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State Marksmanship Match 2004!



Recruiting marches toward goal

As we move toward achieving the Adjutant General's goal of 6,350 this year, I feel it is important to address the folks who are making it happen on the ground. We, "the Team", have made great strides in the recruiting and retention arena. Everyone is working so hard to help achieve the TAG's goal. I humbly thank each of you who are making a contribution and ask those that haven't yet joined us to get on board. As we move toward fourth quarter and the final months of this training year, I feel it is essential that we pause and look at where we are and where we need to be to achieve success at the end of the year.

Kentucky has had several thousand Soldiers deployed, approximately 60 percent of our authorized strength, in direct support of the Global War on Terrorism since 9/11. This includes Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and Noble Eagle. Our soldiers have answered the call and without a doubt are true patriots. Families too have sacrificed beyond belief. And with all the ongoing operations, we continue to ask people to step up and be counted, and they are. Patriotism is alive and well in our great Commonwealth. I have witnessed it each and everyday as the Recruiting and Retention Manager.

Talking with parents and their kids about joining the Guard, it has become clear to me that we have some absolutely top quality young people out there. I was recently in a very nice family's home and the mother asked, "Well, if my son joins will he be deployed overseas?" My response was honest, "Yes, Ma'am he will



be during his eight year enlistment." She never batted an eye, she said "Well, I would rather see this war fought overseas than here in our country. If he has to go and serve, I would rather him serve with good people he knows from this community."

Finally, I have spoken with numerous retired personnel who have called and asked to come back home to us from retirement. What outstanding individuals they are indeed. My point in making examples like this is to show you that there are many people out there who are still patriotic and love to serve our country. So don't believe everything you read or hear. They certainly don't.

With that being said, I ask you to continue our push toward the goal. I know that everyone's ruck is packed tight. However, we cannot afford to rest. We must remain focused. Simply stated we need your personal involvement and your

leadership's commitment and focus to achieve the state's strength mission. We must meet our numbers to remain viable and relevant.

In closing, I ask that everyone please go "get one for the Kentucky Guard." Please take the time to talk to Soldiers and remind them what they are doing is important. Not just important for the moment but for the future as well. Talk to Soldiers about all the great benefits of being in this organization. Thank their families for their sacrifices and their commitment to the TEAM as well. We give it lip service but we couldn't do our jobs without supportive families.

Lastly, talk to the new recruits about your experiences going to basic and AIT. Remember when you first became a member of the Guard family, you were anxious, nervous and scared of the unknown. Take care of them, like people took care of you by sharing experiences both good and bad so they will have a better understanding of what is going to happen.

Again, thank you for the hard work over the past four months, and for the sacrifices you make. Let's roll up our sleeves and go to work and finish FY04 as winners!

LTC Ron Turner,
Recruiting and Retention Manager
KyARNG

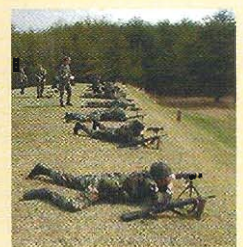
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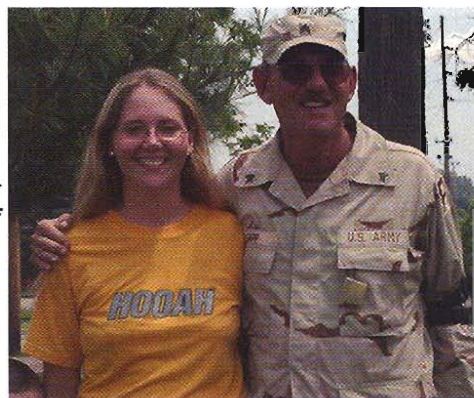


Two KyARNG units return home

217th Quartermaster Detachment...

Fifteen members of the Danville-based 217th Quartermaster Detachment (Water Purification), returned to Kentucky in two groups: one arriving on April 27th, and other on May 11, after a one-year tour of duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

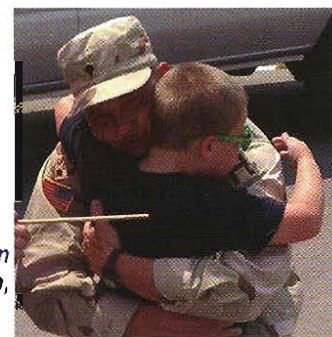
Sgt. Garland H. Sapp poses with his daughter, Sgt. Michelle Terwilliger who is a member of the 410th QM Co.



Sgt. 1st. Metcalf's son eagerly awaits the arrive on his father.



Spc. James E. Herren hugs his girlfriend, Trista.



Spc. Richard T. Herren reunites with his son, Landon.

Photos by Capt. David B. Page and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Dewey Pope

1163rd Medical Company...

Fifty Soldiers from the 1163rd Area Medical Support Company from Louisville, Ky., returned to a "welcome home" ceremony in their honor on May 12 in Sadowski Hall at Fort Knox.

The Louisville-based unit included doctors, dentists, nurses, physician assistants and lab technicians who deployed in July 2003. The 1163rd served in locations in Afghanistan and Uzbekistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



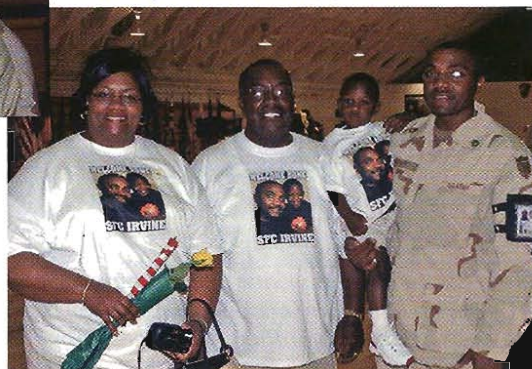
Sgt. Russell K. Rothwell poses with his wife, Denise (far left), his son, Sammy, mother, Viva and father, Eddie.



PV2 John R. Hayes holds son John Jr.



1st Sgt. Joan Kivior talks to her troops prior to the start of the ceremony.



The proud family Sgt. 1st Class Ryan O. Irvine sports tee shirts with a photo of him and his son.

Match promotes marksmanship, teamwork

There was a little friendly competition at the 2004 Kentucky National Guard State Marksmanship match with members of the Air and the Army Guard showing up at Fort Knox ready and eager to "send some lead downrange." Master Sgt. Darryl Loafman (below left) prepared for the rifle competition while a group of airmen and Soldiers (right) took part in the pistol events.



Photo by Staff Sgt. David Allom



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Michael Sims

PISTOL TEAM 1st: Master Sgt. John Martin, Master Sgt. James Johnson, Master Sgt. Darryl Loafman and Staff Sgt. Frank Tallman, *KyANG*
2nd: Capt. Lee Stallard, Cadet Kevin McDaniel, 1st Sgt. David Sears, and 2nd Lt. Christopher Curran *KyARNG*

3rd: Sgt. Daren Thompson, Sgt. John Shaugnnessy, Spc. Doman Ruggles, and Cpl. Eddie Parsons *KyARNG*

INDIVIDUAL PISTOL "Top Gun": Master Sgt. Darryl Loafman, *KyANG*; 2nd: Master Sgt. James Johnson, *KyANG*; 3rd: Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth Bernardi, *KyANG*

PISTOL NOVICE 1st: Sgt. George Grove, *KyARNG*; 2nd: Spc. Doman Ruggles, *KyARNG*; 3rd: 1st Lt. Travis Carpenter, *KyARNG*

RIFLE TEAM 1st: Sgt. Daren Thompson, Cpl. Eddie Parsons, Spc. Doman Ruggles, Cadet Kevin McDaniels *KyARNG*

2nd: Master Sgt. James Johnson, Staff Sgt. Frank Tallman, Master Sgt. John Siebert, Sgt. Norm Rechel *KyANG*

3rd: Master Sgt. David Selby, Master Sgt. Darryl Loafman, Staff Sgt. John White, Sgt. Conley Moore *KyANG*

INDIVIDUAL RIFLE "Top Gun": Master Sgt. James Johnson, *KyANG*; 2nd: Staff Sgt. Frank Tallman *KyANG*; 3rd: Sgt. Norm Rechel *KyANG*
(Sgt. Rechel also ranked Rifle 1st Place Novice)

SNIPER 1st: Sgt. William Wagoner, *KyARNG*; 2nd: Cadet Kevin McDaniels, *KyARNG*; 3rd: Sgt. 1st Class Chad Carroll, *KyARNG*

Ky Soldiers receive Joint Service Commendation Medals



Three Kentucky Army Guardsmen receive Joint Services Commendation Medals from Air Force Maj. Gen. Craig Weston, chief of the office of military cooperation, in Afghanistan. From left to right, Sgt. 1st Class William W. Meriwether, the NCOIC of logistics and resources for the office of military cooperation, Staff Sgt. Thomas Leonard, a medical specialist, and Capt. Michael Rice, physicians assistant. Both Leonard and Rice are both members of the 1163rd Medical Company and received the Joint Commendation Medal while serving at the Kabul Compound in Afghanistan. The Joint Service Commendation Medal is awarded to Armed forces members who distinguish themselves by meritorious achievement or service while assigned to a joint activity.

Services return from Aviano AT

Story by Tech. Sgt. Amy Mundell

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Dennis Flora/KyANG

Fourteen members of the Kentucky Air Guard's 123rd Services Flight recently returned from Aviano Air Base, Italy, where they completed a two-week annual training full of hands-on, real-world experiences.

During the deployment, which ran from March 31 to April 16, the airmen were given numerous taskings to enhance their knowledge of different areas in this broad career field, said Capt. Rodney Boyd, flight commander.

Services personnel are responsible for managing dining facilities, fitness centers, mortuary affairs and billeting, as well as morale, welfare and recreation programs.

Locally, the airmen get minimal exposure to some of these areas, the captain said.

At a large base like Aviano, however, the Kentucky troops were given training opportunities that simply aren't available here.

Besides valuable experience in food preparation, lodging and fitness center operations, the deployed airmen received training in such home-station requirements as search and recovery operations.

The deployment also gave Capt. Boyd an opportunity to hone his leadership skills and learn more about active duty operations.

"I was able to serve as the troop commander of a hybrid unit and gain experience from an active duty perspective," he said.

The flight's airmen agreed that the deployment offered excellent training and development opportunities.

"We were able to work in the fitness center and in lodging," said Senior Airman Rachel Cowley, who normally works in the dining hall store room at the



KyANG Senior Airman Anne Brasseaux joins a Michigan Air Guard services troop in preparing meals at the Aviano Air Base Dining Facility.

Kentucky Air Guard base. Such opportunities, she said, aren't available at home station.

Senior Airman Jessica Martin, who has worked in food services at the Kentucky Air Guard for three years, was equally pleased to learn something new.

"I was really excited to work in a different area — lodging," she said.

One highlight, both agreed, was being tasked with setting up contingency lodging for United States Air Forces-Europe basketball players who were visiting Aviano for a tournament.

The Kentucky troops joined with members of the Michigan Air Guard to turn empty dorms into livable space in about an hour.

"We had to clean, move furniture and make beds," Airman Cowley said.

Teamwork, she added, got them through the process of setting up the dorms from scratch.

The Aviano trip was not the first time the two college students have mobilized together.

Both were deployed to the Persian Gulf region last year for more than four months, along with 16 other Kentucky Air Guard services troops.

Surprisingly, both agreed that the two-week trip to Aviano was more stressful than being deployed to the desert, where they were responsible for setting up and taking down tents and providing food service.

After being in the desert awhile, Airman Cowley explained, "you begin to get adjusted to the environment." With the Aviano deployment, however, "you're not there long enough to get adjusted," she said.



Senior Airmen Wendy Haight, left, and Ashlee Richards, right, receive training in base lodging from an active-duty troop stationed at Aviano. The airmen deployed to the base for an annual training with 12 other members of 123rd Services Flight.

41st CST monitors Derby events for WMD

Story and Photos by Officer Candidate Kyle Kay

The 15th Thunder Over Louisville celebration attracted more than 750,000 people to the banks of the Ohio River to view the country's largest air show and fireworks demonstration on Saturday, April 17. While onlookers enjoyed the festivities, the Kentucky Army National Guard's 41st Civil Support Team quietly worked in the background to protect the public from a potential release of biological or chemical weapons of mass destruction.

In cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Metro Louisville Police Department, the CST took air, water and soil samples throughout key Kentuckiana locations including the Great Lawn, Belvedere and other areas where large amount of spectators would gather. Survey results were taken back to the Dismounted Analytical Platform mobile laboratory to be assessed.



Shown here is the CST Dismounted Analytical Platform

The mission of the CST is to identify the unknown and determine if there was a WMD release. Scientists first use wet chemistry to identify any chemicals or germs. This procedure determines what process and tools to use next. Nuclear Medicine Science Officer Capt. Frederick Palmer examined the samples using special computer software that extracts and

amplifies DNA in order to identify strands of pathogens.



Capt. Frederick Palmer operates software to amplify DNA of any pathogens

According to local officials, Thunder Over Louisville brings the largest number of people together in one day than any other event in the state. Early detection of radiological, chemical or germ weapons released near crowds is critical. CST members set up highly sensitive, remote detection devices and sensors around the city to monitor any changes and established a weather station with radar, wind monitors and atmospheric readings.

Palmer said their role in this mission was more of a preventative measure.

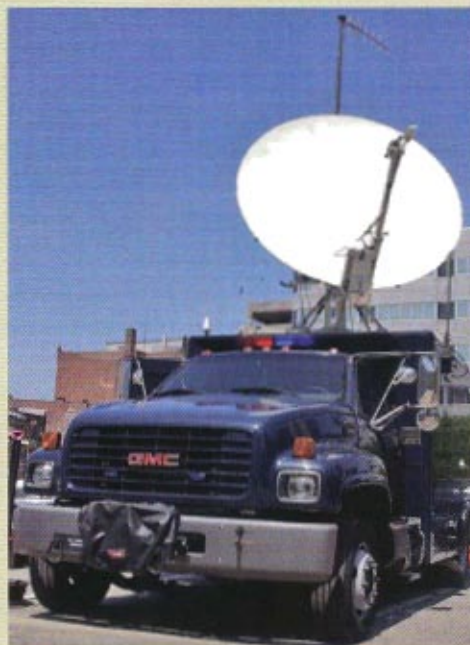
"The Civil Support Team usually goes into an area after a release, but today we are going in on the front end to establish a base in which to measure any potential WMD," said Palmer. "If something happens, we're here to respond."

The CST uses special military and commercial detection equipment and is highly trained for WMD response. One sophisticated piece of equipment, the HAPSITE, or a Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometer, identifies either aerosolized or airborne volatile organic compounds.

"We took a sample from down range, and inserted it into the GCMS,"

Palmer said. "The sample heats up into vapors, which travels through a series of tubes, and separates into different columns. The machine further separates the vapors into components and the computer software reads it as a molecular fingerprint."

Just outside of the Dismounted Analytical Platform, fiber optic cables run to the Unified Command Suite providing secure and unsecured voice, communications and data transmissions via satellite. The CST science officer can transmit microscopic pictures, data analysis and video to expert state and federal agencies for further assessment.



Unified Command Suite Truck stands ready

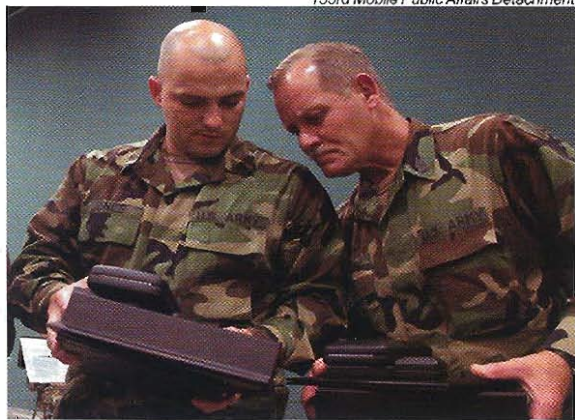
The 41st Civil Support Team is a federally funded state National Guard unit established under Presidential Decision Directive 39. The 22-person, full-time unit is stationed in Louisville, Ky., and is on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The team can be en route within one hour to support civil authorities in the event or suspicion of a WMD attack.

KyARNG units host Freedom Salute ceremonies

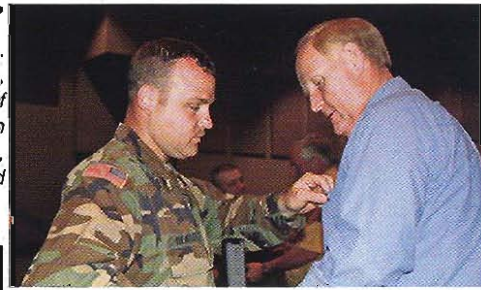
During the month of May, three Kentucky Army National Guard units recognized Soldiers and their families for their efforts and sacrifices while deployed.

Soldiers, who deployed with the 2113th Transportation Company, and B Co. and C Co. 2nd Battalion 123rd Armor, received an encased American Flag; a sequentially numbered commemorative coin; a "Defender of Freedom" certificate signed by Lieutenant General Roger C. Schultz, Director of the Army National Guard, and Command Sergeant Major A. Frank Lever, III, Command Sergeant Major, Army National Guard; and a lapel insignia, during Freedom Salute ceremonies. The Soldier's spouse and children also received items recognizing their support and contribution.

Photos by Sgl. Jon Wilke, 133rd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

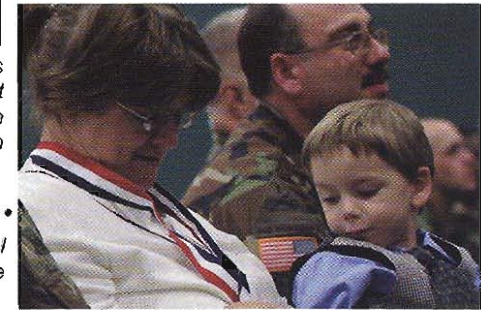


Spc. Robert Deatley, a member of C. Co., 2/123rd Armor, awards his boss, Lynn Jones, the administrator of Calvert City Convalescent Center, with a Center of Influence award May 22, 2004. Deatley formally recognized and thanked Jones for supporting him.



Marshall County Judge Executive Mike Miller (right) accepts a Center of Influence award from Capt. Brad Burridge (left), commander of C. Co., 2/123rd Armor, for Marshall County's support during C Co.'s 2002 deployment.

Spc. Jimmie Jones (left) and Sgt. 1st. Class Charles Kinne with 2113th TC curiously inspect the awards they received for their participation in the War on Global Terror at the ceremony in Paducah, Ky., May 15.



Michael Piotrowski, Jr. (right) looks at the medal his mother Laura received for her support of the 2113th during its deployment.

Three KyARNG Units Alerted

FRANKFORT, KY-May 17, 2004-Kentucky Adjutant General Donald C. Storm today announced the following Kentucky Army National Guard units have been alerted for possible mobilization in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM / NOBLE EAGLE / IRAQI FREEDOM:

- Headquarters Company, 206th Engineer Battalion, Harrodsburg
- 940th Military Police Company, Walton / Lexington
- 617th Military Police Company, Richmond / Bowling Green

The alert notification of these units is part of the ongoing nation-wide mobilization of Army and Air National Guard units ordered by President Bush in the global war on terrorism.

While an alert order does not constitute an order to mobilize, it does, however, constitute prudent planning on the part of the command to ensure Soldiers are prepared for activation once an actual mobilization order is issued by the Department of the Army.



Photo by Capt. Michael D. Bush, TF Dare

Kentucky Army National Guardsman and Task Force Dare instructor, 1st Sgt. Rodney Lawrence teaches Florida Army National Guard Soldiers the proper techniques for reacting to hostile fire during In Lieu Of Military Police training at Fort Dix, NJ. Eleven Soldiers from the 940th MP Company volunteered to go to Fort Dix to be instructors for the unique training.

ROTC graduates join KyARNG



photo by Capt. David B. Page

On May 7, three cadets from the UK ROTC program raised their right hands and commissioned into the Kentucky Army National Guard. Shown here, from left to right, is 2nd Lt. Jessicah Garrett currently with the 138th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Lt. Mark Hotchkiss with 940th Military Police Company, and 2nd Lt. Nathan Lee with the 201st Engineer Battalion. Also graduating is 2nd Lt. Derek Hart from Centre College. He is a member of the 149th Armor Brigade.

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623rd FA Conducts Live-Fire Exercise

Story and photos by Spc. Charles L. Westmoreland
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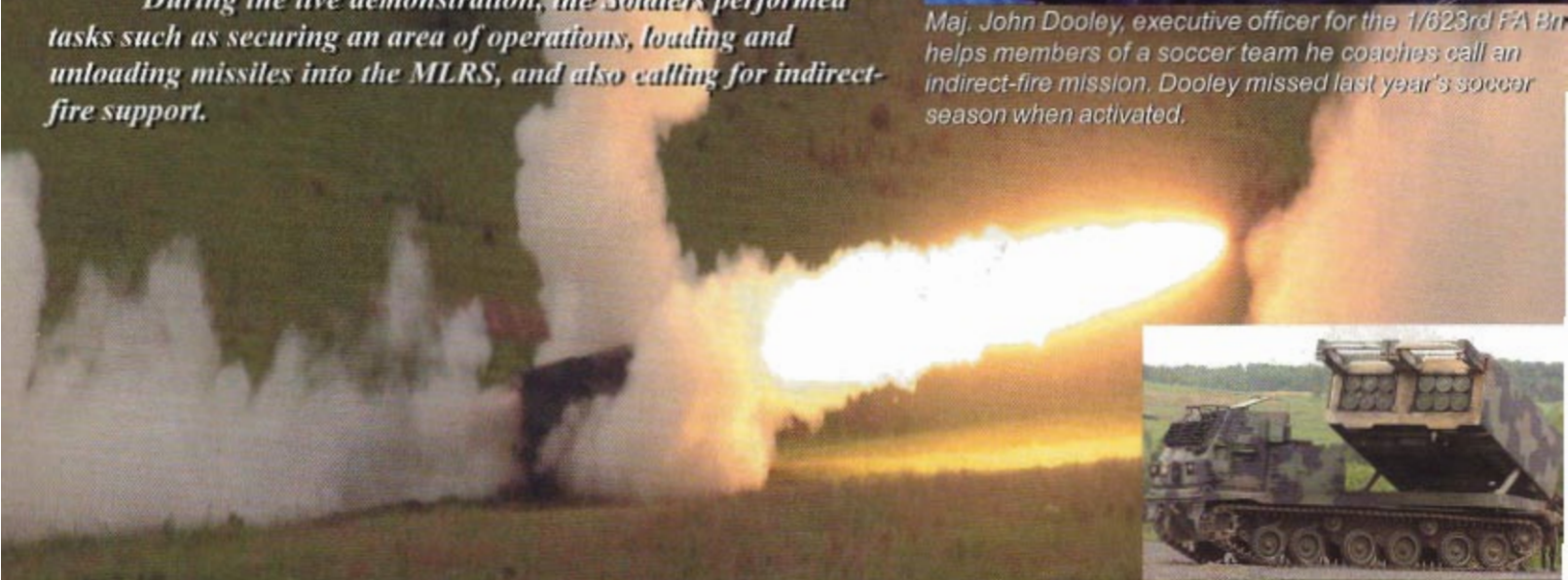
Not even overcast weather and constant rain could keep friends, family, and fellow Soldiers from coming out to watch the 623rd Field Artillery Battalion's live-fire demonstration held at Fort Knox, Kentucky May 16.

The Soldiers of the 623rd provided an event that could be enjoyed by all. A static display of some vehicles, to include the M270 Multiple Launch Rocket System, were on site for visitors to familiarize themselves with.

During the live demonstration, the Soldiers performed tasks such as securing an area of operations, loading and unloading missiles into the MLRS, and also calling for indirect-fire support.



Maj. John Dooley, executive officer for the 1/623rd FA Bn helps members of a soccer team he coaches call an indirect-fire mission. Dooley missed last year's soccer season when activated.



M270 Multiple Launch Rocket System