

# Coyote Courier



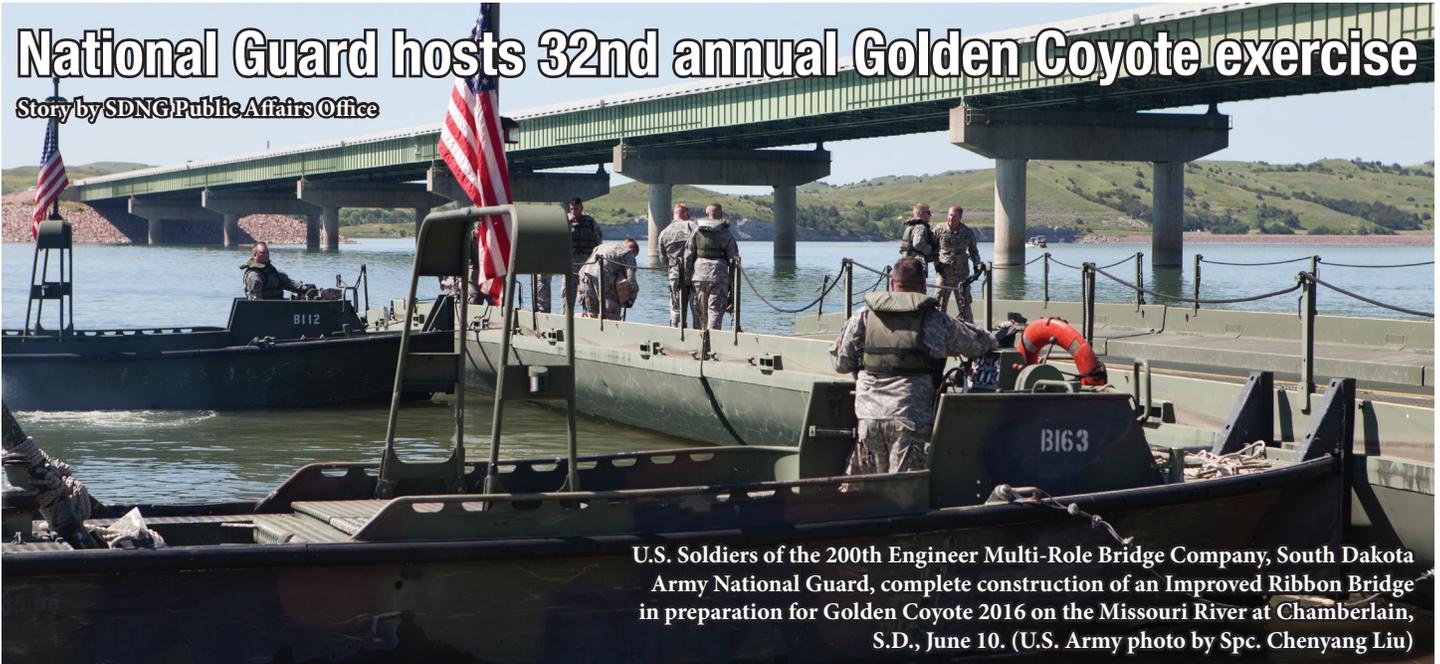
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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE 2016 GOLDEN COYOTE TRAINING EXERCISE

## National Guard hosts 32nd annual Golden Coyote exercise

Story by SDNG Public Affairs Office



U.S. Soldiers of the 200th Engineer Multi-Role Bridge Company, South Dakota Army National Guard, complete construction of an Improved Ribbon Bridge in preparation for Golden Coyote 2016 on the Missouri River at Chamberlain, S.D., June 10. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Chenyang Liu)

The South Dakota National Guard will host its 32nd annual Golden Coyote training exercise in the Black Hills June 11 – 25 to provide military units with relevant training opportunities in support of overseas contingency operations and homeland defense.

Created in 1984 by the SDNG, with

the cooperation of the National Forest Service and Custer State Park, this year's exercise will allow about 3,400 service members to conduct combat-support and service-support missions in a realistic training environment and provide valuable services to the public.

"When it started it was purely a

SDNG exercise," said Col. Timothy P. Moran, the chief of staff for Golden Coyote 2016. "Over the years it has evolved into a multi-component and multi-national exercise."

There will be 44 military units representing 12 states and four foreign nations participating in the

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## Commander welcomes troops, stresses safety

Welcome to the 32nd annual Golden Coyote training exercise.

Every year we look forward to units and Soldiers from around the world participating in this two-week exercise.

Golden Coyote is one of the largest National Guard training exercises in the country. It provides a venue for units to conduct various types of training, in real world scenarios, ranging from Warrior Training Lanes to collective mission-essential tasks that support local communities with

humanitarian missions.

Safety is the top priority throughout the exercise. Train hard, take care of each other and watch out for your battle buddy. Never take short cuts or jeopardize the safety of a fellow Soldier. Thank you for your dedicated service and enjoy your time in South Dakota.

**Leaders of the Best!**

**Brig. Gen. Thomas Croymans**  
*Commander of Troops*

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exercise from multiple branches of military service – Army, Navy and Air Force – working together to create an invaluable training experience. Participating units conduct military operations, train on their equipment and employ tactics, and complete various humanitarian missions and engineer projects that help improve the forest and infrastructure of many communities.

“What benefits everybody is the ability to work in a joint

environment,” said Moran. “That is exactly the way we fight. When we deploy, it’s the same environment so it’s great training.”

Local residents receive numerous benefits from the many engineer projects conducted during the exercise. Units transport timber to Native American communities that use it as firewood, conduct building construction, repair and upgrades, identify hazardous wilderness areas and make them safe for public use, and resurface local roadways that

have fallen into disrepair.

Units participate in many training tasks and battle drills such as combat patrols, urban combat operations, land navigation, first aid, casualty evacuation and convoy operations. This provides a valuable opportunity for units to train on skills needed for any future overseas deployment.



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# Service members arrive for Golden Coyote training exercise

By Sgt. Rachel Korzeniewski  
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The 635th Regional Support Group from the Kansas Army National Guard is responsible for the reception, staging, onward movement and integration of all service members who are about to begin training at Golden Coyote, June 11-25.

Golden Coyote is an annual training exercise hosted by the South Dakota National Guard providing units with realistic training. Units from 12 states and four countries come to South Dakota to participate in the two-week training exercise.

“Our primary mission is joint reception, staging and onward integration of movement for each unit participating in Golden Coyote 2016,” said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Amanda Davis, deputy officer in charge for the 635th RSG.

The check-in process involves the scanning of participant’s ID cards

to be logged in for accountability.

“If you don’t have good accountability at the beginning of the exercise you will not have good accountability throughout the entire exercise,” said Davis.

All participants will attend a briefing and then are sent out to the different forward operating bases they will occupy during the exercise.

“The JRSOI briefing gives real world and exercise information, updates about the simulated enemy activity, and where each unit is operating,” said 1st Lt. Cortney Coke, Force Protection Officer for the 635th RSG, who gives the JRSOI briefing.

The 635th RSG is also responsible for coordinating lodging, fuel and equipment repair for every unit participating in Golden Coyote.



Sgt. Edward Juelfs and Spc. Floyd Mabbitt of the South Dakota Army National Guard assist Soldiers from the 635th Regional Support Group by processing participant’s ID cards at the JRSOI who are about to begin training at the Golden Coyote Exercise at the 28th Bomb Wing Deployment Center on Ellsworth Air Force Base on June 9. The Golden Coyote training exercise provides realistic training for military units from all over the country and the world. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Rachel Korzeniewski)

## RAPID CITY EVENTS

Movie under the stars “The Rookie”  
June 13 - 2030-2230  
Main Street Square

Dine and Brew  
June 15 - 1730  
Paddy O’Neill’s

“Seussical” the musical  
June 16-18 - 1900  
Sturgis Community Center Theater

Rapid City Summer Nights  
June 16 - 1800-2100  
7th Street - Downtown Rapid City

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Deputy 605-737-6206  
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Child & Youth 605-737-6919  
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Employment Transition 605-357-2913  
Red Cross 800-951-5600  
Tricare 877-988-9378  
Family Readiness 605-737-6089  
Airmen & Family Readiness 605-988-5962

Suicide Prevention Lifeline 800-273-TALK  
Psychological Health Coordinator  
Army 605-668-3045  
Air 605-988-5539  
State Chaplain 605-431-5182  
SARC 877-660-6711  
DoD Safe HelpLine 877-955-5247  
Military OneSource 800-342-9647  
Survivor Outreach 605-737-6090  
Funeral Honors 605-737-6927  
Suicide Prevention 605-737-6973  
Trauma Crisis 605-737-6949

# STOP THE LOSS STOP THE LOSS STOP THE LOSS

Each year we experience an increase in injuries and damage to equipment due to a series of events that culminate into an accident.

Typically it starts with ignoring basic common sense or standards and most generally, ends with an embarrassing moment trying to explain to a ISG or Commander why you got hurt or why the property is damaged. One must realize many of these acts are a hair away from changing or ending a life. If you don't stop to think

about what you are doing, what the outcome might be, is this a hazardous act or situation, then you are one of the dominoes in the accident chain.

Your goal needs to be to end Golden Coyote in the same, if not better condition than when you started. Ensure your team does the same. If we all watch out for

ourselves and our team, we will work towards a low accident rate for the month of June 2016.



## FACES OF GOLDEN COYOTE

*What do you think is the greatest benefit of training with other components?*



Name: Cory Begley  
Rank: Sergeant First Class  
Hometown: Sioux Falls, S.D.  
Unit: HHC, 139th BSB  
Unit Location: Brookings, S.D.  
Years of Service: 16

“ **New experiences and picking up new ways to increase our efficiency and productivity that we might not think of. This gives us the opportunity to open our eyes to new and more efficient ways of building relationships.** ”

*What are you looking forward to the most during the Golden Coyote Training Exercise?*



Name: Anders Nielsen  
Rank: Sergeant  
Hometown: Aalborg, Denmark  
Unit: Danish Home Guard  
Unit Location: Struer, Denmark  
Years of Service: 5

“ **I am hoping to learn new ways to be a better instructor for what I am doing. I am hoping to get some good experience and to meet new people. I'm ready to see the culture, both military and civilian.** ”

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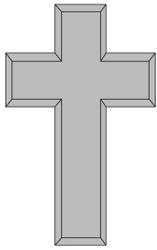
## GOLDEN COYOTE BLOOD DRIVE

June 14-15  
Hours 1030-1500

Blood drive bus  
located near the TMC



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for a slot



# Take Time

Just the other day I got an email regarding some denominational items, where the person sending the email had written: “Brothers and sisters of the beloved Black Hills circuit, I pray you can find time to enjoy the beauty of God’s creation and refresh and renew for service in His kingdom.” Our first reaction might be: “THAT’S IMPOSSIBLE! I’ve got Drill! I’ve got 15 days of AT/Golden Coyote ahead! Taking the time to enjoy the beauty of God’s creation is the LAST thing I have time for!”

But I want to get us to think about the possibility that perhaps BECAUSE it is so busy we need to do just that. In fact, here are four things I would encourage us to take time for.

1. Time to Worship. There will be Chapel services throughout the Black Hills in the next weeks. Bible studies, prayer times, and many other supporting activities (if there isn’t something offered, please let your Chaplain at your FOB or myself know and our team of State Chaplain, Chaplain Gunderson, Chaplain Assistants Palmer and Beougher, or myself will try our best to provide it. NO ONE is so busy they don’t have time for a few minutes to devote to God.

2. Time to Train. Here I’m speaking not only of the normal training activities your unit is doing, but take the opportunities to get some superb training being offered during Golden Coyote. ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) is being offered June 15-16 (POC SSG Strang 605.737.6949). As of the time of this writing, there were five seats still available, and the trainers, Dr. Meirose and MSG Palmer, are terrific. There is also an excellent EO Course offered June 15-20 that you would find a blessing to your career! (POC LTC Sewell 605.737.6831).

3. Time to Pray/Meditate. Here I mean something a little different than #1. Here I mean your own personal devotional time. These days of AT will be long, and your patience will be tried. This is only one of the reasons your time alone with God is MOST crucial. During the great reformer, Martin Luther’s busiest days, he went from three hours of prayer a day to four hours, just because he WAS so busy he knew he needed it more. I don’t think any of us has four hours a day to pray, but how about four minutes a day? Let’s make

that a priority, because it is!

4. Finally, put into perspective these next several days of training. We have many units already deployed and more yet to come. Some of these Soldiers have been away from their families for months and months! Do you think they would trade our 15 days of being gone from our families for their 200 or 300 days away?! Yes, these days ahead may seem long. But, put in perspective your time away from home, and be grateful to God it’s 15-20 days instead of 200! (and pray for the safe return of those who are gone for so long from their loved ones who miss them so much!).

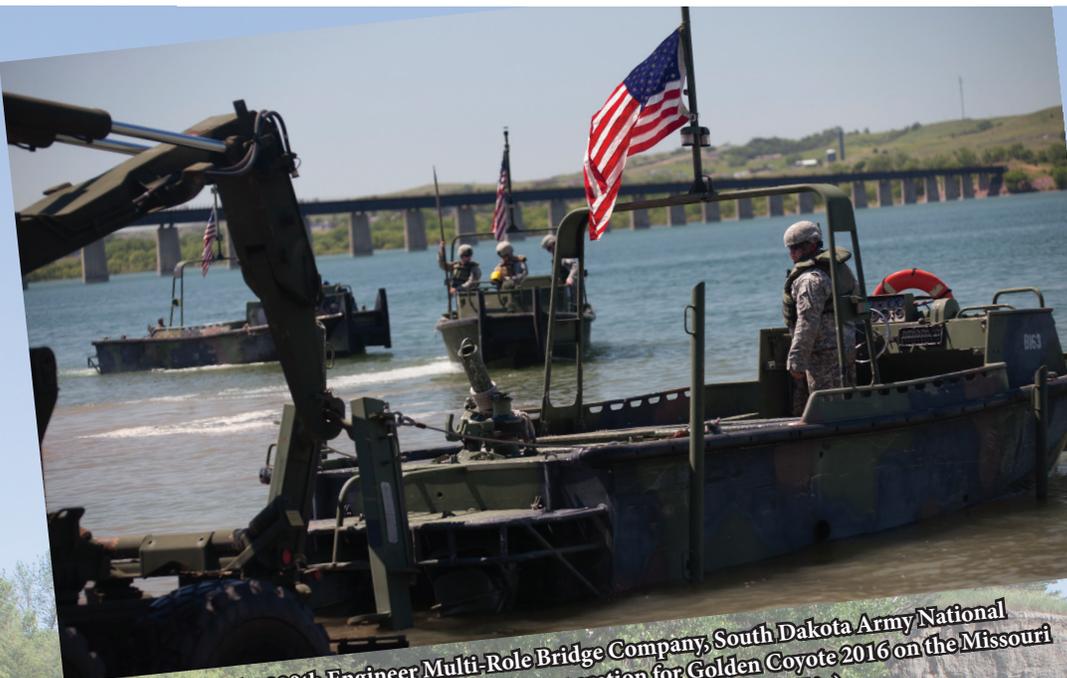
MAY GOD BLESS YOUR GOLDEN COYOTE 2016!



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Weather Forecast		
Rapid City, S.D.		
MON Jun 13	77°/58°	PM Thunderstorms
TUE Jun 14	74°/53°	Scattered Thunderstorms
WED Jun 15	85°/56°	Partly Cloudy
THU Jun 16	89°/60°	Partly Cloudy
FRI Jun 17	92°/62°	Sunny
SAT Jun 18	89°/59°	Sunny
SUN Jun 19	87°/58°	Sunny

# Snapshots



U.S. Soldiers of the 200th Engineer Multi-Role Bridge Company, South Dakota Army National Guard, operate Mk2 Bridge Erection Boats in preparation for Golden Coyote 2016 on the Missouri River at Chamberlain, S.D., June 10. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Chenyang Liu)



U.S. Army Pfc. Rivera with the 139th Brigade Support Battalion, South Dakota Army National Guard, ground guides a Palletized Loading System vehicle during training in support of Golden Coyote exercise, Camp Rapid, S.D. June 9. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Kristen)



Go to [www.dvidshub.net](http://www.dvidshub.net) and search "2016GC" for more photos from the exercise!



U.S. Army Spc. Alex Rueschhoff, a member of B Co., 139th Brigade Support Battalion, operates the HEMTT wrecker to lift an engine on a HMMWV at the motor pool on Camp Rapid, S.D., June 9. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Zakia Gray)

South Dakota Army National Guard Improved Ribbon Bridge on the Missouri River. (Photo by Spc. Chenyang Liu)

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Warrant Officer Kevin Conroy from 4 Wing Construction Engineering, Cold Lake, Alberta, Canada loads a military kit onto an aircraft in Calgary, Alberta, Canada prior to departing for South Dakota to participate in the 2016 Golden Coyote training exercise. (Photo by MCpl Brandon O'Connell)



U.S. Army Soldiers with the 200th Engineer Multi-Role Bridge Company, South Dakota Army National Guard, unload a Mk2 Bridge Erection Boat into the Missouri River in support of Operation Golden Coyote, Chamberlain, S.D., June 10. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Gary Silverman)



Task Force 41 Armoured Reconnaissance Squadron preps vehicles prior to conducting their daily missions during the 2016 Golden Coyote training exercise. (Photo by MCpl Brandon O'Connell)

