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SENATOR DOLE VISITS WITH KANSAS RESERVISTS AT FORT RILEY;
TROOPS ARE PREPARING FOR OPERATION DESERT SHIELD

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 soldiers Senator Dole visited with were Sergeant Diane Laskey, of the 467th. Sgt. Laskey presented Senator Dole with a hat, medal and t-shirt with the seal of the 467th emblazoned on each. Sgt. Laskey's husband is also in the 467th, in the firefighter division. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Zorn, ElDorado, Kansas.

"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.

Sergeant Bryan Laskey then gave Senator Dole a ride on a fire truck, one that will be shipped to Saudi Arabia for Operation Desert Shield.

Dole 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.