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Georgia Army National Guard Maj. Matthew Smith (left) of Atlanta, and commander of Winder's 1st Battalion, 121st Infantry, briefs Brig. Gen. William B. Garrett, commander Southern European Task Force, Tues., July 15, 2008, about training being conducted for three weeks with the Georgian army's 4th Infantry Brigade at Vaziani Military Base near Tbilisi, Georgia. Smith also is the battalion's full-time administrative officer. Smith and his fellow infantrymen, along with Soldiers of Forsyth's Company C, 148th Brigade Support Battalion, Winder's Company E, 148th Brigade Support Battalion and Glennville's 122nd Rear Operations Center are spending three weeks in Georgia participating Exercise Immediate Response 2008. They are among the more than 1,000 active-duty, Guard and Reserve personnel taking part in IR08. Also participating in this year's event are troops from Azerbaijan, Armenia and Ukraine. Last year's exercise was held in Poland. Immediate Response is an annual, Joint Chiefs-of-Staff directed "bilateral security cooperation exercise conducted between the U.S. and its coalition partners." The three weeks of IR08 also gives Smith and his fellow Guardsmen the opportunity to conduct training related to their deployment with Macon's 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team next year in Afghanistan. The exercise also is an opportunity for the Georgian's to get ready for their upcoming deployment to Iraq. Besides being its commander, Smith also is first battalion's administrative officer. (Georgia National Guard photo by Sgt. 1st Class Roy Henry)

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