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## News Briefs

### TF Eagle uniform policy

The Task Force Eagle uniform policy is helmet, protective mask, load bearing equipment and body armor. Exceptions are for safety reasons or when a soldier is in his or her immediate work area. Berets and "soft" caps will not be worn.

The physical training uniform is authorized for wear only while physical training and while traveling to and from the shower point and latrines.

### Eagle Base addresses

The Dec. 29 edition of *The Talon*, reported that all servicemen and women at Eagle Base, Tuzla should use the following address to receive mail here.

*Rank and Name*

*Unit at Eagle Base*

Operation Joint Endeavor

APO AE 09789

Only U.S. Army personnel should use the address listed above. U.S. Air Force designated unit mail clerks can pick up mail at the 4100 Air Mail Terminal from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Air Force personnel at Eagle Base should use the following mailing address:

*Rank/Name*

4100 Group Provisional/Unit

Operation Joint Endeavor

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### Clean windshield mandate

Task Force Eagle has instituted the two-minute, five-second rule for all vehicles.

Drivers who are stopped or parked for two minutes or longer must dismount their vehicle and take at least five seconds to clean the windshield.

## U.S. units move into sector

By Staff Sgt. Dave Johnson  
*American Forces Network*

First Armored Division tanks and soldiers crossed the Sava River in force Jan. 1, and entered Bosnia-Herzegovina to begin implementing the Dayton peace plan.

A total of 148 tanks and other vehicles crossed the Sava River and immediately

reported to their assigned areas of the American sector.

The people of the Orasje pocket turned out to witness the American forces rolling through their town.

The last time anyone drove across the Sava River into Orasje was over the main highway bridge. It was destroyed in 1991 when the conflict in the region began.



Sgt. 1st Class Ruber Maestas

An M-1A1 Abrams tank from the 1st Squadron, 1st Armored Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Division crosses the 600-meter long pontoon bridge to the

south shore of the Sava River Jan. 1. The cavalrymen were the first to enter Northern Bosnia-Herzegovina on the peace implementation mission.

## CAUTION: Water unsafe

By Capt. Timothy C. Ashley  
*Public Health Officer*

The water at Eagle Base, Tuzla is unsafe for drinking, teeth brushing, or for any other use in which the water has to enter your mouth.

Personnel from the Armed Forces Medical Intelligence Center stated in a Dec. 26 memorandum, that all water in Bosnia-Herzegovina should be considered contaminated with disease-causing bacteria and viruses, industrial chemicals such as pesticides, and heavy metals such as lead and cadmium.

The bacteria and viruses can cause immediate problems such as cramping, diarrhea, and vomiting.

Pesticides and heavy metals can cause problems which may not show up for weeks or months. Such problems include central

nervous system disease, liver disease, kidney disease, and other internal problems.

If there is a need to use tap water for drinking or brushing teeth, AFMIC recommends using iodine tablets or chlorine drops.

Chlorine and iodine will kill the bacteria and viruses in the water but will not remove the pesticides or heavy metals. With these additives, the water will be safer to drink and less likely to cause immediate problems.

To purify water, add one iodine tablet per quart of water. Wait five minutes then shake. Loosen the cap and tip the canteen over to allow leakage around canteen thread. Tighten the cap and wait another 25 minutes before drinking. For bleach, add two drops of chlorine laundry bleach to one quart of water and follow the same instructions given for the iodine tablet.

# Teamwork and discipline are key to success

There's a saying, "The sum of the whole is greater than its parts."

This saying applies to the Army as well as other organizations because the Army's success depends on the combined efforts of individuals or groups of individuals.

At all levels, units are formed and trained to work as, and fight in, teams. And, when all of the Army's parts are communicating, learning, moving and acting as a whole, it becomes a force capable of accomplishing any mission or overcoming any obstacle.

Success is greatest when leaders and soldiers, at all levels, communicate information to one another. Cross-talk among members of the task force is essential. Information that might seem unimportant to one soldier, or unit, could be essential to another. Our goal should be to maintain a knowledgeable, pro-active force able to handle any situation that may arise while implementing peace.

Because the Army is based on teamwork, it suffers when its parts are not working in unison. For this reason, safety, responsibility and discipline are important in an organization like the Army.

When one person is injured or killed it affects the ability of the organization to accomplish its mission. That is why each soldier has the responsibility to look out for himself or herself as well as for other soldiers.

An example is personal hygiene and unit cleanliness. Both can impact on the health and well-being of the task force as a whole. It



Command Sgt. Maj. Jack L. Tilley

## From the Top

is the individual soldiers' responsibility to take care of themselves. They must discipline themselves to conduct personal hygiene daily in order to remain healthy. They should also look out for their fellow soldiers to ensure they are also trying to stay healthy. When one soldier becomes sick, that sickness will most likely be passed on to other soldiers. Eventually, the organization's ability to perform its mission is affected.

The same holds true for soldiers committing an unhealthy act. Soldiers should eat, wash, shower, and urinate in designated areas. Soldiers who exercise poor judgement and do otherwise endanger their health and the health of their fellow soldiers.

All this takes discipline; self discipline to force yourself to do what you know is right and to remind your buddy when he or she is about to do something that is not right.

# Peace enforcement greatly appreciated

In mid-September 1995, the 49th Public Affairs Detachment was notified by the XVIII Airborne Corps that the detachment was one of three units named to possibly deploy to Bosnia-Herzegovina.

At the time, I wondered if the U.S. forces were really needed in the former Yugoslav Republic and if the people would accept an outside force coming into their countries to enforce peace.

Last week, I received my answer. I had the opportunity to travel to the Sava River in the Orasje Pocket and see firsthand that battle-torn region.

Along the zone of separation, on Route Arizona, is evidence of the house-to-house fighting. Most houses are pock-marked with bullet holes and have broken windows.

Many houses remain vacant. The in-

habitants didn't return to their homes when the fighting passed, but became refugees.

At the Sava River, local Croats lined the river bank to watch the soldiers from the 130th Engineer Brigade build the pontoon bridge on which the 1st Armored Division's vehicles and equipment would enter Northern Bosnia-Herzegovina.

As the first U.S. tanks crossed the river, the people waved and watched with smiles on their faces. One elderly woman arrived on the river bank with a bottle of liquor and plastic cups to celebrate with the American soldiers for bringing peace.

At a local establishment, a Croat soldier said he was tired of the war that he had been fighting for the past three years. He talked about his experiences and described the death of his best friend.



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## Viewpoint

I spoke with a reporter from Time Magazine and asked her how she perceived the local populations' reaction to the Implementation Force's arrival. She replied that people are glad that an outside force has come to the former Yugoslav Republic. She said most people want the war to end, they just can't find a safe way out of the fighting, so they continue to fight.

Well, there are the answers I sought!

## THE TALON

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## Quick Takes

### Laundry hours change

Quartermaster laundry service is available six-days-a-week at the building next to the Bosna Grill.

Laundry drop off and pick up times are Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Turn around time is about two working days.

Each person is limited to 15 pounds per week. Cost is free.

### AFN radio schedule

American Forces Network, Europe radio broadcasts can be heard locally on FM 98.1.

A five minute newscast, produced at Eagle Base, Tuzla, will air at 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. beginning Jan. 8.

Live local shows will consist of military information, weather and entertainment/music.

AFN radio schedule is:

**5-9 a.m.** Live Local Show

**9 a.m.-3 p.m.** Programming from Headquarters, AFN-Frankfurt, Germany.

**3-6 p.m.** Live Local Show

**6 p.m.-5 a.m.** Programming from Headquarters, AFN-Frankfurt, Germany.

### Dining facility hours

The Eagle Base dining facility serves T-rations, with some A-rations, for breakfast and supper.

Soldiers can eat breakfast from 6:30-9:30 a.m. and supper from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Lunch is MREs.

### Get the message out

If you have information that you would like to have disseminated to the Task Force, contact the Task Force Eagle Public Affairs Office in the headquarters building, second floor or come by *The Talon* office next to the Joint Information Bureau, adjacent to the main gate.

All messages and ideas are welcome and all IFOR contingents are encouraged to submit information, articles and/or photos to *The Talon* for publication.



Sp4 Scott Gent leera

U.S. Secretary of Defense William Perry visits with paratroopers from 3-325th ABCT at Eagle Base, Tuzla, Jan. 3. During his one-day visit,

Perry spoke with commanders and service members at Eagle Base and at the pontoon bridge over the Sava River.

## Joint Endeavor personnel may qualify for '95 tax break

**Capt. Mark Tellitocci**  
*Judge Advocate General Corps*

Tax time is approaching again and the Task Force Eagle legal team can help answer soldiers' questions.

On Dec. 12, the IRS granted some relief to Department of Defense personnel serving in Operation Joint Endeavor.

To qualify for this relief, soldiers must serve in this area of operations before Mar. 1 and not redeploy before Mar. 1. The provisions of this relief also apply to spouses filing joint returns.

Soldiers serving within the dates above will receive an automatic extension of the filing deadline from April 29 to Dec. 15. They may also file using a Leave and Earnings Statement instead of waiting for Form W-2, Wage and Earning Statement. The IRS is also waiving all enforcement penalties for late filing.

To let the IRS know you're qualified for this relief, simply write "Operation

Joint Endeavor" on the top of your tax return. Anyone that receives correspondence from the IRS regarding a collection action or penalties should write the same thing on the top of the letter and return it to the originating office.

Soldiers filing taxes using an LES should remember that not all income, such as interest or dividend income, may be reflected. All income must be reported.

A missing link in the Operation Joint Endeavor tax provision is that there are currently no waivers for interest on money owed to the IRS. A soldier who qualifies for the filing extension, but owes the IRS money, will pay nine percent interest on the amount owed to the IRS until the debt is paid in full.

Finally, no provisions are currently in effect that exclude any income as was the case with Gulf War "combat zone" exclusions. Service members who have tax questions can contact the legal team in the Eagle Base headquarters building, third floor.



Sgt. 1st Class Ruben Maestas

HMMWVs from the 127th Military Police Company, 709th Military Police Battalion, escort a convoy of Implementation Force military and civilian vehicles along Route Ari-

zona Jan. 5. So far, Military Police mission's in Bosnia-Herzegovina have been convoy escort and perimeter security for the Implementation Forces.

## MPs escort IFOR convoys into U.S. sector

By Spc. Scott Gentilcore  
49th Public Affairs Detachment (Airborne)

Anyone who has moved through the countryside of Bosnia-Herzegovina has learned that the simple act of driving isn't easy. Carefully laid out plans must be followed for a convoy to move about. Along with everything else, a military police escort must be included in the plans.

For the soldiers assigned to the 709th Military Police Battalion, the convoy escorts have become a daily ritual.

"Basically we're doing battlefield circulation and control where we'll provide convoy escorts and security for units coming across the bridge," said Spc. John J. Kelly, 127th Military Police Company. "We can get up to four or five missions a day. And, sometimes a mission can last all day."

Aside from the rigors of their everyday mission, the MPs face long hours on the roadways.

"Our people have been doing really well working a lot of long days with very little time off," said 709th MP Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Timothy Lamb. "Our motivation level has

remained high, and we're pleased with the work we've been able to do here."

According to Staff Sgt. Edward J. Dennis, 127th MP Company, the MP's mission has been made easier because of intense training before the deployment.

"It's just like the Army Readiness Training and Evaluation Program," said Dennis. "We train as we fight, so things have gone pretty smoothly so far."

Another of the many challenges the MPs have had to face is land mines. The mines have been given special attention after Spc. Martin J. Begosh, a member of the 709th, ran over an anti-tank mine injuring his lower right leg.

"We were all cautious of mines before the accident," said Kelly. "After that, we have become extremely observant of where we drive and walk."

The land mines are but one of the many dangers that face the military police and the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

"Unless someone has seen this place, it is hard to imagine," said Kelly. "Blown out buildings and the anguish on peoples faces, they need our help here."

## 20th EOD destroys hazards to troops

By Spc. Scott Gentilcore  
49th Public Affairs Detachment (Airborne)

On the outskirts of Eagle Base, Tuzla, a soldier comes across a suspicious looking device sticking out of the ground. Remembering his training and the media hype, the soldier identifies the device as one of the hazards he has heard so much about—a land mine.

After carefully marking the hazard, the soldier notifies his unit command post. Soon, a team from the 20th Explosive Ordnance Disposal is dispatched to the area.

In a country which has been littered

with mines for almost four years, there is enough work to keep the team busy.

"We have matched the unit's yearly incident rate in the past two days," said Staff Sgt. Kevin E. Bussing, 20th EOD. "There's quite a bit [of ordnance disposal work] here as compared with being in garrison."

The EOD team has been successful in ridding the base of the unexploded ordnance found thus far. An antipersonnel mine was discovered on Christmas Day and EOD personnel destroyed it in place. They also removed a high-explosive Yugoslavian antitank rocket from an area

where it posed a danger to people.

Being safe can sometimes take some precise coordination. The antipersonnel mine that was blown in place Dec. 25, had to be detonated within a one minute time frame because of incoming aircraft.

"Usually we're out on a range, and the only people we have to deal with are range control," said Bussing. "Now our demolition area is near the airfield so we have to do a lot of coordination so no one gets hurt."

"Without teamwork, we could not get the job done," said Bussing.

# 621st sets new mission record

By Master Sgt. Claude Knighten  
Tuzla Sub-JIB staff member

Members of the 621st Tanker Airlift Control Element set a record Dec. 20 for the number of missions flown into Eagle Base, Tuzla during Operation Joint Endeavor.

Forty-two cargo planes crammed the airlift schedule, exceeding the operation's busiest day by 13 missions. C-17s, C-130s and C-141s streamed in from Rhein-Main and Ramstein Air Bases in Germany; Aviano Air Base, Italy; Zagreb, Croatia; and Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

"The gradual build up of TALCE operations worked very well with the airlift schedule," said Lt. Col. Robert Norman,

TALCE commander. "We were able to maximize our capability with the phasing in of the 621st Air Mobility Control Squadron and aerial port specialists."

The airlift surge began Dec. 21 with the break in weather at Tuzla. Since then, TALCE operators have off-loaded 179 Air Mobility Command and United States Air Forces in Europe aircraft.

More than 2,000 tons of cargo and nearly 900 passengers were pushed through the tiny airfield.

"When the weather broke, the airflow increased dramatically," said Tech Sgt. Paul Maynard, NCOIC of the Air Terminal Operations Center. "Planes were landing, on average, every 20 minutes."

Throughout the operation, air crews and TALCE operators have been employing what's called engine running off-loads. The plane lands, taxis to a parking apron, and is then off-loaded with the engines idling.

"The ERO method of downloading cargo was very successful in Split, Croatia, during our support of the United Nations mission there," Norman explained. "So far, we have a 100 percent departure reliability rate at Tuzla."

For the C-130 Hercules, aerial port technicians have been averaging 12 minutes per off-load. They average 30 minutes on the C-141 Starlifter and 40 minutes on the C-17 Globemaster III.

# RED HORSE builds TF Eagle's nests

By Capt. Tyrone Woodyard  
Joint Information Bureau

How do you fit 2,000 soldiers and airmen on an air base built to house 700? Simple ...pick up the phone and dial R-E-D-H-O-R-S-E. Then watch a frozen, bare field evolve into a bustling tent city with all the creature comforts of winter field conditions that would bring a smile to even the toughest first sergeant.

"We brought 150 people and plan to build more than 350 tents in three tent cities on and around Tuzla Air Base," said Chief Master Sgt. Ricardo Garcia, senior enlisted advisor for the 823rd RED HORSE squadron. "It should take two to three weeks to complete the job."

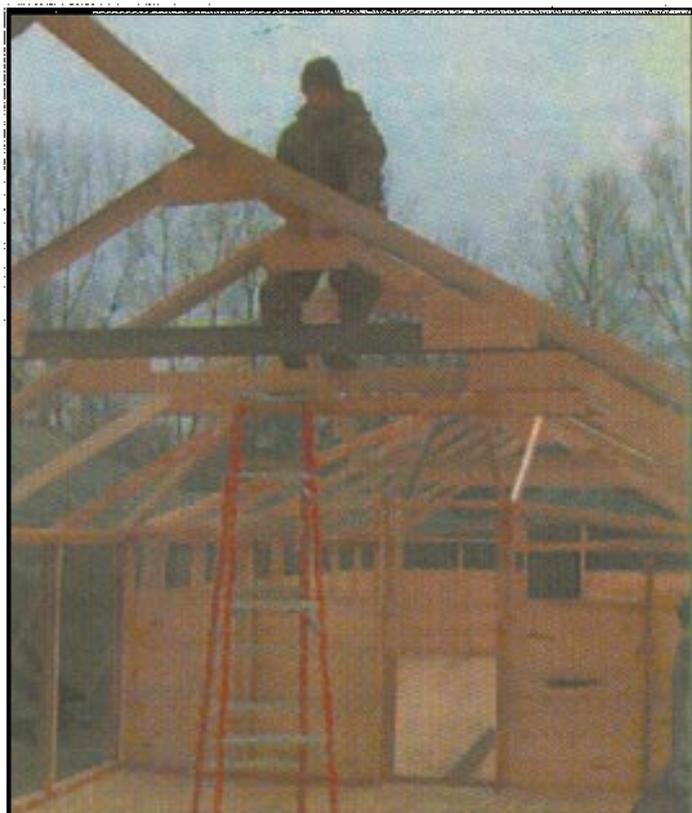
The U.S. Air Force's 823rd Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron, Engineer, known throughout the military as RED HORSE, arrived from Hurlbert Field, Fla., with one mission -- Build a tent city, build it quick and build it while temperatures drop below freezing.

The hard-back tents have raised floors and are framed with wooden walls and roofing beams. It takes roughly one hour to construct a single tent. The project is completed when a general purpose medium tent is slipped over the wooden frame. Each tent can house 10 to 12 people and is equipped with electricity, showers and latrines.

"One of our biggest challenges during this deployment is operating safely in the cold weather," said Col. Susanne Waylett, the first woman to command a RED HORSE squadron.

Finding waterproof steel toe boots was another challenge. Since most of the personnel work with industrial type equipment, they are required to wear steel toed boots. To maintain safety standards, some personnel wear rubber boots over the steel toed boots.

RED HORSE, an Air Force combat engineer unit, is trained to conduct heavy engineering operations as an independent, self-sufficient unit in remote, hostile locations. Assigned personnel include engineers, services, supply, contract-



Soc. Scott Gentilcore

Master Sgt. William Davison, 823rd RED HORSE, reinforces the A-frame of a tent canvas support Jan. 2. The wood-frame and canvas structures will eventually be home to Task Force Eagle soldiers for about one year.

ing, vehicle maintenance, logistical planners and a doctor. The unit spends an average of 120 to 200 days in the field and have deployed to Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Hurricane Andrew and Somalia.

This latest call from Task Force Eagle leaders in Bosnia-Herzegovina will challenge RED HORSE personnel to remain true to their motto ... "Can do - Will do - Have done."

# Q-37 radar: A deterrent against attack

## IFOR can track incoming fire

By **Spc. Scott Gentilcore**  
49th Public Affairs Detachment (Airborne)

The Dayton Peace Treaty paved the way for American troops to move into Bosnia-Herzegovina. But, the possibility of hostile fire against the Implementation Force exists.

To minimize the threat of any incoming artillery fire, the crews of the AN/TPQ-37 Fire Finding Radar watch their radar screens for any possibly unpleasant situations.

With the radar, IFOR troops can be forewarned of any incoming artillery fire, locate its origin and, with clearance from higher headquarters, conduct counterfire missions within minutes.

"Our main mission here is to protect the force," said Chief Warrant Officer LeRoy Giles, Battery C, 333rd Field Artillery Regiment. "This is not an easy mission because we don't know what some of the people think about us being here, so we really have to be ready at all times.

Set up in the middle of a cornfield in the zone of separation, soldiers of Battery C, 333rd Field Artillery Regiment, continuously watch their radar screens for any signs of trouble.

"I don't really expect to pick up



Spc. Scott Gentilcore

Spc. Donald W. Freier, Battery C, 333rd Field Artillery Regiment, checks

the control panels on the outside of the Q-37 Fire Finder Radar Jan. 5.

anything out here," said Spc. Donald W. Freier, a fire finder radar operator for Battery C, 333rd Field Artillery Regiment. "If that happens, something has gone wrong somewhere."

According to Freier, each radar unit and its team is given a specific sector to monitor for any disturbances. Several radar units scattered throughout the area of operations help to monitor the countryside around the U.S. forces. If the radar registers any type of indirect fire, the message can be sent to a counter fire artillery battery who in turn can return fire if the situation warrants.

"For this mission, I think the Q-37 is important," said Freier. "If you don't know where somebody is firing from, you can't stop them. With this piece of equipment, we can get a location instantly and let the powers that be make the decision on what should be done."

Anyone who may decide to test the IFOR's reaction to artillery or mortar fire, will find the Q-37 able to determine the origin and destination of a round and will help put an end to the assault.

"It is effective," said Freier. "If we have to use this, we'll win."

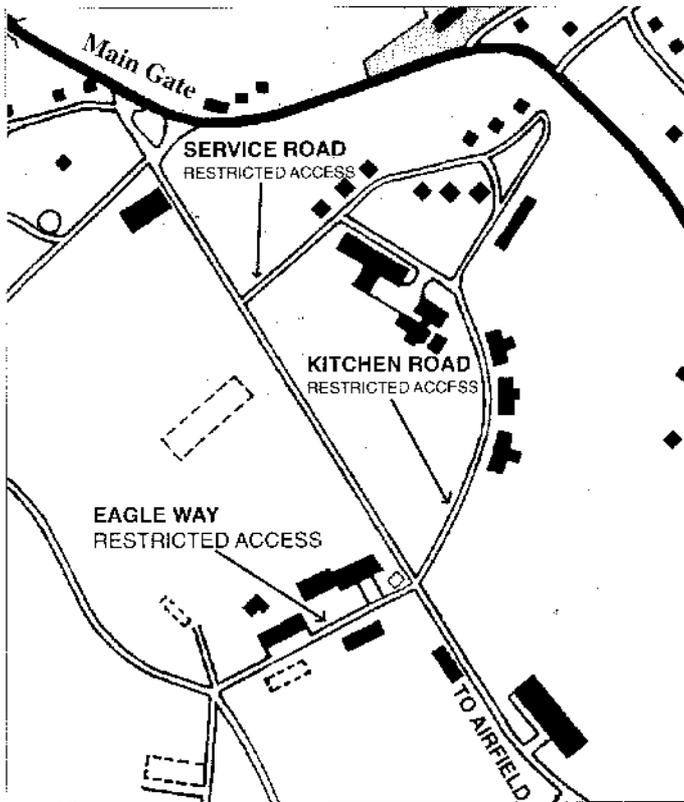


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The M-109 155mm self-propelled artillery system can be used in conjunction

with the Q-37 radar in counterbattery fire missions.

# PMO sets Eagle Base road restrictions



## Unit parking areas established

The Provost Marshal's Office has restricted some roads on Eagle Base, Tuzla to essential vehicle or pedestrian traffic only.

Traffic along Eagle Way, in front of the Eagle Base headquarters building, is restricted to command group and VIP personnel only. Engineer facilities and Building 21 personnel will be permitted to drive through.

Kitchen road, where the post exchange is located, is restricted to pedestrian traffic only. Vehicles off-loading supplies to the dining facility or the post exchange should use the service road near the main gate area.

The majority of the hard surface roads of Eagle Base are open to two-way traffic. The base speed limit is 20 m.p.h. for all vehicles and will be strictly enforced. Violators will be fined and may have their license suspended depending on the seriousness of the violation.

Base military police will conduct mobile patrols, establish road blocks, and control restricted access roads.

Additionally, unit parking areas have been designated. Once units have filled their assigned parking areas, drivers may park in the Eagle Base overflow parking lot. Tracked vehicles and larger tactical vehicles will park in the overflow parking lot.

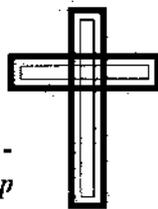
For more information, contact 1st Lt. Loera in Bldg. 21 at Ext. 7010.

## Chaplain's Corner

### Weekly Prayer

Father God,

*As Creator of all life you have fashioned every human being as a unique individual. Help each of us to develop and use the special talents and abilities you have entrusted in order that we may serve our fellow man and bring honor to your Name. We ask that you protect our families and loved ones and grant them peace. Amen.*



### Religious services

Religious services at Eagle Base are conducted in Bldg. 28 at the following dates and times:

- Catholic:** Monday-Friday, noon.
- Saturday, 8 p.m.
- Sunday, 10 a.m.

A Mass will be conducted once-a-week at the outposts on the Eagle Base perimeter.

- Protestant:** Sunday, 11 a.m.
- Sunday, 8 p.m.

Classes on basic Christian doctrine will be taught Mondays at 8 p.m. A prayer meeting will be conducted Wednesdays at 8 p.m.. Bible study will be conducted Fridays at 8 p.m..

- Jewish:** Friday, 6 p.m.

## Purple Heart awarded



Spc. Bryan J. Driver

Task Force Eagle Commander, Maj. Gen. William Nash, left, and Maj. Daryl Cuda, 212th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, pose with Spc. Martin Begosh, 709th Military Police Battalion. Nash awarded Begosh the Purple Heart Medal Dec. 31, for wounds he received when his vehicle ran over an antitank mine. Cuda performed surgery on Begosh's right leg. Begosh is expected to make a full recovery.

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