

96th Soldiers assists in a rollover accident

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NORTH FORT HOOD, Tx- Three combat medics from the 96th Sustainment Brigade were given Army Achievement Medals for their actions on Aug 17th. Spec. Michael Martin, Private 1st Class Mitchell Phillips, and Spec. Kurtis Webster were recognized for their assistance when a vehicle flipped over near South Fort Hood.

“We were at the 9mm range that day,” said Martin. “There was a break long enough between day and night qualification that we were just going to stay at the range. We were just sitting around smoking and joking when the call came in for medics.”

When the call came in, the medics and other members of the 96th’s Personal Security Detail jumped into two HUMMVWS and went to the accident site.

“When we came on the scene, it looked like a whole row of civilian cars going to a party, and there was one car far off the road upside down,” said Martin.

“The vehicle was completely flipped over,” said Phillips. “There was windshield glass scattered everywhere.”

The medics responded by assisting the car’s three occupants out of the vehicle, stabilizing two of them, who needed care for head, neck, and back injuries. Phillips stated that the passengers may have been intoxicated. “It was confusing talking to my patient,” he said. “He didn’t know what year it was, or what state he was in. He thought he was in North Carolina.”

The 96th medics continued to assess the victims’ injuries and kept them stabilized until paramedics could arrive.