



The Durable Report

CSM Champagne visits the 1SB

Danger 07 brings words of mentorship and resilience from the Big Red 1



Command Sgt. Maj. James B. Champagne, the CSM for the 1st Infantry Division and MND-South, visited the Soldiers, NCOs, and officers of the 1st Sustainment Brigade at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

When not deployed, 1st Sustainment Brigade is assigned to Fort Riley, Kansas, Home of the Big Red One.

Arriving on 8 July 2010, Champagne was on a mission to reach out and communicate with Soldiers and leaders of the 1st Sustainment Brigade the effect of the brigade's mission is to the overall success of the Responsible Drawdown and the support of troops in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

"You guys are making it happen on a day-by-day basis and we are proud of you all", said Champagne to the Soldiers of the 1st Sustainment Brigade, during the Victory Call ceremony he attended.

"Although this is the first time I have met him, I think it is great that he has taken his time out of his busy schedule to meet the Soldiers," said Sgt. 1st Class Frank Luna, support operations NCOIC.

"I really like how he came to meet them face-to-face and was asking them about their specific jobs; his presence is definitely an uplifting moment for their morale," said Luna.



Non-Commissioned Officers throughout 1st Sustainment Brigade formations led tours, operations briefings, and informational discussions to provide Champagne an overview of the Brigade's multiple missions and the complexity of the Responsible Drawdown of Forces from Iraq.

As part of the 1st Sustainment Brigade Sustainment Operations Center tour, Master Sgt. Herron, Brigade S3 NCOIC, described initiatives the DURABLE Brigade established to increase communication with Operational Environment Owners throughout the Iraq Joint Operations Area. These efforts and operating procedures continue to create positive impacts for the 1SB's mission success in support of the Responsible Drawdown Operations.