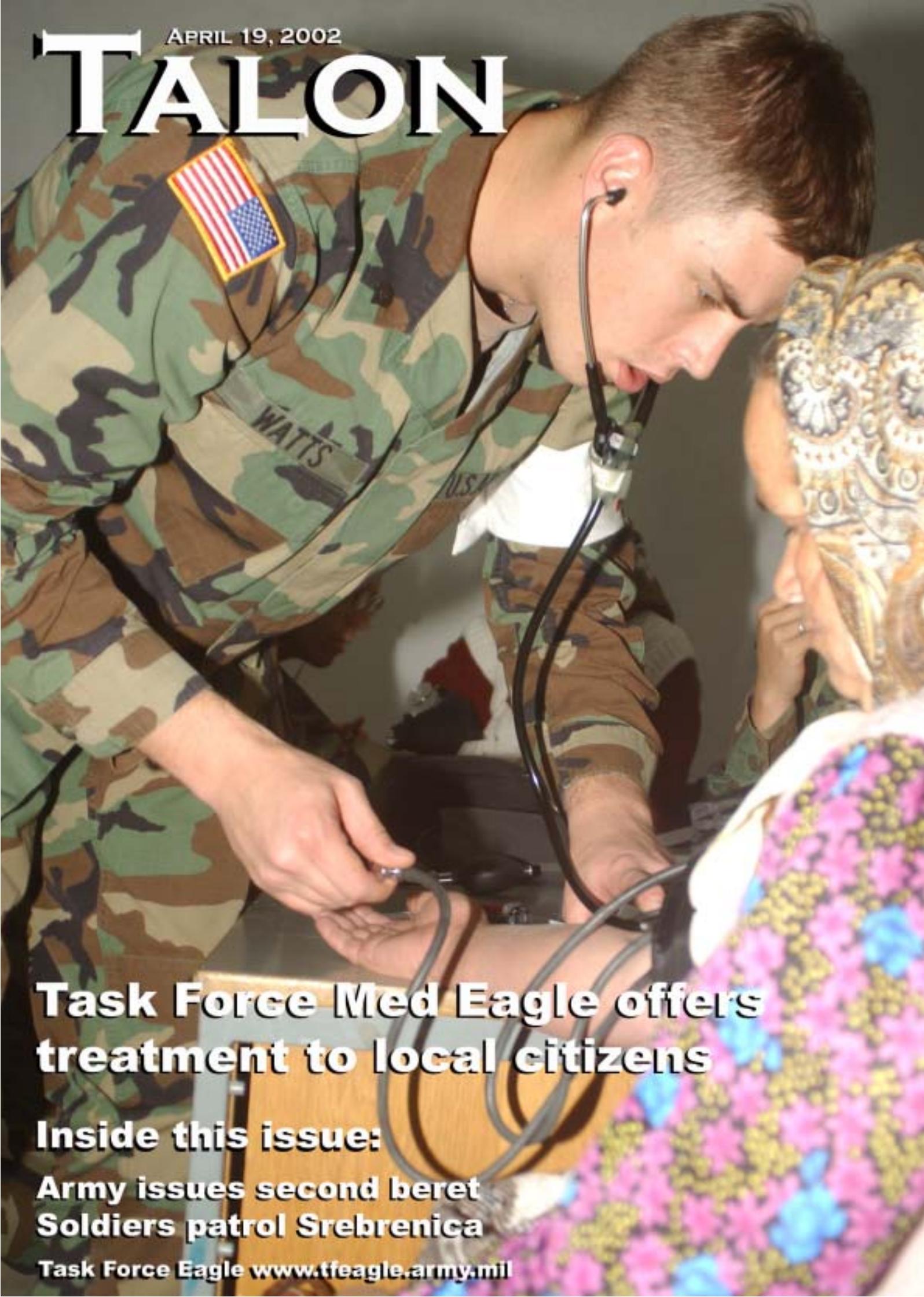


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## Stabilization Force 11 Voices

“What has been your favorite mission?”



**Sgt. Joshua Cesavice  
Team Leader  
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Regt.**

“The patrol in Vlasenica. We got to speak to some displaced people. It made me feel like I had a purpose for being here.”



**Staff Sgt. Fara Ball  
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Services NCOIC  
125 Finance Bn.**

“(Guard duty at) the pedestrian gate.”



**Spc. Russell King  
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“The medical equipment inventory in Tazar, Hungary. It was an experience riding in a helicopter and seeing the countryside.”



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## CG speaks... *Take time to figure out your priorities*

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

The team here at Multi-national Division (North) has been in place for exactly two weeks now. During that time, we've been learning new jobs, working with new partners, and performing an important new mission to ensure a safe and secure environment in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Sometimes it seems there aren't enough hours in the day to take care of everything that demands our attention.

That's why it's important to get our priorities straight. Let me share my priorities with you.

You know I consider our mission to be extremely important, so it might surprise you to know my job is not my first priority. In fact, it's not even my second.

My first priority is my health. If I don't take care of myself, I can't do my best at my job anyway! By health, I mean physical, mental and spiritual. I exercise, eat right and get the sleep I need to keep my body healthy. I keep my mind in shape by reading and studying, and I guard my spiritual health by trying to read the Bible and pray every day.

My family comes next in my order of priorities. Mary Ann and I — and our children, when they can be with us — try to set aside time to be together as much as we can. Even while deployed, I take the time to call home at least once or twice a week, and we really talk about what's going on in our lives. This keeps our relationship

fresh. Even after 30 years of marriage, I learn something new about my wife every day!

We lead such busy lives that it's easy to just immerse ourselves in the day-to-day routine here and lose contact with the folks back home. But I'm sure you've never heard of anybody who said on his deathbed or had engraved on his tombstone, "I wish I had spent more time at work!" Yet many, many Americans live to regret not spending enough time with their families. Don't let yourself be one of them. Your family loves you and misses you, so keep in touch.

My job is my third priority. This doesn't mean I take it lightly. On the contrary, I work hard and take my responsibilities seriously, and I expect the same from everyone under my command. Our mission is to ensure a safe and secure environment in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and we must — we will — carry it out.

My priorities are ordered the way they are because I have to take care of myself in order to be able to take care of my family and my job responsibilities. It's a way of life that has worked well for me for a long time. As we continue to work hard over the next six months of our rotation here, I hope you'll take time to reflect on what's really important to you, and set some priorities of your own.

I'll meet you on the high ground!

## Chaplain's Corner *Listening makes compassionate leaders*

By Chaplain (Maj.) Alvin Shrum

*MND (N) and TFE Chaplain*

Listening is an art! It is a challenge for most of us. But to effectively communicate, most of us need to slow down and listen before we offer advice or a solution. This is important for any relationship. Consider the following wisdom.

When I ask you to listen to me and you start giving me advice, you have not done what I asked.

When I ask you to listen to me and you begin to tell me why I shouldn't feel the way I do, you are trampling on my feelings.

When I ask you to listen to me and you feel you have to do something to solve my problem, you have failed me, strange as that may seem.

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*"God doesn't  
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*- Chaplain (Maj.)  
Alvin Shrum, TFE and  
MND (N) chaplain*

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Listen! All I asked was that you listen, not talk or do something — just hear me. Advise is cheap: 75 cents will get you both Dear Abby and Ann Landers in the same newspaper. And I can do it myself; I'm not helpless. Maybe discouraged and faltering, but not helpless. So just listen, please.

When you do something for me that I can and need to do for myself, you contribute to my fear and weakness.

But when you accept that I do have feelings, no matter how irrational, then I can quit trying to convince you and get on with the business of trying to understand my irrational feelings. And when that is clear, the answers are obvious, and I don't need advise, just someone to listen.

Perhaps that's why prayer works for most people because God doesn't interrupt, try to offer advice as I am talking, or tell me how I ought to feel. He just "listens" and gives me time to work out my problems. God has mastered the art of listening!

# Army fielding second black beret

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs

ARNEWS

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, April 12, 2002) - Active-duty and mobilized reserve-component soldiers will soon be getting their second black berets.

By the end of April, installation-level central issue facilities, including those in Korea and Europe, will be equipped to field soldiers with their second berets, said Dave Geringer, assistant product manager for Product Manager Soldier Equipment.

"Berets will be at the installation level by April 30, but not necessarily in the hands of the soldier," Geringer said. "Each installation is responsible for (its) own beret distribution."

The fielding of initial berets was completed Jan. 25 with distribution to soldiers in 88th Regional Support Command, Fort Snelling, Minn.

The fielding of second berets to reserve-component units that are not mobilized will be complete by September 2003, Geringer said.

A date, however, when Army and Air Force Exchange Service will be stocking the berets is still unknown, he said.

"The priority is to provide a sufficient stock to all units, including Reserve and National Guard, and establish a sustained supply," said Martin Fadden, a logistics management specialist for G4, Department of the Army.

AAFES is being given the option to purchase berets directly from the manufacturer instead of having to request a

supply from Defense Logistics Agency's Defense Supply Center, Philadelphia. That option could put berets on AAFES' shelves sooner than expected, Fadden said. The details are still being worked out, he added.

Unlike the first beret-fielding schedule that lasted eight months, the majority of the second shipment of berets will be completed in April, Fadden said. Berets are in stock, he said, which is why fielding is going so well.

Last May when berets were scheduled to reach the troops in time for Army's 226th birthday, delivery was delayed when three contracts were cancelled with U.S. companies that had beret factories in Romania, South Africa and India due to quality issues and an inability to meet delivery

schedules.

In addition to the contract cancellations, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki announced that U.S. troops would not wear berets made in China or berets made with Chinese content.

An order for about 618,000 black berets had been contracted to Kangol Limited, a British firm that subcontracted to produce the berets at a Chinese factory in China.

Currently Bancroft Cap Company in Cabot, Ark., and Dorothea Knitting, Canada, are the only beret manufacturers, according to officials at DLA. Small businesses have been solicited to compete for beret contracts, and two contracts will possibly be awarded in May to domestic small business firms, officials said.

## Crime prevention news

### Identity theft a growing epidemic

By WO1 Jennifer Bryan

Bosnia Resident Agency CID

A few weeks ago a friend of mine asked me to help her rearrange the furniture in the "hooch" she was moving into on Eagle Base.

Expecting only to find a dresser, a bed and one or two other small pieces to move, I was amazed at the amount of furniture stacked throughout her small living area. As we went about the daunting task of trying to locate the floor, we made a few discoveries.

Amidst the dust bunnies, small change and old copies of the Stars and Stripes, we found personal property that had obviously been contributed by several rotations of Stabilization Force soldiers residing there before my friend.

So is it a crime to not clean your room before you leave Bosnia? Despite what your squad leader may say to the contrary, it isn't. But it might be conducive to crime.

You see, besides old clothing and half empty cans of Kiwi, those soldiers left things such as personal letters, credit card bills, checkbooks and counseling forms scattered throughout the seahut. In doing

so, they opened themselves up to becoming victims of one of the fastest rising crimes in the world - identity theft.

Identity theft occurs when an unscrupulous individual obtains key personal information belonging to someone else, such as name, address, Social Security number and date of birth. Once they have enough to represent themselves as the victim, they can open new bank accounts, apply for loans, credit cards, or even make major purchases in that individual's name.

According to the U.S. Postal Service, there were over 500,000 victims of identity theft last year alone, and that number is expected to be as high as 5 billion by 2005.

For those who think this is a crime that only happens to the "other guy" - think again.

Army CID works identity theft cases everyday, with victims ranging from the lowest-ranking private to general officers.

What can you do to protect yourself against identity theft?

You can start by being cognizant of what happens to any piece of documentation that contains your personal information. Take an extra second to shred your bank statements and those annoying "pre-approved" credit card offers. Don't

leave the birthday card from your grandmother sitting out, as it could provide an observant individual with your date of birth and your mother's maiden name.

Request copies of your credit report regularly to make sure there are not delinquent accounts in your name that you weren't aware of. Don't give out your personal or account information to people over the phone unless you initiated the telephone call.

If you suspect that you have become a victim of identity theft, you should report it immediately to a law enforcement agency. Contact all financial institutions involved, and request flags be placed on the accounts.

Take whatever corrective action you are directed to do immediately. Any derogatory information annotated on your credit report will remain there until you have proved that you did not incur those financial obligations. The burden of proof pertaining to identity theft is yours.

The few seconds that you spend properly disposing of documents can save you a lifetime of heartache and financial suffering.

For more information call CID at 762-7030, 762-7010 or 762-5138.

# SFOR soldiers help local kids stay drug free

By Spc. Vincent Oliver

Assistant Editor, 305th PAD

Helping the people of Bosnia to build a better future is in essence what the Stabilization Force unit is all about. In keeping with that theme and desire to get personally involved, a group of SFOR 11 soldiers sat through the first day of training for an Army-sponsored mentoring program designed to help local children avoid the lure of drugs April 12.

Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Scott is the lead instructor for the "Bee like me...bee drug free" program, a life skills program designed to give local children the skills needed to deal with everyday life situations as well as the growing illegal drug problem in this country.

The program is not just a "don't do drugs program," but it teaches children life lessons from the perspective of someone who has a little more experience, Scott said.

Scott works as the noncommissioned officer-in-charge of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th Infantry Division (Light), division engineer section. He became involved in the program when he sat in on a meeting with U.S. Army officials stationed at Eagle Base for the current rotation and local school administrators.

"I was impressed with how the school officials, most of them veterans of the Bosnian War, accepted the program," said Scott.

Scott, an Army trained master instructor, has been tasked to develop a written training plan to use while training the soldiers that will act as mentors to the fifth and sixth grade "bees" or student role models.

"Hopefully we'll have a good foothold on the curriculum for the next group of soldiers coming in for SFOR 12 so we can do a left-seat right-seat ride for them," he said.

Soldiers act as in-class mentors to two students who play the role of "bees" who in turn act as student role models for their peers, the "wannabees." The students learn skills like creating a positive self-image, goal setting, communication, conflict resolution and avoidance of tobacco, alcohol and illegal drugs.

The greatest impact of the program has been how the soldiers' image has changed in the local community, according to Gordana Cvelic, a Croatian-born American citizen who returned to Bosnia as an interpreter. Cvelic is the coordinator between the U.S. military and the local school officials who participate in the program.

"The soldiers are seen as more than just soldiers. They are seen as teachers, fathers and mothers," said Cvelic.



Photos by Spc. Vincent Oliver

**Stabilization Force 11 soldiers discuss some key issues during a training class for the "Bee like me, be drug free" program. The soldiers will be trained to be mentors to fifth and sixth graders.**

Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Jones of the Tennessee National Guard approached Cvelic, a schoolteacher by profession, in the fall of 2001. After discussing the program and its success in the state of Tennessee, Cvelic became interested, and with the permission of the Stabilization Forces command, she began making preparations to approach local school officials with the idea.

Cvelic painstakingly translated the original curriculum from English to Serbo-Croatian and presented it to local school administrators. After several meetings to change minor details, the program was accepted and implemented in five local schools in November 2001. School officials have remained committed to the program since its start.

While there are no hard statistics on the success of the program, the participants feel it has enjoyed significant success, for both the students and the soldiers.

According to Scott, there is still plenty of room for more soldier mentors. Anyone interested in participating in the "Bee like me..." program should contact Scott at 762-2080.



**Interpreter and "Bee like me..." coordinator, Gordana Cvelic, talks to Stabilization Force soldiers during a mentor training class.**



Photos by Spc. Michelle Lunato

Above, Capt. Jason Putnam, general dentist, 249th Gen. Hosp., examines the teeth of 5-year-old Hanka Selimovic as she holds a Pokemon figure given to her by MEDCAP soldiers monitoring the waiting area.

Left, Staff Sgt. Angela Pauley and Sgt. 1st Class Robert Fries, both flight medics with the 1085th Air Ambulance Co., attach EKG sensors to a local village resident who was complaining of chest pains and shaking hands. The Krizevici MEDCAP was the first for SFOR 11. There are plans to hold four more MEDCAPs in the next five months.

# TFME: *Keeping local community healthy with free care*

By Spc. Michelle Lunato

Photo Editor, 305th PAD

The future of Bosnia and Herzegovina depends on its people, and for those people to make a difference, they must be healthy.

To assist in this effort, Task Force Med Eagle held a Medical Civil Action Program in the village of Krizevici, a municipality of Zvornik, April 11.

This MEDCAP was particularly important since the rural village, consisting of 300 people, has no health clinic or dedicated physician, said Col. Princess Facen, chief nurse, TFME. The village's original clinic, which was destroyed in the war, was the only outpatient clinic serving the 3,000 people in the surrounding eight villages. With the MEDCAP being one of the few opportunities to receive medical care, the importance of the mission was both physical and emotional.

"We are trying to show that we are supporting all the people of Bosnia, regardless of religious affiliations, with our medical care," said Capt. Todd Jackson, head emergency room nurse, TFME. "We are trying to promote good international relationships and show the community that we are here to help them as much as we can."

Medical care is part of the peacekeeping mission, said Facen. "Our primary mission is to provide medical command and control and comprehensive combat health support in support of Multinational Division

(North) Operation Joint Forge, however, when the opportunity presents, it sets a good example for the people to see that we are not afraid to come out to render care to them. This service is a good ambassadorship and it's a reassurance that things are indeed improving."

And that is exactly what TFME soldiers did all day for people who ranged in ages from 4-months to 80 years old.

The 130 people seen were "screened mostly for hypertension and diabetes since that was the focus identified as a health screening need by the village



Sgt. Michael Dancer, blood band and laboratory NCOIC, 249th Gen. Hosp., squeezes blood from a patient's hand to test glucose and cholesterol levels.



population and town mayor," said Maj. Bryan Sleigh, medical officer-in-charge. During the screenings, the TFME soldiers found many other illnesses and complaints like back and joint pain, abdominal discomfort and heart disease, said Facen. The younger patients mainly needed wellness checkups and dental care.

Of these patients, there were 96 filled prescriptions given out, 126 blood-glucose levels taken and 30 urine samples tested. Optometry and dental physicians were also there to make complete health screenings possible. Optometry performed complete evaluations on 14 people while dental examined 29 patients who needed 41 teeth pulled.

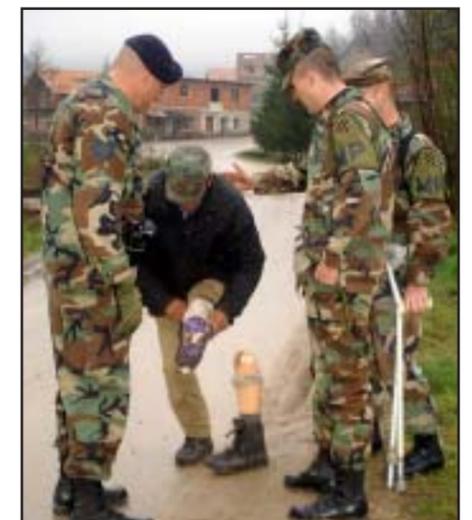
All of these services provided to the people of the war-torn village were free of charge. This was an enormous help, said many of the MEDCAP patients.

"I am very happy that I could be helped without paying. I can't afford to go to the doctor," said Ziba Muminovic, who was prescribed a 30-day supply of diabetes and high blood pressure medications.

A free month-long supply of medication was not the only benefit for the villagers though. "It is great that the Americans are here to help. Our doctor is a long way from here," said Fitima Cirak, who came in for an eye exam and prescription.

The importance of giving this kind of assistance is invaluable, said Facen. "A great amount of caring and

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Hasanovic Bajro, Bosnian army veteran, shows the results of an injury sustained in the war to the Air Force and Army security patrolling the village.

**Besic Nedim, a student at Kuljan Elementary School, watches CW3 Todd Buckhouse, a Kiowa Warrior pilot, Co. B, 1st Bn., 25th Avn. Regt., as he cuts out his drawing.**



Spc. Michelle Lunato

*“The future of this region is being decided in the classrooms we are visiting.”*

*- 1st Sgt. Bruce Robertson, Co. B, 1st Bn., 25th Avn. Regt., first sergeant*

## *Soldiers visit elementary school students*

**By Spc. Michelle Lunato**

*Photo Editor, 305th PAD*

Task Force Eagle soldiers visited a local school April 10 to deliver supplies, goodwill and smiles. The school supplies that soldiers from 1st Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment brought from Hawaii were a hit with the timid children and were just the thing to make them relax and smile.

“The children were shy to begin with, but once we started breaking out the construction paper, crayons and Rice Krispie Treats, they opened right up,” said 1st Sgt. Bruce Robertson, Co. B, 1st Bn., 25<sup>th</sup> Avn Regt.

The children’s first image of Stabilization Force soldiers was that they would be frightening, gun-carrying people, said Trumic Nedret, Kuljan Elementary School teacher.

Once the soldiers started interacting with the children that “mean” opinion was erased, said Robertson.

Coloring with the children was a valuable experience in many ways for the soldiers. It gave them purpose, said Capt. Timothy Schmitt, TF 1-25 Aviation civil affairs officer.

“When you get the soldiers out into the schools, it really drives home why they are here,” said Schmitt.

One of the soldiers, who was passing out snacks and supplies to the students, realized the importance of the visit and said he felt proud.

“I felt privileged that the Army let me go and represent them,” said Spc. Jeremy King, orderly room clerk,

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 25th Avn Regt. “It is an honor to be in another country, have this flag on my shoulder and see people’s expressions when they approach me.”

The soldiers said that becoming involved in the community outside their day-to-day mission was extremely rewarding.

“The school visit was easily the best time I’ve had since arriving here, granted I have to hone my coloring skills a bit,” said Robertson.

Coloring with the kids is not all the aviation soldiers plan to do though. Helping the children learn and play are equally important.

“We are trying to get some text books for the classroom. The teachers are

instructing from memory since they virtually have no printed material,” said Robertson. There are also plans on designing playground equipment and donating balls and radios, said Robertson.

The gifts and help of SFOR soldiers has been welcomed and appreciated by the teachers, who have not been paid since December.

“Almost all the things you see here are from SFOR,” said Nedret. And the 87 first, third and fourth graders of the school love it, he added. “Every school supply is like a toy to them.”

The visit wasn’t only about physical gifts but emotional ones as well, said many soldiers. For the soldiers, there was a feeling of thankfulness.

“Going to the schools here let us see that we are very blessed being from America. Not that the schools here are terrible, but that we are much more fortunate,” said King.

By regularly visiting the school, along with 26 other sites that the 1st Bn., 25th Avn. Regt. sponsors, the soldiers are giving the future of Bosnia and Herzegovina some assistance.

“The Adopt-A-School program could very well be one of the most important things we do here, as far as interacting with the normal population. By exposing the children to an outside influence, we are giving them insight and knowledge of different people and cultures,” said Robertson.

And with this knowledge, the children could make a difference, said Robertson. “The future of this region is being decided in the classrooms we are visiting.”



Spc. Michelle Lunato

**Children crowd around Spc. Chai Perez, a supply clerk for HHC, 1st Bn., 25th Avn. Regt., as she passes out school supplies.**

# Tropic Lightning patrols Srebrenica

By Sgt. Tim Burton

Media Operations,  
305th PAD

When patrolling the streets of Srebrenica with the soldiers of Company C, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, the aftermath of the war is easily seen.

Buildings are full of burn marks where flames forced their way out of the windows. Walls have large bullet holes and craters where rounds and artillery shells took out chunks of concrete. A school stands half demolished, but still in use. It lies at the bottom of the hill where the soldiers patrol.

There are businesses that have broken doors and busted signs that are about to fall off the hinges. Paint on any building in sight is faded from the years of neglect and the effects of the weather.

However, this is also a society that is working to overcome its tragedies and putting things back together one stone at a time, with Charlie Company's presence.



Photos by Sgt. Tim Burton

**Above, the Srebrenica Memorial rests where between 5,000 and 8,000 men and boys were staged just before they were taken, separated and massacred during the civil war here.**

**Right, a local man walks down the street watching the soldiers of Task Force 1-14 patrol near a war-damaged apartment complex in Srebrenica.**



Sgt. Tim Burton

**People of Srebrenica go on with their daily activities while soldiers of Co. C, 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Regt. conduct presence patrols through the city.**

Nothing is more satisfying than doing a job well done, except when you get to see the direct results, said Pfc. Nicholas Iamanu, assistant gunner.

"I thought there was going to be more action and it would be more tense," Iamanu said. "However, it is peaceful, but we still have to stay alert."

Iamanu said he feels the local population likes the United States presence here in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Presence patrols go out from Forward Operating Base Connor each day. Srebrenica is one of the cities the Stabilization Force soldiers patrol regularly. It,

like so many other Balkan towns and villages, was devastated by the Bosnian war. There are remembrances of the war fought a decade ago on every street corner regardless of the area.

Staff Sgt. Matthew Galicia, squad leader, said the main goal of the patrols, both mounted and dismounted, is to show the local population that America is not for one side or the other, but just wants to ensure that there is no more violence.

Galicia deployed to Kosovo as part of Task Force Falcon in 1999, so he said he had a point of reference for the mission here in Bosnia prior to the returning to the Balkans.

He said that many of the soldiers in his squad have never been outside the United States before this deployment and he hopes they will learn as much as possible about the local culture and learn to respect other ways of life.

Another squad leader, Staff Sgt. David Allen, said the mission here serves to intensify camaraderie and give the soldiers an added sense of open-mindedness.

"It's been really weird to see what we see everyday. I'm used to seeing the blown-up buildings in pictures and on TV," Allen said. "Now, we're seeing it in person and can see the people trying to rebuild their lives."



# Air Ambulance unit trains with Danes

By Spc Vincent Oliver

Assistant Editor, 305th PAD

In an effort to maintain their medical readiness, soldiers from the 1085<sup>th</sup> Air Ambulance Company conducted a simulated air rescue mission with their Danish counterparts at the Task Force Med Eagle helipad Saturday.

A Danish Sisu, a wheeled-amphibious ambulance similar to an American HEMMIT, stranded in a minefield with one casualty aboard along with three crewmembers set the stage for the training scenario.

A UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter hovered just above tree top level as a medic descended on a jungle penetrator, an apparatus that looks like a small torpedo with paddle seats that flip down and lock into place, to the disabled vehicle below.

With the high concentration of landmines in Bosnia, this type of training exercise has a high probability of becoming a realistic scenario. Although everyone is conscious of the dangers of straying from designated pathways, a medical emergency may not necessarily occur in the middle of the road.

"This type of exercise is used when you have a disabled vehicle on the ground and a quick extraction is needed to remove casualties or personnel," said Staff Sgt. Bruce Conger, a flight medic with the 1085<sup>th</sup>. "It requires lot of practice and crew coordination."



Spc. Vincent Oliver

**Danish Stabilization Force soldiers stand near a Danish wheeled-amphibious vehicle called a Sisu. The Sisu was used by the 1085<sup>th</sup> Air Ambulance Co. in an air rescue training exercise Saturday at the Task Force Med Eagle helipad.**

The jungle penetrator can support a litter for casualties that need to be immobilized or they can be hoisted, seated in the torpedo, face-to-face with the medic, according to Conger.

The exercise was a joint effort on the part of American and Danish Stabilization Force soldiers, according to Conger.

"The Danish haven't had the opportunity to work with rotary-wing aircraft before, so this is an opportunity for us to work with them and share our common experiences," Conger said.

The 1085<sup>th</sup> has the only combat hoist capable aircraft in the European theatre according to Maj. Jeffery Anderson, flight surgeon for the 1085<sup>th</sup>, making it a medical commodity.

"We have the capacity to get to an injured soldier and get them to definitive medical care here in the theatre in about 20 minutes," Anderson said.

With Stabilization Force soldiers operating in many different areas of this heavily mined country, the 1085<sup>th</sup> stands ready to rescue if the occasion arises.

## Task Force Med Eagle visits Krizevici

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respect were shown on the part of the soldiers, who had the best interest of the village people in mind. It was a positive experience for all."

The local citizens received medical care while the soldiers received smiles of gratitude.

"The MEDCAP is an opportunity to really appreciate home. We take a lot of things for granted in the United States. The people here have very little medical resources available to them," said Spc. Xavier Creekmur, dental specialist. "We are like ambassadors."

And being able to help the villagers was a rewarding experience for many of the soldiers. "It put a smile on my face to help the needs of the people," said Spc William Goodner, pharmacy technician.

Providing this assistance was less complex than planning the event though. Facen explained that there are many steps in getting a MEDCAP scheduled. The first

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*"I think we developed a friendship with the town's people and gained their trust."*

*- Col. Princess Facen, chief nurse with 249th General Hospital*

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step must come from Civilian Military Coordination, who identifies the village as a good candidate to receive medical care. They, along with the village mayor and town's people, identify the medical needs of the community. These key steps are essential before the rest of complicated planning process begins.

Some of the other planning phases

include: legal review, commander's acceptance, area reconnaissance, medical team construction, equipment evaluation, travel considerations and as always, safety plans.

In this case, perimeter security was provided by 3rd platoon, 549th Military Police Company, 3rd Infantry Division and 401st Expeditionary Air Base Group.

"We are here for the security of TFME. We are providing a safe environment for them to do their jobs and help the town's people," said Sgt. Michael Gardner, 3rd pl., 549th MP Co.

And Facen did not overlook the importance of that part of the MEDCAP. "A great deal of the credit for success goes to the military police. We couldn't have done it without them."

And with this "excellent teamwork," Facen said the TFME soldiers accomplished more than the mission of giving medical care. "I think we developed a friendship with the town's people and gained their trust."

# News Briefs

**Voter Registration** — Elections for the May primaries are around the corner.

Voting dates for Indiana, North Carolina and Ohio will be May 7. Nebraska and West Virginia will be May 14. Arkansas, Oregon and Pennsylvania will be May 21. Idaho and Kentucky will hold elections May 28.

Points of contact for the units are 1st Lt. Andrew Marvin, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th Infantry Division (Light); Sgt. Adam Bennett, 556th Personnel Services Battalion; 1st Lt. LeAnn Fechter, Task Force 1-14; 1st Lt. Kyle Stevens, 125th Finance Battalion; Capt. Chris Mabis, Task Force 1-151; 2nd Lt. Bridget Carter, 125th Military Intelligence Battalion; Sgt. Christine Taylor, Task Force 1-25; 1st Lt. Andrew Costello, 225th Forward Logistics Element; Capt. Ronald DeSalles, Task Force Med Eagle, Cpl. Jennifer Scott, 324th Psychological Operations; and 1st Lt. Steven Kane, 549th Military Police Company.

For more information call Sgt. 1st Class Angela Martin, G1 noncommissioned officer-in-charge at 762-7581, or see the unit voting assistance officer.

**Asian Pacific Heritage Week** —

A week of events is planned for Asian-Pacific Heritage Month. There will be a formal ceremony with a guest speaker, a martial arts demonstration, origami, Morale, Welfare and Recreation movies and trivia games at Triggers. The week of festivities will end with a Pacific Islands-style luau.

There will be displays throughout Eagle Base where individuals can study and learn historical and notable facts about the Asian and Pacific islands culture that will help in the trivia games.

The kickoff for the week-long celebration will begin in late May or early June.

The planning committee is looking for volunteers to perform in the martial arts demonstrations, help plan and execute the formal ceremony and luau. Meetings will be every Monday until June 3 at the Equal Opportunity Office, located on Salute Alley. Meeting times will be announced weekly.

All are invited and encouraged to participate. It is for the soldiers, by the soldiers.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Carol Cheley, the EO program manager at 762-0086.

**Local American Forces Network Balkans** — Live, local AFN Balkans radio service comes to an end Friday morning due to reductions in U.S. military personnel in the Balkans region.

U.S. troops assigned to Albania, Bosnia, Croatia, Hungary, Kosovo, and Macedonia will continue to receive the multiple AFN radio and television services 24 hours, seven days-a-week from AFN Europe headquarters.

The final live radio broadcast will be a retrospective of music and commentary by former AFN Balkans personnel.

After May 5, AFN radio and television outages in the Balkans should be reported to AFN Headquarters in Frankfurt, Germany, at DSN 329-4444 or commercial 49-69-15688-444.

AFN has continuously provided radio and television programming to the U.S. Defense Department members in the Balkan region since 1992.



Cartoon by Spc. Eric Tagayuna

## Orphanage visit



Spc. Michelle Lunato

**Sgt. Connie Hobbs, personnel administrator with the 1085th Air Ambulance Co. hold hands with Nihaola Ibric outside the Vojo Peric Orphanage in Tuzla during a Combat Stress Company monthly visit. Fourteen soldiers from several units visited the children to donate toys, food and clothes. During the visit, the soldiers took the time to make friends with the children. See next week's Talon for the full story.**

# Days of Remembrance teaches about Holocaust

By Master Sgt. Carol Cheley

*TFE EO Program Manager*

In 1979, almost 40 years after the Holocaust our leaders proclaimed April 13-19 as Days of Remembrance week. This week was designated for Americans to reflect upon, learn about and never forget one of the largest atrocities ever committed against mankind.

With sixty years past, we cannot change or undo the millions of deaths, the destruction of families, and the displacement of survivors. We must always remember and stay ever vigilant against anything this horrible ever happening

again.

Days of Remembrance falls each year in April or early May, the week surrounding the Jewish holiday of Yom Hashoah.

When most think of the Holocaust, they think of the millions of Jewish victims whose lives were lost. The Jewish Community was the largest population targeted by the Nazi regime, but they were not alone. Hitler also targeted gypsies, Poles, the mentally ill, those with physical defects, homosexuals, and other “undesirables”.

The Holocaust did not happen overnight, there is no specific start or end date. It started around 1938, with

harassment of the Jewish people in Germany, and escalated up to the containment and slaughter of an estimated 6 million by 1945.

Allied forces broke through German lines to liberate the survivors of the concentration camps in March and April of 1945.

Moshe, a child of a holocaust survivor states, “The frightening part of the Holocaust, about Nazism, is that it was everyday nice people who went home at 5:30 p.m., who hung up their hats, who had dinner, who went to church on Sunday.” The Holocaust is a warning as to how easily

attitudes and ideas can be sculpted despite morality.

*“In Germany, they first came for the communists, and I didn’t speak up because I wasn’t a communist.*

*Then they came for the Jews, and I didn’t speak up because I wasn’t a Jew.*

*Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn’t speak up because I wasn’t a trade unionist.*

*Then they came for the Catholics and I didn’t speak up because I wasn’t a Catholic. Then they came for me – and by that time there was nobody left to speak up.*

— Martin Neimoller

## Know the SFOR 11 units ...

*116th Armored Cavalry Brigade, Idaho, Montana National Guard*

The 116th Armored Cavalry Brigade was constituted March 4, 1920 in Snake River Valley, Idaho and now has units located throughout Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Oregon.

The mission of the National Guard differs from the active Army component in that they can support all federal, state and community needs.

The 116th Armored Cav. Bde. is one of only 15 enhanced heavy separate brigades in the United States.

The wavy band and gliding snake, on

the shoulder sleeve insignia, represent Snake River Valley, the home area of the 116th Armored Cav. Regt.. The twelve sun rays emitting around the border allude to the state of Idaho, noted for the beauty of its sunrises.

The distinctive unit insignia consists of a bundle of five gold upright arrows that symbolize the unit’s five campaign credits during World War II. Yellow and gold are the colors traditionally associated with cavalry and field artillery units. The red-coiled rattlesnake epitomizes the unit’s motto –



capabilities and military preparedness.

The element of the 116th Amored Cav. Bde. here in Bosnia and Herzegovina is the 1st Battalion, 163rd Infantry Regt. and consist of approximately 80 soldiers. They are responsible for maintaing a safe and secure environment and freedom of movement by patrolling the bases and countryside.

(This information was gathered by [www2.state.id.us/mil/army/116cav.htm](http://www2.state.id.us/mil/army/116cav.htm).)



## Dangers of guarding the wire

Soldiers on “Rover two” patrol got stuck April 6 in the thick mud by the pedestrian gate on Eagle Base as they circled around the “turn around tree.” Rover patrols drive around the perimeter of Eagle Base constantly looking for any breeches in security. Soldiers drive at 5-mph during their 12-hour shift.

Spc. Michelle Lunato