

# Delta Prepares for Table VIII

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The Diamondbacks of D Battery, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Defense Artillery conducted Table VII training in preparation for their upcoming battery collective Table VIII certification June 17 to 28 providing the unit with the necessary skills to accomplish their Table VII evaluated look on June 27.

The Table VII field training exercise focused around improving the battery's performance of their wartime mission. Given the standards, the Soldiers conducted reconnaissance, selection and occupation of position, march order and emplacement (MO&E) of the system, initialization of the system, missile reload procedures, and air battle management. Additionally, each of the engagement control station crews conducted a recital aim level 11 air battle.

The training was a highly motivating experience for the Soldiers and increased their skills. Pfc. Wilkes, a crewmember on the electric power plant system. He said, "As long as I remember my three points of contact and all my safety steps, I could do MO&E all day long."

Other Soldiers, like Spc. Barney, enjoyed benefitting from air battle training. "I was glad to get back to doing more tactical stuff. I really enjoy being able to operate our systems and talk back and forth through air battles."