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Premiere medical exercise begins at Fort Gordon

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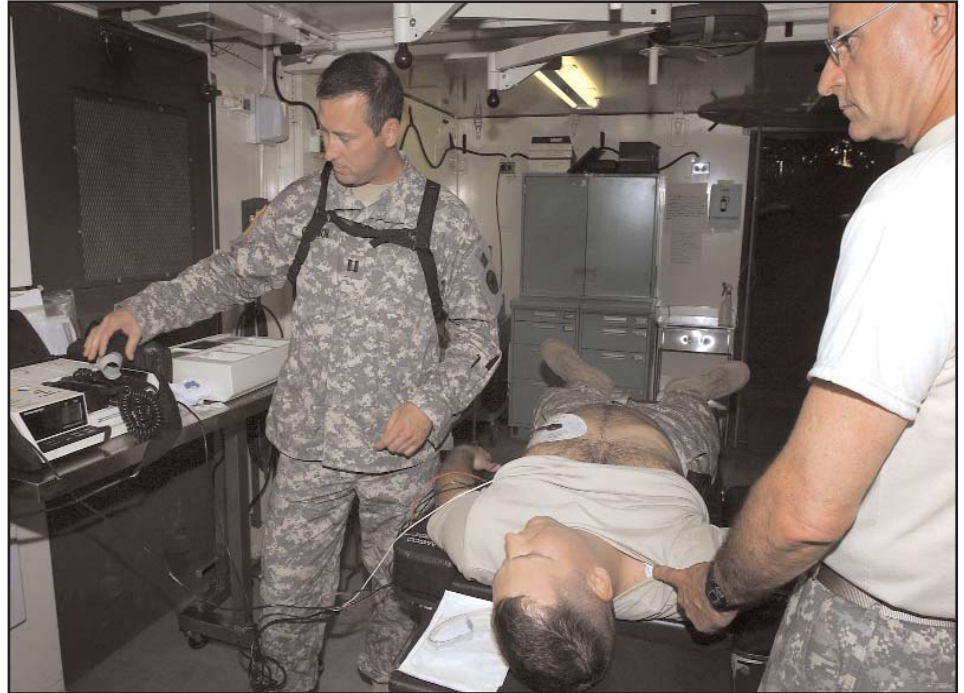
The 3rd Medical Training Brigade has organized the mass medical event known as Global Medic 2008 taking place from June 13 - 15, on Fort Gordon, Ga.

The training will be conducted at many different locations throughout the country, including Camp Parks, Calif., Charleston, S.C., Fort McCoy, Wis., and Bush Field in Augusta.

The headquarters for the event will be located in the motor pool across the street from the United States Army Reserve Center.

Soldiers have been spent their days preparing for the premiere medical exercise.

"It's a little harder to fight an enemy you can't see," said Staff Sgt. Todd S. Marbury, 3rd Medical



Soldiers participating in Global Medic train to prepare for the exercise, which begins Friday, June 13 on Fort Gordon, Ga.

Command.

Soldiers realize the importance of rigorous training, ignoring the long, hot hours and getting the job done.

Pfc. Nicole Sterling, 256th

Combat Support Hospital, said training is an excellent opportunity to train Soldiers that haven't deployed.

Marbury said, it's hot, but, not quite as hot as what our fellow see MEDIC, page 2

Army unveils new short-order rations to troops



Spc. Timothy Sterling, Alpha Company, 256th Combat Support Hospital, cooks new Unitized Group Rations - Short Order.

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The 256th Combat Support Hospital (CSH), Ohio, was selected to serve Unitized Group Rations – Short Order (UGRS) on June 8, in the field hospital located in Tent City, Fort Gordon, Ga., during Operation Global Medic.

The 256th CSH is the first United States Army Reserve unit to

begin distribution of the new UGRSs to Soldiers in the field mainly because of the unit's large size, about 500 Soldiers.

During Global Medic, many other units also have the opportunity to try the new meals in the field.

Unitized Group Rations – Short Order are new foods the Army is incorporating while in the field, said Maj. Etta Phillips, commander, 256th CSH Nutrition and Food

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Soldiers in Iraq have to deal with on a daily basis. It's a good chance to train for the real thing, he said.

Global Medic 2008 is the Army Reserve's premiere medical training exercise. Each year hundreds of Soldiers come to Fort Gordon to participate to learn realistic, battle focused training scenarios.

The exercise replicates all aspects of combat service support on the battlefield and allows all units to train as they fight. The training gives units a unique opportunity.

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Mother, son warriors train together



Sgt. Nancy Dreussi, medical x-ray technician and her son Spc. James Dreussi, Military Police, both with the 256th Combat Support Hospital are in training here at Fort Gordon during Global Medic 2008.

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Against the backdrop of Global Medic 2008, two warriors share more in common than the Army uniform.

Sgt. Nancy Dreussi, medical X-ray technician and her son Spc. James Dreussi, Military Police, both with the 256th Combat Support Hospital are in training here.

Sgt. Dreussi enlisted in the Army as an X-ray

technician in 1977, but separated to raise a family. "I really missed it," she said.

Spc. Dreussi enlisted in the Army and joined the reserves following his separation from active duty.

Sgt. Dreussi said that following her son's enlistment in the Army Reserve, his recruiter also enlisted her.

"It was my calling," she said. "It's fun having a parent in the same

unit," Spc. Dreussi said. "The pride they have in their unit and themselves shows."

"The saying growing up 'your mother wears combat boots' and all that, I'm proud. She's done stuff to help her country."

"This has been nice," Sgt. Dreussi added.

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Services.

She added, they consist of short-order meals, for example, sausage hoagies, hot wings, steaks, roast beef wraps and Philly cheese steaks just to name a few.

Soldiers have been receptive to the new UGRSs since short order meals tend to be more popular among the gener-

al population, Phillips said, after all, Soldiers are part of that population.

The 256th will be looking for the time it takes to cook the meals and Soldier reaction, said Sgt. 1st Class Ronald Peake, NCOIC, 256th CSH Nutrition and Food Services.

The program has also helped to increase the morale among the

Soldiers of the 256th CSH.

"Morale is really good because of the wide selection of food," said Peake, "and because our unit was selected."

Phillips said the 256th CSH is testing and taking surveys for Soldier's opinions, enabling the U.S. Army Reserve to make this program more wide spread.

