



2009 The Year of the Noncommissioned Officer

SPOTLIGHT: Sgt 1st Class Jason Hughes, Expeditionary Contracting Command 408th CSB/ 610th CCT

Sgt. 1st Class Jason Hughes is a valued member of Expeditionary Contracting Command, 408th Contracting Support Brigade, 610th Contingency Contracting Team, at Fort McPherson, Georgia. Hughes is one of the recent batch of noncommissioned officers recruited into the Army's newest military occupational specialty, 51C or a contracting noncommissioned officer.



Hughes acquires supplies and services needed by his fellow warfighters to sustain essential missions in response to a crisis, contingency or declaration of war. Hughes works closely with Soldiers within the Mission and Installation Contracting Command, supporting operations and helping prepare Soldiers for current and future missions stateside and in forward deployed locations.

"I can see the fruits of my labor every time the Soldiers get what they need in a timely fashion," Hughes said. "Every time a structure is rebuilt because I found the right guys to get the job done. Every time the troops arrive and the facilities are in place for them to walk in and call a temporary home.

"It's important to me that Soldiers know they can count on me to get what they need. I can procure more commercial, off-the-shelf items instead of them having to wait four months. That's what NCOs do," said the seventeen year veteran from Chicago, IL.

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