

A full-page photograph of a soldier in camouflage uniform and helmet, standing by the open door of a military vehicle. The soldier is looking towards the camera with a serious expression. The background shows an outdoor setting with a fence and some structures.

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(Photo by Spc. Vincent Oliver, 305th PAD)



Stabilization Force 11 Voices

“What do you want to accomplish during this rotation?”



Sgt. Chastity Beckham
Co. F, 125th MI Bn.

“I want my soldiers to leave here with a greater competence in the roles they play in our mission here in Bosnia.”



Sgt. Adam Bennett
556th PSB

“I’m going to take full advantage of the educational opportunities here at Eagle Base.”



Spc. Jacob Parker
Co. A, 1st. Bn., 163rd Inf.

“I want to help make sure that the people of Bosnia get a better understanding of why SFOR is here.”



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Stabilization Force
SFOR XI
Bosnia-Herzegovina



Commanding General welcomes all to Balkans



**Maj. Gen.
Charles H. Swannack, Jr.
Multinational Division
(North) commander**

Multinational Division (North) is a team of diverse professionals. It includes active-duty, National Guard and Reserve components from some 18 states, as well as a Turkish battalion, a Russian airborne brigade, and a NORDPOL battle group consisting of soldiers from the Scandinavian countries, Poland, and the Baltics.

Because we're bringing together a diverse team that in many cases hasn't worked together before, nor worked with me before, I think it's helpful right up front to talk

about my expectations.

My command philosophy is simple: Take care of soldiers first and they will always accomplish the mission.

The following are what I consider to be the basics. However, force protection and treating everyone with dignity and respect permeates everything we do.

Discipline. George Washington said, "Discipline is the soul of an Army." Discipline is doing the right thing in the absence of orders or supervisors. When undecided, choose the harder right, and then do it right.

Skill. We must maintain established standards in physical readiness, weapons qualification, and technical competence appropriate to the skill level of the soldier. Each of us should strive to become masters of our trade.

Will. We all want to succeed — we want to be winners. We must motivate one another with a positive attitude and determination to do our duty, to learn, and achieve excellence.

Teamwork. Multinational Division (North) is a diverse team made up of active duty,

Reserve and National Guard soldiers, airmen, international partners, civilians and contractors. We are united in our mission. United we are strong and insurmountable.

Training. Even during operational deployments, certain types of training continue. Conduct training that supports mission-essential tasks under demanding, realistic conditions. Retrain as needed.

Maintaining. This is absolutely essential during deployments, because we never know when our lives might depend on our equipment. Operators will follow proper maintenance procedures. Leaders will know, supervise, and check maintenance activities.

Leading. We must always lead from the front by example. When in charge, take charge.

Caring. People are the most important asset in our force; treat them accordingly. Care for our folks by ensuring that they are professionally competent. Families are also vital team members. In this environment, giving soldiers time to communicate with loved ones at home is vital to good morale, for both the soldier and family

members at home.

Communicating. Candid, open, two-way communication is the norm. Tell it like it is, but be honest. Reward outstanding performance and counsel poor performance.

Safety. There is no reason to risk life, limb, or permanent physical impairment. Keep your head in the game, and don't let yourself or your soldiers become complacent.

Nonnegotiables. I will not, and as leaders you should not, tolerate dereliction of safety, breeches of integrity, fraud, immoral acts, or racial or sexual prejudice.

These are the basics. I am counting on you to join me in living by these simple tenets. While I do not expect perfection, I do expect a commitment to excellence and an aggressive dedication to improve.

United by a belief in these simple principles, Multinational Division (North) will work together as a team of professionals, and succeed in our mission to provide a safe and secure environment in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I will meet you on the high ground!

Chaplain offers a spiritual guide for the Bosnia mission

By Chaplain (Maj.) Alvin Shrum

MND (N) and TFE Chaplain

Over the centuries, millions of people have found solace and peace in the 23rd Psalm. I have experienced great comfort and hope from the words of the Psalmist.

The 23rd Psalm represents "life" to me. In the beginning, it tells me of whom I come from and that I have a guaranteed inheritance because of what God has done in my behalf. It says that I will be tempted, tried and tested, but to be assured his hand is still on my life. The "rod and staff" represents his "word and spirit." The preparation of the table before me ... represents God's spiritual gifts, which he created and gave to me. My future is in God's hands and he is preparing my eternal dwelling place now. How can this be

anything other than goodness and mercy?

"The Lord is my Shepherd"

That's Relationship!

"I shall not want"

That's Supply!

"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures"

That's Rest!

"He leadeth me beside the still waters"

That's Refreshment!

"He restoreth my soul"

That's Healing!

"He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness"

That's Guidance!

"For His name sake"

That's Purpose!

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death"

That's Testing!

"I will fear no evil"

That's Protection!

"For Thou art with me"

That's Faithfulness!

"Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me"

That's Discipline!

"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies"

That's Hope!

"Thou anointest my head with oil"

That's Consecration!

"My cup runneth over"

That's Abundance!

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life"

That's Blessing!

"And I will dwell in the house of the Lord"

That's Security!

"Forever"

That's Eternity!

Army chaplains encourage unity among religious community leaders

By Spc. Michelle Lunato

Photo Editor, 305th PAD

Peacekeeping in Bosnia-Herzegovina takes more than patrols and military presence. It involves military chaplains and local clerics as well.

The Multinational Division (North) Unit Ministry Team of Stabilization Force 11 began building ties with religious leaders in Bijeljina on March 28 to continue the mission of religious unity between the sects of BiH.

This spiritual bonding began with meeting the Serbian Orthodox Bishop of Tuzla and Zvornik, Bishop Kacavenda, and his monks.

“We are not just meeting them on a political level, but building an interpersonal relationship with them. When you get into the grass roots ... you can begin to help this country,” said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Tim Leever, MND (N) chaplain for SFOR 10.

By building relationships and getting the different religions together, the SFOR 11 UMT is hopeful that the religious leadership of BiH will be able to lead their people to embrace tolerance and learn to live together in peace.

“Now is the time for people of faith to rise up and have a voice in reuniting this country,” said Chaplain (Maj.) Alvin G. Shrum, MND (N) chaplain for SFOR 11.

Kacavenda’s “voice” is responsible for 300 churches in two-thirds of the Republika Srpska. “I am trying to have a healthy religion, grow with the times and see what people are interested in,” said Kacavenda.

As for the political struggles in the BiH, Kacavenda said he avoided them and chooses not to vote. “I stay out of politics and the politicians stay out of religion.”

The line of politics and religion was difficult to establish in the discussion with



Photos by Spc. Michelle Lunato

Master Sgt. Nancy L. Hadley, a chaplain’s assistant for the 29th Infantry Division (Light), asks Bishop Kacavenda a question with the help of an interpreter.

the Bishop. Kacavenda said his wish was for the U. S. Army to build three churches in his area, saying, “for you, it would be easy.”

Chaplain (Maj.) John A. Weatherly, deputy division chaplain for SFOR 10, explained that his request was not that simple.

Kacavenda said he worried that people far from their home are “tight fisted” with their money, but that “faith without deed is dead.”

Shrum offered his continual support in the dialogue between the religious leaders of BiH. Kacavenda reiterated that the actions of the people, not the religion, would be the way for this country to rebuild. “When we die, God will not ask us what religion we are, but ask us if we were a good person.”

Right, Chaplain (Maj.) Alvin Shrum, the Multinational Division (North) SFOR 11 chaplain, and Lt. Col. William Bograkos, the 29th Infantry Division (Light) surgeon, look at prayer cards given to them by Bishop Kacavenda during their visit. Left, 1st Lt. Soraya Esmaili, the medical plans and operations officer for the division surgeon’s office, takes a photograph of the artwork in the church. The ceiling of the Vasili Church in Bijeljina vividly depicts scenes from the Bible. The ornate beauty of the church and its grounds contrasts with to the war-torn countryside.

The SFOR 11 division surgeon’s staff demonstrated their belief in that statement by attending this coordination meeting and visit as well.

“Our hope is that political leaders will see the religious and medical personnel working together and thus, would want to work together as well,” said Lt. Col. Ronald T. Stephens, the 25th Infantry Division (Light) Surgeon.

In the next couple of months the UMT plans to meet with other religions’ clerics to continue the peace and reconciliation efforts.



Soldiers give gifts

The Eagle Base Red Cross donated school supplies to the students of Hasan kiki elementary school in the town of Gracanica. Pvt. 2 Jennifer Egelston of the 549th Military Police Company from Fort Stewart, Ga., participated in the event March 28. The soldiers of the 549th MP Co. later went on a 45-minute presence patrol and met with some of the local people.



Spc. Joy Paglinawan

SFOR 11 takes over, rules may be changed

By Spc. Michelle Lunato

Photo Editor, 305th PAD

The 25th Infantry Division (Light) took the reins of power today and as with all new leadership, there are bound to be some changes.

"We are going to do a systematic review of all the rules. Things that don't make sense will be reviewed and things that do will be left alone," said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael T. Etheridge, Multinational Division (North) command sergeant major.

There are basic musts for all command sergeant s major and Etheridge is no exception. He has a set of 10 conditions that he refers to as his "Flat A** Rules."

Rule one is "Zero tolerance to accidental discharges," Etheridge said. "Weapon safety is taught in basic training so there are no excuses."

Rule two is security and standards. Soldiers will have 100 percent accountability for their personal weapons and equipment and obey all Army standards. "The military uniform worn here is the Army standard. I expect people to make corrections, even to me" said Etheridge as he demonstrated an unauthorized "ranger roll" in his patrol cap.

"We need to stay in our lanes, know what our sectors are and do our jobs."

- Command Sgt. Maj. Michael T. Etheridge, command sergeant major, MND (N)

Rule three is the expectation for all soldiers to know their jobs. "We need to stay in our lanes, know what our sectors are and do our jobs," he said. "Know the difference between standard operating procedures and Battle Drills."

Rule four requires planning for both winter and summer operations. "There is no reason for cold or hot weather injuries. Soldiers need to be smart," said Etheridge.

Rule five establishes all soldiers as a team. "There are no National Guard units. There are no Reserve units. It is just the U.S. Army," said Etheridge.

Rule six is fight combat complacency. "Know the Rules of Engagement. Know force protection. And positively,

know my FARs," Etheridge said.

Rule seven is the list of command sergeant major basics, he said. "Make security and safety first priority. Be a soldier everyday. Your actions are ROE based. Be even-handed and impartial. Apply the golden rule. Treat people with respect and dignity. Be patient; don't be in a hurry to fail. Maintain awareness of your surroundings at all times. Every operation is diligently planned; don't skip any steps. Maintain and secure your equipment. Soldiers take care of soldiers."

Rule eight is hard fast and has no gray areas. "Follow the commanding general's guidance," said Etheridge.

Rule nine states that other guidance is as important as well.

"Learn and know the environment," commanded Etheridge.

And rule ten is "Safety is first, last and always."

These are the command sergeant major's rules and he said he expects all soldiers in MND (N) to live by them and the Task Force Eagle standards.

Rules are not enough for soldiers, though. They need morale as well. And to answer that need, Etheridge is working on some things.

He is aware of the unpopular rule of 'no Physical Training uniforms in the dining facilities,' and has a plan. "It is my intention to have the same policy here as we have in Hawaii. As far as I'm concerned, the PT uniform is for anywhere and anytime as long as it's clean and dry," said Etheridge.

But eating in PTs is not the only recommendation that Etheridge is working on. There is a "distinct possibility" of a special occasion night and a promise that "the Fourth of July will be Hometown U.S.A." And to top that off, there have been talks concerning an occasional "Aloha Friday" and a luau complete with hula dancers.

All these morale builders are just recommendations or are still being negotiated, so don't break out the aloha gear just yet.

MWR: Keeping soldiers' morale fit in Balkan theater

By Spc. Vincent Oliver

Assistant Editor, 305th PAD

Deployments are known for their many fast-paced missions and stressful situations that keep soldiers on the move. To help relieve stress and build soldier morale, Morale Welfare and Recreation has provided a wide variety of sports and recreational activities at Eagle Base for soldiers to play as hard as they work.

For that total-body workout, the Eagle Base Fitness Center provides both Nautilus and free weights, along with various cardiovascular machines.

"I really like the MWR fitness center. When I go, it's never too crowded because they have enough equipment," said Sgt. Laurie Pimentel of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th Infantry Division (Light). "I love the 24-hour-a-day schedule, too."

There is a small basketball court which doubles as the site for aerobics and martial arts classes. Also available are speed bags and heavy bags for the boxing enthusiast.

Just across the street, the new Eagle Sports Complex, dedicated as Peacekeepers Hall, will provide a 12,194 square-foot gymnasium floor for basketball and volleyball games.

Morale Welfare and Recreation sponsors athletic leagues and tournaments for many different sports including basketball, softball and volleyball. The recreation office is always looking for help from soldiers with referee skills. Anyone interested in being an official, scorekeeper or referee should contact Tony Mullings at 762-2020.

The Cyber Café provides soldiers with Internet access, printers, Web cams and video-conferencing capabilities to help stay in touch with friends and loved ones

back home.

For those looking to shoot a few games of pool or darts, play ping-pong, challenge their table soccer skills, or just for a place to socialize, the Rally Point Recreation center is the place to go. The jukebox is stocked with the latest top 40 hits. "I like the MWR facilities here because it gives soldiers something to do after work other than going back to their rooms," said Sgt. Daniel Archuleta of Company A, 1st Battalion, 163rd Infantry Regiment. Soldiers can also grab a cup of coffee, a cappuccino or a soft drink at Alma's Juice Bar, also located at the Rally Point Recreation Center.

Soldiers can catch the latest movie releases at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and MWR theater, which is soon to be relocated to Peacekeepers Hall. Current releases are free of charge and will be shown daily on a new 57.5 square-foot drop down screen.

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Pfc. Brian Rabreau of Company B, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment lines up a shot on a pool table at the Rally Point Recreation Area.



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Above, Pfc. William Petersen of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division (Light), puts a hurting on the heavy bag at the MWR fitness center. Upper left, Maj. Liana Bratland of the 556th Personnel Service Battalion sweats it out at the MWR fitness center. Left, Spc. Kathleen Rhue of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 29th Infantry Division, enjoys a mouthful at Stari Han Restaurant during the MWR Taste of Tuzla dinner outing.

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Photos by Spc. Christina Davis

Left, 1st Lt. Demetrial Glover, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th Infantry Division (Light), sings during the Women's History Month Celebration held March 28 at the Eagle Base Chapel.

Above, Brig. Gen. Daniel E. Long and Spc. Tabitha Salinas, 29th Infantry Division command group, along with many other soldiers, attend the celebration.

Women's history makes way for future

By Spc. Christina Davis

Talon Editor, 305th PAD

Throughout history women such as Maya Angelou, Rosa Parks and retired Lt. Gen. Claudia J. Kennedy have been making stands for equality through actions, words and song in society and the military.

Maya Angelou expressed herself through poetry after years of not speaking a word. Rosa Parks took a stand by sitting down at the front of a city bus, and not moving when she was told to move to the back where the blacks were expected to sit. Retired Lt. Gen. Claudia became the first, and only female soldier to make the rank of lieutenant general in the U.S. Army.

These women have taught the women and children of today the value of hard work, self-confidence and self worth.

Soldiers of today are learning of their heroism, strength and courage through programs hosted by the Stabilization Force 11 Equal Opportunity Office.

The Women's History Month Celebration was March 28 at the Eagle Base Chapel. Eight soldiers, one Airman and one Red Cross representative volunteered to introduce one woman who stood out in history and created a framework for the society of today. The volunteers sang songs, read poetry and demonstrated the strength of the women they were teaching the audience about.

Staff Sgt. Erika Shaw, of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th Infantry Division (Light) and the SFOR 11 G1, sang a gospel song before she told the story of Mahalia Jackson.

By doing research for the program, Shaw said she learned a lot about women's history herself.

"I learned that through her life's tribulations she still persevered through God. Whenever asked to do things, she never said no. She always helped people in America. Everything was to bring glory to God," said Shaw. "She helped Doctor Martin Luther King and people like him."

Another volunteer for the celebration, 1st Lt. Demetrial Glover from the Joint Military Affairs office, also used music to teach about Parks. Before she took her place at the piano, she demonstrated Parks' determination to not give up to what society thought was right by telling Park's story and how she changed history.

Maya Angelou's work of art, the poem "Phenomenal Woman," was recited from memory by 1st Lt. Annette Garrett of the HHC, 25th ID(L) command group.

The purpose of these events is to teach soldiers about themselves and each other, said Master Sgt. Carol Cheley, the SFOR 11 EO project manager.

"When you understand your fellow soldiers, you know where they come from and you learn to respect their differences," she said. "If soldiers don't work together, they can't accomplish the mission. Cohesion is essential..."

Not only do programs such as this one bring soldiers together through education, the soldiers volunteering have a good time also, said Cheley.

The cohesion of the women on the stage was apparent as the audience watched with admiration.

"They are some really talented ladies," said Cathie Ballie of the Multinational Division (North) command group. "This is the best program I have ever been to."

Each month the EO office celebrates a different mark in history. April is the month of the Holocaust Remembrance.

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Soldiers continue to learn at education center

By Spc. Vincent Oliver

Assistant Editor, 305th PAD

Just because Stabilization Force 11 soldiers are deployed in a real world mission to Bosnia doesn't mean they have put their educational goals on hold. The Education Center provides soldiers the opportunity to continue their college studies while on rotation at Eagle Base, Camp McGovern, Forward Operating Base Connor, Camp Morgan, Butmir, Sarajevo and Tazsar, Hungary.

"A smarter soldier makes a better Army," said Education Services Officer Kathleen Connolly. Soldiers deployed to Bosnia can take advantage of 100 percent tuition assistance.

"All a soldier needs to begin taking classes is the willingness to put the time in and their commander's endorsement," said Connolly.

Soldiers, civilian employees and sister military services stationed throughout the European theater supporting Operating Joint Forge, can take courses such as math, English, computer concepts, Serbo-Croatian and even an Emergency Medical Technician course.

Academic and career counseling, Army personnel, Functional Academic Skills Training, Advanced Skills Education Training, the Army Learning Center and the Army Library are some of the many



Spc. Vincent Oliver

Pfc. Pamela Siliado and Sgt. Christine Taylor of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, work on their first assignment in the computer hardware and software class at the Eagle Base education center.

services the education center offers.

The Advanced Skills Education Training course is specifically designed for noncommissioned officers and reinforces skills such as interpersonal relations, writing the noncommissioned officer's evaluation report and military forms and reports.

Soldiers working towards an associate's or bachelor's degree can take courses with the University of Maryland, University College, City Colleges of Chicago and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

Military personnel on the SFOR 11 rotation will have the opportunity to fit in at least four seven-week terms while deployed. According to Connolly, more than 400 soldiers have enrolled for the first term, which started yesterday and runs to May 17.

"I think this is great," said Sgt. 1stClass Luvert Hollis, 556th Personnel Service Battalion, 25th Infantry Division (Light). "I didn't have the same opportunities coming up as a young soldier, so I encourage anyone to take advantage of this."

One education center resource available for student soldiers is the Army library located next to the laundry service building. Soldiers can take advantage of a complete reference section, computer with Internet access and a copy machine.

A learning center equipped with six computers with Internet access is also available for use seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sundays.

For more information call 762-7072.

Seminar teaches soldiers, airmen to set boundaries

By Spc. Michelle Lunato

Photo Editor, 305th PAD

A seminar on interpersonal boundaries was given to soldiers and airmen on March 28 at the Rock City Theater on Eagle Base. The course defined how to set boundaries, explained their functions and importance, and listed the problems associated with not having them clearly defined.

"Boundaries give us purpose and direction by defining who we are and what we are responsible for," said Dr. Henry Cloud in a video lecture that was based on his book *Boundaries: When to say yes, when to say no, to take control of your life*, co-authored by Dr. John

Townsend. Cloud and Townsend also wrote *Boundaries in Marriage* and *Boundaries with Kids*. After viewing segments of video, the 10 servicemen discussed how they could apply the lessons to their own lives.

"The class taught me how to deal with the boundaries in life and marriage and how God wants us to apply them to our everyday lives," said Sgt. Brian Sanders, Armed Forces Network Balkans music director.

According to Cloud and Townsend, applying a defined set of boundaries protects our feelings, attitudes and behaviors. This was not the only benefit of the seminar though. "The reasons for the seminar were to uplift morale,

improve and empower lives, assist with growth in the Lord and to facilitate the free exercise of religion," said the seminar instructor, Air Force Chaplain (Capt.) James Patterson.

Patterson is currently teaching the Boundaries seminar at Aviano Air Base, Italy, where it is being given in 13 small blocks. The Eagle Base seminar version of the Boundaries series will be completed in three parts. The next two parts of instruction on Eagle Base are scheduled for April 17 and May 15, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Rock City Theater.

For more information on the Boundaries seminar or to be put on a daily devotional email distribution list, send emails to 16aew.hc@aviano.af.mil.

Soldiers celebrate Easter Sunday



Photos by Spc. Michelle Lunato

Sgt. Wayne Aims, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th Infantry Division (Light), plays volleyball at the park on Salute Alley Sunday.



Above, Staff Sgt. Brenda Arrindell from the Area Support Group passes out Easter eggs filled with candy to Spc. Patrick Kaer of Task Force Med Eagle as part of a program from the Red Cross. Far left, Maj. Charles De Rivera, from the Combat Stress Control group, worships during the Easter Sunrise Service with other soldiers and civilians from Eagle Base.

Left, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Tim Leever gives a sermon for the Easter Sunrise Service.

News Briefs

Combat Stress Control classes — There are monthly Smoking Cessation classes, which cover medical and nonmedical strategies. Prescriptions for medications are provided for qualifying participants. The course consists of three one-hour classes given 6-9 p.m. on the first, second and third Friday of each month beginning today. The classes are held in Medical Education Tent, Bldg. 4100 on Gary Owen Street in front of base hospital.

Eagle Base Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Other classes offered are Suicide Prevention, Anger Management, Stress Man-

agement, Teambuilding, Effective Communication, Achieving Life's Balance, Conflict Resolution and Coping with Peacekeeping.

For more information, call 1896th CSC at 762-0443 or 762-0230.

Trial defense services — Trial defense services are available on a walk-in basis from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Services are available at any other time with an appointment. The TDS is located at Bldg. 14 on Eagle Base. If soldiers have a difficult time getting to Eagle Base, call and the counseling can be done via telephone, if appropriate, or Capt. Rodney LeMay can attempt to come to the other base camps. For more information, call LeMay at 762-3563.

25th ID(L) on patrol



Sgt. Tim Burton

Pfc. Nicholas Lamanu, Company C, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry, based at Forward Operating Base Connor, provides security during a patrol in Srebrenica, March 29.

Peacekeeper Hall dedicated to soldiers

By Spc. Vincent Oliver

Assistant Editor, 305th PAD

The new location for the Eagle Base Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Morale, Welfare and Recreation movie theater and gymnasium was unveiled March 27.

The 15,015 square-foot Eagle Sports Complex, dubbed "Peacekeepers Hall," boasts a 12,194 square-foot gymnasium floor for basketball and volleyball, a 1,050 square-foot stage, several administrative offices and there is even talk of an MWR-sponsored massage therapist.

A 57.5 square-foot drop-down screen will descend from the rafters, transforming the gymnasium into a movie theatre.

"I think it says a lot about the Army's commitment to its soldiers by building this complex despite the reduction of forces," said 29th Infantry Division (Light)'s Commander, Maj. Gen. H Steven Blum, who participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Peacekeepers Hall was built to replace the old fest tent that served as a gymnasium, movie theater and an inclement weather site for activities that usually took place outdoors.

The tent was found to be unsafe when

it collapsed one night after a heavy snowfall. Fortunately, no soldiers were injured in that incident.

With the consolidation of Camp Comanche and Eagle Base, there will be an additional 500 soldiers using the facilities at Eagle Base, which makes this building all the more important.

Due to the Task Force Eagle Transfer of Authority ceremony, as well as the need for some last minute finishing touches, Peacekeepers Hall will not officially open its doors for business until Saturday. The date for the first movie at Peacekeeper Hall is tentative.

For more information, call 762-1079.

Soldiers relax with MWR activities, facilities

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Schwarzenegger and Rob Schneider.

First-run video releases are shown daily at the MWR Video Theater located in Bldg. 14 on Salute Ally.

Trigger's, the on-post club-style hang-out, offers a spacious dance floor, games, karaoke, a projection-screen television for viewing sporting events, disc jockey booths, nightly gaming tournaments and a venue for live music and parties. Trigger's also offers food and beverages, such as pizza and shakes for a small fee.

MWR brings live rock, pop, rhythm and blues, country and comedy entertainment to Eagle Base three to four times a month. United Service Organizations shows bring big name guests such as Arnold



Spc. Vincent Oliver

First Sgt. Garfield Skyers, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Task Force Med Eagle, Stabilization Force 10, works out at the Eagle Base Fitness Center weight room.

MWR sponsors cultural education day trips to Tuzla and Sarajevo. The day trips are designed to educate soldiers about the history of Bosnia and its people.

Laura Waid, MWR marketing and tours director for Eagle Base, schedules the day trips. "I like taking soldiers on the day trips," she said, "because it gives them a good background about why they're here and what happened to this country during the war."

Soldiers are educated on Bosnian culture by professional local tour guides, who take them safely into the heart of the city, giving them realistic touring experiences.

For more information on MWR day and evening trips, check out the MWR Eaglevision web site at <http://eaglevision>.

They must be the new guys!



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MWR TRIPS

Tuzla Day Trip... Enjoy a guided walking tour of cultural and historical sites in downtown Tuzla. The tour takes soldiers to the Military Museum, Cemetery Park, the BOSFAM shop, the Kapija bombing site in the old-town shopping district, a 17th century wooden mosque, and the Orthodox Church. The Tuzla Day Trip lasts about seven hours so bring water. Uniform is BDUs, soft cap and weapon. Bring kevlar and flak vest to leave on the bus. Bring KMs to buy lunch and souvenirs; many places do not take Euros. Return time is about 4 p.m. Sign up through the unit S1. The bus leaves from Trigger's. The next trips are scheduled for April 16 and April 25.

Taste of Tuzla... These trips will take soldiers out to the downtown area for dinner, shopping or both. The trips last anywhere from three to five hours depending on the location and group size. Enjoy a long European style dinner to experience the local foods and culture. Return time is about 9:30

p.m. Sign up at the MWR Marketing and Tours Office or call Edin or Laura at 762-1079. The next scheduled trips are Thursday, April 14, April 26 and April 28.



Sarajevo Day Trip... This trip is designed to educate soldiers about the recent war and specifically what happened in Sarajevo during the war. The trip focuses primarily on the siege of Sarajevo and how it affected the people and the country. The ride to Sarajevo takes about two and a half hours and attendees will watch the movie "Welcome to Sarajevo," starring Woody Harrelson. The tour bus will stop at Butmir where soldiers can stretch and have a coffee or go to one of the several international post

exchanges. Then a driving tour goes through the city. There will be a few stops to get pictures and then off to the Tunnel Museum. Sites include the Newspaper building, Sniper Alley, Olympic Stadium, and the old town Bascarsija. Sarajevo, the capital city, is home to approximately 300,000 Bosnians. Soldiers are given time to have lunch in town, shop for souvenirs, and enjoy Bosnian culture. Return time is about 9 p.m. The uniform is BDUs and soft cap.

Bring a kevlar, flak vest and weapon. Once in Butmir weapons will be turned in. Bring water and snacks for the bus trip. Get KMs for souvenirs and food downtown, and U.S. dollars for the PXs at Butmir. Don't forget a camera and dress for the weather as time will be spent outside. Soldiers must sign up through their unit S1s for accountability.

If on the stand-by list, show up on the morning of the trip; some people may not be able to go. The next scheduled trip is April 20. For more information, check out Eagle Vision online.

ONGOING EVENTS...

Self Defense Classes — Eagle Base Fitness Center every Saturday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Join the Finns for some no-contact self defense lessons.

MWR Video Theater — TFE... Enjoy videos and free popcorn at the MWR Video Theaters on all base camps. Schedules are on MWR Eagle Vision, in the MWR Public Folder, and MWR now offers videos playing at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. for all the night shift workers!

Triggers — Every Thursday the Dominoes Club meets at 7 p.m. and Old School Rhythm and Blues at 8 p.m. Every Friday the Spades Club

meets at 7 p.m. and Hip Hop Disk Jockey at 8 p.m. Every Saturday the Red Cross Trivia Night is at 7 p.m. and Salsa Music is at 8 p.m. Every Sunday the Chess Club meets at 2 p.m. and Reggae Disk Jockey at 8 p.m. Game Show Mania once a month Every Monday is Blue Grass Music at 8 p.m. Every Tuesday is Karaoke Night at 8 p.m. and every

Wednesday is Country and Western Disk Jockey at 8 p.m. *Enjoy regularly scheduled programs at Trigger's whenever there is not a special event or entertainment.*

Poetry Night — The American Red Cross is looking for some cool cats to join in a creative, fun night of poetry and words at the **MWR Rally Point**

Recreation Center — Enjoy a coffee from Alma's Juice Bar while you give snaps for good vibes. The Poetry Night is every Thursday at 7 p.m. Call 762-0160 or email the Red Cross staff for more information or ideas.

Volunteers Needed — MWR is looking for aerobics, yoga, and Tae-bo instructors. For more information, call Ed Winters at Eagle at 762-3004. Eagle Base MWR also needs some disk jockeys, including a special variety music disk jockey for parties. Also needed are people to help run the recreation tournaments, such as pool and darts.

For more MWR events and moving listings go to the Eagle Vision Web site.