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Soldiers supply timber to local tribal communities

By Spc. Kristin Lichius

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Soldiers from the 1487th Transportation Company, Ohio Army National Guard, transported timber during the 32nd Golden Coyote training exercise to the Cheyenne River Reservation, June 17.

The timber haul has been an important part of the Golden Coyote training exercise for many years. The mission provides the opportunity for the South Dakota National Guard and other participating units to gain valuable training and build relations with tribal communities throughout the state.

"The wood from the timber haul is used for sun dances, powwows, to heat homes during the winter and for any other needs the community has," said Doug Dupris, maintenance director of the Cheyenne River Housing Authority.

For Soldiers of the 1487th, the timber haul required them to drive on unfamiliar routes in a convoy to complete the mission. The unit primarily

transports heavy equipment and hauling timber provided them an opportunity to gain experience in their jobs.

"We have a lot of new drivers" said Sat. Jonathan.

"We have a lot of new drivers," said Sgt. Jonathan Crum, a convoy commander of the 1487th. "We're teaching them how to drive in a convoy, and safely secure the straps and chains on the trucks to make sure the loads don't shift along the way."

The 152nd CSSB coordinated with local tribal communities to determine how many loads of wood would be delivered to each drop site. Then, the transportation companies hauled the timber to each community.

"The convoy commanders were in constant communication with each other, as well as with coordinators at the drop sites," said 1st Lt. Carla Mentele, liaison officer from the 152nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion.

One hundred and fifty loads of timber was taken from the Black Hills and transported to Pierre, S.D., where it was distributed throughout tribal communities.

"Being a former Soldier myself, it is nice to work with the National Guard," said Dupris. "You can tell the Soldiers thoroughly enjoy what they're doing. It's a good training exercise for them and the timber is appreciated."



U.S. Army Sgt. Alexander Duam and Sgt. Brandon Mann, truck drivers with the 1487th Transportation Company, Ohio Army National Guard, work with local members from the Cheyenne River Sioux Nation to sweep debris off of trailers used to haul timber to Eagle Butte, S.D., June 17. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Kristin Lichius)

Sling Load operation essential to engineer mission

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Soldiers from the 133rd Engineer Company, Wyoming National Guard, restored a trailhead in the Black Hills, June 14, as part of the 32nd Golden Coyote training exercise.

The engineers restored the Mystic Trailhead near Sheridan Lake Road, to support the Black Hills National Forest. They tore down a damaged gazebo, used gravel to restore the parking area and placed rocks around the perimeter to limit unauthorized vehicle use.

"We are thankful to have the National Guard out here today," said Ben Schumacher, project coordinator, Black Hills National Forest. "Without their expertise and equipment, it would have been difficult to get these projects accomplished."

The day ended with CH-47 Chinook helicopters sling loading some of the engineers equipment to the next work site at Lakota Lake near Keystone, S.D.

"We coordinated with other units and found a way to get our equipment where it needed to be," said Chief Warrant Officer Ellison Kurtz of the 133rd. "Moving equipment by helicopter is much faster and will save us several man hours tomorrow."

Riggers from Company D, 334th Brigade Support Battalion, Iowa National Guard finished preparing skid steers with slings just minutes before pilots from the Republic Singapore Air Force lowered a CH-47 Chinook within feet of the equipment. Capt. Clint Boatman, Commander of the 334th, climbed



Capt. Clint Boatman of Company D, 334th Brigade Support Battalion, Iowa Army National Guard, attaches a skid steer to a Chinook helicopter, flown by pilots from the Royal Singapore Air Force at Mystic Trailhead near Rapid City, S.D. June 14. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Carl Johnson)



A member of the 133rd Engineer Battalion, Wyoming National Guard, topples a crumbling gazebo as a part of the 32nd Golden Coyote training exercise at Mystic Trailhead near Rapid City, S.D. June 14. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Carl Johnson)

on top of the 133rd's skid steer and attached the sling. The pilots took off for Lakota Lake with the skid steer attached.

"Training like this allows us

to practice our skills in an environment that is similar to overseas operations," said Boatman. "Working with other nations is an essential part of modern warfare."

Capt. Jared Gledhill, also of Company D, was communicating with the pilots by radio throughout the lift and had the responsibility of making sure everyone on the ground was safe.

"Safety is our number one priority," said Gledhill. "Nobody got hurt and it was an efficient use of resources. Mission accomplished."

While the helicopter sling load operation was the highlight of the day, the engineers' work at Mystic Trailhead will benefit the community for years to come.



Danish 3rd Battalion
Engineer Corps Soldier Sgt.
1st Class Jesper Tandrup
(left), gives direction to
Lance Cpl. Bo Andreasen
(middle) and Lance Cpl. Abel
Frederikson (right) while
they remove cross beams
from a bridge at Spearfish
Falls in Spearfish Canyon,
S.D., June 14. (U.S. Army
National Guard photo by
Spc. Joshua Quandt)

Danish Engineer Corps builds foot bridge within Black Hills

By Spc. Joshua Quandt 129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Five members of the Danish 3rd Battalion Engineer Corps participated in the 32nd Golden Coyote training exercise by building a foot bridge in the Spearfish Canyon, near Spearfish, S.D., June 14.

In cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and Custer State Park, Danish Soldiers completed a bridge project connecting two hiking trails that will create more opportunities for tourists in the Spearfish Canyon area to gain access to Spearfish Falls.

"The old bridge was washed out three years ago during a storm in that area," said Jayme Severyn, building engineer assistant, Custer State Park. "This project should provide a great opportunity for people to access the falls."

Task Force 41 of the 41 Canadian Brigade Group, Canadian Army, is in charge of the engineering companies throughout the exercise. The task force is a combined force of multiple units from allied nations



(From left to right) Sgt. Paw Vinther, Lance Cpl. Abel Frederikson and Lance Cpl. Hans Peter Loehr from the Danish 3rd Battalion Engineer Corps inspect a newly secured support beam for a foot bridge near Spearfish Falls in Spearfish Canyon, S.D., June 14. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Joshua Quandt)

of the U.S., Canada, Denmark and the U.K.

"The Danish
Soldiers of task force
41 are providing
engineering support
for the Golden Coyote
training exercise," said
Lt. Col. Eric Gilson,
41 Canadian Brigade
Group commander.
"This gives the
Danish Soldiers an
opportunity to work
with allies such
as American and

Canadian military forces. The experience they gain is invaluable when Soldiers train with a multinational force."

The Soldiers will be building the 43 foot long bridge with concrete and treated wood. The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks purchased the bridge material for the project.

"It is easy to work in your backyard because you know where to get supplies and materials," said Gilson.

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"In a deployment environment you may be miles from a lumber or supply depot, so you may not be able to get materials or tools when you need them."

The mission planning for the bridge had many challenges the Danish Soldiers would have to consider to complete their project.

"We did calculations for the storm fronts of this area because of how the water rises after large storms in higher elevations," said project leader Sgt. 1st Class Jesper Tandrup. "We had to build it up quite high above the water to ensure it will last."

The Soldiers shipped their equipment from Denmark to use at the bridge but was delayed in customs, so they had to get tools from the South Dakota National Guard and the local community. "We had to rent the equipment we used today from the local community and borrow tools," said Tandrup. "The people we met in Spearfish were all so nice and we were able to get everything we needed."

The Golden Coyote training exercise gives opportunities to train in an environment that is different from where some of the participants call home.

"This is a great project for us to work on because we don't have this type of terrain in Denmark," said Tandrup.

The Danish 3rd Battalion Engineer Corps has 58 Soldiers participating in the Golden Coyote training exercise. They are working on projects at Orman Dam, Camp Rapid, Sioux Falls and Spearfish Canyon.



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Faces of Golden Coyote

What is your most memorable moment of this year's Golden Coyote training exercise?



Name: Jessica Guzman Rank: Chief Petty Officer Hometown: Ft. Worth, TX Unit: Emergency Medical Facility Unit Location: Ft. Worth, TX Years of Service: 14

I was able to share the flag folding ceremony at Mt. Rushmore with my brothers and sisters in the military and that was amazing. What is it like to train with Soldiers of other nations?



Name: Daniel Nelson Rank: Corporal Hometown: Farm Borough, England Unit: 27 Regiment Royal Logistic Corps Unit Location: Aldershot, England Years of Service: 8

We all have different standards of operation. So when we are faced with a scenario we want to do it one way, the Americans want to do it one way, and the Danish want to do it a different way. We have to get together and figure out a way that works for everyone.

What has been your experience at the Golden Coyote training exercise?



Name: Jason Hemmelgarn Rank: Staff Sergeant Hometown: Versailles, OH Unit: 1487th Transportation Company Unit Location: Piqua, OH Years of Service: 14

I love the teamwork everyone is showing during the Golden Coyote training exercise. As soon as we got here, everyone jumped out and helped get the job done. That's what a true Soldier is about.

Engineers lay groundwork for Sturgis High School soccer fields

By Spc. Carl Johnson 129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Soldiers from the 260th Engineering Support Company, Montana Army National Guard, and construction engineers from the Danish Army, completed

dirt work for two new soccer fields at Sturgis Brown High School, June 17, as part of the 32nd Golden Coyote training exercise.

The Sturgis community has seen a rise in youth soccer participation and strain on the current soccer fields in the area is high, said Mike Paris, Athletic Director, Sturgis Brown High School. The 260th and Danish Army used their engineering expertise and manpower to provide increased playing space for Sturgis area kids.

"Without the help of the National Guard, the fields would have went from being a two year project to possibly a five year project," said Paris. "Having more fields will make room for more youth soccer participants."

The friendly banter between the Americans and the Danes helped to keep things light even under stressful timelines and conditions. They are big soccer fans and were excited to help with this particular project.

"We are creating these European style futbol lanes so the kids can practice," said Lance Cpl. John Engholm, construction engineer, Danish Army. "Maybe one day the Americans might be able to beat us."





Staff Sgt. Nyle Obergfell of the 260th Engineer Support Company, Montana Army National Guard, and Lance Cpl. John Engholm, construction engineer, Danish Army, discuss the soccer field project at Sturgis Brown High School, near Sturgis, S.D., June 17. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Carl Johnson)

The Danish Soldiers didn't just bring a good sense of humor to the project. They provided high caliber engineering and expert machine control as well.

"The Danish Soldiers have been amazing," said Sgt. First Class Troy Sundheim, non-commissioned officer in charge for the 260th. "They have more experience than we could ever ask for. It's been a huge help to us."

Modern warfare requires allied nations to work closely with each other while overseas. Training together before leaving will increase operational success in the future.

"If we train before deployment and train together, we'll do the job right the first time," said Engholm.

One of the main factors in getting things done right is job experience.

"Projects like this are a perfect training aid," said Spc. Dalton Loney of the 260th. "We can get a lot of people into equipment and let them get real world experience."

Getting time behind the controls of the equipment used in deployment situations was vital for the Soldiers who completed the work on the soccer fields.

In order to increase the real world aspect of the training, the 260th set up security patrols to protect the Soldiers working on the project from any simulated attacks.

"With this part of the training being designated a combat exercise, it puts the guys on the ground in the position of being on high alert," said 1st Lt. Hope Kincheloe, commander of the 260th. "Our Soldiers have completed a difficult task and helped the Sturgis community all while maintaining operational security."

Chaplains Corner



Building Bridges

I was reading about the Danish 3rd Battalion Engineer Corps building a bridge in the Spearfish Canyon during the Golden Coyote 2016 exercise. They completed a bridge project connecting two hiking trails, creating more opportunities for tourists in the Spearfish Canyon to gain access to Spearfish Falls.

The old bridge had been washed out three years before, preventing access to the falls.

It led me to think about "Building Bridges", and how we build a bridge of reconciliation with someone who has hurt us or who we have hurt. Here are some ideas you might find helpful.

- 1. Building a Bridge of Reconciliation (to settle differences) involves Humility. If someone—a child, spouse, boss—has hurt you, think of your own past. Has there been times when you've hurt someone? Perhaps said a hasty word you wish you could take back? It's easy to nurse our hurts and forget that we've hurt others as well. Forgive others in the same way that you have been forgiven by those who overlooked your wrong and gave you a second chance.
- 2. Building a Bridge of Reconciliation Takes a Lot of Work. The Danish 3rd Battalion Soldiers built the 43 foot bridge with concrete and treated wood. They did calculations for the storm fronts so they would build it high enough. They shipped their equipment all the way from Denmark to use at the bridge. BUILDING BRIDGES IS HARD WORK!— and it is true of relationships as well. One man wrote: 'do whatever it takes to make it right. If you've wronged someone, or even if that person thinks you hurt them and you didn't intend to, the priority is to reconcile and heal the relationship.' Building a bridge of reconciliation is hard work! But it's worth it!
- 3. Building a Bridge of Reconciliation Should be a Priority. It's more important than worship, than being proven right, or even than your military career. The Scriptures teach "First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." British theologian and scholar Adam Clarke wrote: 'Don't bring an offering to God if you're in a spirit of un-forgiveness and haven't tried to make it right. God won't accept any act of religious worship from us while un-forgiveness is in our heart toward another, or another is in their heart toward us, and which we have not used every means to reconcile. A religion, the very essence of which is love, cannot suffer at its altars a heart that does not use its utmost endeavors to revive love in the heart of another.'

Build a bridge when you get home, remembering that it takes humility. It takes a lot of work! And that it should be a priority. May God bless not only those who have built bridges here at Golden Coyote, but may God bless you as you build bridges of reconciliation when you get home as well!

MAY GOD BLESS YOU, AND HOPE TO SEE YOU AT GOLDEN COYOTE 2017!

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Danish Home Guard and Air Guard update tribal grounds

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Airmen of the 114th Civil Engineer Squadron, South Dakota National Air Guard, along with Soldiers for the Danish Home Guard, updated the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe powwow grounds during the 32nd Annual Golden Coyote training exercise, June 14.

This project benefitted the local community through multiple improvements to the grounds. Teamwork between the Danish Soldiers and American Airmen was critical to the success of the mission.

"It is valuable training to learn different cultures in the work environment," said Cpl. Jan Bjerregaard, an electrician with the Danish Army. "It helps when we deploy together."

American and Danish forces



An Airmen from the 114th Civil Engineering Squadron, Sioux Falls, S.D., prepares to remove tree limbs from the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe powwow grounds, June 14. (Photo by Sgt. Amber Rotter)

received training on how to operate heavy equipment used for the project.

The improvements to the

powwow area included clearing branches, trimming tree limbs, removing tree stumps and repainted stripes in a parking area to increase safety.

"Tree limbs were blocking lights and damaging camper's air conditioning units." said Senior Master Sgt. Jim Volden, chief enlisted manager, 114th CES.

Restrooms at the powwow grounds had been damaged from this winter's freezing weather, plumbing leaks were fixed to prevent further damage.

"We have the equipment and manpower to help improve the grounds and are thankful for the training opportunity," said Volden.

The powwow ground project symbolizes the cooperative relationship between American Airmen and Danish Soldiers. The improved grounds will be used by the Native American community for years to come.

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Going home! As we round out a very successful Annual Training, we look forward to a much deserved day off, don't forget, you have to get home safe.

Whether you are a local with minutes to travel home or from far off lands, safety needs to be the one thing you pack away in a

duffle or assault pack: it must be right there with you throughout your travels.

In convoys it's easy to become complacent. If we don't focus on the task at hand, keep our eyes moving by checking mirrors and driving behind the vehicle ahead of us, often times people suffer road hypnosis. Stay alert and fresh. Commanders must ensure adequate breaks are taken and sufficient "A" Drivers are available to assist the driver and switch duties if possible. If no other drivers are available, then drivers

must be afforded adequate rest times.

When you're driving home from the armory

or anywhere for that matter, you know what the right thing is: don't drink and drive nor text and drive. One drink and you may feel fine but studies have proven that many people show signs of slowed

reactions at .05% blood alcohol content. Texting and driving is no better. Any distraction that takes your attention off the road for a second can be deadly. When people text, you may look up at the road, but often times you are not really seeing the dangers out there.

The goal is to go home from training in as good of shape if not better than when you started. And training isn't truly over until you are in your home, reclining in your favorite chair, grateful to be there.



Wyoming National Guard engineers renovate West Camp Rapid

By Spc. Kristin Lichius 129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Soldiers in the 133rd Engineer Company, Wyoming National Guard, Laramie, Wyo., are scheduled to complete three construction projects at West Camp Rapid as part of the 32nd Golden Coyote training exercise, June 13-20.

The exercise provides the engineers an opportunity to work with Canadian and Danish engineers while gaining experience with their heavy equipment. The completed projects will provide better access to the training sites at West Camp Rapid.

"It's amazing for the Soldiers," said Sgt. Glenn Negretti, platoon leader of the 133rd's 1st platoon. "I think they're pretty happy



U.S. Army Spc. Ian Staley, heavy equipment operator with the 133rd Engineer Company of the Wyoming National Guard, operates a scraper to prepare the road site for further construction. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Kristin Lichius)

to have this opportunity to use the equipment they were trained on and do the job they joined the Army to do."

The projects include constructing a parking lot for the obstacle course, building a new road for civilian use and clearing a gulch to provide better vehicle access to training sites.

"We had to do a lot of problem solving for our project," said Negretti. "I think it's a good experience because you deal with unforeseen challenges when you're on a job site down range."

Each of the three platoons from the 133rd was in charge of completing a project and coordinating with engineers from the Danish Homeguard and the Canadian Army. The allied units helped the 133rd by clearing brush and trees from each construction site.

"I think it's awesome to work with the allied units," said 2nd Lt. Madison Hambler, platoon leader of the 133rd's 3rd platoon. "It's great to see so many different people working together to accomplish these projects and it gives us great training."

The engineers used heavy equipment such as bulldozers, scrapers, frontend loaders, skid steers and dump trucks to accomplish their projects.

"When I deployed, we were deconstructing

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operating bases in Afghanistan and we were using a lot of the same equipment," said Negretti

This is the first year Soldiers from the 133rd participated in the Golden Coyote training exercise.

"Everyone was excited to see the Danes' and Canadians' equipment," said Negretti. "We taught them how to use some of our equipment and it was interesting to see how they do things."

In addition to working with allied units, the 133rd worked with Soldiers from the 200th Engineer Company

of the South Dakota Army National Guard, which supplied additional equipment to finish the projects.

"It was nice to come out and help on a bigger project like this," said Spc. Adam Zemlicka, a heavy equipment operator with the 200th. "It's different than the training we usually do."

All three projects are scheduled to be completed by June 20th, and the areas will be used throughout the year during training on West Camp Rapid.

730th ASMC aids local population and hosts training

By Sgt. Lori Harris 730th Area Medical Support Company

Soldiers of the 730th Area Support Medical Company provided medical and dental services for the Fort Thompson and Lower Brule area Native American population, in

coordination with Indian Health Services during the Golden Coyote training exercise, June 15.

Personnel of the 730th supported local clinics to provide doctor examinations, laboratory services and X-ray assistance.

"We were up and running in the clinic in just four hours after our arrival," said Maj. Timothy Quinn, Physician Assistant with the 730th.

The unit also provided dental exams, cavity repair and tooth extraction.

"The dental aspect we are bringing to the community makes an outstanding positive impact as the Lower Brule community does not have fulltime dental capabilities," said 1st Sgt. Adam Myer, 730th ASMC.

Pediatric patients were seen and treated through well-baby checks and head-start physicals. The Soldiers also made sure these young patients were up to date with immunizations and educated parents on necessary future vaccinations.



"The community has been very welcoming of our presence," said Myer. "Service members have worked through any issues that arose thus far with positive attitudes."

Members of the 147th Forward Support Company and the 152nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion completed a combat lifesaver course taught by the 730th to enhance combat emergency medical preparedness.

CLS instructors from the 730th coordinated with aviation personnel from Company C, 1st Battalion 189th Aviation Regiment to provide medical evacuations with UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters. Training emphasized casualty assessment, requesting helicopter support using 9-line medical evacuation request, securing a landing zone and proper loading and unloading of patients.

This exercise provides realistic training to enhance Soldiers' skills and provide support to local communities.









