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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Liverpool resident receives lifesaving certification

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RAPID CITY, S.D. – Camp Rapid experienced its own ‘British Invasion’ as one of England’s non-commissioned officers graduated from a three-day Combat Lifesaver Course Wednesday, June 11.

Warrant Officer Class 2 Kevin Rogan of the Royal Logistic Corps, 156th Transport Regiment from Liverpool, England, participated in the course as part of the Non-Commissioned Officer Exchange Program, where senior-ranking NCOs from England and the United States switch jobs and locations to learn diverse training methods and enhance multi-cultural understanding.

Rogan, a squadron sergeant major who spent a tour in Iraq and will soon be deploying to Afghanistan, said he enrolled in the Combat Lifesaver Course to learn the latest battlefield lifesaving techniques as practiced by members of the U.S. Army.

“The training was very valuable,” said Rogan. “There are certain methods Americans practice that we don’t. I’ll be sure to take those back with me and request that we use them to train our troops.”

Sgt. Maj. Russel Young, a logistics operations NCO with the South Dakota Army National Guard, said he’d spent several weeks in England with Rogan as part of the exchange program, and currently acts as his guide and liaison during his stay in South Dakota.

“Rogan kept all the Soldiers (in the class) pumped up,” said Young. “He had very good suggestions and ideas, and I really hope his presence added something to our classes.”

Students and instructors said they enjoyed having Rogan in their class, and took advantage of the unique situation to learn from him.

“He was really outgoing and friendly,” said Pfc. Raymond Hauek, a diesel mechanic from the 1074th Transportation Company, Nebraska Army National Guard. “He explained the rank

structure of the British troops during our breaks. We learned a great deal from him, and I hope he learned from us.”

Rogan said he and Young intend to spend the rest of Golden Coyote going out to the various exercises and getting involved with the troops as they train.

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Photo Cut Lines:

080611-A-6602B-071.JPG: British Warrant Officer Class 2 Kevin Rogan, Royal Logistic Corps, 156th Transport Regiment of Liverpool, England, presents a coin to Maj. Regina Campbell, 801st Combat Support Hospital, Indianapolis, as a token of thanks for her instruction at the Combat Lifesaver Course Wednesday, June 11, at Camp Rapid, Rapid City, S.D. Rogan has been participating in this year’s Golden Coyote exercise as a member of the Non-Commissioned Officer Exchange Program. (Army National Guard photo by Spc. Britney Bodner) (RELEASED)

080611-A-6602B-057.JPG: British Warrant Officer Class 2 Kevin Rogan, Royal Logistic Corps, 156th Transport Regiment of Liverpool, England, receives his Combat Lifesaver Course completion certificate Wednesday, June 11, at Camp Rapid, Rapid City, S.D. Rogan has been participating in this year’s Golden Coyote exercise as a member of the Non-Commissioned Officer Exchange Program. (Army National Guard photo by Spc. Britney Bodner) (RELEASED)

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080611-A-6602B-002.JPG: British Warrant Officer Class 2 Kevin Rogan, Royal Logistic Corps, 156th Transport Regiment of Liverpool, England, speaks to his fellow students about his experiences in the Combat Lifesaver Course Wednesday, June 11, at Camp Rapid, Rapid City, S.D. Rogan has been participating in this year’s Golden Coyote exercise as a member of the Non-Commissioned Officer Exchange Program. (Army National Guard photo by Spc. Britney Bodner) (RELEASED)

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NOTE: The South Dakota National Guard will host the annual Golden Coyote exercise from June 7 – 21 in the southern Black Hills. More than 4,000 service members from 92 units representing 27 states and four foreign nations are participating in the exercise. The Golden Coyote exercise has been conducted for the past 24 years. The exercise provides relevant training opportunities in support of the war on terror and homeland defense.

Residents should be aware of an increase in military traffic throughout the Black Hills and an increase in the level of noise due to military operations. Aviation activity will be operating out of Camp Rapid and the Army Aviation Support Facility next to the Rapid City Regional Airport.

Aircraft will be primarily training on equipment and personnel transport missions as well as medical evacuation. Aircraft will respond to real-world emergencies during the exercise and remain in an all-hours-ready status during the exercise.

Spectators to military training are welcome, however caution is warranted and spectators are asked to remain at a safe distance from all moving military vehicles and aircraft to prevent injury to personnel or damage to property.