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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE 2016 GOLDEN COYOTE TRAINING EXERCISE

## Scottish Soldiers drive American trucks

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U.S. Army National Guard Sgt. 1st Class Joe Hulscher instructs members of the 154th Scottish Regiment, Royal Logistics Corp, Glasgow, Scotland, in proper operation of U.S. Army equipment as part of the 32nd Golden Coyote training exercise June 12. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Joshua Quandt)

Soldiers from the 154th Scottish Regiment of the Royal Logistics Corp, Glasgow, Scotland, trained on American semi-trucks as part of the 32nd Golden Coyote training exercise in Rapid City, S.D. June 12, 2016.

The training familiarized Scottish Soldiers to prepare them to haul timber from the Black Hills to rural Native American communities throughout S.D.

“This unit is from Scotland, so the technical terminology is different,” said Sgt. 1st Class Randy Tollefson of the 2nd Battalion, 196th Regiment (Regional Training Institute). “It is important to make sure they get time on the ground, around the vehicles and to make sure everyone is on the same page.”

The drivers training began with

classroom instruction in safety, pre-trip maintenance and location of important items on the trucks.

“Keeping Soldiers and the public safe throughout any mission is our number one priority,” said Tollefson.

The Soldiers felt more confident in their ability to complete the mission safely after getting some time to inspect the new vehicles and competing the training.

“I am ready to give it a go, now,” said Private Barr of the 154th.

During the training the Soldiers were excited to complete their training and get to drive a new vehicle in the U.S.

“I was a wee bit excited to try out some new equipment,” said Lance Corporal Simeon Ewins of the 154th. “This will be a

great opportunity to work with Americans.”

The training was also an opportunity for the trainers to evaluate their teaching ability.

“As trainers this gives us a new challenge in making sure we communicate effectively with Soldiers who are not American,” said Tollefson.

When allied forces are deployed, service members work together with other countries to complete any mission.

“We work closely with the Americans in overseas operations,” said Sinclair. “This type of training prepares us for that.”

# Golden Coyote kicks off with a prayer breakfast

By Sgt. Rachel Korzeniewski  
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The South Dakota National Guard hosts its 8th annual nondenominational prayer breakfast at Camp Rapid as a kick off to Golden Coyote, June 13, 2016.

The breakfast brings together chaplains, chaplain assistants, allied troops and service members that are participating in Golden Coyote to enjoy coffee, breakfast and an inspirational speech by the key note speaker.

“The prayer breakfast is a good way to start Golden Coyote because it puts faith front and foremost in the Soldiers’ hearts and minds,” said Lt. Col. Lynn Wilson, full-time support chaplain of Camp Rapid “it makes us remember in these busy days that our faith is just as important as our fitness and the other training we do.”

The guest speaker of this year’s prayer breakfast is Retired Senior Military Chaplain Col. David Peterson who was assigned to the U.S. Central Command as the Command Staff Chaplain where he served under Gen. Schwarzkopf as his Senior Military Chaplain during Operation Desert Storm.

“This year marks the 25th Anniversary of Desert Storm and I unexpectedly had the great privilege to be involved and to be Gen. Schwarzkopf’s chaplain,” said Retired Senior Military Chaplain Col. David Peterson.

Peterson spoke about his experience deployed during Desert Storm and working with Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf as his senior chaplain.

“There is a uniqueness about service members which I think is



U.S. Army Regimental Sgt. Maj. Alvin Chaplin of the Chaplain Corps reconnects with retired Senior Military Chaplain Col. David Peterson at the 8th annual nondenominational prayer breakfast during the Golden Coyote training exercise on Camp Rapid, Rapid City, S.D. June 13. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Breanne Donnell)



U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Croymans bows his head while Chaplain Lt. Col. Lynn Wilson conducts the closing prayer at the 8th annual prayer breakfast during Golden Coyote training exercise at Camp Rapid, Rapid City, S.D. June 13. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Rachel Korzeniewski)

inspiring and causes me to appreciate them, especially during war,” said Peterson “I think in most cases these situations cause the best to come out of

them and they are honest and usually inspired that it was a personal encouragement.”

Chaplain Corps Regimental Sergeant Major, Sgt. Maj. Alvin Chaplin, was a private when Peterson was Corp Chaplain at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

“I was so pleased and encouraged to see he made the rank of Command Sergeant Major” said Peterson. “It was a blessing to me, and the favorite part of my job to help people become successful.”

Toward the end of breakfast, Brig. Gen. David Graetz, Assistant Chief of Chaplains for the Army National Guard, gave Peterson a coffee cup and presented a coin from Regimental Sgt. Maj. Alvin Chaplin and Chaplain Hurlley, Army Chief of Chaplains as a thank you for speaking at the prayer breakfast.



Pfc. Charles Rassel, of Company B, 139th Brigade Support Battalion, inspects cables of a trailer as part of the Golden Coyote training exercise at Camp Rapid, in Rapid City, S.D., June 11. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Breanne Donnell)

## Maintenance Company provides support for Golden Coyote

By Pfc. Alexis Stevens

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Company B, 139th Brigade Support Battalion from Mitchell, South Dakota will be conducting repair, recovery and maintenance work for forward operating bases, June 6-14 during the Golden Coyote training exercise.

Company B is stationed at Camp Rapid during the exercise, but when needed, Soldiers will respond to FOB's to assist with generators or vehicles that need repair.

"We supply a lot of the generators to the outlying FOB's," said Sgt. 1st Class Lee Johnson, the

noncommissioned officer in charge of Company B. "We delivered generators to Task Force 41 from Canada because they only brought essential equipment."

This training allows Company B to work together in a training environment that would simulate similar conditions to a deployment.

"We can learn more about our strengths and weaknesses so we can focus on them throughout the year," said Johnson

In addition to maintenance training, Company B is



Spc. Alex Rueschhoff, of Company B, 139th Brigade Support Battalion, removes the exhaust system from an old Humvee during the Golden Coyote training exercise at Camp Rapid, in Rapid City, S.D., June 11. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Breanne Donnell)

preparing for training at their home station in Mitchell during the rest of the year. They received two Humvees to take apart and remove potentially hazardous parts for wrecker training.

"Getting these vehicles and taking them back with us as a training tool will be a big help," said Staff Sgt. Ricky Alfson the head recovery

sergeant of Company B. "This gives us the opportunity to work with our recovery equipment safely."

A few years ago Company B sent a platoon-sized group to Canada in a platoon exchange program, this program exposes service members to terrain and climate they don't see in the U.S.

This exercise is a good experience for our Soldiers who get to train in a safe environment and get to experience how other units from across the country and world operate said Johnson.

# New deck face for French Creek bridge a team effort

By Capt. Brad Young  
Task Force 41, Canadian Army

The French Creek Bridge received a new deck face on Tuesday, June 14, 2016, as 17 Canadian engineers from Task Force 41 provided their construction expertise to the bridge project.

During the Golden Coyote training exercise, TF 41 has the task of conducting several real-time engineering projects in support of South Dakota state objectives, including such projects as repairing local bridges like the French Creek Bridge.

Over the course of the day, the engineer troop, made up of Reserve and Regular Force Soldiers worked together to complete the job of installing the decking with the new timber material provided by the state.

While the engineers worked on laying the new deck face, two patrol cars from the TF 41 Armoured Reconnaissance Troop provided added local security and escort to the site.



Sapper Christopher Comier-Godin and Corporal Geoffrey Berubé with Task Force 41 prepare to cut lumber during a bridge re-decking operation in Custer State Park during the Golden Coyote training exercise June 14. (Photo by MCpl Brandon O'Connell)

The French Creek Bridge project was scheduled to take two days, but the Canadian engineers completed the project in one day, allowing the troop to move on to their next task.

Task Force 41 is composed of more than 200 Canadian Armed Force members from across Canada. The 17 engineers came from 5e Régiment du génie de combat in Quebec, 38 Combat Engineer Regiment from

Saskatchewan and 41 Combat Engineer Regiment from Alberta.

Participation in exercises such as the Golden Coyote training exercise contributes to the operational readiness of the Canadian Armed Forces, which in turn will allow the CAF to meet the tasks that the Government of Canada will assign.



Everyone has heard the statement “we are all Safety Officers”. While this may sound cliché, here is the long and short of it, if you are not part of the safety solution, you are part of the safety problem. Now that may sound harsh and may hurt some feelings, but you must realize there are only two sides to this.

If you look for, identify, report or mitigate the hazards, you are part of the solution and that is where we all need to be. If you create a hazard you are part of the problem. If you step around a hazard or pretend you didn't see it, you too are a part of the problem.

It doesn't take a lot to be a part of the solution.



Keep your eyes open. If something doesn't look safe, it probably isn't. Identify the hazard, mark it, paint it and tell those around you about it. Report the hazard, use the chain of command or contact your facility maintenance person. If you can, mitigate it, clean it up, remove the hazard and prevent it from

becoming a bigger problem. If you can't, the important parts of reporting and identifying should be enough to prevent an accident.

Communication is the key, communicate the hazard to those around you and communicate to the right people to fix it.



Members of the South Dakota Army National Guard's 200th Engineer Company load trucks from the 730th Area Support Medical Company during a river crossing operation in Chamberlain, S.D., June 11. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Kristin Lichius)

# National Guard engineers conduct river crossing

By Spc. Kristin Lichius  
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The South Dakota Army National Guard's 200th Engineer Company (multi-role bridge company) conducted a river crossing operation on the Missouri River near Chamberlain, S.D., June 11 as part of the Golden Coyote training exercise.

The operation was part of the 32nd Golden Coyote training exercise hosted by the South Dakota National Guard. The mission provided Soldiers of the 200th the opportunity to exercise their skills and gain experience working with units from across the country.

"The purpose of this training was to get our Soldiers trained and more proficient," said 1st Lt. Steven Skinner, platoon



Members of the South Dakota Army National Guard's 200th Engineer Company escort Brig. Gen. Thomas Croymans, Commander of the Troops, and Command Sgt. Maj. Patrick Cowser, Exercise Sergeant Major, across the Missouri River during a river crossing operation in Chamberlain, S.D., June 11. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Kristin Lichius)

leader with the 200th. "The training helped them gain experience in rafting operations."

When units needed to cross the river, the raft crew guided the trucks onto one of four rafts. The raft commander then directed two boat operators to

maneuver the raft across the river to the far shore, where the trucks were unloaded to continue their mission.

"Each member played a crucial role," said Staff Sgt. Dan Hunnel, one of the raft commanders in the 200th. "Everyone has to know their job and the other

crew members' jobs to be prepared for any situation."

A large-scale operation like this requires the engineer company to coordinate with everyone who plans to cross the river.

"One challenge is communicating the importance of safety once the trucks are on the rafts and being transported during this operation," said Hunnel.

The Golden Coyote training exercise provides the 200th an opportunity to train in an environment that would simulate what they would experience on a deployment.

"Every time we can utilize these skills it prepares us for operations we would do while deployed," said Skinner.

While the 200th practices

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constructing and tearing down rafts throughout the year, the summer gives them the opportunity to train on the water.

“Anytime we operate with the equipment it’s good training,” said Skinner. “It just makes the process smoother and more efficient each time we can do it.”

This year the 200th transported 236 personnel and 101 trucks from six different units across the river. Each raft made approximately nine round trips across the river throughout the day.

“It was a really good experience and it was interesting to see how other units conduct operations,” said Spc. Lindsy Dey, a medic with the 730th Area Support Medical Company.

The river crossing operation provides a unique experience for everyone who participates in the operation.

“I would like everyone to realize what the South Dakota National Guard can do and all the assets the engineers bring to the military,” said Skinner. “Army training like this can be fun, new and different for everyone.”

## FACES OF GOLDEN COYOTE

*What are you hoping to get out of the Golden Coyote Training Exercise?*

*What are the benefits of training with Soldiers from other states and countries?*



Name: Ryan Cuncannon  
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 Unit Location: Peoria, Illinois  
 Years of Service: 4.5 years

**“I’m excited to work with other units, especially the international forces and this is the first time I’ve been out of the country. I enjoy serving my country and I volunteered to participate in this exercise to better myself.”**

**“It’s really nice to be able to cross train with other units. The training we do in the U.S. military as medics is different from the training the Canadians do, so it’s interesting to be able to compare how we operate. You never know who you’re going to be working with when you go overseas.”**

### RAPID CITY EVENTS

Wild Bill Days  
 June 17, 2016 - 1000-1900  
 Deadwood

Fat Tire Festival  
 June 17-19  
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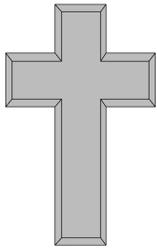
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# Take Time

The baseball player slid into second base and the umpire shouted “safe” but with his hand the umpire made the sign for “you’re out”. So the ball player asked “Am I safe or out?” The umpire replied “To me you’re safe, but 50,000 fans think you’re out, so you’re out!”

Do you feel safe? During Golden Coyote, safety is a top priority because we don’t want people to be injured or to lose a life. The training we are doing is to make the military better at providing security for our nation, so people can live feeling safe and secure.

But there is another kind of safety and security we need to provide. Many individuals have experienced some tragedy in their lives that leaves them “feeling scared”. Others are suffering emotionally or mentally from problems in their lives that leave them feeling alone and scared. They need help.

To help those folks we all need to be on the alert. We need to be visiting with folks, with coworkers, and fellow service members. If we see a person maybe feeling down or discouraged, then we especially need

to take time to visit with them. Ask them how they are doing, maybe encourage them to visit a chaplain or maybe you need to contact a chaplain to go and visit with that person. Religious Support Teams (Chaplains & Chaplain Assistants) are here to help. Our goal is not only everyone at Golden Coyote gets physically home safely, but also everyone goes home emotionally, mentally and spiritually feeling safe and secure!



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**Weather Forecast Rapid City, S.D.**

FRI Jun 17	93°/62°	 PM Thunderstorms	/ 40%
SAT Jun 18	89°/60°	 Sunny	/ 10%
SUN Jun 19	87°/61°	 Mostly Sunny	/ 10%
MON Jun 20	88°/59°	 Partly Cloudy	/ 20%
TUE Jun 21	87°/59°	 Mostly Sunny	/ 0%

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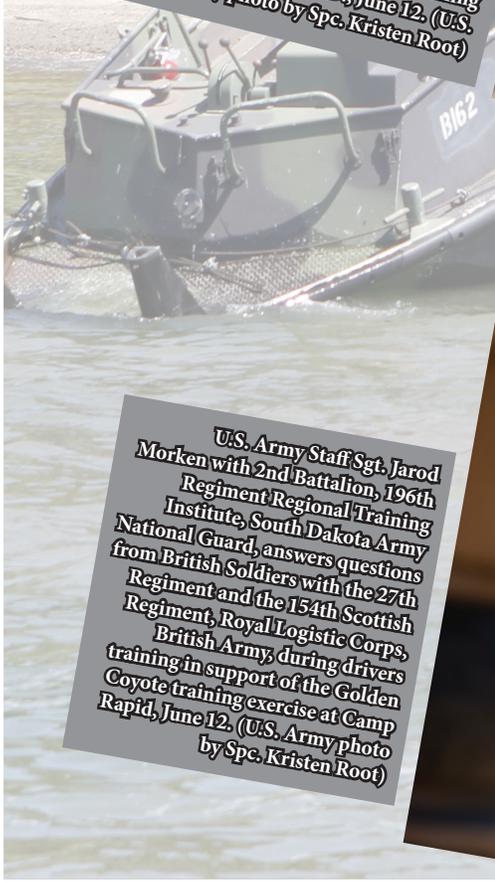




Members of the Danish Home Guard observe Soldiers of the 235th Military Police Company of Rapid City as they pull security along the urban patrol training lane on West Camp Rapid, Rapid City, S.D., June 13. (Army National Guard photo by Spc. Breanne Donnell)



U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Joe Hulscher with 2nd Battalion, 196th Regiment Regional Training Institute, South Dakota Army National Guard, demonstrates preventive maintenance checks and services on a U.S. Army M915a5 Line-Haul Tractor-Truck to British Soldiers with the 27th Regiment and the 154th Scottish Regiment, Royal Logistic Corps, British Army, during drivers training in support of the Golden Coyote training exercise at Camp Rapid, S.D., June 12. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Kristen Root)



U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Jarod Morken with 2nd Battalion, 196th Regiment Regional Training Institute, South Dakota Army National Guard, answers questions from British Soldiers with the 27th Regiment and the 154th Scottish Regiment, Royal Logistic Corps, British Army, during drivers training in support of the Golden Coyote training exercise at Camp Rapid, June 12. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Kristen Root)

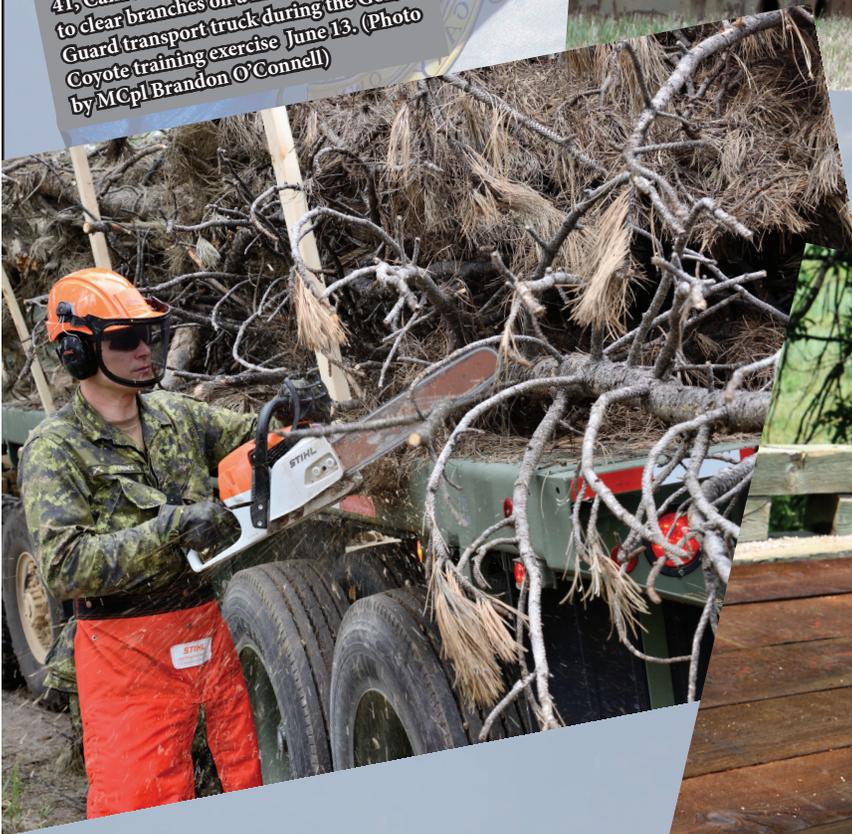


Go to [www.dvidshub.net](http://www.dvidshub.net) and search "2016GC" for more photos from the exercise!

Soldiers of the 235th Military Police Company of Rapid City react to simulated enemy contact while participating in the urban patrol training during the Golden Coyote training exercise on West Camp Rapid, Rapid City, S.D., June 13. (Army National Guard photo by Spc. Rebecca Green)



Corporal Ryan Ference from Task Force 41, Canadian Army, uses a chainsaw to clear branches on a Army National Guard transport truck during the Golden Coyote training exercise June 13. (Photo by MCpl Brandon O'Connell)



Canadian Forces' Cpl. Michael Dumont, a heavy equipment operator with the 5th Regiment du Genie de Combat, hammers boards into place during a bridge resurfacing operation at French Creek in Custer, June 14. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Kristin Lichius)





Sergeant Mike Cantley from 41 Combat Engineer Regiment with Task Force 41, Canadian Army, provides security and traffic safety for a bridge re-decking operation in Custer State Park during the Golden Coyote training exercise June 14. (Photo by MCpl Brandon O'Connell)



Sapper Christopher Comier-Godin with Task Force 41, Canadian Army, cuts lumber for a bridge re-decking operation in Custer State Park during the Golden Coyote training exercise June 14. (Photo by MCpl Brandon O'Connell)

U.S. Army Sgt. Jed Laber with 260th Engineer Support Company, Montana Army National Guard, directs the operator of a High Mobility Engineer Excavator in the removal of a cattle grate at Orman Dam, in support of the Golden Coyote exercise, Belle Fourche, June 13. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Horace Murray)

