

NET Radio to Broadcast Series on Nebraska National Guard Beginning Memorial Day

LINCOLN, Neb. (May 25, 2010) -- Nebraska National Guard soldiers are preparing for a large deployment to Afghanistan and Iraq. NET News Producer Mike Tobias is preparing a series of five news stories that will air on NET Radio the week beginning Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, as well as a documentary for NET Television planned for September. Nebraska news is heard on NET Radio during "Morning Edition" at 6:06, 7:06 and 8:06 a.m. CT and during "All Things Considered" at 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. CT.

Approximately 1,000 Nebraska Army National Guard soldiers recently undertook intensive training at Camp Guernsey in eastern Wyoming. Tobias and NET videographer Ray Meints joined a Nebraska combat unit for "theater immersion training," which aims to prepare soldiers for the constantly changing environments and confusing reality for which they're headed. Tobias and Meints were embedded, sharing the entire experience from the soldiers' tents and food to engaging in scenarios and missions that included role-playing, make-up and artificial villages. Soldiers were then evaluated and trained to improve any areas of weakness.

Tobias's reports will provide an inside look at what the training is like and how the Nebraska Army National Guard is preparing for their next -- far more dangerous -- destination.

NET Radio's "Morning Edition" host Grant Gerlock interviewed Tobias about the experience in an interview that's available on NET Online at netNebraska.org/news. Each segment of Tobias's series will be available at that site the day it is broadcast.

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