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34th annual Golden Coyote training exercise underway

By Spc. Kayla Cooper

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The South Dakota Army National Guard's 34th annual Golden Coyote training exercise is underway throughout the Black Hills of South Dakota and Guernsey, Wyoming. This year's exercise, which officially began June 9, is providing military units with relevant training opportunities in support of overseas contingency operations and homeland defense.

Created in 1984 with the cooperation of the National Forest Service and Custer State Park, this year's exercise will allow about 2,100 service members to conduct combat-support and service-support missions in a realistic training environment and provide valuable services to the public.

"The purpose of this exercise is to develop a training area and build relationships with the state of South Dakota, Custer State Park and the Black Hills," said Lt. Col. Todd Bartunek, SDARNG exercise control officer. "We have been incorporating the Native American Reservations, Bureau of Reclamation, and numerous non-profit entities to provide us with a training venue."

There will be about 30 military units from 9 states and two foreign nations participating in the 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 engineering projects that help improve the forest and infrastructure of many communities.

"We recruit units that have specialized training to work on the projects during the exercise," said Bartunek. "Those military units are provided with the necessary equipment to be mission ready and we incorporate administration, logistics, medical, and aviation to complete the tasks."



U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Thomas Croymans, commander of troops for the Golden Coyote training exercise, and German Maj. Martin Hain, wing commander, 74th Tactical Fighter Wing, shake hands during the kickoff of the exercise, Chamberlain, S.D. June 9. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. James Smith)

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 to have fallen into disrepair.

Units have begun to participate in many warrior 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 deployments.



U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers of the 200th Engineer Company, South Dakota National Guard, ride in a MK II Bridge Erection Boat across the Missouri River during the Golden Coyote training exercise, Chamberlain, SD, June 9. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Andrew Washington)

Commander welcomes troops, stresses safety

Welcome to the 34th annual Golden Coyote training exercise. Every year we look forward to units and service members from around the country, and 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 challenging real world scenarios, ranging from warrior training lanes to collective mission-essential tasks that support the commanders

intent and local communities with humanitarian missions. Safety is the top priority throughout the exercise. Train hard, train to standard, take care of each other and watch out for your battle buddy. Never take short cuts or jeopardize the safety of a fellow service member. 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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This annual training is the 34th anniversary of the Golden Coyote exercise and we all must be diligent in our responsibility to protect our soldiers ensuring we bring everyone home to their families. We must never lose a Soldier, Airman or Sailor in training! No level of training is worth the life of another.

Commanders must use the Deliberate Risk Assessment Worksheets, this is a mandatory and critical steps in preventing mishaps. Focus attention on safety, standards and discipline, conduct vehicle PMCS and safety briefs for vehicle operations. Seatbelts are mandatory and not optional! Ground guides are required for all backing with special attention given when connecting vehicles to trailers.

Weather conditions are forecasted to be in the 80's to 90's during the day cooling down only to the 50's at night with periodic thunderstorms. With serious risk of electrocution from lightning, drowning during flash floods, or injury from hail and strong winds, commanders must develop and rehearse their evacuation plan. Don't operate communications when lightning is present.

Commanders will identify personnel who are "at-risk" for heat

injury and must strictly enforce work/rest and hydration cycles. Commanders should understand that "heat load" and establish "man-down" heat casualty drills. Heat load is when a body's core temperature builds due to three or more consecutive days of 75 degree temperatures without the body being able to cool at night.

Weapons proficiency training always includes ammunition and explosives (A&E) safety. When dealing with A&E, the cardinal rule is "minimum exposure for minimum time." Properly minimize exposure to personnel by not expending or storing explosives near personnel. Only trained/qualified Soldiers should be selected as range safety officer/NCOs. Always follow the range SOP, properly clear weapons and screen for live rounds. Only clean weapons in the designated areas to prevent lead exposure.

When annual training events start to slow down, stay vigilant in safety and watch for fatigue and complacency. Once recovery operations are complete take the time to get home safely so everyone may enjoy the summer with their family and friends.



Golden Coyote exercise begins with river crossing operations

By Staff Sgt. Rachel Korzeniewski
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The Golden Coyote training exercise began with Soldiers with the South Dakota Army National Guard's 200th Engineer Company conducting river crossing operations on the Missouri River near Chamberlain, June 9.

Units traveling to the Black Hills for the annual exercise, had the opportunity to have their vehicles and equipment transported across the river to simulate operations in a deployed environment.

Participating in this year's exercise are 30 units representing nine states comprised of the Army, Air Force and Navy, units from Canada, Denmark and exchange soldiers from Germany and the United Kingdom.

"Today's mission is to use our improved ribbon bridge and bridge erection boats to transport 30 pieces of equipment from two units across the Missouri River in support of the Golden Coyote training exercise," said Capt. Geoffrey Pollman, 200th commander.

Two platoons from the Pierre, Chamberlain and Mobridge-based unit participated in the days training and used a total of three rafts and nine bridge erection boats to conduct the mission.

"Annual training gives us an opportunity to work together and hone our skills," said Spc. Landon Morlock, 200th boat operator. "If we were ever activated for a deployment



U.S. Army Spc. Austin Plooster, boat operator, 200th Engineer Company, South Dakota Army National Guard, patrols around the improved ribbon bridge on a safety boat while the unit transports vehicles across the Missouri River in support of the Golden Coyote training exercise, Chamberlain, S.D., June 9. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Rachel Korzeniewski)

we would be prepared and proficient in our duties."

The mission of the 200th is to conduct dry and wet gap crossings using improved ribbon bridge and bridge erection boats with a secondary mission of equipment transportation. A wet gap crossing is when a river or body of water creates an obstacle; a dry gap is when terrain creates the obstacle.

"This training we are conducting today allows us to prepare for future operations in countries that have multiple rivers that run through the country," said Pollman. "When confronted with a wet gap, we will have the confidence and knowledge to cross the river if a bridge was damaged or nonexistent."

Training exercises like Golden Coyote help units maintain their unit readiness and perfect their craft.








"The 200th is the number one bridging company in the National Guard," said Pollman. "This status is earned by the standing of the Unit Status Report, a report that assesses a unit's readiness, equipment, training and personnel."

The Golden Coyote training exercise is one of the premier training venues for the National Guard, Reserve and active duty military, providing relevant training opportunities for combat support and combat service support units in support of overseas contingency operations and homeland defense.



Soldiers of the South Dakota Army National Guard's 200th Engineer Company ride on an improved ribbon bridge while transporting vehicles across the Missouri River during the Golden Coyote training exercise, Chamberlain, S.D., June 9. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Rachel Korzeniewski)

Weather Forecast – Black Hills Area

TUE JUN 12		Mostly Sunny	75°/52°
WED JUN 13		Partly Cloudy	87°/59°
THU JUN 14		Mostly Sunny	94°/63°
FRI JUN 15		Mostly Sunny	82°/58°
SAT JUN 16		Cloudy	75°/56°
SUN JUN 17		Showers	70°/55°
MON JUN 18		Mostly Cloudy	77°/59°

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BLACK HILLS AREA EVENTS

Black Hills Playhouse: Tokens of Affection

**June 12-17 - Tuesday-Saturday at 1930, Wednesday &
Sunday at 1400 - Custer State Park**

Thursdays on the Square - Kory & the Fireflies

June 14 - 1800-2100

Main Street Square - Downtown Rapid City

Movies Under the Stars - Spider-Man: Homecoming

June 18 - 1900-2200

Main Street Square - Downtown Rapid City

Units in-process, receive briefings in preparation for exercise

By Pfc. Alexis Stevens

129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Units participating in the Golden Coyote training exercise conduct in-processing through the Joint Reception, Staging and Onward movement (JRSO) at Ellsworth Air Force Base, June 5-11.

JRSO allows exercise staff to get accountability of units arriving and prepares service members with family support information, terrain, climate, local culture, and other helpful information for incoming units.

The JRSO process also simulates what units will experience entering into an overseas contingency operating environment.

“Our mission is briefing safety and integrating units into the exercise, as well as accountability,” said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Devere Pearson, JRSO assistant officer in charge.

The JRSO will brief 30 units from nine states and two countries and provides critical information to service members who will conduct projects on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations about the Native American culture. South Dakota has the third largest Native American population in the United States.

Golden Coyote will take place from central Wyoming to central South Dakota, including areas of the Black Hills and the Native American reservations.

One of the base camps is located in Custer State Park, a popular tourist destination. The JRSO stresses safety to all Soldiers who participate in the training exercise.

“Tourists are pulling off to the side of the road, taking pictures of the bison and other animals,” said Pearson. “Just drive slow, be courteous and be patient.”

Unit leaders maintain contact with and report updates back to the JRSO. Accountability ensures safety and cooperation for all the service members involved.

“Our command team wants to know who is on the ground and to maintain accountability of our troops,” said Pearson. “We need to know where people are, whether they’re at (Base Camps) Custer, Coolidge, Wind Cave, or any of the other bases.”

JRSO is provided for the U.S. military and our allied nation partners.

“We’re expecting people from allied nations and Suriname, our partner country,” said Pearson. “I’m also tracking two exchange



U.S. Army Maj. Tom Krull, Joint Force Headquarters, South Dakota Army National Guard, ensures Soldiers have the necessary information to be integrated into the Golden Coyote training exercise, Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., June 7. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Pfc. Alexis Stevens)



South Dakota Army National Guard Soldiers participate in a Joint Reception, Staging and Onward movement brief, at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., June 7. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Pfc. Alexis Stevens)

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***— CW2 Devere Pearson
JRSO assistant officer-in-charge***

service members, one from Germany and one from the United Kingdom.”

The in-processing briefs are important to foster cooperative relationships between the local community and the troops involved in this exercise.

“I think the JRSO is a very important part of this exercise,” said Col. Timothy Moran, deputy chief of staff logistics. “It helps our relationships with the other states and the international countries that are participating with us.”

Faces of Golden Coyote



“What are you looking forward to in the Golden Coyote training exercise?”



Name: Penny Doty
Rank: U.S. Army Master Sergeant
Unit: South Dakota Medical Command
Unit Location: Rapid City, South Dakota

“I’m looking forward to working together with other units and getting in some good training during the Golden Coyote training exercise.”



Name: Ayuk Orock
Rank: U.S. Army Spc.
Unit: District of Columbia Medical Command
Unit Location: Washington, District of Columbia

“Every day is a learning process, so I really want to learn about the work that comes with it, it’s a training exercise and I’m looking forward to it.”



Name: Lee Winston
Rank: U.S. Army Staff Sergeant
Unit: 7223rd Medical Support Unit
Unit Location: Mobile, Alabama

“I’m looking for our Soldiers to get the experience here as medical support to Expeditionary Medical Facility Dallas as well as any additional training we can gain.”



Name: Onyebuchi Obi
Rank: U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class
Unit: Expeditionary Medical Facility Dallas
Unit Location: Dallas, Texas

“I’m looking for a fun-filled exercise, supporting the joint units.”

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Asking for Mountains

By CH (Maj.) Darren Schwartz
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The main body of my unit (the 190th CSSB) left Billing, Montana around 0600 last Saturday and finally reached our Golden Coyote campsite on Base Coolidge around 2200 that night,

which was well after dark. It was a long and tiring day, we were all exhausted, hungry, and looking for a place to put down our cot and get some rest. (Thankfully, our ADVON party had a number of tents already up and ready to go!). I'm not ashamed to admit that I felt overwhelmed, frustrated, far away from family, and way out of my comfort zone. That is, until I thought of Caleb.

Caleb was an Israelite from the Old Testament who lived during the time of Moses and Joshua. He is one of my favorite Bible characters because he remained completely faithful and confident in his Lord right up until the day he died. I find myself admiring not only his trust in God but also his grit! He never ran away from the enemy and always believed God would help him win any battle. What's more, Caleb had a great attitude and remained a warrior well into his old age. I want to be like that guy!

A little back story might help: Caleb was one of the twelve spies that Moses sent into the Promised Land shortly after the Israelites left Egypt. Of the twelve, Caleb and Joshua were the only two who actually believed God could and would deliver on his promise to give them the land. The other ten spies thought it was an impossible

mission and incited the crowd against Moses, preferring instead to go back to Egypt! Unfortunately, their lack of faith cost them all dearly and the entire community wandered the desert for an additional forty years for their disobedience.

So, here's Caleb, an old man, finally asking to collect his portion of the land as an inheritance promised to him by Moses forty years earlier. In Joshua 14:6-15 we see a powerful picture of Caleb refusing to take the easy way out (like some did). Not only did he refuse to ask for the lush, green valleys and spend his retirement years in ease and luxury, but he asked for land in the mountains where the enemy still lived! At 85, he still trusted that God would be faithful and help him drive out the enemy from their fortified cities.

So, what's Caleb got to do with being here at Golden Coyote? Plenty. In a way, Caleb helped me adjust my attitude during a difficult situation. We were setting up camp in the mountains, which would be a difficult task. Yet how often in my life do I want the lush, green valleys in order to take the easy way out? It certainly was tempting when we pulled into camp that night! But rather than asking God to change my circumstances, I was reminded of Caleb. I was reminded that God is faithful to help us through any and every difficult situation in life (even Army life!), and that we need to not run away from hard stuff. In fact, sometimes the greatest blessings come through the hard stuff. Therefore, my challenge to you all during the next few weeks of long days, hard training, difficult weather, and unanticipated problems during this Golden Coyote exercise, is that we all be like Caleb... and ask for the mountains.



Golden Coyote 2018 Chapel Services - 17 June



Base Coyote-Catholic 0730 hrs - Bldg. 554/Chapel
-Protestant 0830 hrs - Bldg. 554/Chapel

Base Coolidge-Catholic/Protestant - time TBD by base chaplain

Base Guernsey-Catholic/Protestant - time TBD by base chaplain (Daily Mass when schedule permits)

Base Oak Draw-Catholic/Protestant - time TBD by base chaplain

Base Barns Canyon-Catholic/Protestant - time TBD by base chaplain

Bull Pen Outpost-Catholic/Protestant - time TBD by base chaplain

Wind Cave Outpost-Catholic/Protestant - time TBD by base chaplain

Sanford Outpost-Catholic/Protestant - time TBD by base chaplain

Golden Coyote 2018 Training Opportunities - Base Coyote

Daily Devotions - 11-21 June/0800 hrs - Bldg. 554/Chapel

Prayer Breakfast - 13 June/0630 hrs - Bldg. 450

UMT Trng. Day 1 - 13 June/0800-1700 hrs - Bldg. 450

EO Leaders Trng. - 13-18 June/0700-1600 hrs - Bldg. 100

UMT Trng. Day 2 - 14 June/0800-1200 hrs - Bldg. 450

PTSD Brief - 14 June/1300 hrs - Bldg. 450

Islam Brief - 14 June/1430 hrs - Bldg. 450

North Korea Brief - 14 June/1530 hrs - Bldg. 450

CH Tedmon Retirement - 18 June/1600 hrs - Bldg. 420

Domestic Violence Brief - 19 June/1300 hrs - Bldg. 554/Chapel

Faith Run - 20 June/0600 hrs - Bldg. 554/Chapel

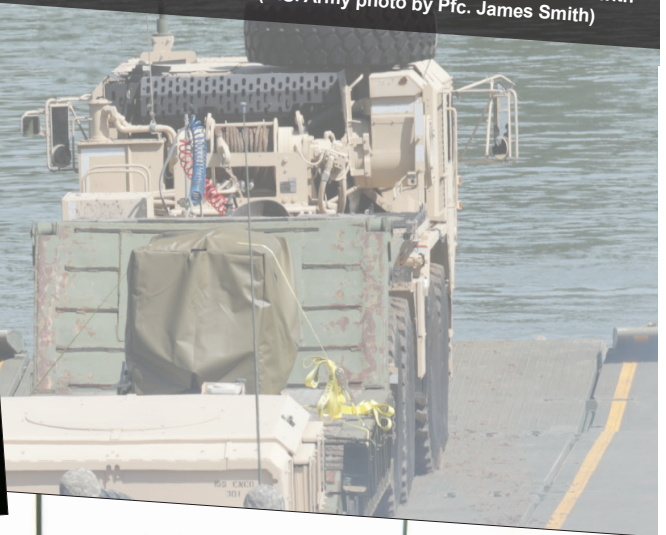
Snapshots



U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Thomas Croymans, commander of troops for the Golden Coyote training exercise, interacts with local civilian employers as part of the exercise, Chamberlain, S.D., June 9. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. James Smith)



Spc. Vince Dary of the 200th Engineer Company of the South Dakota National Guard, drives a MK II Bridge Erection Boat during the Golden Coyote training exercise on the Missouri River, Chamberlain, S.D., June 9. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. William Ploeg)

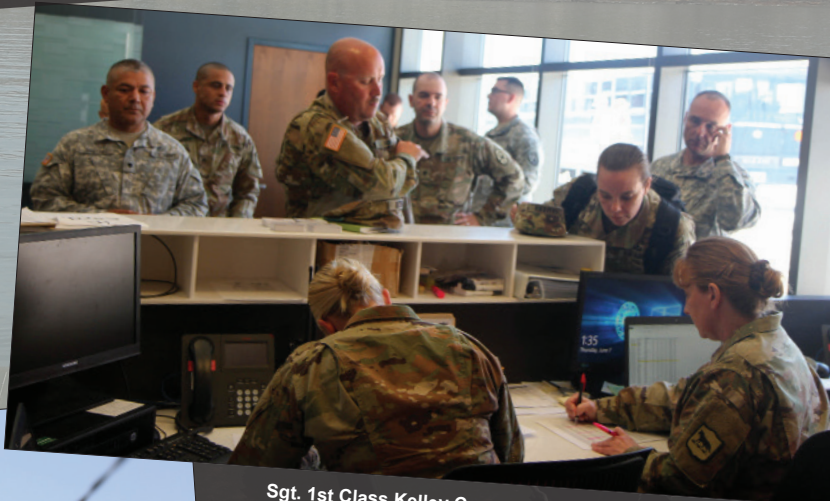
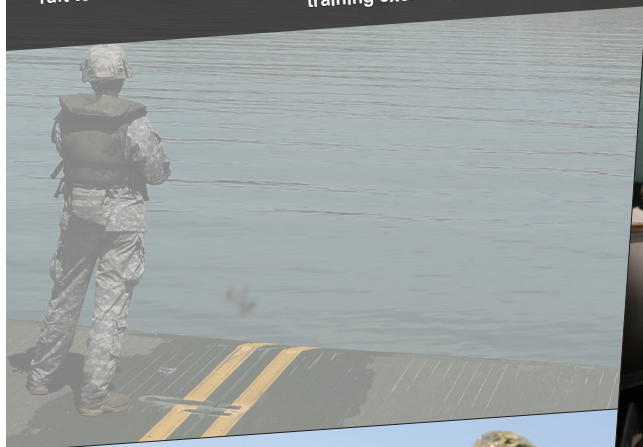


U.S. Army Maj. Anthony Deiss, commander of the 129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, speaks with Dominik Dausch, a news photographer with the local News Center 1, prior to the start of a media briefing event, Camp Rapid, Rapid City, S.D., June 10. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Kayla Cooper)

Snapshots



U.S. Army Soldiers with the 200th Engineer Company, South Dakota Army National Guard, launch a MK II bridge erection raft to connect pieces of an improved ribbon bridge together to cross the Missouri River in support of the Golden Coyote training exercise, Chamberlain, S.D., June 8. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Christopher Martin)



Sgt. 1st Class Kelley Crane and Sgt. Tiffany Humbracht, South Dakota Army National Guard, check in Soldiers from the Kansas Army Reserves, Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., June 7, 2018. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Pfc. Alexis Stevens)



Canadian Armed Forces Cpl. Brandon Wodell, 38th Signal Regiment, 38th Canadian Brigade Group, rolls out Tactical Fiber Optic Cable for communications during the construction of the Canadian tactical operations center in support of the Golden Coyote training exercise, Custer State Park, South Dakota June 9, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Gary Silverman)