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SENATOR DOLE VISITS WITH KANSAS RESERVISTS AT FORT RILEY; TROOPS ARE PREPARING FOR OPERATION DESERT SHIELD. VISITS WITH THREE BROTHERS FROM GARDEN CITY

JUNCTION CITY - Senate Republican Bob Dole had breakfast this morning at Ft. Riley with two engineer platoons from Kansas. The two Kansas Reservists units, the 467th Engineer Platoon based in Garden City, and the 475th Engineer Platoon based in ElDorado, Ks, were recently called into action and are now at Ft. Riley preparing to depart to Saudi Arabia.

Among the 100 soldiers at the breakfast, Senator Dole visited with three brothers from Garden City. Sgt. Philip Cruz, Spc. Jonas Cruz and Spc. Gilbert Cruz, all with the 467th Engineer Platoon, are based in Garden City. The three brothers ages are 23, 21, and 20 respectively. Their parents are Henry and Jenny Cruz of Garden City.

"I've enjoyed visiting with our Kansas troops yesterday and today. These young men and women are ready, willing and able to meet the challenge. We must show our support for their efforts," said Dole.

Dole was at Fort Riley where he joined Army Chief of Staff General Carl Vuono to talk with Fort Riley troops and their families yesterday and today as they prepare for deployment.

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