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Maintenance Company provides support for Golden Coyote

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RAPID CITY, S.D. – 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 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.

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160611-Z-JK947-003: 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, 2016. The vehicle is being taken apart as a safety precaution to be used in future training exercises. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Breanne Donnell/Released)



160611-Z-JK947-004: Spc. Alex Rueschhoff, of Company B, 139th Brigade Support Battalion, removes the exhaust system from a Humvee during the Golden Coyote training exercise at Camp Rapid, in Rapid City, S.D., June 11, 2016. The vehicle is being taken apart as a safety precaution to remove possibly hazardous parts before use in future training exercises. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Breanne Donnell/Released)



160611-Z-JK947-006: Pfc. Charles Russell, 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, 2016. The 139th BSB performs vehicle and equipment repair maintenance and recovery in support of the training exercise. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Breanne Donnell/Released)



160611-Z-JK947-005: Spc. Brian Zard, of Company B, 139th Brigade Support Battalion, installs a headlight on a Humvee during the Golden Coyote training exercise in Rapid City, S.D., June 11, 2016. The 139th BSB supports the Golden Coyote by providing vehicle and equipment repair maintenance to ensure safety is maintained throughout the exercise. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Breanne Donnell/Released)



160611-Z-JK947-002: Sgt 1st Class Lee Johnson, noncommissioned officer in charge of Company B, 139th Brigade Support Battalion, is interviewed by Pfc. Alexis Stevens of the 129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment for the Golden Coyote Training Exercise at Camp Rapid, Rapid City, S.D., June 11, 2016. The 139th BSB is one of 44 units from the National Guard, Reserve, Active Duty military and international forces participating in the exercise. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Breanne Donnell/Released)

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