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Conference helps 172nd Infantry Brigade to reset

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GRAFENWOEHR, Germany -- After a long deployment, Soldiers, equipment and training are needed in order to restore the brigade to its fullest fighting capacity.

To help accomplish that mission, the 172nd Infantry Brigade held a conference at the Joint Multinational Training Command Conference building, here, Feb. 8- 10.

“Basically, after the brigade returned from the deployment to Iraq, we have 180 days to prepare the brigade for mission readiness,” said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Anthony Overway, Support Operation Officer, 172nd Support Battalion.

Preparing the brigade includes examining every single piece of equipment to see what needs to be fixed or what needs to be issued so the brigade will be ready at anytime for combat readiness.

More than 35,000 pieces of equipment ranging from M1 tanks to laptops have to be inventoried, and then if repairs or replacements are needed, the unit can do so through the reset process. The total cost for this process is estimated at \$25 million.

To accomplish this mission, the conference provided all of the different groups involved to pull together and explain their role in the reset and what they will do to help achieve mission readiness for the brigade. The different agencies include United States Army Europe, Army Materials Command, Communications-Electronics Command, Aviation & Missile Life Cycle Management Command, U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command.

“The 172nd Inf. Bde., is the first unit in Europe to hold a synchronization conference where everyone who is involved with the reset process assembled and explained what they’re going to do for the unit,” said Holger M.E. Apfelbaum, Army Force Generation Reset Liaison Officer Europe.

“Last time, not everyone knew exactly what to expect from the other agencies and groups,” said Overway, a native of Holland, Mich. “This time, things were clear and well organized so that everyone involved knows what to expect from each other and when.”



100209-A-9898L-0003 GRAFENWOEHR, Germany --- Over 150 Soldiers and civilians participated in the 172nd Infantry Brigade reset conference held at the Joint Multinational Training Command Conference building, here, Feb. 8 – Feb. 10. The 172nd Inf. Bde., is the first unit to hold a synchronization conference in Europe. (U.S. Army Photo by Spc. Bethany L. Little)



100210-A-9898L-0003 GRAFENWOEHR, Germany— 150 Soldiers and Civilians attended the reset conference held at the Joint Multinational Training Command Conference building, here, Feb. 8 - 10. The conference discussed the plan to evaluate and fix every single piece of equipment within the brigade. (U.S. Army Photo by Spc. Bethany L. Little)