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DOLE SECURES HIGH-TECH TRAINING SYSTEM FOR KANSAS GUARD

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today final Congressional approval of his funding request for two high-tech training systems for the Kansas Army National Guard to be located at the Nickell Barracks Training Center in Salina. The Congress approved \$700,000 for two Squad Engagement Training System (SETS), an individual weapons marksmanship training simulator, during passage of the FY1993 Department of Defense Appropriations bill today. The measure now goes to the President for his signature.

"This advanced training system will enable our Kansas National Guard and Guardsmen from all over the country to enhance and perfect their skills -- achieving and sustaining marksmanship proficiency at a much lower cost," said Dole. "At a time of shrinking defense budgets, I'm pleased that the Senate agrees with me that this is a way to train our Guard, improving force readiness for our units throughout Kansas," said Dole.

The SETS system is a video-disc based interactive training simulator that will support marksmanship training at all levels for individuals, fire teams and squads. These simulators will provide training, from qualification range to a combat scenario in which a trainee's performance can be judged independently and collectively with increased efficiency while training in a realistic situation. SETS training is conducted in classroom environment and is unconstrained by weather, ammunition limitations, or availability of ranges and training areas. Using simulators will also alleviate some environmental concerns involved in non-simulator training.

The system is also transportable and can be brought to unit armories across Kansas. The SETS system can accommodate up to 15 shooters simultaneously and includes training in the M16 Rifle, M203 Grenade Launcher, M249 Squad Automatic Weapons and the M60 Machine Gun.

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