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“Eagle Brigade” Soldiers Called to Active Duty

Fort McCoy, Wis. - The 2nd Brigade, 85th Division (Training Support) - also known as the "Eagle Brigade" - mobilized over 230 of its U.S. Army Reserve Troop Program Unit (TPU) soldiers at Fort McCoy, Wis. on January 30 - February 2, 2003. The troops were ordered to active duty for no more than one year in support of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom.

The Eagle Brigade is a training support brigade that provides mobilization assistance to other Army Reserve and National Guard units. Its brigade headquarters; 1st Battalion, 338th Regiment; and 2nd Logistical Support Battalion, 411th Regiment are based on Fort McCoy. Its 1st Battalion, 340th Regiment is located at Arden Hills, Minn. And its 3rd Battalion, 335th Regiment is posted at Fort Sheridan, Ill.

Mobilization assistance is the process of preparing Reserve Component units for deployment. Unit assistors from the Eagle Brigade will visit alerted U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard units at their home stations to help them prepare for possible mobilization. If a mobilization order is received, subject matter experts from Eagle Brigade units will act as Observer/Controller-Trainers while the mobilizing unit trains on collective and individual tasks at its mobilization station. Collective tasks are tasks like "Conduct a Platoon Tactical Road March" that are performed by more than one soldier. Individual tasks are tasks such as "Decontaminate Yourself and Individual Equipment Using Chemical Decontaminating Kits" that are performed by individual soldiers. The focus of the training is on battlefield survivability.