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“What would you like to see more of in the *Talon*?”



**Sgt. 1st Class Abraham Santiago**  
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HHC, 25th ID (L)  
“I would like to see more sports coverage.”



**Pfc. Jillian Rountree**  
MP  
549th MP Co.  
“I would like to see more editorials in the *Talon*.”



**Spc. Lori Blair**  
Postal Clerk  
342nd AG Postal Co.  
“I would like to see more input from the soldiers.”



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Bosnia-Herzegovina



# CG speaks...

## Attitude check



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

As we go about our nation's work in Multinational Division (North), we often run into challenges – many challenges each and every day! When you face these challenges, what's your attitude about them? Do you see the glass as half empty or half full?

Studies show that having a positive attitude really does make our lives better. People who think positive do better at work, in school, and in their personal lives than pessimists. There is tremendous strength, resilience and charisma in people who choose to take a positive

outlook on life.

Optimists are physically and mentally healthier. They're more likely to take good care of themselves by eating right and exercising. When optimists do get sick, they recover faster.

Optimists believe that they can succeed. They look at setbacks as temporary and failures as learning experiences.

Their positive attitude insulates them against stress because they react to adversity by planning and taking action.

When things do go wrong, they make the best of it. They face life's challenges feeling hopeful, not helpless.

You might think that, as a general officer, I have a great deal of control over my environment – but in fact, like everyone else, I often have little control over what happens to me. Most of the things that happen to us from day to day are beyond our control. That's why it's a great waste of time and mental energy to worry about things over which we have little or no control.

I firmly believe that attitude is a choice.

Researchers at the University of California asked 2,000 people about the worst times in their lives—ranging from divorce to job loss to combat. They were surprised to find that most people were able to identify something positive from the most traumatic experiences. Some learned how strong they were; others, what wonderful friends they had. Some found a renewed faith in God. Most thought their experiences made them stronger and better able to cope with other problems that came along.

The following quotation is by Charles Swindoll, a minister who has written nearly 60 books on positive, creative living. This reflection on Attitude is one of my favorites.

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts.

"It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company. . . a church. . . a

home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for the day. We cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our Attitude. . . I am convinced that life is 10 percent what happens to me and 90 percent how I react to it. And so with you. . . we are in charge of our attitudes."

We all have to play the cards we're dealt. We're all faced with difficult demands, impossible deadlines, unpleasant situations and people – and yet, we have the ability to choose whether the glass is half empty or half full. Think of the power this gives us!

An optimist remembers all the good things in his or her life even when times are tough.

So, try making a list of your blessings. When things go wrong, pull out your list and remind yourself of what is going right. I'll bet the list is longer than you realize.

"People First, Mission Always!"

# Chaplain shares a Memorial Day memory

By Chaplain (Capt.) John Rasmussen

MND (N) UMT

It was raining "cats and dogs" and I was late for physical training. Traffic was backed up at Fort Campbell, Ky., and was moving way too slowly. I was probably going to be late and I was growing more and more impatient.

The pace slowed almost to a standstill as I passed Memorial Grove, the site built to honor the soldiers who died in the Gander airplane crash, the worst redeploy-

ment accident in the history of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

Because it was close to Memorial Day, a small American flag had been placed in the ground next to each soldier's memorial plaque.

My concern at the time, however, was getting past the bottle-neck, getting out of the rain and getting to PT on time.

All of a sudden, infuriatingly, just as the traffic was getting started again, the car in front of me stopped.

A soldier, a private of course,

jumped out in the pouring rain and ran over toward the grove.

I couldn't believe it! This knucklehead was holding up everyone for who knows what kind of prank. Horns were honking.

I waited to see the butt-chewing that I wanted him to get for making me late.

He was getting soaked to the skin. His BDUs were plastered to his frame. I watched—as he ran up to one of the memorial plaques, picked

**See Chaplain, page 10**

# Korea — 50 years ago, May 9-15

## *Red POWs release captured camp commander*

By Jim Caldwell

TRADOC News Service

WASHINGTON — Two days after capturing Brig. Gen. Francis T. Dodd at the Koje-do prison camp he commanded, communist prisoners of war released him, 50 years ago last week in Korea.

May 9, 1952 — President Harry S. Truman asks the Senate to retain ViceAdm. C. Turner Joy, chief U.N. negotiator at Panmunjon, at his current rank when he leaves Korea this summer to become the superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

May 10 — A political firestorm erupts among American politicians over the release this day of Dodd, by the communist prisoners who had kidnapped him May 8. Dodd is called incompetent, as is Brig. Gen. Charles Colson, interim camp commander.

Colson, I Corps chief of staff, was ordered by Gen. James Van Fleet, Eighth Army commander, to take command of the camp and settle the uprising with force if need be. However, the emphasis was on winning Dodd's release without bloodshed.

Colson's reply to the prisoners' demands contains such language as "there (have) been instances of bloodshed where many (prisoners of war) have been killed and wounded by U.N. forces. I can assure in the future that (POWs) can expect humane treatment."

He also wrote that following "Dodd's release, unharmed, there will be no more forcible screenings (of POWs) ..."

The language essentially admits that all the communist propaganda charges are true, and serves only to refuel the propaganda machine.

The communist prisoners quickly demand "immediate ceasing of the barbaric behavior, insults, torture, forcible protest with blood writing, threatening, confinement, mass murdering, gun and machinegun shooting, using poison gas, germ weap-



Marine Corps photo by T. Sgt. Vance Jobe, U.S. Army illustration

**Maj. Gen. Frank Lowe, presidential representative in Korea, examines "flash range" instruments on the Marine front lines. Explaining the instrument is Marine Staff Sgt. Charles Kitching of Redlands, Calif., in March 1951.**

ons, experiment of A-bomb by your command."

May 10-11 — At the truce talks at Panmunjon, the communists bring up the Dodd situation every day since the incident happened May 8. On May 10 they warn the U.N. team that a "massacre" of POWs must not happen. The next day they demand that prisoners must not be punished for kidnapping Dodd.

No progress is made at the conference table.

May 12 — Gen. Mark Clark becomes the U.N. supreme commander just in time to inherit the latest political mess.

Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway holds a news conference after the change-of-command ceremony. He is headed home to the United States first before becoming supreme allied commander in Europe June 1.

He says truce talks will fail unless the enemy accepts the allies "final" offer. The general blasts the Reds for "baseless, lying charges of germ and chemical warfare."

Dodd tells reporters that he considers the concessions to be "insignificant." Lt. Col. Wilbur Raven, 94th Military Police Battalion commander, who had been taken along

with Dodd, was released earlier without injury.

Clark later issues a statement saying that any agreement made through threat of death was void. He denied mass killings at Koje-do and said that force was used only in response to "deliberate and planned machinations of unprincipled communist leaders." He also denies that prisoners were forced to reject repatriation.

In other news, Defense sources reveal May 12 that North Korean shore batteries near Songjin on the east coast killed three men when they hit the Navy destroyer James G. Owens May 7.

May 12-13 — On May 12, Clark relieves Colson as Koje commander. The next day he says the agreement with Koje prisoners "has no validity whatsoever." He also says Colson lacked authority "to purport to accept any of the vicious and false charges upon which the communists demands were based."

He names Brig. Gen. Haydon T. Boatner, who speaks Chinese, as new Koje

commander. He has been assistant commander of the 2nd Infantry Division.

May 13 — The Air Force shows off early models of its two all-new, all-jet bombers. The Convair YB-60 and the Boeing YB-52 have eight jet engines and are capable of carrying atomic bombs.

The Fifth Air Force in Japan says that U.N. fighter pilots downed 13 MiGs in the week ended May 10. The U.N. lost 10 planes to various enemy action, but only one F-86 Sabre was lost during dogfights. Later in the day a spokesman announces that F-86 pilots shot down five more MiGs during six aerial engagements today.

May 14 — In Washington, Senator Styles Bridges denounces the "stupidity" of Dodd for allowing himself to be captured and of Colson for agreeing with communist prisoners.

Peking radio says that U.N. planes dropped poison gas canisters on North Korea five times in April. Clark immediately denies the charge.

May 15 — North Korean Lt. Gen. Nam Il at Panmunjon says that U.N. forces have committed "criminal acts, all concrete facts." They include "insults, torture, forcible writing of petitions in blood, threatenings, confinement, mass murder, shooting and machine gunning, making experiments with poison gas, germ weapons and atomic bombs."

Some observers note that Nam's words are almost identical to that of the communist prisoners on Koje-do, and wonder who authored them.

Boatner takes command of the Koje camp the same day, saying he's going to take control of the prisoners, forbid them to show the Red flag and "insulting signs." The Reds can no longer make "demands" because, "Prisoners of war do not negotiate."

Evidently three prisoners don't like what they hear and try to escape. They're stopped when a guard shoots one of them in the leg.

# Drug free program marches along in step

By Spc. Joshua Dawson

HHC, 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Regt.  
Correspondent

After four weeks of training and preparation, Stabilization Force 11 soldiers handed over control of a seventh grade class full of eager 12- and 13-year-olds to the "Bee like me. Be drug free" student instructors of Prva Zivinice Junior High School.

The soldiers of SFOR 11 have picked up where the soldiers of SFOR 10 left off in the "Bee like me, Be drug free" program. Soldiers from several different units throughout Task Force Eagle have given their time to teach Bosnian children drug and alcohol resistance, moral decision-making and conflict resolution.

SFOR 11 soldiers now assist the seventh-grade students, who were taught the first half of the school year by soldiers from SFOR 10. Even though the students had a small break while SFOR 11 assumed duty, they are all very well versed in the information and overall concept of the program.

"I think the 'bee like me...' program is great. I have the opportunity to help my friends by talking to them and discouraging them from smoking or doing drugs," said Samra Hasanagic, a 13 year-old seventh grade "bee" at Prva Zivinice. "I've met lots of new friends, like Sybil," Hasanagic continued, referring to Master Sgt. Sybil Gibbs of Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

"These kids are fascinating and are



Photos by Spc. Vincent Oliver

**"Bee like me, be drug free..." student mentor Samra Hasanagic talks to her soldier mentors, Sgt. 1st. Class Dennis Scott, engineers NCOIC, 25th ID (L), and Master Sgt. Sybil Gibbs, Task Force Senior Career Counselor. Hasanagic is 13 years old and says she wants to be a doctor when she grows up.**

quick learners, and I really enjoy this," said Gibbs, who is the Task Force Senior Career Counselor. "They're very mature for their age."

The SFOR 11 soldiers give the student instructors, or "bees," the flexibility to use formats that they believe would best apply to their age group. The student "wannabees" are given workbook assignments in addition to class participation projects.

The SFOR soldiers monitored the presentations and assisted the student instructors when needed, however, all skits, metaphors, and examples came straight

from the student instructors.

The students expressed deep respect for the SFOR soldiers and demonstrated a strong desire to learn American ideas and culture.

The students were very curious and asked many questions about American music and movies but never strayed far from the subject at hand.

Together, SFOR soldiers and their new seventh grade friends develop new ideas and grow from their interaction together, hoping to improve this country's next generation of leaders, making for a stronger and more independent Bosnia.



Above, Sgt. 1st. Class Carl Downey, HHC 25th ID (L) Equal Opportunity Advisor, talks to a seventh grade student at Prva Zivinice Junior High School during a "Bee like me, be drug free..." class. Downey is a mentor for the class "bee," a student mentor who actually teaches the drug avoidance classes. Right, "Bee like me, be drug free..." student mentor Samra Hasanagic connects with her classmates during a recent class session.





Photos by Cpl. Matthew McClelland

Sgt. 1st Class Scott Ham, the PSD platoon sergeant, HHC, 1st Bn., 151st Inf. Regt. makes balloon creations for the children of Elementary School Number 8 in Brka, Brcko District May 8. Ham is a certified clown in his civilian job.



# Soldier "hams" it up for smiles,

By Sgt. 1st Class Jack Martin

*Camp McGovern Public Affairs NCOIC*

"Hi kids, my name is 'Cunka,' pronounced shoon-ka. Somebody told me we needed to have some fun!"

Suddenly, this 6-foot-3-inch soldier with a playful grin was surrounded by children half his size on a sunny day in early May.

It seemed as if all the students of Elementary School Number 8, in Brka, Brcko District, came out to see what this soldier calling himself "Cunka," meaning "Ham," was up to.

"Okay you guys... calm down, let me have a little room." And then he was off, and the children couldn't believe what they were seeing – an American soldier, in Battle Dress Uniform, straddling a comically-small unicycle, juggling steel balls, zipping in and out and around them honking a circus horn.

The soldier is indeed a real ham. Sgt. 1st Class Scott Ham, of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 151st Infantry Regiment, was just warming up.

"I love kids, and I understand the circus doesn't come to town," Ham said. "So this is an opportunity for them to see a clown." And he's not kidding. Ham, an Indiana Army National Guardsman, has been a professional clown for 10 years. He's certified through the World Clown Association.

"I've entertained tens of thousands of children back home; anywhere from one at a time up to five thousand, said Ham. "And now I realize kids are the same all over the world. They share the same kind of love and fascination for..." he pauses a bit and then his face lit up... "Laughter!"

Ham takes clowning seriously. But, he's also a serious soldier with a great deal of responsibility.

He's the platoon sergeant for Camp McGovern's Personal Security Detachment, responsible for protecting the Task Force Warhawk commander among other force protection duties.

Yet he uses his talent to teach Bosnian children serious



Sgt. 1st Class Scott Ham gets his photograph taken with the children.

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and keep them safe. "Do you see this?" In seconds, he folded a [blank] into a little circle with a small end [blank] is a landmine... okay?" And as quickly as he unfolded it and placed it on his shoulder [blank] "a rocket launcher... you see?" A [blank] balloon swooshed off his shoulder [blank] when running after it – clamoring for more. Bosnia left a terrible legacy. I want to use [blank] fun way to teach children here about [blank] and ordnance so that they won't get hurt [blank] with those horrible issues again." Can [blank] get the message? This "clown" of a [blank] "Cunka," who goes by "Guni" in the [blank] who wants to help teach them tolerance for

They'll see laughter is universal. It's [blank] to share. We just have to be free to do it

A soldier who never seems to stop smiling [blank] remember. "I'm seeing things here I've never [blank] am giving these kids an opportunity to see [blank] 't either. Maybe, hopefully, it will make a

At least, make them laugh. [blank] let my costume," he said. "Cunka" was off – on his unicycle – with a [blank] children not far behind.



**Above, Ham entertains the children by riding a unicycle and juggling as part of the show he put on at the elementary school. Left, The children watch Ham juggle and make silly faces. This is the closest thing to a circus the children have ever seen.**

# McGovern soldiers take a course in safe driving techniques, maneuvers

By Cpl. Matthew McClelland

*Camp McGovern Public Affairs Correspondent*

Last week at Camp McGovern, soldiers could hear the roar of the engine and see the strain on the suspension of a HMMWV as Sgt 1st Class Billy Smith conducted a tactical vehicle driving course.

Smith, the NCOIC for the Base Defense Operations Center, came up with the idea because of a recent string of accidents, as well as a consistent need to teach safe driving techniques.

"The overall concept of the program is to teach drivers to function within their own driving abilities and the limitations of the vehicle" Smith said.

The soldiers started out in a 45-minute class that taught them the basics of good communication, and safe driving. Then they moved out to a road course

where instructors put them behind the wheel.

The course was designed to familiarize drivers with the Up-armored HMMWV, with specific emphasis placed on its maneuvering capabilities and limitations.

The students zipped around the course, zigzagging between cones, making hard turns at the last second, and skidding to a sudden stop on the course's loose gravel.

The focus was on proper hand placement at the ten and two position, the proper road scanning techniques and sudden braking without locking up the wheels.

"A lot of us needed the class. It helps build confidence and skills, I enjoyed it" said Cpl. Thomas Owens, Company C, 1st Battalion, 151st Infantry Regiment.

That afternoon the training paid off for Owens off post when



Cpl. Matthew McClelland

**Soldiers of the 1st Bn., 151st Inf. Regt. practice safe driving techniques at Camp McGovern.**

he had a vehicle make a sudden stop in front of him, forcing him to make a split second turn to avoid an accident.

"The proof that this helped will come at the end of our mission here. If we reduced the number of accidents then this course was successful," said

Smith. "This would be a very helpful class for anyone, even if not in a HMMWV, everyone is a driver."

With a little bit of work, and a lot of fun, the drivers said they now have a new appreciation of the vehicle they are in command of every day.

## Portuguese, Americans team up for UXO mission

By Cpl. Matthew McClelland

*Camp McGovern Public Affairs Correspondent*

Soldiers from 5th Platoon, Company C, 1st Battalion, 151st Infantry Regiment, joined together May 3 with soldiers from 2nd Coy, 2nd Battalion of the Portuguese Army.

The American and Portuguese soldiers were assigned to perform joint patrols. That day, in particular, they had to secure an unexploded ordnance site outside the city of Gradacac in northern Bosnia.

After linking up with the civilian protection agency representative in Gradacac, both the American and Portuguese soldiers moved to the site of the UXO and quickly secured the area, while the group's leaders went door-to-door.

The platoon leader, 2nd Lt. Everett Baker, his squad leader, Staff Sgt. Eric Umbarger and Portuguese Army Staff Sgt. Joao Silva were looking for information from the locals about other possible UXO's in the area.

Their efforts paid off. They collected three hand grenades in addition to the munitions that they were there to secure. The soldiers quickly cordoned off the area and notified authorities.

The American and Portuguese soldiers waited for hours for the local police to arrive. The time gave them an opportunity, though, to interact with each other person-to-person.

Their discussions varied, from their families back home to their military training. They compared equipment and "war" stories, and shared a wealth of knowledge about their work in Bosnia.

"It was a good experience working with the Americans. It was a good experience for us because we could learn from each other," said Silva.

The Portuguese soldiers, who were

once stationed near Brcko, also discussed operations in the past and offered their American counterparts a few tips. Many of "Charlie" Company's troops say they learned quite a bit from their "attachments."

"I feel that we have been productive, but I see more that needs to be done," said Spc. Daniel Vanbibber.

After nine hours, the combined groups of soldiers ended their mission. The Portuguese and Americans, working together, say they felt richer for the experience knowing whether they're operating jointly, or on their own, there will always be more work for tomorrow.



Cpl. Matthew McClelland

**Portuguese and U.S. soldiers compare weapons during a week-long training and joint mission team up. The two armies shared training techniques and stories about their crafts.**

# Area Support Group Eagle

## *Taking care of the Peacekeepers*

By Spc. Christina Davis

*Talon Editor, 305th PAD*

Area Support Group Eagle named its new commander, Col. Andrew Posey, during a change of command ceremony April 29 at the Eagle Base fitness center.

Throughout the history of the U.S. Army, change has come to be expected and accepted as a normal part of military life. But although personnel change, missions stay steady and focused.

Posey is now the soldier responsible for making sure the ASG does everything necessary to complete the mission, and that mission is to take care of the Peacekeepers.

By Posey's side is Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Garrison, the ASG Eagle command sergeant major.

"You have to give the (peacekeepers) the things they need to do their job," said Garrison.

What the ASG gives the soldiers here is food, shelter and installation support.

"Every bit of the facility that soldiers are on, including post security and the runway is the responsibility of the ASG," Garrison explained.



Spc. Christina Davis

**A Brown and Root employee works on the electrical system at the former American Forces Network building. Brown and Root is one of many organizations which fall under the responsibility of the ASG**

Responsibility of the installation goes beyond just inside the gates. The ASG is responsible for force protection guidelines. The ASG is the organization that gives people access to the installation.

ASG Eagle is not only responsible for Eagle Base, it is responsible for all the

Army installations in Bosnia, Croatia and Hungary.

"If they are American soldiers, we support them," Garrison said.

To help with the mission, the 75 to 100 soldiers assigned to the ASG are supported by Brown and Root

contractors.

"We have extremely qualified people ... in different areas," he said. "The key to success is selecting the right people for the job. Fortunately, we have been quite successful in doing that."

Brown and Root is responsible for all the engineers, electricians, plumbers and carpenters who keep up the facility maintenance. They also provide the dining facility workers and cleaning crews for the billets and office buildings.

Each soldier in the ASG comes from a different home station and unites for this mission for a six-month rotation here.

The soldiers come from installations in the U.S. and Europe and the ASG is comprised of active duty, Reserve and National Guard soldiers. All three components are molded together here. It exemplifies the "Army of One" theme, he said.

"I feel pride for the soldiers in ASG everyday," said Garrison. "I see things taking place, things that are being requested, and I see the results of our people's efforts."

"Just because people change, you doesn't necessarily change the mission," he said. "You just change the way you approach the mission."

## TFME Self-Care Program helps soldiers

Every soldier in the United States Army is a valuable asset. Furthermore, individual health status is important because soldiers perform their roles better when they are healthy.

One aspect of remaining healthy is self-care. Self-care means soldiers taking care of their own health when they can and using the military health care system when they cannot.

Several of the components of good basic health care include proper dental

and personal hygiene, a balanced diet, mental and emotional fitness, and general injury prevention measures, such as proper shoe fit and smoking cessation.

TFME has health care professionals that specialize in each of these areas.

However, another critical aspect of self-care is identifying those minor illnesses that soldiers can take care of on their own.

This may involve the use of an over-the-counter medication. Over-the-

counter medications are similar to prescription medications in that they are used to treat, cure, or prevent medical problems.

As one pillar of the TFME Self-Care Program, the TFME Pharmacy stocks medications that may be dispensed for the associated symptoms.

Remember, a soldier's health is their responsibility; it depends on their decisions. For more information, visit TFME.

*(Task Force Med Eagle)*

# Russian soldiers celebrate Victory Day

By Russian Staff Sgt. Igor Shcherbakov and Cadet Anton Semenov

1st PRSAB

The 1st Peacekeeping Russian Separate Airborne Brigade celebrated Victory Day at Camp Ugljevik May 9.

World War II is the most terrible page of human history. Great tragedy, great madness, unlimited atrocities, human hecatombs...

Destruction of entire villages, Khatyn, Byelorussia; Oradur, France; Lidice, Czechoslovakia, all the population massacred by Nazis... a thousand Polish prisoners killed by Soviet troops near Smolensk... 130 thousand civilians burned alive in Dresden which was almost wiped off the earth by British Air Force... Thousands of innocent civilians in Hiroshima and Nagasaki... The whole nation under the threat of complete extermination.

The reign of cruelty but the triumph of humanity – paradoxical? Yes, like everything in life.

They said, "To win at all cost." And they did, and the cost was enormous. The USSR paid 27 million for the Victory... 27 million human lives.

The Great Patriotic War is sacred for every Russian. As a part of World War II, the combat on the Eastern Front was to decide the fate of the Soviet Union, Europe, and the whole world.

The allies combined efforts to fight their powerful enemy — the Nazi III Reich. But the Soviet Union had to perform all the so-called 'labor-intensive activity of fighting,' almost by itself until July 1944. Blood of the fraternal people of the USSR soaked in every inch of the soil from the Volga to Berlin.

That was a tragedy, which struck every single Soviet family.

World War II was a great heroic epic, but it was also a great lesson for all mankind. Maybe thanks to it, the Cold War didn't turn into a bloody war.

In the end of the second millennium, Eu-

rope faced another conflict jeopardizing stability of the whole continent. But fortunately, it didn't because a world war had happened earlier. The ex-Yugoslavia was the place where soldiers from all over the world, including former Cold War adversaries, met to accomplish their noble joint mission.



Above, children play traditional Russian music during the Victory Day celebration May 9 at Camp Ugljevik.



Left, Two Russian soldiers dance with the children during the celebration of Russia's victory during World War II.

Photos by Spc. Christina Davis



## Sumo Wrestling

**Spc. Miguel Aguirre, communication and equipment repair specialist, Co. C., 1st Bn., 25th Avn. Regt., twists the leg of Spc. Nicholas Moseby, training and movement driver, JMA, during the MWR sponsored Sumo Wrestling night at Triggers. The event is monthly.**

Spc. Michelle Lunato

## Chaplain tells meaning of Memorial Day

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up the small American flag that had fallen to the ground in the wind and the rain, and set it upright again.

Then, slowly, he came to attention, saluted, ran back to his car, and drove off.

I'll never forget that incident. That soldier, whose name I will never know, taught me more about duty, honor, and respect than a hundred

books or a thousand lectures.

That simple salute—that single act of honoring his fallen brother and his flag encapsulated all the Army values in one gesture for me. It said, "I will never forget. I will keep the faith. I will finish the mission. I am an American soldier."

I thank God for examples like that.

And on this Memorial Day, I will remember all those who paid the ultimate price for my freedom, and one private, soaked to the skin, who honored them.

Friday, May 17, 2002

## TFME gives 10 eye safety commandments

The 10 commandments of eye safety are:

1. Thou shalt honor and obey safety procedures that thy vision may remain bright all the days of thy life.

2. Thou shalt wear appropriate ANSI Z87 approved eye protection in clean and serviceable condition for mechanical, chemical, biological or radiant energy hazards.

3. Thou shalt not wear contact lenses where smoke, dust, and chemical fume exist nor in basic training nor deployment.

4. Thou shalt not play racquet sports without ASTM F803 approved eye guards that contain lenses.

5. Thou shalt know where the eye wash fountain is and how to use and maintain it.

6. Thou shalt know basic first aid for eye injury that thou mayest be of value to thyself and thy fellow worker.

7. Thou shalt have an eye examination by thine eye doctor every two or three years, or sooner as directed, to ensure safe and efficient work.

8. Thou shalt report to thy supervisor hazards and unsafe practices that mayest cause eye injury.

9. Thou shalt encourage thy fellow workers to practice eye safety and receive annual eye safety training.

10. Thou shalt use common sense in all activities potentially hazardous to thine eyes.

*(Task Force Med Eagle)*



Photos by Spc. Christina Davis

## Practicing hoist rescue missions

Above, Staff Sgt. Kurt Holzer, medic, 1085th Air Ambulance Co., and other TFME medics get a "casualty" out of the UH-60 blackhawk helicopter during a hoist rescue mission exercise at Eagle Base in April.

Right, Holzer brings a "casualty" into the air ambulance via a jungle penetrator. The task was to rescue soldiers from the top of a HMMWV in a mine field.



## News Briefs

**Asia Pacific Islander Heritage Month** — The Equal Opportunity office is looking for volunteers for the committee for Asian Pacific Heritage Month. They need help planning a formal ceremony and luau. Meetings are at the EO office on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 762-0033.

**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. For more information, call Tony Mullings at 762-3004.



Cpl. Matthew McClelland

## Play hoops

Spc. Nicholes Meade, Trp. E, 238th Cav. Regt., tries to shoot the ball, but has difficulties because of the other team's defense. Soldiers from Camp McGovern played students from Brcko Saturday in a friendly basketball game. The students pulled out a respectable 98-40 win over the troops.

# Know the SFOR 11 units ...

## 76th Infantry Brigade - Indiana Army National Guard



The Warhawk Battalion traces its heritage back before Indiana became a State.

Born from the militia companies that mustered on the banks of the Ohio River in time of crisis, the battalion since has continually served with pride and distinction. Always there, ready to serve, exemplifying the true spirit of the citizen soldier.

The 151st Regiment can trace its military activities back to the Indian Campaigns of the War of 1812, the Mexican War of 1846, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War and the Mexican Border Service.

Militia men volunteered to fight with Gen. William Henry Harrison against the Indians, culminating in the bloody Battle of Tippecanoe. In that fight, the Regi-

ment received its motto, "Wide Awake-Wide Awake." This spirit and commitment to community and nation led these pioneers away from their homes and families into harms way to defend the ideals and principles that define the organization today.



The men of the 151st saw fierce fighting in New Guinea, Leyte and Luzon. It was here that the 151st and 38th Division were nicknamed by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, the "Avengers of Bataan." Two decades and several reorganizations later, the 151st found itself called upon to stop the spread of communism in South East Asia. Company D (Rangers) 151st Infantry went to Vietnam to perform recon-

naissance and intelligence gathering missions. Once again, the 151st distinguished itself in battle achieving an impressive combat record.

They are the second highest decorated unit that participated in Vietnam. Since Vietnam, the battalion has not sat idle. Just as their pioneer forefathers did, they pray for peace, but prepare for war. Their readiness helped defeat the empire of the Soviet Union and win the Cold War. Today finds the Warhawk battalion honing its war-making proficiency to keen edge as part of the 76th Separate Enhanced Brigade.

The blue and white colors on the shoulder sleeve insignia are traditionally associated with infantry units. The white arrowhead and black bayonet underscore the unit's primary mission. Black and white denote the brigade's 24-hour readiness and capabilities.

The arrowhead, highlighting the unit's motto, is red, alluding to the brigade's war service and meritorious unit commendations. The fleur-de-lis symbolizes their assault landing in France during World War II. The bayonets, which reflect the unit's mission, symbolize military preparedness and are crossed to denote strength and cooperation. The distinctive unit and shoulder insignias were approved on March 21, 1995.

The more than 300 soldiers of Task Force Warhawk are mainly at Camps Morgan and McGovern.

They are responsible for security and patrols of the northern Bosnia and Herzegovina area of operations.

**(This information was gathered from [www.76brigade.com](http://www.76brigade.com).)**



Staff Sgt. Kanessa Mynett



Spc. Michelle Lunato

A woman mourns the loss of her loved ones during the memorial gathering.



Spc. Michelle Lunato

### Vuk Karadzic Memorial ceremony

Upper left, family members are said to have watched through the hole in this wall as their loved ones were marched away, never to return.

Left, two women gaze at the Drina River in Bratunac where bodies of their family members were reportedly thrown as a result of ethnic cleansing. This is the first time people were able to gather together in the city of Bratunac for the observance without violence. This was a major step toward reconciliation in BiH.