

5th BRIGADE: South Millington, Tenn.

The Command

5TH Brigade (Health Services)

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Subordinate Units:

■ 8th Battalion (Health Services)

Millington, Tenn.

■ Practical Nursing Detachment
Millington, Tenn.

Outreach programs

■ Scout Base Naval Support Activity

■ Community Organization Speakers Bureau

Scout Base

The Naval Support Activity-Mid South annually hosts more than 2,000 Boys Scouts from the Chickasaw Council (West Tennessee and Northern Mississippi) for three days of camping, camaraderie, and fun. The Scouts work on their camping skills, merit badges, and troop activities.

The 5th Brigade was asked to support Scout Base 2000 by providing first aid support for the Scouts and adult leaders.

Combat medics manned the first aid tent and provided first aid to the campers. The medics faced cuts, nicks, scratches, dings and dents that usually occur when 2,000 young men are gathered in one spot.

The Scout Base offered the Combat Medic an opportunity provide a needed community service to one of the nation's premier non-profit organizations, and gave the Scouts an opportunity to rub shoulders with the Army's finest.



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Soldiers low crawl under a wire obstacle while pulling a stretcher-bound casualty as part of their training.

Medics, in addition to providing minor medical assistance, also answered questions from the Scouts about Army life, what's it like to be a soldier, and most importantly how do you "sign-up."

"The Brigade's support of Scout Base is a natural. Here we have two organizations with very similar goals and cultures. We both are about the business of training young men to be leaders, to work as a team and to love and serve their country," said Brigade Commander Lt. Col. Alban Liang. "It's definitely something we want to continue."

The medics who participated enjoyed their experiences and are looking forward to the next Scout Base.

Speakers Bureau

The Brigade's officers and NCOs routinely make themselves available to make presentations to community-based organizations such as civic clubs, service organizations, professional associations, to name a few.

The Speakers Bureau offers the

unit an opportunity to take the message of the Army Reserve to community leadership. Presentations include an overview of the mission of the Guard and Reserve, most importantly how that mission has changed dramatically in the past five to 10 years. A series of slides have been prepared that any Brigade soldier can easily adapt for an audience. The average citizen has no idea as to the overall importance of the Army Reserve and just how much of the mission traditionally conducted by the active component has been shifted to the Reserve forces.

Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Nehemiah Flowers says "community leaders are always amazed at just how much the nation must now and in the future rely upon the Army Reserve to accomplish the total Army's mission."

Annual Training

The Brigade's annual training is multi-tasked. The detachment provides training for Army Reserve, Veterans Administration, and