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## National Guard medical company trains for deployment

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730th Area Support Medical Company

VERMILLION, S.D. - Every drill for the 730th Area Support Medical Company is providing vital training as they prepare for their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan in July.

The Vermillion-based medical company, comprised of combat medics, lab technicians, radiologists, dental technicians, mental health technicians, medical doctors, nurses, physician's assistants and maintenance and support staff, are validating skills needed to complete a successful mission overseas.

The 730th is capable of providing Echelon I (basic emergency medical services) and Echelon II (emergent or inpatient/outpatient care designed to return service members back to duty or evacuate them on to definitive care as quickly as possible) health care support.

The unit's mission will not only include providing medical treatment to troops, but should the need arise; they will need to be prepared to administer health care to the Afghan people. To prepare them for this, the Soldiers are completing multiple training events on local customs and cultures, as well as commonly suffered injuries.

Non-medical personnel within the unit are completing the combat life saver course to validate skills in basic medical interventions.

The 730th's last deployment was Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003-04.

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**DSC00193** – Members of the South Dakota Army National Guard's 730th Area Support Medical Company take part in pre-mobilization training Jan. 7, 2012, at the Vermillion National Guard armory. Unit members applied pressure dressings and tourniquets until proficient in the skill of hemorrhage treatments to prepare for their upcoming deployment in July. (SDNG photo by Sgt. Jerad Eslickcoats) (RELEASED)



**DSC00195** – South Dakota Army National Guard Soldier Sgt. Bryan Schave watches Staff Sgt. Chad Nielsen validate his skills with the M-9 pistol during a unit training assembly at the Vermillion National Guard armory Feb. 4, 2012. Both Soldiers are with the 730th Area Support Medical Company of Vermillion, and are spending a great amount of time familiarizing themselves with the weapons they will carry overseas. (SDNG photo by Sgt. Jerad Eslickcoats) (RELEASED)



**DSC00225** – Sgt. Jess Myers and Pvt. Amanda Thaler, medics with the South Dakota Army National Guard's 730th Area Support Medical Company of Vermillion, maintain the airway of their patient as other members of their team continue to care for the patients other injuries, during a training scenario Feb. 4, 2012, at the Vermillion National Guard armory. The training helped to validate the Soldier's medical treatment skills on manikins for the unit's upcoming deployment in July. (SDNG photo by Sgt. Jerad Eslickcoats) (RELEASED)

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