

Unified Endeavor 08

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Nineteen representatives of the Multinational Corps Northeast are currently taking part in the exercise Unified Endeavor 08-1 at Fort Campbell, which is located in the USA, on the Kentucky-Tennessee border between the towns of Hopkinsville, KY and Clarksville, TN, and is about 60 miles northwest of Nashville.

Fort Campbell is home of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), nicknamed the Screaming Eagles, the tradition of which dates back to year 1942. At the moment its staff is preparing for the deployment to Afghanistan in February 2008 in order to serve together with Combined Joint Task Force-82 (CJTF-82) and NATO ISAF Regional Command East.

The exercise takes place simultaneously in different places and involves military personnel from across the country as well as foreign partners, such as the MNC NE members who as Subject Matter Experts (SME) are ready to share their own experiences gained in Afghanistan. Authentic know-how and lessons learned gathered during a six-month mission will definitely serve as a source of useful information for the soldiers who are about to contribute to the

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success of the Afghan mission.

In general, Unified Endeavor is designed as a mission rehearsal exercise (MRE), and therefore provides realistic training scenarios and replicated battle rhythm in order to prepare the staff for duty in Afghanistan. The exercise focuses on several areas of strategic importance, such as integration and coordination with the government of Afghanistan, the Afghan National Army and Security Forces, counter narcotics operations, detainee operations and disruption of enemy financial assets.