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Mtn Div, joined forces as study partners and motivators in their hopes of earning the badge. Stone said that since the pair were not trained as medics, the badge would show others they take their jobs seriously.

"It sets an example," Stone said. "We're not trained as medics, but we're expected to lead medics. To earn the badge means you've developed that competency on your own to lead those medics. How can you expect to lead if you're not proficient in the skills?"

Newby said that since they've received little training in the course's medical tasks, that's been the most difficult.

"The physical part we can handle," he said. "But the medical lane is tough. But it's worthwhile to come out here and give it your best shot. Commanders understand this is an extremely challenging course."

Soldiers testing for Expert Field Medical Badge face problems that ranged from moving casualties on stretchers, to making a body board to protect injured Soldiers, to night land navigation and to operating an ambulance.

