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Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Golden Coyote training exercise

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Learn, lead, take action

Military Operations in Urban Terrain drill puts Golden Coyote troops of all different backgrounds in the center of the urban jungle

*Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Carlos Lazo
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RAPID CITY, S.D. – Urban combat has become a major part of modern warfare over the last six years, giving more and more Soldiers outside of the infantry a taste of urban combat.

Military Operations in Urban Terrain training prepares Soldiers from all branches of the Army for this new aspect of modern warfare, teaching tactics that can keep them safe and alive in combat, as well as acting as a team to accomplish their mission.

“The biggest obstacle Soldiers face in an urban setting ... is they haven’t worked with one another enough to know what each others role are,” said Staff Sgt. Dustin D. Douglas, MOUT obstacle course trainer, Mobilization

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Canadian Soldiers from the 1 Military Police unit out of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, stand over an enemy combatant in a building during on the Military Operations in Urban Terrain training course at West Camp Rapid, S.D. on June 9. The visiting troops from the Great North are a part of an ongoing Soldier exchange program with the Canadian military.

Making community connections

Unit public affairs representatives serve as extensions of military public affairs by bringing attention to the Army's untold stories

*By Staff Sgt. Frank Marquez
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RAPID CITY, S.D. – Gathering information from troops in the field can be challenging, especially when people are scattered across a 3,312-square-mile area like they are at the Golden Coyote training exercise or a story breaks when there are no public affairs personnel there to capture it.

Unit public affairs representatives, like Spc. Nicole M. Harvieux of the 109th Regional Support Group of Rapid City, S.D., can help tell Soldiers' stories by writ-

ing press releases, establishing a liaison with local media, and keeping the public affairs office informed of the unit's current events.

"My chain of command asked for volunteers to be the unit photographer and I volunteered," said Harvieux. "I took a 40-hour training class on how to write a news release, how to write a newspaper article and how to take proper photographs."

For the last 18 months, she has supported the South Dakota Public Affairs Officer cover local stories and write press releases so the local media is aware of what is happening in the Army National Guard.

"I am telling the story of the 109th RSG and any units under us that do not have a UPAR," said Harvieux, whose main job is working as an administrative specialist. These skills lend to her passion for telling the Soldiers' stories.

Harvieux earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in public relations at St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minn. "I like talking to the Soldiers and getting to see what other units do," she said. "I like telling a story with photography. It helps people understand the National Guard. I don't think everybody knows what a Soldier sacrifices."

As a UPAR, Harvieux produces a regular feature story called "Soldier Spotlight," takes pictures of training events, and produces photo collages that she posts on the unit retention bulletin board.

"I've documented pepper spray training, TASER training, and worked with medical and flight units during a mass casualty event," said Harvieux.

Telling the behind the scenes story of



Spc. Nicole M. Harvieux

Soldiers doing their jobs is something she enjoys. "I took a great photo of a Soldier who was pepper sprayed during military police training, and I captured the look on his face, with the tears coming down," Harvieux said. "This is the part people never see."

Any Soldier can volunteer to be a UPAR and assist with getting their unit's story out into the public eye.

The Army National Guard is a large part of all the communities they are in. UPARs are a key part of sharing information with the general public.

For more information on becoming a UPAR, please contact Maj. Brenden Murphy, South Dakota State Public Affairs Officer at 605-737-6721.

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Golden Coyote safety tips: Interacting with local wildlife

- Be sure to look over logs before stepping over them.
- Watch out for poisonous plants by being aware of your surroundings.
- Do not touch wild animals no matter how cuddly they might look.
- Keep away from areas that are designated as off-limits.

MOUT: WARFARE HAS NEVER BEEN THIS GOOD



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Support Team One, 1st Battalion, 383rd Regiment of Des Moines, Iowa. "But with practice and training, they should be able to get to that level of confidence with each other."

Douglas, a native of Burlington, Iowa, along with other Soldiers of the 383rd, are training fellow servicemembers from both the U.S. and Canada as part of the Golden Coyote training exercise.

"We have medical units out here, we have transportation units, we have a whole gamut of units across the spectrum," said Maj. Bill C. Kuhfahl, MOUT officer in charge, 383rd Regt.

Training begins with a classroom phase, to get their mental focus on what is going to happen today, said Douglas. From the classroom, Soldiers move on to phase two, better known as the "tape house." A tape house consists of small stakes placed in an open area and connected to each other by tape to represent

a building with rooms.

"The phase two portion is where they are actually going to do the training; they are going to see a demonstration first from some of my instructors. After that, we will break it down, step-by-step, on how to do it and then we have them run through it ... so they can get comfortable with what they're doing," said Douglas.

Once the Soldiers feel more comfortable going through the motions, they move on to a practical exercise, said Douglas.

"Then they get an operations order... and they run through a mission," he said. "They go into a town, secure (it), and clear out any insurgents as necessary and deal with any noncombatants."

Paintball guns are used in place of real weapons to provide a real world aspect to the training, said Douglas.

"We use paint balls to simulate bullets coming at them, so they can tell if they get hit," he added.

Along with providing a more realistic environment, the use of paint balls helped keep the training entertaining.

"I had a lot of fun," said Spc. Kay J. Cuka, Detachment 3, 155th Engineer Company of Wagner, S.D. "I wish I could have shot more paint balls."

Along with being fun for the servicemembers, both Douglas and Kuhfahl feel this training is essential to all Soldiers, including National Guard and Reserve.

"You never really know when you might find yourself in a theater of operations and you might have to do this," said Kuhfahl. "It may not be your MOS (military occupation specialty), it may not be your job, but you may end up doing something like this if the situation calls for it, so it's essential that every Soldier know (it), and at least have a familiarity with how to do it," said Kuhfahl.

Douglas also hopes that at the end of the training, all the participating Soldiers take something back from the training to their units.

"I hope they take away a good training aspect," said Douglas. "What we tried to teach them and hopefully take it back to their unit to teach other Soldiers."

Below: Staff Sgt. Dustin D. Douglas, Military Operations in Urban Terrain training (MOUT) obstacle course trainer, Mobilization Support Team One, 1st Battalion, 383rd Regiment out of Des Moines, Iowa, describes room clearing tactics during the phase two portion of MOUT training to Soldiers at West Camp Rapid, S.D. on June 9. Douglas, a native of Burlington, Iowa, walked Soldiers through the process of clearing a building during the training, which is in support of the Golden Coyote training exercise in the Black Hills of South Dakota.



Trans has the drive to go the long haul

Story by Staff Sgt. Frank Marquez
Public Affairs Specialist

ELLSWORTH AFB, S.D. – The 593rd Medium Transportation Company (MTC) from northern Nevada met the demand for fuel during the Golden Coyote training exercise in the Black Hills of South Dakota, keeping the wheels turn-

ing for more than 3,600 servicemembers.

The unit's first mission using their new fuel tankers to support Golden Coyote was a historic milestone – not just because of the training during the exercise – but also because they drove the tankers more than 1,000 miles just to reach the exercise, which was training in and of itself.

Before now, they had never completed their true mission as a petroleum, oil and lubricants (POL) unit.

"This is the first time we've been able to run a fuel mission with our newly assigned equipment," said 1st Sgt. Harry J. Schroeder, senior noncommissioned officer. "We did our unit's first POL mission by transporting 20,000 gallons of fuel to forward operating bases Custer, Tepee, Fishermans Flats and Railroad Buttes."

This year, Golden Coyote has eased fueling challenges by having the 593rd run its bulk fuel transportation mission, which provides fueling capabilities at the individual forward operating bases.

"When the event coordinators found out we were a POL (petroleum, oil and lubricant) unit, they picked us for the mission," said Schroeder, a native of Reno, Nev.

The 593rd has been running fuel missions continuously since the start of the exercise. Schroeder said they took a 5,000-gallon tanker to the Missouri River near Chamberlain, S.D. on Friday to support a water obstacle training exercise with the 200th Engineer Company from Mobridge, Pierre and Chamberlain, S.D.

Staff Sgt. Michael M. Silva, a squad leader of Detachment 3, 593rd in Elko, Nev., said the number of missions depends on the demand. He has been with the unit since 1999 when it split from the 1864th Truck Company of Las Vegas. Silva, an Elko County deputy sheriff, has served the Nevada National Guard for 11 years, which included a yearlong tour in Talil, Iraq, in 2007.

During his deployment, the 593rd supported units with vehicles, but didn't function as a true POL unit. "We supported a lot of units there with flatbed trucks, Heavy Equipment Transport Systems (HETS) which can carry heavy loads like Bradley Fighting Vehicles, and performed convoy security with a gun-truck platoon," Silva said. "We didn't run fuel like we are doing here."

He said Golden Coyote has been a great opportunity to complete all of the unit's training requirements. "We are hav-



Above photo by STAFF SGT. FRANK MARQUEZ inset photo by SGT. MIKE GETTEN/Army Photographers

Spc. Thomas J. Hawkins, from Elko, Nev., of Detachment 3, 593rd Medium Transportation Company from Nevada, cleans the brake shoe after repairing a wheel seal on a M-913 truck at Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota June 7, while supporting the Golden Coyote training exercise. Inset: Pfc. Russell Michel and Spc. Johnny Holguin Detachment 3, 593rd Medium Trans. Co. work together while trying to remove a lug nut from at Ellsworth Air Force Base.

TRUCKS: A THOUSAND-MILE DRIVE JUST TO START

ing our best training here,” he said. “We are working on our battle drills, preparing for convoys, running the convoys and teaching the younger Soldiers what they should know as they move up through the ranks.”

Wheeled vehicle mechanic, Pvt. Joseph Morris a native of Spring Creek, Nev. of Det. 3, said this is his first annual training. “This is a great time to come together

and train as a unit. Plus, I’m meeting people from other states. It’s turning out to be a really good training environment to get together and do what we do and need to do to get the mission done.”

Schroeder said he is taking advantage of the opportunities afforded by Golden Coyote for individual driver training. In addition to the POL missions, he explained other unit training will include

courses on leadership reaction, convoy lanes and all his drivers will participate in the truck rodeo Saturday.

“That’s when we go over our basic driving skills like turning and backing up,” Schroeder said.

Upon the completion of Golden Coyote, the 593rd will spend two full days driving their vehicles more than 1,000 miles home to Nevada.



Army Reserve Soldiers from the 396th Combat Support Hospital out of Spokane and Vancouver, Wash., practice the two-man litter carry technique with the added challenge of loading the litter into a Huey medical evacuation helicopter during a battlefield first aid practical training class on West Camp Rapid during Golden Coyote 2009.

*Story, photos by Staff Sgt. Stephanie Abdullah
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RAPID CITY, S.D. — Though it was wet, rainy and muddy, that didn’t prevent the Army and Navy joint effort battlefield first-aid classes from taking place as scheduled. Medical staffers from both the Army and Navy Reserve taught classes on how to provide first responder medical aid to comrades who have become battlefield casualties.

The classes included about 45 minutes of instruction at three different stations. Participants received instruction on medical techniques like applying bandages, starting an I.V., treating a sucking chest wound, clearing and maintaining an airway, and applying a 9-line medical evacuation procedure and manual carrying techniques.

U.S. Navy Reserve Hospitalman 2nd Class Marvin Makarwich of the Operational Hospital Support Unit of Dallas, Texas, said

the Navy’s primary mission during Golden Coyote 2009 is to provide “real-world” medical support to exercise participants.

Makarwich said he appreciated working with the Army to put together the first aid training for the exercise and expects to provide instruction to hundreds of personnel.

“The training is very basic and is designed for non-medical or non-seasoned personnel.

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The medical techniques taught here can very easily be applied in the field,” said Makarwich.

While the weather may not have been blue skies and sunshine, Makarwich takes the “if it ain’t raining it ain’t training” approach. “The weather isn’t bad enough to affect our training. We have to treat this like it is real time and simulate real-world scenarios, and inclement weather is a reality on the battlefield,” said Makarwich.

Command Sgt. Maj. Melvin Jordan of the 396th Combat Support Hospital of Vancouver, Wash., said he normally works in an administrative function, but this day he went through every training station with his Soldiers and even took to the mud with them in the first aid practical exercise.

“I was reminded today that I could be the first responder in a battlefield medical emergency and it could be up to me to save a Soldier’s life,” he said. “The training today was extremely valuable and it was clear the trainers weren’t just teaching from the text book. Many of them have combat experi-

ence; this allowed them to offer additional information on the “hows and whys” of these techniques,” continued Jordan.

Jordan and many others found themselves wet and muddy when it came time for the practical exercise, in which role players acted as the enemy. Participants were engaged by enemy contact from various directions and had to react to the contact, as well as provide appropriate medical treatment to comrades who’d become wounded.

The scenario placed the Soldiers in situations that required quick reactions and allowed them to use the techniques they’d just learned to treat their injured buddies. The practical exercise finale had the Soldiers using manual carry techniques and carrying casualties to a stationary medical evacuation helicopter.

“I’ve been to Afghanistan twice and Iraq once,” said Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Marcus Goodwin of the 6252nd U.S. Army Hospital in San Diego, Calif., who served as an instructor at the I.V. station.

“The number one killer on the battlefield is hemorrhaging and the number three killer is the sunken chest wound or collapse lung,”

said Goodwin. “The classes we are teaching will give Soldiers the skills to provide on the spot treatment of these types of injuries and help save lives.”

Goodwin noted that confidence is very important when it comes to providing medical treatment and he hopes the trainees leave with more confidence.

While first aid may have been the focus of the training, some Soldiers learned leadership skills as well. Spc. Kevin Greer found himself in charge on the battlefield when the two senior leaders became casualties.

“I definitely felt the pressure of leadership responsibilities. It was kind of hard to take the lead and deal with patients too,” said Greer. “Overall, I thought the training was really good. The simulated helicopter sounds and all the noise and commotion made it seem real. It was very effective training.”

Makarwich noted the training was a great opportunity for the Army and Navy to come together off and on the battlefield.

“When we go to battle, we go to battle together,” said Makarwich. “By working together off the battlefield it lets us know we’ve got a buddy on the battlefield.”



Left: U.S. Navy Reserve Hospitalman 1st Class Michael Rominger of the Operational Hospital Support Unit of Albuquerque, N.M., and Sgt. Kino Montantes of the 7230th Medical Support Unit of Riverside, Calif., carry their simulated casualty, Spc. Calvin Forry of the Company A, 396th Combat Support Hospital of Spokane, Wash., during a first aid class on West Camp Rapid as part of the Golden Coyote training exercise in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Right: Staff Sgt. Marcus Goodwin, an Army Reserve Soldier from the 6252nd U.S. Army Hospital in San Diego, Calif., demonstrates the proper way to start an I.V. during a battlefield first aid training class on West Camp Rapid during Golden Coyote 2009.

Combat Lifesavers put to test

The valuable certification buys time for critically injured combat casualties and has proven effective

*Story and photos by Spc. Joseph Bungert
129 Mobile Public Affairs Detachment*

RAPID CITY, S.D. – More than 600 Soldiers are scheduled to receive instruction in valuable medical lifesaving skills by attending the combat lifesaver course (CLS) offered as a training opportunity to units participating in the 25th Golden Coyote training exercise taking place from 6-20 June in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Three classes with around 200 students in each rotation will take place throughout the exercise. In order to certify this many students in two weeks, the Golden Coyote coordination staff recruited an instructor package of 40 Soldiers from the 320th Medical Company, Combat Support Hospital from Greensboro, N.C.

Maj. Timothy Dayton, officer in charge and lead instructor with the 320th, said they usually teach 20-student classes. "This is the first time dealing with classes this size, and its amazing the students are getting and retaining the information we are providing."

Sgt. Kiley Scott from Raeford, N.C., a combat medic with the 320th, said this is the first time she's helped teach more than 200 Soldiers at one time.

"It's definitely a new experience that has taught me a lot about medical supply procedures, time management and how to use it wisely," said Scott.

Scott is responsible for keeping the clinical rotations running smoothly, setting up the different stations, and making sure the instructors and students have the supplies they need during practical exercises.

Helping to provide medical equipment and supplies to the instructors and students is the 145th Medical Logistics Battalion from Seagoville, Texas.

Part of their training at Golden Coyote is to take the materials purchased prior to the course, inventory it and issue



Combat lifesaver instructor Spc. Kristina Gibbs from Asheville, N.C., with the 320th Medical Company, Combat Support Hospital, assists Spc. Joshua Ness start an I.V. on his brother John Ness, in a combat lifesaver course practical exercise. Both brothers are from Spencer, Iowa, and members of the 734th Regional Support Group, located on Camp Dodge, Iowa. All three Soldiers are participating in the Golden Coyote training exercise in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

supplies to the instructors as needed.

The goal of the instructors and others involved in putting on the CLS course is providing the students with the training and skills needed to help someone survive a medical emergency. Soldiers are taught how to start an I.V., do chest compressions, how to control bleeding with the use of a tourniquet, and apply dressings, especially to the chest where the patient may have a sucking chest wound that may impair breathing.

"The combat lifesaver course is an advanced course in first-aid. Sort of like a first responder to potentially fatal injuries," Dayton said.

He explained in the scheme of medical care, the combat lifesaver could be the first responder giving buddy aid, or first-aid, to an injured individual, stabilizing them until the patient can get to more advanced medical care.

According to Dayton, the combat

lifesavers purpose is prolong the casualty's life until more advanced care arrives.

"Take, for example, a wound to an extremity like a severed limb. If someone is there and can apply a tourniquet, you've saved a life."

He said in past times without combat lifesaver training a severely injured Soldier would not have survived.

"When we got this mission we really didn't know what to expect, said Dayton." Now that the first rotation is just about over, it's good to see the fruit of the work we've done over the past nine months preparing for this.

"There is a good feeling among the instructors that they are able to impart their knowledge on someone else," said Dayton. "All the work is paying off. These folks are getting the information, they're enthusiastic and if there is one life saved on the battlefield, then we've accomplished something here."

A little bit off the top, by the Top

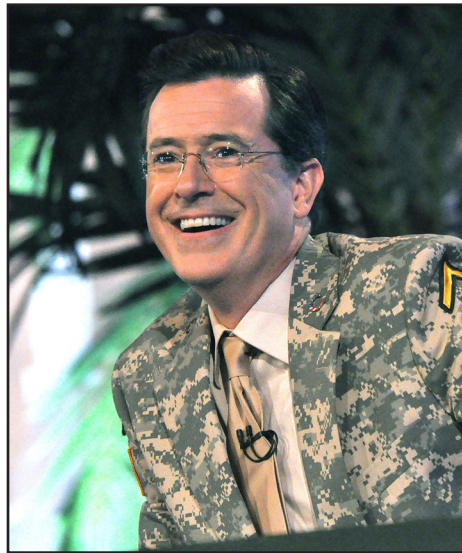
Stephen Colbert, host of the satirical news show "The Colbert Report" on Comedy Central, is taping episodes in Iraq this week. How much do you know about the former Daily Show correspondent?

1. In addition to his television career, Colbert is also a bestselling author. What is the name of his 2007 book?

- A. "I Am America (And So Can You!)"
- B. "The Complete Idiot's Guide to America"
- C. "America (The Book)"
- D. "Politics for Dummies"

2. What word, meaning "truth that comes from the gut, not the books" did Colbert coin on the first episode of the Colbert Report?

- A. Factualicity
- B. Correctification
- C. Rightnessality
- D. Truthiness



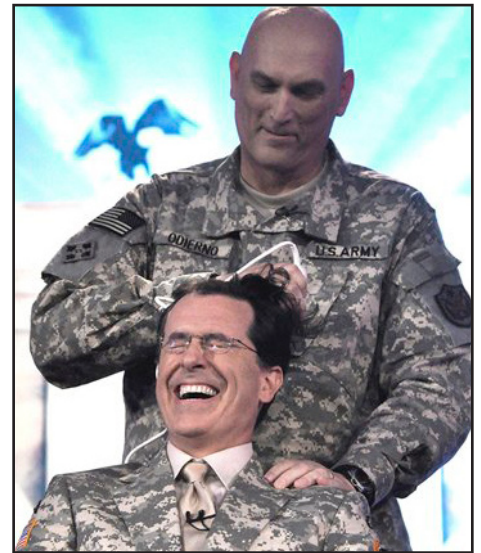
Right: Gen. Ray Odierno carries out orders from President Barack Obama and shaves Stephen Colbert's head June 8, in order for the host of "The Colbert Report" to blend in with the troops he is visiting during his USO tour in Iraq.

3. Colbert is one of how many children?

- A. 2
- B. 4
- C. 8
- D. 11

4. After his show debuted, Colbert roasted President Bush at what event?

- A. The White House Easter Egg Roll
- B. The Republican National Convention
- C. The White House Correspondents' Dinner
- D. The Presidential Inauguration



5. Colbert is an alumnus of what improvisational comedy group that also launched the careers of Steve Carell and several former Saturday Night Live performers?

- A. The Second City
- B. The cast of "Whose Line Is It Anyway?"
- C. ImprovBoston
- D. Washington Improv Theater

ANSWERS:

1-A, 2-D, 3-D, 4-C, 5-A

In other news

INTERNATIONAL

Guantanamo detainee taken to U.S.

WASHINGTON (MCT) – In a reversal of Bush administration policy, the first Guantanamo detainee was transferred Tuesday to U.S. soil for trial on capital terror charges.

Ahmed Ghailani, a Tanzanian who's about 35, pleaded not guilty during an appearance in federal court in New York City to embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania almost 11 years ago.

A predawn Justice Department statement said Ghailani was being housed in the Metropolitan Correction Center.

NATIONAL

Two shot inside Holocaust Museum

WASHINGTON (MCT) – A gunman entered the crowded U.S. Holocaust Museum on Wednesday afternoon and wounded a security guard before being shot himself in an exchange of fire with at least two guards, the U.S. Park Police said. There was no immediate information as to what motivated the unidentified assailant, but NBC reported that he had links to the white supremacist movement. Sgt. David Schlosser, a Park Police spokesman, said both wounded men were rushed to George Washington University Hospital's emergency room and that the museum was evacuated immediately and secured.

LOCAL

Gov. calls for youth to stay in state

ABERDEEN (MCT) – Colleges and employers will be wooing the 400 or so teens attending Boys State this week in Aberdeen, Gov. Mike Rounds told them Friday night.

"Consider staying in South Dakota," Rounds said at the governor's banquet at South Dakota American Legion Boys State at Northern State University. "You are the best of the best. If you leave, we lose. We want you here."

The delegates, who come from throughout the state, will be high school seniors this fall. Boys State is designed to give teens hands-on experience in how government works.