

# 100th Division's 88Ms tapped for duty

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In mid-February, four of the 100th Division's soldiers were called to active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The call went out for those who hold the Military Occupational Specialty 88M, or in more common terms, truck drivers. The 360th Transportation Company at Ft. Carson, Colorado needed drivers to fill its ranks for deployment.

Staff Sgt. Freddie Turrentine, Sgt. Dorica Craven of 3-399th at Ft. Campbell, Sgt. Jason Saeger of D Company, 1-398th in Owensboro, and Sgt. Christopher Smith of B Company, 2-398th were called to

serve. They joined other reservists from 172d Transportation Company, 423d Transportation Company, and the 478th Engineer Company in augmenting the 360th Transportation Company.

The 360th Transportation Company's basic mission is bulk fuel hauling. It is an active component unit that operates at echelons above corps, as part of the 68th Corps Support Battalion. The 360th Transportation Company three platoons use the M915A2 tractor and the M1062 7.5k tanker to perform its haul mission. "The tractor is basically a commercial big rig painted green" says 2LT Eric Brown, the 3rd Platoon Leader and fellow Army reservist. When operating at full capacity, the

360th Transportation Company's tankers can haul just under a half million gallons of fuel in a day.

However, the 360th Transportation Company is unique in that it is a multicomponent company, containing both active and reserve soldiers. "There are only three in the whole Army like mine," states Capt. Todd Myers, 360th Transportation Company Commander. The structure of the 360th Transportation Company allows for an optimal training environment where the limited time of the reservists is complemented by the support of the active

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# Hope is no mere word in troubled times

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When you listen to the news or read any newspaper, it is easy to become pessimistic and depressed. We hear about crime, illegal drugs, homeland security, terrorist activities, wars and rumors of war, layoffs, downturn in the stock market, and the disintegration of traditional values to name just a few.

These issues and others can overwhelm us so that we lose our focus and energy to do what we know we must do. In order to stay consistent in our mission, we need a good dose of hope.

Hope is a simply word. Hope is a word that is known by all, yet understood by few in its dynamics and power. What is your definition of hope? How does hope impact your daily existence? Why is hope so crucial for each of us?

Hope relates to a deep value in the supremacy of God. What we believe about God determines to a great extent how we release the power of hope in our lives. If God is just a figurehead for you, then the release of the power of hope in your life will be diminished. If God is an integral being in your values, then you have the potential of unlocking the tremendous power of hope.

One of the components of hope is the belief in the promises of God. There is a correlation between our belief in the promises of God and the power of hope in our lives. The individual that has experienced the promises of God can embrace the idea of hope even in times of stress.

Hope also provides guidance and direction for us. Can you remember those dark days of college life when it seemed there was no way to complete your course work? Yet those who "hoped" for the day of graduation usually persevered and stayed the course.

Going that extra mile or finding that extra energy often comes from the prospect of hope.

Hope bonds individuals together. The power of hope is released when one person encourages another person. When you help carry the burden of another one, he or she has a sense of hope released in his or her heart and soul. Can you recall doing a large project and being somewhat overwhelmed? Just at your time of depression, someone comes by to lend a helping hand. You are lifted in spirits immediately, because now you have hope to complete the project.

As you can see, hope is a powerful little word. In these coming days, think about how you can release the power of hope in yourself and others. You can become a change agent in your sphere of influence. You can make a difference in a life. You can enjoy life at a deeper level. You can be a lighthouse of hope.