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Stabilization Force 11 Voices

“Do you feel your mission is important here? Why?”



Capt. Sean Stinchon
G2 officer
HHC, 25th ID (L)

“Yes. It is a good opportunity to help out another country and get them back into a stable environment.”



Spc. Jonathan Bodiford
Team Leader
Co. B, 1st. Bn., 14th Inf. Regt.

“Yes, because without us there would probably be another war.”



Pfc. Katie Lee
MP
549th MP Co.

“Yes, because we help international relationships between Bosnia and other armies that are stationed here by interacting with them.”



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CG speaks...

MND (N) soldiers are winners



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

Shortly after arriving here in Bosnia, it became clear to me that whatever strides were to be made on “our watch” would be directly influenced by all of you: soldiers, airmen, civilians and contractors.

This first month has strengthened my belief that no matter how large or small the mission, it cannot be successfully completed without your cooperation and active influence. All of you are members of the Multinational Division (North) team, and each of you is crucial to our overall success.

Webster’s Dictionary defines a winner as a successful person, or one of exceptionally superior quality or

character. By that definition — and mine — you are all winners.

Being a winner isn’t easy, and it often doesn’t come naturally. It’s all about attitude and how we choose to use the talents we are born with and the skills we learn along the way. Author Nancy Sims offers a glimpse into the attitudes required to be a winner:

What’s in a Winner?

Winners take chances.

Like everyone else, they fear failing, but they refuse to let fear control them.

When life gets rough, they hang in until the going gets better.

Winners are flexible.

They realize there is more than one way and are willing to try others.

Winners know they are not perfect.

They respect their weaknesses while making the most of their strengths.

Winners fall but they don’t stay down.

They stubbornly refuse to let a fall keep them from climbing.

Winners don’t blame fate for their failures.

Nor luck for their successes.

Winners accept responsibility for their lives.

Winners are positive thinkers who see good in all things.

From the ordinary, they make the extraordinary.

Winners believe in the path they have chosen.

Even when it is hard, even when others can’t see where they are going.

Winners are patient.

They know a goal is only as worthy as the effort that is required to achieve it.

Winners are people that believe in themselves.

They make this world a better place.

Officers, you consistently instill discipline in the soldiers under your command and that’s a vital ingredient in teamwork. Keep up the good work. Continue to motivate yourselves and others with a positive attitude and determination to do your duty. Keep believing in the path you have chosen - that of service to our great country. You are winners.

NCOs, you are the backbone of our units. You immerse yourselves in the day-to-day development of the soldiers you lead, serving as teachers and coaches. From the ordinary, you create the extraordinary: the men and women who even now help make our world more peaceful

and thereby ensure the safety of the citizens of our nation. You are winners.

Enlisted soldiers, you have accepted the responsibility that comes with being a part of our military team. You are willing to leave family and friends at a moment’s notice, ready to serve our nation and defend our country with your lives. When you make mistakes, you have the courage to admit them, and the willingness to learn from them. You are winners.

Civilian employees and contractors, you have made the most of your strengths. You are a big part of why MND(N) achieves excellence in all assigned tasks. Soldiers and airmen rarely pay you the gratitude you deserve for sustaining the force necessary to do our nation’s work here in Bosnia. You are winners.

If a leader is only as effective as the people he or she leads, then I am very blessed to have a great team working for me. You all make a tremendous difference here in Bosnia every day. Like Nancy Sims writes... You all are Winners and make the World a better place every day!

People first, Mission always!

Chaplain’s corner: *“I knew you would come”*

By Chaplain (Capt.) John Rasmussen

MND (N) Unit Ministry Team

One of my favorite stories of selfless service and loyalty comes from World War II. Ted and Al were GIs who had become very close friends. They took care of each other when facing danger, and they comforted one another when lonely, cold, tired and scared. They promised each other that if one should

fall, the other would do his very best to bring his friend to safety.

During one of the offensives, while under constant enemy fire, Al was wounded. In the chaos and darkness of the fight, Ted had fallen back with the rest of their unit and didn’t realize that Al was still on the battlefield. He was horrified when he heard his friend moaning, helpless, and at the mercy of the enemy.

Ted resolved to keep his promise, and to go out and get him at all costs. Disobeying an order from the new platoon leader, he made his way up under enemy fire to bring his friend back. By the time he had returned to the foxhole, Al had died on way. The platoon leader asked, “Well, was it worth it?” Ted looked up and said, “Yes. Al’s last words

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Pentagon recognizes soldiers for valor

By Kevin Larson

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Two soldiers were presented the military's highest peacetime medal last week at separate Pentagon ceremonies recognizing their actions Sept. 11.

Sgt. 1st Class Donald S. "Steve" Workman non-commissioned officer-in-charge for the initiatives group, was honored April 26 in the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes, where he was presented the Soldier's Medal by Director of the Army Staff Lt. Gen. Kevin Byrnes.

Workman was credited with saving the life of then-Navy Lt. Kevin Shaeffer, who was also honored at the ceremony. Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern

Clark presented Shaeffer with the Purple Heart. More than 40 percent of Shaeffer's body was burned in the terrorist attack.

Secretary of the Army Thomas White presented the Soldiers Medal April 25 to Col. George Zahaczewsky, the assistant for explosive ordnance disposal, munitions and demining under the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict.

Zahaczewsky was in the immediate impact area helping people evacuate the building, White said.

"As typical of a great soldier, he never thought of his own safety," White said. "He only thought of saving others."

Saving lives while risking his own was something he didn't think about, Zahaczewsky said. It was something he just did.

"It wasn't a decision, it was a reaction," he said. "Our Army trains us well."

That training is also what drove Workman to head back into the impact area. He found Shaeffer between the C- and D-ring of the Pentagon, Byrnes said.

For Workman, the encounter is forever etched in his memory. When the two made eye contact, he knew Shaeffer was in a lot of pain, Workman said.

"When he looked at me and said, 'Please don't let me die,' there is no way to put into words how I felt," Workman said.

For Shaeffer, the memory is equally strong. He crawled through the wreckage of the Naval Operations Center in search of an exit.

"I found myself staring at

this beautiful blue sky," Shaeffer said. "The next thing I saw was Steve. I knew I was in good hands."

Workman pulled Shaeffer to safety with the help of a maintenance cart and then brought him to the infirmary in search of an ambulance.

"As soon as I saw an ambulance pull up, I took him to the back, opened the doors and slid him in," Workman said.

The paramedics said Shaeffer had to go through triage. Workman said no, and told them to drive to the hospital. The paramedics did.

"It was a very long trip," Workman said. "Walter Reed looked very good when I saw it."

Had it not been for the events of Sept. 11, Workman

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Crime prevention news

Gangs grow in Army ranks

By Special Agent Charles Callich III

Bosnia Resident Agency, CID

Up until a few years ago, the Army didn't think that gangs or extremists were much of a problem.

Although there were isolated incidents involving soldiers that occurred off the installations, the military did not believe that the problem had crossed the lines and come "on-post." Then in 1999, a small cell of Fort Campbell soldiers who called themselves CASH, "Clarksville Area Skin Heads" were found distributing hate literature in front of the Post Exchange.

The community outrage that this incident ignited resulted in the creation of the first fulltime Criminal Investigation Division Gang Extremist Task Force, known as the GET Force.

I was fortunate enough to have been chosen to be one of the members of the task force from its inception. The education that I received over the next two years was invaluable. It helped me to understand why these individuals enter the military and how they actively recruit new members to join their causes. More importantly, it taught me the fact that military leaders were unaware that these members existed in their units.

In 1999, the Army admitted these prob-

lems existed, and began to change its policies. Classifying them as Security Threat Groups, they began to take proactive measures to identify and combat their existence.

The revised version of AR 600-20, Army Command Policy, no longer differentiates between active and passive membership in these groups. The policy now states that mere possession of any gang or extremist type paraphernalia, tattoos, writings or literature while employed by the Department of Defense is considered active participation and will not be tolerated.

Why do Gang and Extremist members enter the military? It provides an opportunity for them to "hide" from other gang members or even law enforcement. It also provides both groups with the technical and tactical training that they can't get elsewhere. They are able to travel throughout the world and spread their organizational agendas, as well as meet other soldiers and family members who share their beliefs and ideologies.

Most leaders know the obvious indicators of gang members or extremists. They think that as long as their soldiers are not wearing "colors" or "Doc Martins," that they don't have a problem.

They are lured into thinking that an individual who focuses on being proficient in his soldierly skills is just "a model sol-

dier."

But the reality is that these individuals are not hiding their associations — leaders are failing to stay aware of the constantly changing indicators. Every leader must educate himself or herself as to the trends that are possible warning signs for memberships.

Leaders should take proactive steps to learn to combat the problem of STGs in their units. Start by paying attention to your soldiers. Determine what is at the root of conflicts within the unit — often times the issues are tied into STG's. Conduct Health and Welfare inspections of your soldier's habitats (*Yes, they are still authorized, even with the Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers program!*). Look for propaganda, photographs, clothing and drawings that indicate involvement. Observe your soldiers tattoos and ask them what they represent. Then follow up on it through other sources of information. Most members of STG's were active participants prior to coming on active duty, and their tattoos and lifestyles will tell the truth about their backgrounds.

For those who wish to find out more information about STG's and their presence in the Army today, contact the Bosnia Resident Agency, CID, and request a Security Threat Brief at 762-7030, 762-7010 and 762-5138.

Operation Harvest destroys weapons

By Spc. Vincent Oliver

Assistant Editor, 305th PAD

Of all the different roles the Stabilization Force plays in Bosnia, one of the most important is insuring the compliance of the Bosnian Federation Army, or VF, in its weapons collection program.

The Compliance Cell of the Joint Military Affairs and the VF destroyed a cache of small arms weapons at the Husein Kapetan Gradiscevis VF Base, just north of the city of Tuzla April 18.

The weapons collection program, known as Operation Harvest, is the result of an effort to take weapons used during the Bosnian War out of the hands of the civilian population that fought for the Federation and put them back under the control of the VF.

A total of 193 weapons, ranging in variety from Yugoslavian and Soviet-made machine guns to double-barrel shotguns to small pistols, were inventoried and then destroyed. Instead of the usual destruction by explosives, a French MX-30 tank was used to roll over the weapons, bending the barrels and rendering them useless.

The JMA evaluation team officer-in-charge, 1st Lt. Chad Caldwell, is responsible for partnering with the VF to insure its continued compliance with what is known as "instruction of parties," ground rules established in the Dayton Peace Accords regulating movement and training of military bodies other than SFOR.

"Operation Harvest gives the local



Spc. Vincent Oliver

A tank rolls over weapons, making them useless.

community the opportunity to turn in weapons, ammunition, land mines or anything else people have in their homes left over from the war," said Caldwell.

Weapons and ammunition are collected at II Corps VF military installations that are spread throughout Bosniak municipalities. The arms collected are then stored at specialized weapons storage sites that are inventoried on a regular basis by JMA inspectors.

There is no financial incentive for those surrendering weapons, and that speaks to the attitude of the local community and their willingness to put their fate in the

hands of the SFOR and the VF, according to Maj. Amiv Mehmedovic, II Corp VF Liaison Officer.

"The common goal for II Corp and Multinational Division (North) SFOR is to have as few weapons as possible in civilian hands. The fewer weapons, the less opportunity for incident and loss of life," said Mehmedovic.

Although this particular day only saw 193 small-arms weapons destroyed, the Harvest program has reaped larger crops of controlled materials. In January, the JMA and the VF destroyed 32 tons of weapons, ammunition and military equipment.

COOL Web site helps soldiers certify skills for jobs

By Joe Burlas

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Soldiers who want to develop professional civilian skills while serving in the Army now have a COOL way to see what can be required for the career field they are interested in.

The Army Continuing Education System launched a Credentialing Opportunities On-Line, or COOL, Web site April 15 that identifies the education, experience and testing requirements to earn certification or licenses for for hundreds of civilian jobs.

COOL is located on the Web at www.armyeducation.army.mil/cool.

"We do not credential sol-

diers for civilian jobs," said Louie Chartier, post secondary education program manger, Army Education Division. "What this program does is educate soldiers about what is needed in order to get credentials for the job they want to pursue following the Army. The COOL Web site provides analysis information that links military occupational specialties with similar civilian equivalent jobs.

"It tells the soldier what to study, what work experience is required, (and) what the educational requirements are, so the soldier can manage his own pathway to the credentials he may need," Chartier said.

About 71 percent of Army MOSs have civilian equivalents that are subject to certification

or licensure, according to ACES statistics.

The website allows a soldier to enter the analysis section by specific MOS, or, if interested in credentialing requirements outside his MOS, by job title.

For example, a 27D legal specialist will find that his Army MOS training and experience is creditable with the National Association of Legal Assistants for legal writing, research and litigation for a paralegal job.

However, the 27D soldier will also see that he needs education credits in intellectual property, bankruptcy and consumer protection law, in addition to taking and passing the ABA paralegal certification exam.

Legal specialists also can be certified as legal secretaries, le-

gal assistants, legal clerks and court reporters, according to COOL.

Costs for certification tests can be anywhere from \$100 to \$2,000, Chartier said. But the good news is soldiers can use the Montgomery GI Bill, she said. Authorized just last year, soldiers leaving the service with the Montgomery GI Bill can use up to \$2,000 of that benefit per test.

The SmartForce courses are free to soldiers and Department of the Army civilians. The SmartForce Web site address is www.atrrs.army.mil/channels/eLearning/smartforce.

The SmartForce courses have recently been reviewed by the American Council on Education for recommended college credits, Chartier said.



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Sgt. Gena Brown, access NCO for ASG and 1st Lt. Ashley Dozier, force protection OIC, pick up trash around the grounds of Srebrenik Castle April 25 during an ASG clean up day at the Castle. Soldiers from the ASG enjoyed a box lunch picnic after they finished the police call.

Soldiers "adopt" Srebrenik Castle

By Spc. Vincent Oliver

Assistant Editor, 305th PAD

Soldiers from the Task Force Eagle Area Support Group traveled to Srebrenik April 25 to clean up trash around the grounds of a 13th century castle.

Although the castle's walls are crumbling from centuries of decay and disrepair, the grounds it sits on are still in relatively good shape, with the exception of trash strewn everywhere the public is allowed to go.

"I don't know if this will be any help, but we'd like to be a role model to people and show how they should help to take care of this place," said ASG outgoing commander Col. Tim Thurston.

Soldiers ranging in rank from sergeant to

captain all the way up to the grade of colonel donned plastic gloves and collected glass

bottles, paper and cigarette butts from the grounds.

After visiting the castle in early April, Phillip Henson, ASG Headquarters Detachment commander and Base mayor, decided it would be a good idea to bring some of his soldiers back for a cleanup effort to be followed with a boxed lunch picnic.

"We got the idea from the Adopt-a-Castle idea used in the states, and decided we'd adopt-a-castle," said Henson. "This is a great place, and we thought we'd come out to show the local people by picking up some trash and at the same time have a little picnic."

Srebrenik Castle sits atop a mountain overlooking a pristine valley of farm villages.

"I think other soldiers should come out for no other reason than to see the castle," said Brown, the post access NCO with the ASG.

"I think other soldiers should come out, if for no other reason than to see the castle."

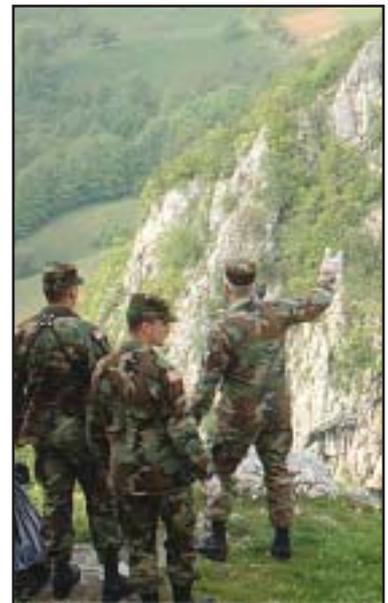
— Sgt. Gena Brown, Access NCO, ASG



File photo



Spc. Vincent Oliver



Spc. Vincent Oliver

Above, Col. Tim Thurston, former ASG commander, shows off the Srebrenik countryside to soldiers from the ASG

Left, 1st Lt. Ashley Dozier, force protection OIC, ASG, picks up trash in upper tower of the Srebrenik Castle April 25. Dozier and approximately 40 other soldiers from the ASG filled several large bags from the interior and surrounding grounds of the 13th century castle.

Spc. Vincent Oliver
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the castle

April, Capt. [unclear] and Eagle [unclear] had idea to clean up picnic. Highway [unclear] would beautiful and help [unclear] of the picnic." [unclear] peak [unclear] [unclear] out, if for [unclear] said Sgt. [unclear] SG.

Score in sports, life ...

Playing field builds community relations

By Staff Sgt. Kanessa Mynett

TFE PAO Operations NCO

The score was 6-0 at the half, but that did nothing to dampen the mood of the underdogs. Soldiers of Team B, 1st Battalion, 163rd Infantry Regiment and Company B, 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Regt., held their heads high and marched back onto the soccer field with smiles on their faces following group photos and a much-needed breather Saturday.

The opponents, 14- and 15-year-old boys from the school in Sekovici, were cheered on by a local audience, mostly young aspiring soccer players, relishing the lead the teenagers had on the American Army team.

Velibor Milosevic, deputy mayor of Sekovici and soccer club president said, "It would have been better for the two teams to have met on an occasion other than this," referring to the still-needed presence of Stabilization Forces in Bosnia, but said he was thrilled to play this game in his community nonetheless.

"The kids are accepting the SFOR soldiers as human beings," Milosevic said. "We want to show that we are normal people just like SFOR soldiers and during this peacekeeping mission there is no reason we shouldn't associate together."

Capt. Thomas Luhrsens, Team B commander, whose soldiers regularly patrol through Sekovici, helped to coordinate the soccer game.

"This was a great opportunity for the public to see the SFOR soldiers as people as well as protectors of a safe and secure environment," Luhrsens said. "This game was a door opener that will lead to better cooperation between SFOR and the local population in the future. The soldiers had



Sgt. Lawrence DeBoo, Team B, 1st Bn., 163rd Inf. Regt., falls to the ground while defending the ball.

a great time and look forward to the next event."

Soldiers fared a little better during the second half of the match, managing to score three goals, ultimately ending the game with a final score of 10-3.

Staff Sgt. Sofrino Proprios, Team B squad leader, didn't mind what the scoreboard read, though. Proprios, who last played soccer 12 years ago, just wanted to have fun.

"I thought it'd be fun to mix and mingle with the locals of Sekovici. It's a way to break the ice and let them know we are not here to harass and intimidate, and that we like to have a good time like everyone else," he said.

And that's just what the sporting event did, according to Milosevic.

"Small things like this event shows that

we are all people, all human beings," he said. "It's time for us to realize that Americans are friends to the people of Bosnia."



Photos by Staff Sgt. Kanessa Mynett

Above, American soldiers rush to gain control of the ball during a soccer game against local teenagers.

Left, Spc. Brian Trudgeon, Team B, 1st Bn., 163rd Inf. Regt. M249 gunner passes out balloons to the children of Sekovici before the soccer game.



Staff Sgt. Kanessa Mynett

CID:

the Army's FBI



By Spc. Christina Davis

Talon Editor, 305th PAD

Telling the story of a crime is what the Army's Criminal Investigation Division agents do.

"We perform our wartime mission everyday," said WO1 Jennifer Bryan, the special agent-in-charge at the Bosnia Resident Agency, CID. CID's mission is to support local commanders, investigate general crimes, economic and drug offenses, perform hostage negotiations, act as a liaison to local law enforcement agencies, and provide protective services and logistics security.

The CID, office here carries out that mission for Multinational Division (North), as well as all of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Hungary and Serbia.

To cover investigations throughout the area is a small crew of six soldiers. The team has a mix of soldiers from active duty and the Reserve component. Each soldier

represents a different unit and state as well.

One soldier, Special Agent Jeff Puryear, a Reserve component agent with the Bosnia Resident Agency CID and a police officer in Edmonson County, Ky., said everyone has a different reason for wanting to become an agent or get into law enforcement.

"It is euphoric when you catch someone doing a crime, or they confess," he said.

As a police officer in his civilian job, Puryear said that the Army trains agents the best.

"The training is more in depth," said Puryear, assigned to the 378th MP Det. (CID), Louisville, Ky. The school teaches crime scene examination, how to disarm people, takedowns, pressure-point techniques and various holds.

"(CID) is the best job in the Army," he said. "You get to use your talents and mind."

"It is like a puzzle," he explained. "Why did he do this, or that? You research the elements of the crime and ...



trace the evidence."

The training is unique for CID agents, and so is the unit command structure.

"Our chain of command is different than most," said Bryan.

The Army CID command is a separate major Army command. It is divided into four groups. Each covers a section of the world. The Bosnia Resident Agency, CID falls under the Bavaria CID Battalion, which falls under the 202nd MP Group, Europe. The 202nd reports to Maj. Gen. Donald Ryder, the USACIDC commander, and he then reports

SA Jeff Puryear, an agent with the Bosnia Resident Agency, CID, dusts for prints on the CID connex. There are different ways to lift fingerprints from a crime scene. Dusting for prints is the most common method for large areas. Fingerprints are made by the oils on a person's hands.

to the Secretary of the Army.

The structure keeps investigative integrity, said Bryan. Investigative integrity is important when dealing with people's lives and careers.

Two of the problems agents face is long days and heavy caseloads, said Bryan.

"We are under strength," she said. Soldiers are needed to fill empty CID positions throughout the Army.

"You do not need to be an MP," said Puryear. Any soldier may request to switch military occupational specialties.

The requirements for becoming a CID agent are top-secret clearance, which can take up to two years; GT score of 110; 60 college credits, which is waivable to 30 credits; and six-months of law enforcement experience, which may be obtained during on-the-job training in a CID agency.

Soldiers also need to pay attention to detail and have the commitment, said SA Charles Callich III, an active-duty agent with the Bosnia Resident Agency, CID.

"(Agents) have to understand people and know human nature," said SA Ronald Martin, an agent with the Bosnia Resident Agency, CID.

"We are the Army's FBI," said Puryear.

For more information, call SA Michael Widenhouse at 672-7010.



Photos by Spc. Christina Davis

SA Ronald Martin, an agent with the Bosnia Resident Agency, CID, demonstrates the techniques used when lifting fingerprints from a crime scene.

East meets west during joint patrol

By Sgt. Charles Dossett

Correspondent, Camp McGovern

Camp Morgan-based E Troop, 1st Battalion, 151 Infantry Regiment and the Peacekeeping Russian Separate Airborne Brigade conducted a joint patrol April 25 in Cilic, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The patrol commemorated the 57th anniversary of the historic U.S. and Russia encounter at the Elbe River.

The encounter happened at 12:30 p.m. April 25, 1945. First Lt. Albert L. Kotzebue, 273rd Infantry Regiment and 11 of his men had the first contact of World War II, with Russian soldiers at Leckwitz, Germany, by the Elbe River. The meeting between the two great Allied Armies severed the German Army in two, causing it to collapse within a few days.

This meeting ended a long campaign for the 273rd Inf. Regt. that started out on the beaches of Normandy in 1944. The 273rd Inf. Regt. broke through the Siegfried line, breached the German "Westwall," and launched an unrelenting assault into the heart of Germany, including the seizure of Leipzig, just a week prior to linking with the then Soviet Army.

To the Russians, the meeting marked the end of a victorious campaign that started with the liberation of Stalingrad, and climaxed with the seizure of the German capitol, Berlin.

During the celebrated patrol, E Troop's second platoon, led by 2nd Lt. Charles Grady, began the joint patrol with the Russian soldiers. The first business of the day was to cross-load vehicles, Americans in Russian armored personnel carriers and Russians in American HMMWV's.

"It was fantastic," stated Grady, a native of South Bend, Ind. "This shows that two nations can work together, and it is important for Bosnians to see this."

The joint patrol led by the Russians wound through the northern Bosnia countryside, passing through the cities of Perich, Koraj, Tsecte, and Subotitsa in the eastern Republika Srpska.

"Our patrol was excellent," stated Spc. Josh Turner from Wabash, Ind. "The interaction between us and the Russians is making headway to better foreign relations. It showed if we can do it so can you," referring to the Bosnians.

Stopping for lunch, the Russians and Americans shared tables and food tasting each other's Meals Ready to Eat.

"They were extremely friendly," said Spc. Clint Rager, "I couldn't have asked for anything more out of an ally."

Soldiers learn to save lives TFME teaches CLS class

By Spc. Michelle Lunato

Photo Editor, 305th PAD

Task Force Med Eagle held a Combat Lifesavers Course for soldiers from April 15 to April 19 on Eagle Base.

The 12 students, who were from non-medical occupations, learned how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation, apply field and pressure dressings, take vital signs, evaluate and evacuate a casualty and administer an intravenous catheter.

The students were given classes in 24 subjects and an opportunity to get some

hands-on practice. After four days of instruction and practice, they were given written and hands-on examinations.

Upon completion of the course, students were given a Certificate of Training and an American Heartsaver CPR card, which was a first according to Sgt. Eddie Fields, medical educator, TFME. "CPR is not required for CLS," said Fields. He explained that the CLS course normally covers the basics of CPR and would not warrant a CPR card. Fields said he thought CPR was important for the new combat lifesavers to know and so he made time for the additional information.



Soldiers learn to do IVs.

With all this new knowledge, the soldiers will have the potential to make a difference. "There are only so many medics out in the field. It's important for other soldiers to know this. They are usually the first ones at the scene and the faster they can give care, the better chance of survival a casualty can have," said Pfc. Andrea Silva, medic and nuclear biological chemical non-commissioned officer, 225th Forward Logistics Element, who was one of the nine CLS instructors.

This important information will not only be vital while in the military though. "It is always nice to know that if someone was hurt, I could help them. Even if it is not in the Army," said Spc. Maria Gabbi, budget analyst, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th Infantry Division (Light).

And knowing what to do in a medical emergency could make all the difference in the world. "If you're not sure about what to do, you could cause more harm than good," explained Silva.

Fields said this group of soldier students was rare in the fact that none of them were terrified of needles. "Usually someone passes out or refuses to get stuck," added Spc. Adrian Gonzalez, medical specialist, 225th FLE, CLS instructor.

"We had a good group here," said Fields.



Photos by Spc. Michelle Lunato

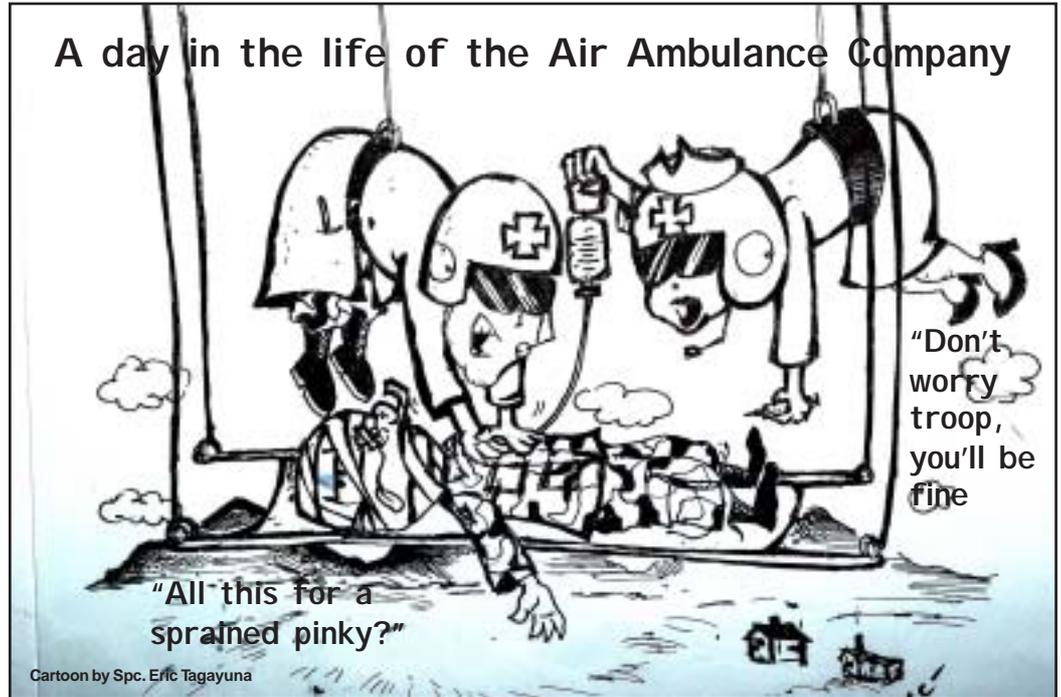
Spc. Christopher Roysdon, UH-60 Blackhawk crew chief, Co. C., 1st Bn., 25th Avn. Regt., inserts an IV into Spc. Dominic Sagen, turbine engine mechanic, Co. C., 1st Bn., 25th Avn. Regt., for practice during the Combat Lifesavers Course. Roysdon was the honor graduate for the course.

News Briefs

Eagle Base Sports Day — The first Eagle Base Sports Day will be May 12 at 1 p.m., featuring volleyball, basketball, billiards and horseshoes at the Air Force side of Eagle Base. The sign-up date for players is Wednesday. For registration, call Staff Sgt. Jorge Cruz at 762-8135. Athletes may only participate in one event. Following the sports events, there will be a cookout at 5 p.m. at the Eagle Base Chapel. There are prizes for the winning teams.

COOL program — The Credentialing Opportunities Online program explains how Army soldiers can meet civilian certification and license requirements related to the military occupational specialties. The link is www.armyeducation.army.mil. For more information, call Kathleen Connolly, the education services officer, at 762-7072.

2002 Federal Children's Scholarship Fund — The



scholarships applications for the 2002 and 2003 academic year from the Federal Children's Scholarship Fund can be found online at www.fedscholarships.org/. The scholarship is designed specifically for children of federal employees and members of the military community. All

scholarship awards will be announced on or before Aug. 31. The deadline for application submission is June 1. For more information, call Kathleen Connolly, the education services officer, at 762-7072.

Football and Soccer field restrictions — Morale, Welfare and Recreation is asking for all

Task Force Eagle personnel to observe the football and soccer field restrictions.

Posted signs will clearly mark whether the field is opened or closed for use. No physical fitness formations or any other activities are permitted on the field when it is closed.

Soldier's heroism recognized, appreciated

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doubts he would have ever met Shaeffer. Now, though, they are friends, Workman said.

"If one good thing has come out of this, it's our friendship," he said. "It's a friendship that will last forever. He's like my little brother."

But if he could, Workman said he would give up the honor of the medal for a return

to the way things were before that September day.

"I would trade this medal for (Sept. 11) to have never happened without a moment's thought," Workman said.

Zahaczewsky had a similar sentiment after receiving his Soldier's Medal.

"Considering the events that prompted this award, I wish I were someplace else today," he said.

The events of that day, however,

brought a feeling of anger and wanting to do something, Zahaczewsky said.

"It makes you want to be a part of the team and participate," he said. "We want to get even. It's time for justice."

People often ask him why the Pentagon wasn't damaged more in the Sept. 11 attack, Zahaczewsky said. His answer to them is that the building is strong.

"Almost as strong as the people who work in it," he said.

Chaplain relates Biblical stories to TFE events

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were, 'I knew you would come.'"

As we engage in our nation's business here in Bosnia-Herzegovina — as we do so in the context of the terrible events and incredible heroism of September 11 and the war on terror — it is good to reflect upon the price that always must be paid for the

independence and the freedom we enjoy.

Take another look at the story of Ted and Al. This story has repeated itself countless times, in countless places, on countless battles. We have our precious United States of America because, like Al, others have laid down their lives, spilled their blood, and sacrificed their futures on the altar of freedom for you and for me.

We stand in the light of

liberty because like Ted, others stuck with their country, their corps, and each other through thick and thin, refusing to leave friends and comrades in the lurch. That's the true meaning of selfless-service and loyalty.

As a Christian, I believe that these words of Jesus of Nazareth are true: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for his friends" (John 15:13). I believe that Jesus demonstrated the

perfect selfless service and loyalty when he died on the cross for all humankind, redeeming us for his Father.

But I also believe that in a small way all our Teds and Al's reflect Christ's glory in their sacrifice as well. And I pray that God will give me the courage and the faith to follow in his ... and their footsteps — and to be worthy to hear Al's final words at the end of the battle: "I knew you would come."

Know the SFOR 11 Units

1108th Signal Brigade - Combat Camera



In 1950, President Harry S. Truman approved Raven Rock Mountain, Pa., as part of Camp Albert Ritchie, Md. This new site was named the Alternate Joint Communications Center Site R (R for Raven Rock).

Between 1953 and 1971, the Army communications element provided communications support reported directly to the U.S. Army Joint Support Command.

Between 1971 and 1993 the communications unit was redesignated and reorganized several times with their final home becoming the 1108th U.S. Army Signal Brigade, Fort



Ritchie, Md.

The 1108th's 55th Signal Company holds the proud distinction of being the only active-duty Combat Camera unit in the U.S. Army.

Their mission is to provide photographs and video to assist theater-level commanders in situational awareness and historical documentation in support of the Army Visual Information Documentation Program. Their mission is also to provide visual information, visual information processing, maintenance and repair support to field Army units beyond the capability of those units.

The three combat

camera soldiers will be leaving Eagle Base in early May due to SFOR drawdowns.

The orange and white colors on the shoulder sleeve insignia and distinctive unit insignia are traditionally associated with the signal corps. Black represents strength, solidity and determination. The black and white together allude to day and night preparedness and operations. The blue globe indicates the worldwide impact of the unit's mission.

The shoulder sleeve insignia has two flashes converging at center of the horizontal bar that suggest a fulcrum or balance scale, denoting the melding of strategic and tactical communications support for the war fighter. The peak of

the arrow formed by the two flashes symbolizes the highest standard of operational readiness maintained by the command.

The distinctive unit insignia's gold dexter gauntlet symbolizes control over the operations and maintenance of communications and information systems. The gauntlet grasps two stylized arrows, suggesting the command focus and control over its assigned missions.

The shoulder sleeve insignia and the distinctive unit insignia were approved on July 7, 1995.

(This information was gathered from www.asc.army.mil.)

SFOR History - How it all began

Multinational Division (North) and Task Force Eagle's history began in 1995 following the NATO-imposed cease-fire, halting the destructive four-year Balkan conflict.

After the General Framework Agreement for Peace was signed Dec. 14, 1995, the 1st Armored Division, as part of NATO's Allied Command Europe, Rapid Reaction Corps, was ordered to Bosnia and Herzegovina as part of Operation Joint Endeavor, during the Implementation Force.

Task Force Eagle was formed and assumed control of its area of responsibility on Dec. 20, 1995.

After the historic bridging of the Sava river on Dec. 31, 1995, the Old Ironsides Division, with supporting Forces from the V Corps, was joined by Nordic-Polish, Turkish and Russian Brigades - in total: 12 Nations. These nations include Estonia, Latvia, Finland, Poland, Denmark, Lithuania, Norway, Iceland, Sweden, Russia, Turkey and the United States.

Task Force Eagle, one of the most powerful formations ever fielded, enforced the cease fire, supervised the marking of boundaries and the zone of separation between the former warring factions, enforced the withdrawal of the combatants to their barracks and the move-



ment of heavy weapons to designated storage sites.

Task Force Eagle also supported the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe's efforts to administer the country's first ever, democratic national elections.

On Nov. 10, 1996, 1st Armored Div. transferred authority for command and control of MND(N) and Task Force Eagle to the 1st Infantry Division.

On Dec. 20, 1996, the Implementation Force mission came to a successful conclusion and the 1stAD was selected to continue serving in Bosnia as part of the new Stabilization Force.

This decision brought to close the mission of Operation Joint Endeavor and was the beginning Operation Joint Guard.

On Oct. 22, 1997, the 1st Armored Div. again assumed command of MND(N).

The NATO-led SFOR in BiH transitioned to a slightly smaller follow-on force led by the 1st Cavalry Division, America's First Team, from Fort Hood, Texas on June 20, 1998. The United States agreed to provide a force of approximately 6,900 U.S. personnel to maintain a capable military force in BiH. Simultaneously, Operation Joint Guard ended, and Operation Joint Forge began.

Divisions that have led SFOR rotations have been the 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), the 49th Armored Division of the Texas Army National Guard, the 3rd Infantry Division from Fort Stewart, Georgia, the 29th Infantry Division (Light), a National Guard unit from Danville, Va., and currently the 25th Infantry Division (Light) from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Operation Joint Forge will continue to build on the successes of Operations Joint Endeavor and Joint Guard. No timeline for the duration of Operation Joint Forge has been established.

The mission will be assessed periodically and the force commitment will be adjusted, as circumstances require.

(This information was gathered from www.tfeagle.army.mil/TFE/SFOR_History.htm.)