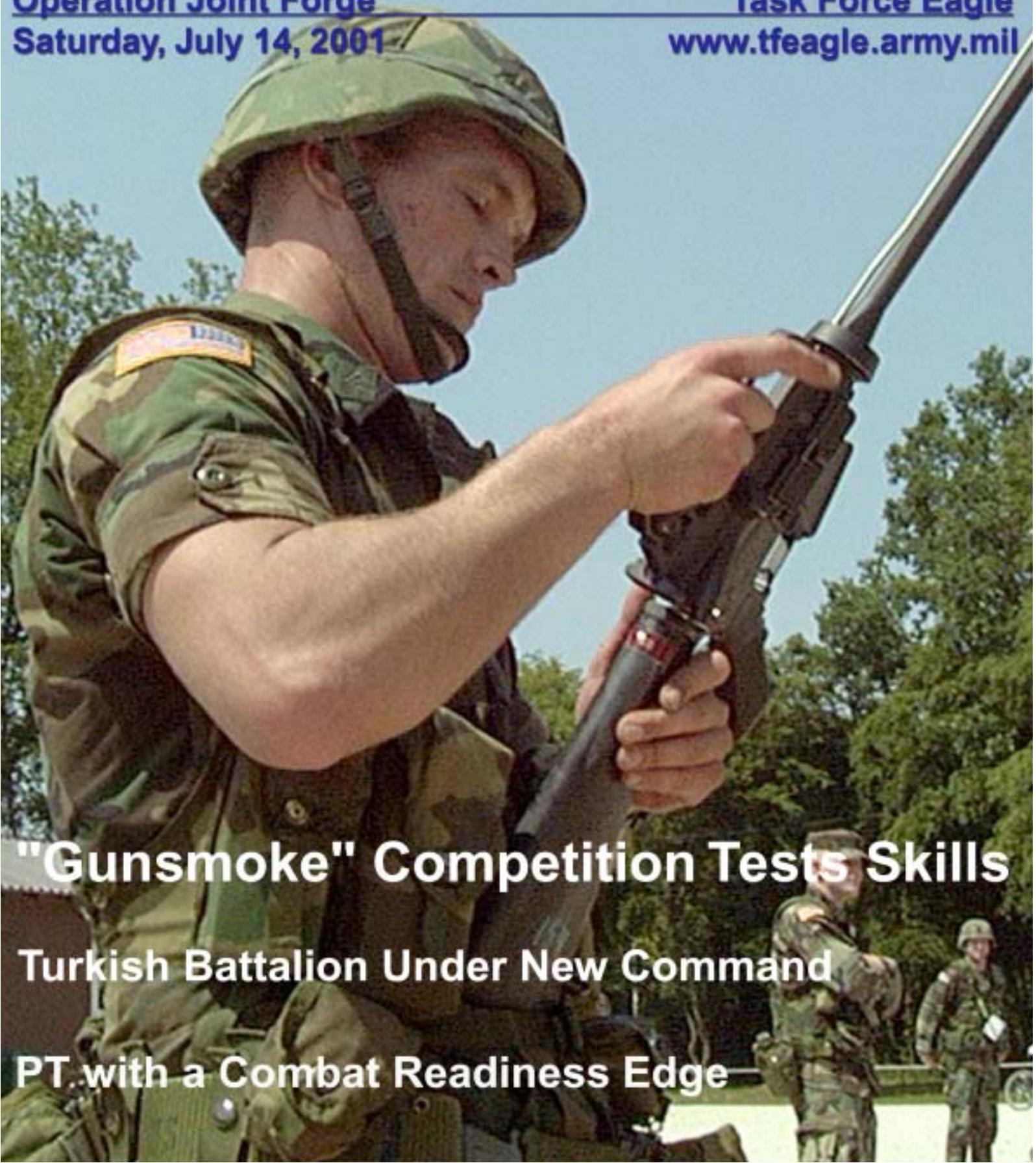


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# The Race We Face

It was a defensive lineman's dream. The other team had fumbled and the ball was right there in front of him. Grasping at his chance for glory, Jim Marshall scooped up the pigskin and headed 90 yards toward the end zone. Oh, to see him run – I mean he was running! It seemed as if no one could catch him. The only players close enough to catch him were his own teammates. And the fans – well, the fans were all on their feet, yelling and screaming. So, with the determination that makes heroes out of ordinary men, the large lineman galloped toward the end zone.

A feeling of satisfaction came upon Marshall as he crossed the goal line, and he fully expected his teammates to join him in the end zone celebration, but that did not happen. Instead of a celebration there was remorse, as Marshall's teammates told him that he had run into the wrong end zone! Instead of scoring a heroic touchdown, Marshall had recorded the "longest safety" in the history of the NFL.

Jim Marshall's "wrong-way" touchdown teaches us something important that we all need to understand. You may be running with all your strength, you may be running brilliantly, but you will never truly succeed if you are running in the wrong direction. I believe this is precisely what the apostle Paul was speaking of when he wrote in **Philippians 3:13-14**: "This one thing I do. I forget those things that are behind, and reaching forth unto those things that are before, I press toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

We all find ourselves in a race, and this deployment (Stabilization Force 9) is part of that race. In order to run the race we face with success and endurance, there are two things we should always remember. First, we must start **off in the right direction**. This was Jim Marshall's biggest mistake. He ran well, but it was a run in the wrong direction. This is what Paul means when he says, "I press toward the goal." We must all have good and noble goals for ourselves. Many people fail in their relationships, their finances and their careers because they have the wrong goals – the wrong focus. What are your goals? Will your goals lead you to failure or success? This week please evaluate these goals by seeing if you are running in the right direction in relation to your spouse, your family, your co-workers and your God.

Second, we must **press toward the goal**. To press is to push. Are you giving forth good effort, or are you just floating along in life? To press is to run with purpose in every step. Will the things you do help you make it to the finish line? In the race we face, we must press toward the goal, and this requires endurance. One main reason some fail to achieve their goals is a lack of endurance; they find themselves carrying too heavy a load to make it to the finish line. The burden of bills, health concerns and relationships becomes too heavy. If this is where you find yourself, listen to the words of Jesus as he says, "Come unto me all ye who are weary and heavy-laden, and I shall give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

Ask yourself right now, "How am I doing in the race I face? Am I running as I ought to be running?" If you are like me, you probably will find that you need to make some adjustments. Therefore, please make it your goal this week to focus in the right direction, to press toward the goal, and when needed – to go to the Lord for rest and refreshment. May the blessed one grant you a great week.

## Thoughts for the Week

**Saturday:** "Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart." (Psalm 31:24)

**Sunday:** "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only." (James 1:22)

**Monday:** "Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another." (Ephesians 4:32)

**Tuesday:** "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." (Matthew 5:48)

**Wednesday:** "Be ye angry, and sin not: Let not the sun go down upon your wrath." (Ephesians 4:26)

**Thursday:** "Be ye also ready, for in an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh." (Matthew 24:44)

**Friday:** "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." (Revelation 2:10)

Chaplain (Capt.) Bob Marsi  
Camp McGovern

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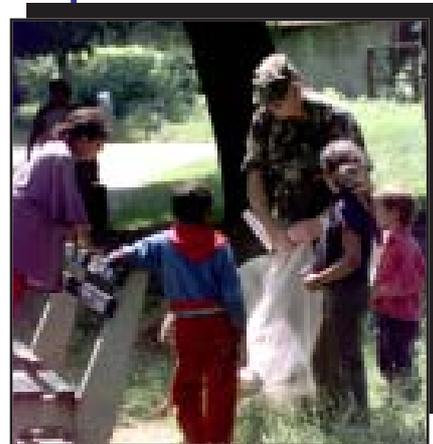
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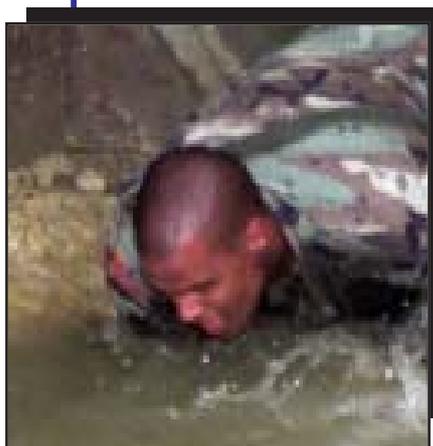
Sgt. Jeffrey Nagel, HHC, Div. Eng., 3rd ID, disassembles his rifle during the "Gunsmoke" competition held on Eagle Base. (Photo by Maj. Richard Sater)



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## Always Maintain Your Military Bearing

By Command Sgt. Maj. George J. Ruo  
Command Sgt. Maj., Multinational Division (North)

As members of the armed forces, our military bearing and adherence to a set of standards set us apart from other institutions in this world. How we behave, what we say and do and how we carry ourselves identify us as servicemembers. As we continue our service in Multinational Division (North), it's necessary to reassess our military bearing as well as our continued observance of uniform and behavior standards.

While many elements contribute to positive and professional military bearing, I want to discuss those that I feel are essential to sustaining our proud standing as part of this capable multinational force.

**Saluting/Military Courtesy:** I have mentioned in many forums that a crisp salute and greeting of the day say much of your professionalism as a member of your military service. The hand salute is a time-honored greeting between two military professionals.

Take pride in the fact that each time you salute you recognize the importance of this tradition and show the respect due to that tradition. "Lazy" or silent salutes are a poor reflection of one's military bearing. Let your salute reflect your respect for this important part of our military heritage.

**Appearance & Uniformity:** Your personal appearance tells the world who you are as a servicemember. When others see a disheveled uniform or improperly worn headgear, a message is sent saying that we are not upholding our standards. Check "Marne Standards" to make sure your appearance is correct.

Take time to check your uniform before leaving your quarters in the morning and ask yourself, "What would others think of me as a soldier, looking the way I do?" It should be no surprise that there are mirrors in the latrines. Use them to make sure that throughout the day you maintain that positive professional appearance.

**Weapon Accountability:** Some soldiers have been spotted abusing the Physical Fitness Uniform and weapon policy. You are allowed to leave your weapon in a secure area or with another person while you do physical training, but you should return and retrieve your weapon as soon as you've finished working out. Some people think they can swing by the Post Exchange or attend a movie without their weapon; that's not the case. That highly sensitive item should be on you at all times except when you're conducting your physical fitness regimen.

**Foul Language:** Language is an extremely powerful thing. It shapes opinions, molds minds and comforts others. But words also have the power to distract or offend. Our language must always remain free of vulgar or offensive

characterizations, words or expressions.

When others hear obscenities from your mouth, they consider them an illustration of your character. Foul and vulgar language shows a lack of consideration for policies written to ensure a wholesome working environment in this multinational force. If you have a tendency to "just let it all out," clean it up!

**Treat Others with Dignity and Respect:** We all appreciate others speaking to and treating us as professionals. I find that even in the most heated arguments, a balanced and tempered discussion is more productive than a verbal browbeating or an embarrassing tongue-lashing. Simply put – choose your words carefully and appropriately, and keep your temper when you correct others. Your words will mean much more, and your reputation will remain intact and favorable.

**Be Approachable:** I enjoy getting out and speaking with soldiers. It is our responsibility to look out for one another and work as a team to accomplish this important mission. If people are afraid to approach you, how much can you expect your team to accomplish?

I submit that if you keep yourself open to others and foster an atmosphere of mutual respect with your subordinates you will excel as a team member.

**Be Positive:** I enjoy spending time and working around people who are positive and able to harvest the best results from every mission. That is not to say that we "spin" or hide bad news or situations. Rather, when we approach any task or challenge, we should be confident that the job will be done to the benefit of someone or something else, provide a lasting benefit to our mission, or possibly identify a valued lesson learned.

I ask that you look at how you do your job and see if after any mission or task you can find "three ups" as well as "three downs." If you look hard enough, there is always a silver lining to every cloud.

**Always make corrections – look out for one another:** If you identify a scuff in your military-bearing armor, fix it. If you identify a discrepancy in another soldier's compliance with standards, address it on the spot. We are one team with one mission. To improve, we must look out for one another and ensure that faults are noted and corrected immediately and tactfully.

If you are the one being corrected, accept it with dignity. It is not a threat to your character; rather, it is an effort by a team member to encourage improvement in another.

Only as vigilant defenders of our time-honored standards can we continue to develop a competent and capable professional force.

*Rock of the Marne!*



Command Sgt. Maj. George Ruo



# NG Bureau Chief visits MND(N)



Story and photo by Pfc. Michael Bennett  
Eagle Base

Lt. Gen. Russell Davis, chief of the National Guard Bureau, visited Multinational Division (North) June 29.

Lt. Gen. Davis explained that the purpose of the visit was to “come and thank the servicemembers of the area and to let them know the work they’re doing is appreciated.” Lt. Gen. Davis added, “that applies to active duty, reservists and guardsmen.”

Lt. Gen. Davis was also on a fact-finding mission, soliciting guardsmen’s opinions on several issues affecting them at home and abroad.

“We’re working on a number of issues right now, but two are high priority right now, shortening of tour lengths and examining our current method of re-compensating employers for the loss of key employees for long periods of time,” said Lt. Gen. Davis.

“We’re also re-evaluating our training  
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Lt. Gen. Russell Davis, the National Guard Bureau chief, discusses issues on the minds of (from left) Maj. John Papile, Chief Warrant Officer Brandon Erdmann and Sgt. 1st Class Derek Fisbeck. All are with the 1022nd Medical Co. (Air Ambulance).



Incoming battalion Task Force commander Lt. Col. Hakan Dereli.

Outgoing battalion Task Force commander Lt. Col. Kudret Erkan.

## Turkish Battalion Gets New Commander

Story and photos by Pfc. Michael Bennett  
Eagle Base

The Turkish Battalion Task Force came under new leadership July 7. Lt. Col. Kudret Erkan concluded his year in command of the battalion during a change-of-command ceremony. The new commander, Lt. Col. Hakan Dereli, recently completed a tour with the NATO Land South Headquarters directorate of operations.

The ceremony, held at the Turkish battalion’s headquarters in Zenica was presided over by Maj. Gen. Walter L. Sharp, commander of Multinational Division (North).

Both the incoming and exiting commanders made brief comments before Maj. Gen. Sharp presented the battalion colors

to Lt. Col. Dereli.

In his speech, Lt. Col. Dereli spoke of the battalion’s mission to “contribute to world peace,” and said that “the battalion will be as dedicated to completing the mission as before.”

Lt. Col. Erkan thanked the current and former commanders of Multinational Division (North) for their “substantial moral and emotional support.”

Maj. Gen. Sharp echoed the thanks, and explained that our best chance for success lies in multinational cooperation.

“Multinational Division (North) is clearly a partnership among the many great countries that have soldiers and civilians supporting our operations. Each country brings with them a unique

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# Gunsmoke

**Story by Capt. Joe Jackson**

*Eagle Base*

**Photos By Maj. Richard C. Sater and Staff Sgt. Ken Hudson**

*Eagle Base*

The name “Gunsmoke” brings up notions of the wild American west — dusty trails, a blazing sun and of course a shootout.

The Gunsmoke competition, hosted July 1st on Eagle Base by 1st Battalion, 121st Infantry Regiment, had all of those things and some help from technology.

The competition included a 20-kilometer ruckmarch, followed by a timed weapons disassembly/assembly event, and a capstone marksmanship challenge at the Eagle Base Simulation Center.

Nine teams competed with the 9 mm pistol and the M-16A2 rifle. The route of the forced march roughly paralleled the perimeter of the base.

Capt. Ray Bossert, a Gunsmoke coordinator, said, “We’re doing this to keep our warfighting skills sharp.”

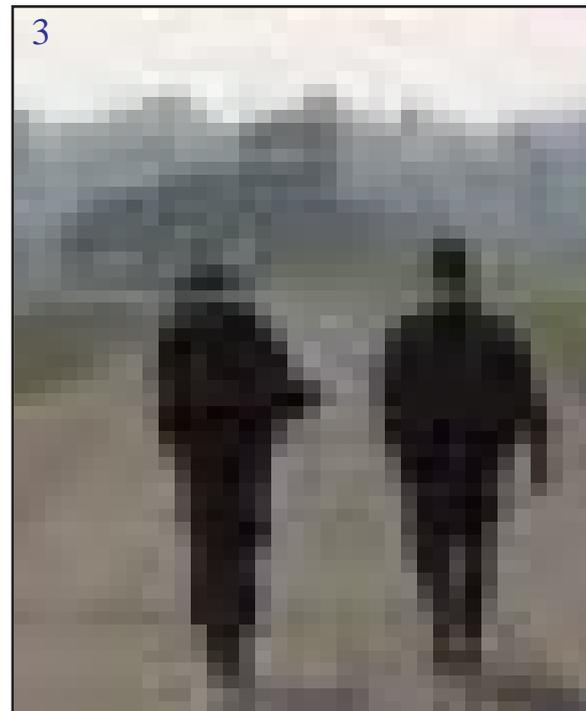
That purpose was clear to the teams who completed the march with 35-pound rucks. Teams from Task Force Medical Eagle, 1-121 Infantry and the 648th Engineers competed, and the Danes fielded a team providing a multinational dimension.

Henrick Stengaard of the Danish

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# Smoke Competition Hits Trail, Range

team said he thought it was important to compete to “display our flag at your camp.”

Others such as Sgt. Matthew Tanner, of the 1-121, sought an opportunity to get involved.

“I work a lot of nights, and don’t get to many events. I wanted to do it,” he said. Sgt. Tanner works nights in the Base Defense Operations Center. The competition was keen. The difference between first and second place was only one point.

Judges determined the winning team by combining march time, weapons assembly and marksmanship scores.

First and second place were captured by *Trident 1* with a combined score of 37 points and *Gunslingers* with 36 points. Both teams are part of “First Foot” – the nickname of the 1-121. Third place belonged to 648th Engineers, competing as the *Four Horsemen*. They put in a solid showing with 33 points. For participating in the event, soldiers received a certificate, and perhaps some aching muscles. The winners received special recognition at a ceremony in Minue Park.

Another similar competition is planned for Aug. 10. According to organizers, the renamed “Iron Dragon” competition will feature more physical events as well.



Clockwise from Top: (1) Sgt. Robert Crawford, Staff Sgt. Charles Westrip, Sgt. Kevin Moore and Sgt. 1st Class Edward Andrews drive toward their goal of a finish under two and one-half hours. (2) Pfc. Duane Gill, HHC, Div. Eng., 3rd ID, changes his socks and boots at the halfway point of the ruckmarch. (3) Participants in the competition make their way down the long, dusty perimeter road of Eagle Base. (4) Capt. Chris Voso, Cpl. Thomas Navarro, Sgt. Matthew Tanner and Spc. Charles Simpson of HHC, 1-121 step it out during the 12-mile rucksack march. The “Gunslingers” finished second overall. (5) Sgt. 1st Class Edward Davis, HHC, 1-121 holds the stopwatch as Sgt. Kevin Moore reassembles an M-16A2 under stress of the clock during the Gunsmoke competition. The “Dragon-Slayers” did not finish due to one team member twisting an ankle.



# Army, Air Force Aid Youths in Cleaning Park

Story and photos by Spc. T.S. Jarmusz  
Eagle Base

As a gesture of good faith, members of the Army and Air Force joined hands with 25 Tuzla teens from the youth group "Awaken" to clean Veliki Park in downtown Tuzla June 28.

While the project literally consisted of picking up loads of trash throughout the park, it was also a way for the people of Tuzla to start picking up the symbolic pieces of lives shattered by war.

"Awaken" is an independent group of Tuzla young people formed to participate in events like the park clean up. Their mission is to revive pride in the city.

"Here, young people have a lot of problems. Most people don't care that their park is dirty. We want to 'awaken' the conscience of the people who live in Tuzla. We are cleaning the park to show that we do care," said Ana Stahov, with Awaken.

Soldiers, airmen, teens and even children were seen scouring the park for beer cans, cigarettes and other unsightly trash.

"Two children attached themselves to me and assisted in picking up all the trash. It helps them take pride in the area," said

Col. Chuck Stutts, Civil Military Cooperation House officer in charge, with the 360th Civil Affairs Brigade, Airborne, from Ft. Jackson, S.C.

"We had a lot of work to do. I didn't think it would be that dirty," said Ms. Stahov.

When the group finished cleaning, they put all the trash on display in the center of town so people could see how dirty the park was.

Some walked by, pretending not to notice the trash; others stopped and took notice.

"There was at least a truckload of trash there," said Col. Stutts. "The park itself was heavily trashed by all the pedestrian traffic that goes through the area."

During his interview with the local TV station, Col. Stutts congratulated the young people on dedicating their time and efforts to cleaning up the park.



Col. Chuck Stutts of the CIMIC House and young Salkida Beganovic scan the ground for trash during clean-up effort of Veliki Park in Tuzla.

He also suggested that the local government cut the park's grass now that the trash and debris was removed.

Apparently, the day's efforts and the added publicity were all that were needed to get the ball rolling.

The city cut the grass June 30, and is planning on painting the benches this week, said Col. Stutts.

"The park is very clean and looks much better now," he said.

A number of people thanked the servicemembers for taking part in the clean up and working with the teenagers.

"It was good to see the reaction of some people, who might not understand why we were there," said Airman 1st Class James M. Cowan, communications center technician with the 401st Expeditionary Air Base Group.

"They see us walking around, in uniform, with weapons, they probably wouldn't think that we would help them clean up a local park of theirs," he said.

"The public was very receptive; I think mostly the kids enjoyed seeing servicemembers there helping out. If I had the chance, I'd do it again, anytime," said Airman 1st Class Cowan.

After the trash centerpiece was packed up, servicemembers were invited to have drinks and sandwiches with the teens.

"It gives us a little bit of understanding of why exactly we are here helping these people. Also, activities such as this let us interact with the local population, and the same for them with us," said Airman 1st Class Cowan.

For him, it was a matter of earning the people's respect.

"I think that if the public, teens or anybody gets a bit of understanding of what we do and why we do it, they will gain some respect for us," he said.

"We liked working with them, (the military) they helped out a lot," said Ms. Stahov.

Col. Stutts also felt the clean up gave soldiers an important sense of cultural awareness. "They were able to see the young people are normal people just like we have back in the U.S. Most of our soldiers spend their entire tour 'inside the wire' and don't receive the opportunity to meet people and be exposed to their culture."

"When they do get out, soldiers learn that the biggest difference between us is the language," said Col. Stutts.



Ana Stahov of the youth group, 'Awaken' hoists a bag of trash collected from the litter at Veliki Park in downtown Tuzla.

# Celebration joins God, Country

## Soldiers take time to reflect and give thanks

Story and photos by  
Spc. T.S. Jarmusz  
Eagle Base

The Fourth of July on Eagle Base. Some soldiers were busy thinking of fireworks that would never light the sky. Others were passing the time awaiting country singer Danni Leigh's appearance at Eagle Base Sport Complex. During the "God and Country" service at the Eagle Base Chapel, soldiers gathered to reflect on their country, their independence and their dependence on God.

"We organized the God and Country Celebration to be a spiritually uplifting event. As people of faith, it's a good idea to pause from our busy schedules and take the time to give thanks to God for what he has done for us. All the politicians say 'God bless America'; truly he has," said Chaplain (Maj.) Mike Durham, the Task Force Eagle chaplain.

Soldiers sang, prayed and read scripture during the ceremony.

Maj. Gen. Walter L. Sharp, commander, Multinational Division (North), introduced the guest speaker, Chaplain (Col.) Jerome A. Haberek, command chaplain, Headquarters, United States Army Europe and 7th Army.

Maj. Gen. Sharp remarked that the opportunity to celebrate this great historical event in Bosnia-Herzegovina should remind everyone of some of our most cherished liberties, including the freedom to worship as one chooses.

"Your service here offers the citizens of Bosnia-Herzegovina the opportunity to worship as they choose, without fear. Like the patriots who signed the Declaration of Independence, you continue the legacy of freedom throughout the world," he said.

During his speech, Chaplain Haberek spoke of America, and its relationship with God from its beginning. Phrases like, "we are one nation under God," and "we celebrate today, our God-given rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," echoed throughout the chapel.

"I've traveled all around Europe. They have lots of different currency. Some detail the arts. Others note scientific achievements. Pictures are pretty. Science is nice. But as our currency says, in God we trust," declared Chaplain Haberek.

Chaplain Haberek went on to say, "if you take the attendance of all the professional sports teams in America, and even those watching on television, there would still be more people who attend church on Sunday."

After the service was over, soldiers shared their thoughts.

"Any soldier that comes gets a chance to know where our true power comes from," said Maj. Ronald Shun, division transportation officer with HHC, 3rd ID.

"Its not material possessions, or anything else, it's the good Lord," he said.

"I liked the remarks General Sharp made pertaining to the sol-



**Sgt. 1st Class Lee Mosley, with Task Force Medical Eagle, and the New Hope Choir put some gospel in the Gospel, during the God and Country Celebration on Eagle Base July 4.**



**Chaplain (Col.) Jerry Haberek, with 7th Army and USAEUR, ministers the 'good word' to soldiers.**

diers' commitment to their service and their country," said Spc. Jason Pohlsen, chaplain's assistant with HHC, 3rd ID.

Chaplain Durham then summed up the evening's celebration.

"This event says again that celebrating our faith is a vital part of what we do to provide a meaningful quality of life for our soldiers. I deeply appreciate the support of our soldiers and the Task Force Leadership," he said.

Capt. Lee Clark (left) encourages his troops as they carry a 'casualty' during Combat Skills PT. Capt. Clark, who used to do Combat Skills PT with the 75th Ranger Regiment, conducts Combat PT once a month for the troops in HHC, Task Force 2-3.

(Below) 1st Sgt. Marlin Smith climbs up a muddy hill, one of the events in Combat Skills PT. Soldiers from HHC, Task Force 2-3, conduct the monthly PT as a break from the normal routine of push-ups and sit-ups.



# Real. Physical. Training



***Physical Training is an essential part of being a soldier in the military. It usually consists of sit-ups, push-ups and running, but some soldiers like to spice it up once and awhile.***

**Story and photos by Spc. Grant Calease  
Camp Comanche**

Once a month the soldiers from Task Force 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation, 3rd Infantry Division, conduct what they call Combat Skills PT.

"It's something fun that is different from the everyday push-ups, sit-ups and two-mile run," said Capt. Lee Clark, HHC's commanding officer.

"Ordinary PT is done more individually. This is more team-oriented," said 1st Sgt. Marlin Smith of HHC.

Combat Skills PT consists of soldiers from TF 2-3 splitting up into teams and competing against each other in a race which features many obstacles.

The troops of HHC awoke bright and early June 22 to hit the Combat Skills PT trail. They traversed the three-mile course, navigated obstacles and tried to beat the other teams to the finish line.

"We did things like carrying five-gallon water cans, low-crawling a football field and carrying casualties in litters," said Capt. Clark. "Also we pushed a Humvee more than 100 meters, crawled through a water-filled culvert and climbed up a muddy hill."

This type of exercise gives soldiers realistic training and a different outlook on what constitutes "Physical Training".

"We do this so our soldiers can see what it might be like in a combat zone," said 1st Sgt. Smith.

Combat Skills PT, although exhausting, is a big hit with soldiers from TF 2-3.



# ng: Combat Skills PT

“It’s an event that I look forward to each month. It boosts the soldiers’ morale,” said Pfc. Alexander Noel, an ammunition specialist.

It’s something to build aggressive, competitive teamwork, said Capt. Clark, who did a form of Combat Skills PT while with the 75th Ranger Regiment.

“We raise the bar every month,” he said. “The soldiers are outstanding.

“It’s hard to slack off because your teammates push you.”

“It’s a different kind of PT. It’s 100 percent teamwork,” said Pfc. Noel. “In my job we don’t get to crawl in the mud very much,” he said. “It’s a good change of pace.”

The monthly change of pace also allows soldiers to see each other. Some of the soldiers work different shifts but for Combat Skills PT they all come together and work as a team, said Pfc. Noel.

“We switch up the teams each month,” he said. “That way we all get to work together.”

The team led by 1st Sgt. Smith and including Pfc. Noel was victorious on that foggy June morning, but as next month’s Combat Skills PT rolls around, the troops of HHC will be ready to test their skills to see who will be crowned champions in July.

(Above) Pfc. Roy Corsey crawls out of a culvert during Combat Skills PT. The soldiers took a break from the normal PT of push-ups and sit-ups by running a course filled with many difficult obstacles.

(Below) Capt. Lee Clark (in window), commander of HHC, Task Force 2-3, helps push his team’s Humvee toward the finish line. The soldiers push the Humvee more than 100 meters, as well as accomplishing many other trying events.



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requirements for pre-deployment.”

Many of the soldiers were pleased with the lieutenant general’s visit, but didn’t feel many changes regarding their deployment here needed to be brought to Lt. Gen. Davis’ attention.

“He seemed very ‘down to earth,’ like he really cared about the soldiers here,” said Staff Sgt. Derrick Adkins, Company C, 148th Logistics Task Force.

“The only thing I’d like to see is definite information on our (redeployment dates).”

“It was pleasant,” said Sgt. 1st Class Teddy Walthall, 3rd Battalion, 153rd Infantry. “But we’ve got a good group here, we work well together,” the Arkansas native said, explaining that there was little he felt needed to be done to improve his unit’s living conditions here.

Lt. Gen. Davis was impressed by the high morale he saw at the units he visited, and the way soldiers brought their concerns to his attention.

“People want these things done, but it’s a professional request, they aren’t whining about it. It’s tough being away, but our soldiers are willing to do it. They could whine about things, but they’re doing the mission instead,” said Lt. Gen. Davis.

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set of talents and experiences that make our coalition strong,” said Maj. Gen. Sharp.

“You have increased interoperability among allied forces here by planning and participating in combined patrols and training exercises,” said Maj. Gen. Sharp.

“We all look forward to the day when our services are no longer needed. But until then, we know that the Turkish Battalion Task Force stands ready with their partners in the Stabilization Force, to ensure a secure and stable environment for the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina,” Maj. Gen. Sharp continued.

The commander of the battalion’s parent unit, Brig. Gen. H. Cihangir Dumanli, also spoke, saying he was honored “to have two so talented and gifted men under his command.”

Lt. Col. Erkan’s new position is as Personal Secretary to the Deputy Chief of the Turkish General Staff.



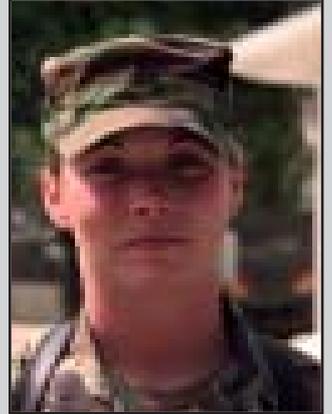
Maj. Gen. Walter L. Sharp, commander, Multinational Division (North), pins the NATO award on Lt. Col. Kudret Erkan, outgoing Turkish Battalion Task Force commander. Lt. Col. Erkan will now serve on the Turkish General Staff.

## Soldier on the Street

“What does the term ‘Military Bearing’ mean to you?”

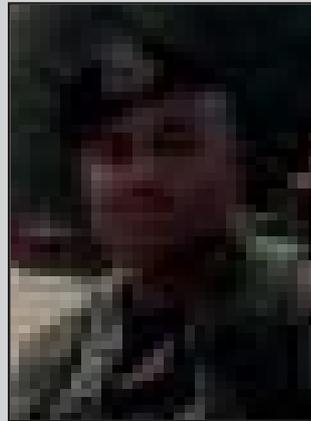
Always being respectful, even in aggravating situations.”

Sgt. Jennifer McCurry  
223rd MP Co.



Maintaining your professionalism at all times.”

Tech. Sgt. David Wood  
401st EABG/SF



Living up to all the Army values, and being very disciplined.”

Sgt. Negretta Hutchinson  
3rd SSB



Carrying yourself like a soldier, being disciplined, not losing your temper and keeping your focus.”

Capt. Sean Barrett  
129th Postal Det.

