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## "Strike Fear" Battalion to conduct Avenger Missile System Live Fire Training

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[1]Soldiers with the 2-44th Air Defense Artillery Battalion, 101st Sustainment Brigade, are preparing for their Avenger Gunnery Certification Training.

In addition to the live fire exercise, 2-44th ADA support Soldiers will also train on their various duties, including cooks, medics and communication support teams conducting their field exercises.

As with other battalions within the 101st Sustainment Brigade, 2-44th ADA constantly trains to provide support to the various missions of the Global War on Terrorism.



The training will be Feb. 17-19 at Fort Campbell.

**How will the Soldiers with the 2-44th ADA certify on the**

## Avengers Missiles?

Each crew has a checklist of task that is specific to their Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) skills. This is a hands-on exercise and the objective of the certification is to ensure that Soldiers and their crews can proficiently accomplish their task on the list.

## What is the importance of the certification?

Many of the newer Soldiers and junior officers have not done this type of training before, while many of the Non- Commissioned Officers are getting a refresher in their tasks and skills during the training. The certification also serves as a team-building exercise for the Soldiers as they prepare for various future deployments. If the Soldiers are able to successfully perform their tasks and work as a team during the training, it will give them the trust and confidence necessary to conduct their missions in a deployed environment.

## What is the importance of the support Soldiers (medics, cooks, communications, etc.) taking part in the Avengers Firing?

Although they are not qualified to certify on the Avengers, the support Soldiers will conduct their own training as a means to maintaining proficiency in their MOS skills. This will prove integral as they provide the logistical support necessary for the Artillery crews to successfully conduct their missions downrange.

## Tell us about the Avenger Missile System

[2] Listed below is some basic information about the Avengers:

- Main armament: 8 Stinger Missiles, 10 KM Acquisition range
- Secondary armament: 12.7 mm/.50cal M3P machine gun with 200 rounds
- Sensor and Fire control: Digital fire control, FLIR, CO2 Laser Range finder, Driven – Reticule Optical Sight, Remote Control Unit Operable from HMMV Cab or 50 Meters away from vehicle



### Stinger Missile Specifications

<b>Guidance:</b>	Advanced proportional navigation	
<b>Seeker:</b>	Passive IR/UV tracking fire and forget	
<b>Speed:</b>	Supersonic	
<b>Weight:</b>		
<b>Missile:</b>	23 lb	10.4 kg
<b>Missile in Tube:</b>	28 lb	12.7 kg
<b>Diameter:</b>		
<b>Missile:</b>	2.75 in	6.9 cm
<b>Missile in Tube:</b>	2.87 in	7.3 cm
<b>Length:</b>		
<b>Missile:</b>	58 in	147 cm
<b>Missile in Tube:</b>	60 in	152 cm

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