SUPPLIERS' DEPLOYED WITH V CORPS' 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION NAMED BEST IN ARMY

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**TIKRIT, Iraq** — The support that Soldiers and civilian employees of the 701st Main Support Battalion "Main Team" Supply Support Activity provide to V Corps' 1st Infantry Division was honored recently when the SSA was named the best supply operation in its class in the Army.

Alpha and Delta Company, 701st MSB were earlier named as the best in U.S. Army Europe for Class II, IV, VII and Class IX supply operations in the USAREUR Supply Excellence Award competition. Delta Company's SSA went on to earn SEA honors at the Army level in the "large SSA" category.

USAREUR Commander Gen. B.B. Bell visited the Main Team SSA at Forward Operating Base Speicher here to congratulate the SSA Soldier for their accomplishments.

"The support you have provided to the 'Big Red One' is second to none," Bell stated as he presented USAREUR coins to the SSA's Soldiers and civilian workers.

The "Main Team" SSA provides supply support to 1st Infantry Division Task Force Danger units through the operation of a multi-supply class consolidated activity at FOB Speicher.

The multi-supply class SSA is operated through the combined efforts of Alpha and Delta Company Soldiers; DOD and contracted U.S. and Iraqi civilian employees, and B Company transportation troops. Its mission is to receive, store and issue supplies to 1st Infantry Division units. Deployment here drastically increased the division's need for supply support and resulted in a ten-fold increase in the workload the SSA would face at home station in Germany.

The 701st arrived here in March.

