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Stabilization Force 11 Voices

“What impact do you think SFOR 11 has in Bosnia?”



**Sgt. Cody York
G2Ace
125th MI Bn.**

“I feel our impact depends on what side the international entity boundary line the people are from.”



**Spc. Isaac Baker
Radio Transmission Operator
HHC, 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Regt.**

“I do know that my being here has brought life to several kids in a school in Tuzla.”



**Capt. Wendall Hall
Chief of Legal Assistance
JAG**

“SFOR 11 has contributed significantly not only to the reform of BiH government, but also to the improvement of the Bosnian society as well.”



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

Success comes easily to very few people.

For most of us, it doesn't just fall out of a tree into our laps — it comes to us only with lots of hard work and sacrifice. When obstacles appear that make our goals seem impossible, often the weapon of last resort is our own attitude.

Our last division run was proof of this. When faced with a challenging four-mile route, you may have found that your mind wanted to quit long before your body gave its last full ounce of effort.

Sometimes it's only your own mental toughness and self-discipline that keep your feet moving until you hear the command, "Quick-time, march."

Dale Carnegie, that patriarch of positive thinking, once said, "Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all."

Some people are too quick to give up on themselves. They haven't reached their full physical potential, or their life potential, because they allow negative attitudes and beliefs about themselves to get in the way.

If this is you, you can change that — you just need to change your patterns of thinking to focus on your possibilities.

People who have developed this disciplined way of finding the good in themselves and their situations tend to be high achievers. They're people who

CG speaks...

"Mental toughness"

have learned how to deal constructively with setbacks and failure in their lives, people who transcend "good enough" and demand the best from themselves on a regular basis.

They're the mentally tough. For these folks, there are no limits to what they can do.

Aristotle said, "We are what we repeatedly do." Condition your mental attitude daily, just as you condition your body daily.

These are some of the characteristics that high achievers typically share.

- They rise above pettiness and

and challenge the established routine.

- Closely related to that, they're willing to face adversity. One of Donald Rumsfeld's favorite sayings is: "If you're not being criticized, you're probably not doing much." High achievers accept the fact they may be unpopular at times, and they don't let it stop them or get them down.

- They're dedicated to whatever it is they're doing. They do what they love, and love what they do.

- Their enthusiasm is contagious. They want to see others grow and succeed, and they're constantly thinking of new goals to set before themselves.

- Through good times and bad, they're guided by their principles. They don't compromise their integrity for short-term or long-term gain. (Priorities again!)

I want to share one of my favorite inspirational messages with you. I don't know the original author, but it helps me to keep my attitude straight when:

"I'm facing a tough challenge.

If you think you are beaten, you are.

If you think you dare not, you don't.

If you'd like to win but think you can't,

It's almost a cinch you won't.

If you think you'll lose, you've lost,

For out in the world you find

Success begins with a fellow's will —

It's all in the state of mind.

For many a race is lost

Ere ever a step is run,

And many a coward fails

Ere ever his work's begun.

Think big and your deeds will grow,

Think small and you'll fall behind.

Think that you can, and you will —

It's all in the state of mind.

If you think you're outclassed, you are.

You've got to think high to rise.

You've got to be sure of yourself before

You can ever win a prize,

Life's battles do not always go

To the stronger or faster man,

But sooner or later the fellow who

wins

Is the fellow who thinks he can.

It's all in the state of mind."

"People first, Mission always!"

*"When obstacles appear
that make our goals seem
impossible, often the
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— *Maj. Gen. Charles H.
Swannack, Jr.,
MND (N)
commander*

refuse to let small thinking bog them down. They focus on the big picture and the long term.

- They're good at figuring out priorities. They focus their effort first on the most important tasks on their list, not the easiest to knock out.

- They're practical. They have grace under pressure, because they give themselves — and others — permission to make honest mistakes.

- They know that life is full of risk and avoiding it is nearly impossible. They don't let fear of failure dictate their course in life.

- They're able to think innovatively. They're willing to try new approaches

Task Force Eagle soldiers rescue local man

By Spc. Vincent Oliver

Talon Assistant Editor, 305th PAD

Guard duty can be fairly routine and sometimes downright boring, but on June 23 the soldiers on guard at Camp Comanche's north gate responded to a commotion just outside the gate that would be anything but routine — two soldiers took part in saving a local man's life.

A Brown and Root employee manning the gate signaled to the soldiers on guard duty that there was trouble. When Staff Sgt. Kiril Dimitrov, a tank commander with Company C, 2nd Battalion, 116th Armored Cavalry Regiment and Sgt. Alvin Mastrude, a gunner with 2nd Bn., 116th Armored Cav. Regt., arrived at the gate, they learned that a local Bosnian man needed medical attention.

"As I was coming through the gate, the guy turned, and I could see that he was covered with blood," said Dimitrov.

As it turned out, Sulejman Sljivic, an unemployed mechanic, had been gathering firewood a few hundred meters from the gate and had gotten into an altercation with two men. They had physically attacked his wife in a dispute over the firewood. Sljivic was then attacked with a homemade machete.

Dimitrov and Mastrude immediately followed protocol and contacted the Base Defense Operations Center. They were advised that the Commander of the Relief and the local police were on the way and to give the man basic medical aid.

"We used all the field dressings we had among us, plus some gauze from a first aid kit a Brown and Root supervisor brought. We finally got the bleeding stopped," said



Photos by Col. David Rivera

Maj. James Frizzi, TFME critical care surgeon, and an interpreter visit with Sulejman Sljivic after surgery to repair two large lacerations Sljivic sustained during an altercation outside Camp Comanche June 23.

Dimitrov.

The COR arrived shortly after the police and after seeing the severity of the man's wounds, decided emergency medical treatment was needed. Within minutes, a Task Force Med Eagle ambulance was dispatched.

Capt. Jason Roth, an internal medicine physician with TFME, was the first doctor on the scene.

"He wasn't actively bleeding when we got there because whoever was on the scene before we got there had given appropriate first aid," said Roth. Loss of blood is the major cause of death in a trauma, and the most important thing Dimitrov and Mastrude could have done for Sljivic was to successfully stop the bleeding, according to Roth.

"The first thing I noticed when I got out of the ambulance was the smell of blood. It was everywhere," said Spc. Apphia Mason, an emergency room medic with TFME. Mason quickly remembered her training and immediately began reinforcing the efforts to try to control the bleeding.

Once inside the ambulance, the medical team went to work giving Sljivic oxygen, intravenous fluids and treating him for shock.

"The hardest thing about it all was remembering to talk through the interpreter. With adrenaline pumping it was hard not to try and speak directly to the patient, forgetting about the language barrier," said Mason.

Mason, who had recently earned her Emergency Medical Technician certification May 12, said the love of her job and the training she has received since being deployed to Bosnia helped her to perform her job in the face of such extreme circumstances.

Upon reaching the TFME emergency room, a team of doctors, nurses and medics quickly

examined Sljivic to determine the extent of his injuries, which included a large open cut on his left forearm through which bone could be seen and another deep laceration just below the shoulder of the same arm.

It took just 19 minutes, an extremely short time — even by a civilian trauma center's standards — from the time the Sljivic was wheeled through the emergency room doors until he was taken into surgery. This was mainly due to the fact that Dimitrov and Mastrude had made great efforts to stop the bleeding, which helped to stabilize him, according to Maj. James Frizzi, a trauma critical care surgeon with TFME who headed the team that performed the surgery to stitch Sljivic's arm back together.

After 55 minutes, the Sljivic emerged from surgery to see the relieved faces of his wife Dzemila and two of his six children. He was given a very positive prognosis about his recovery and was allowed to rest for two days before he was released.

"There are a lot of things that could have gone wrong, but none of them happened in this case," said Frizzi. "This patient got standard of care medicine. He got the same kind of care he would have gotten in Boston, Baltimore or Los Angeles. This is why we're here. We were able help the average guy on the street. We're now part Bosnian."

"If it weren't for the help of the soldiers, I probably wouldn't be alive today," said Sljivic. "All the doctors and nurses here were very nice to me. They treated me like I was the president."

"This incident reminded me of the great people I have working here," said TFME commander, Col. David Rivera. "I'm glad we could help this gentleman, and I'm very proud of Task Force Med Eagle."



Dzemila Sljivic and two of their children, visit her husband Sulejman Sljivic after surgery at the Eagle Base TFME emergency room.

Women of Srebrenica remember the war

Compiled by
Spc. Christina Davis

Talon Editor, 305th PAD

The Women of Srebrenica gathered Thursday to honor and memorialize loved ones who were reportedly killed July 11, 1995.

Since the war, the women who were left behind have been seeking justice with people who support their cause of making sure everyone knows what happened July 11, 1995. They hope that it will never happen again.

Each year the women join together in Srebrenica to remember and honor their

husbands, sons and friends who were killed.

Last year the group had a successful and peaceful gathering at Potacari and the women unveiled a stone monument which read "Srebrenica July 1995."

The reason for the gathering is a sad story. It is said that more than 8,000 Muslim men and boys were killed on or around July 11, 1995 in the Republic of Srpska during a large massacre.

The story is said to have begun when the United Nations "safe area" of Srebrenica in eastern Bosnia was overrun by Bosnian Serb troops. Most of the

male population were massacred over a four-day period.

Some people say it was the worst massacre in Europe since World War II.

It is said that the first stage of the massacre was in the woods, as Srebrenica's population fled the advancing army. Reportedly, Bosnian Serb soldiers attacked with artillery shells, anti-aircraft guns and automatic weapons, which killed hundreds of people.

The next stage was reported to have been the mass executions at Karakaj where thousands of Muslims from the area surren-

dered to Serb military forces.

The men were then reportedly taken to large assembly areas, including a football stadium, and killed around July 14.

Reportedly the final stage was the executions at Potacari, at the Dutchbat compound.

During this time it is reported that the men at the Dutchbat compound were separated from the women and later killed.

After the war was over, the women who survived the events bonded together for peace and justice. They say that they want to make sure nothing like this ever happens again.

NCOs get new career development guidance

By Joe Burlas

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — An updated Department of the Army pamphlet will soon provide noncommissioned officers more robust career development guidance on the path to sergeant major.

Replacing a 15-year-old generic DA PAM 600-25, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Guide, the new guide will offer structured institutional and self-development career advice tailored to each military occupational specialty and skill level via the Web later this month.

"The Army has been in need of this publication for some time," said retired Sgt. Maj. Carl Armentrout, chief of Army Development Systems XXI Enlisted Component. "The field asked for better NCO professional development guidance and it is being delivered. It's very extensive."

Updating the NCO guide was one of the recommendations the Army Development Systems XXI task force made to Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki last year. According to its charter, the task force was formed in October 1999 to "chart a course for enlisted and warrant officer development and management required in the next century."

Making the pamphlet an e-book allows it to be updated quickly by MOS proponents and other Army officials when changes occur or more current information is available, Armentrout said.

As an e-book, the guide also has hundreds of hyperlinks for more detailed cov-

erage of specific Army subjects and programs. Users can check out the Army's Credentialing Opportunities Online Web site to see how a MOS compares to a similar civilian profession and what is required to qualify for jobs in that career field. Another link takes users to the Army Education Web site which details information on a myriad of academic degree-building programs and available tuition assistance.

Specifically, the guide lays out the duties, prerequisites, required institutional training and recommended self-development of each MOS by career management field and skill level, Armentrout said.

Armentrout gave an update on other

ADS XXI enlisted initiatives:

Career field proponents have made significant progress on the requirement to reduce MOSs to a more manageable level, he said. When the ADS XXI task force formed, the Army had 241 MOSs. The number today is less than 200.

The next step is for the Training and Doctrine Command to look across proponents to see what other MOSs might be consolidated for further reductions, Armentrout said. Low-density MOSs that are not inherently military are also being examined for possible outsourcing, he said.

On the need to staff Sergeant Major Academy instructor positions with seasoned senior NCOs, the first batch of 15 report in this summer, with 15 more following in 2003 and another 15 in 2004. The recent practice had been to staff the academy's 48 instructor positions with sergeants major who had just graduated from the academy's training, Armentrout said. Another fix in the works is lifting a regulatory ban that prohibits command sergeants major who leave command positions for other non-command assignments from returning to command slots, he said.

A similar initiative is under review to field experienced senior NCOs in observer/controller positions at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., and the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La.

"Obviously, a command sergeant major who has taken a battalion through the National Training Center a time or two is better qualified to mentor NCOs coming through NTC than someone who has never been there before," Armentrout said.

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— retired Sgt. Maj.

Carl Armentrout, chief of Army Development Systems XXI Enlisted Component

Task Force Eagle soldiers participate in the first Stabilization Force 11 anti-terrorism and force protection mass casualty exercise sponsored by Task Force Med Eagle June 3. The purpose of the exercise was to test the response of various elements within the task force when faced with the grim possibility of a terrorist attack on Eagle Base.



Task Force Eagle soldiers react to case scenario during MASCAL

By Spc. Vincent Oliver

Talon Assistant Editor, 305th PAD

In a continued effort to maintain a constant state of mission readiness, Task Force Eagle soldiers participated in the rotation's first anti-terrorism and force protection mass casualty exercise July 3 at Eagle Base.

Hosted by Task Force Med Eagle, soldiers from the 787th Ordnance Company (EOD), the 549th Military Police Co., various headquarters staff elements, Mortuary Affairs and civilians from the Eagle Base fire department came together to exercise the training scenario of a suicide bomber infiltrating the Eagle Base pedestrian gate.

As the name suggests, a MASCAL involves multiple casualties that could overwhelm TFME resources. In that case, additional support would be needed from other Multinational Divisions serving as part of the Stabilization Force.

After the suicide bomber had detonated enough explosive ordnance to kill himself and wound 15 to 20 soldiers, the exercise began. The Task Force Emergency Response Team then sprang into action under the watchful eyes of several exercise evaluators.

A soldier from the Base Defense Operations Center was the first to arrive on the scene, drawn to the area by the cries of the wounded soldiers. Immediately assessing the situation, the soldier contacted the BDOC, reported what had hap-



The doctors, nurses and medics of Task Force Med Eagle mobilize in perfect synchronicity inside the emergency room during a mass casualty exercise on Eagle Base June 3.

pened and asked that EOD and medical personnel be dispatched.

Within minutes, sirens wailed from the south end of Eagle Base, announcing the imminent arrival of emergency medical vehicles. After receiving the proper clearance from EOD personnel, who had swept the area to ensure no other unexploded ordnance lay waiting, medical personnel from TFME, the 225th Forward Logistics Element and the Danish

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Photos by Spc. Vincent Oliver

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Contingent rushed in and began triaging the soldiers.

much emphasis was placed on the medical emergency aspect of the exercise, the MASCAL exercise was used to be used as a training tool for the entire task until now, TFME had concentrated on conducting exercises that almost exclusively involved personnel, according to Capt. Timothy Green, operations officer-in-charge.

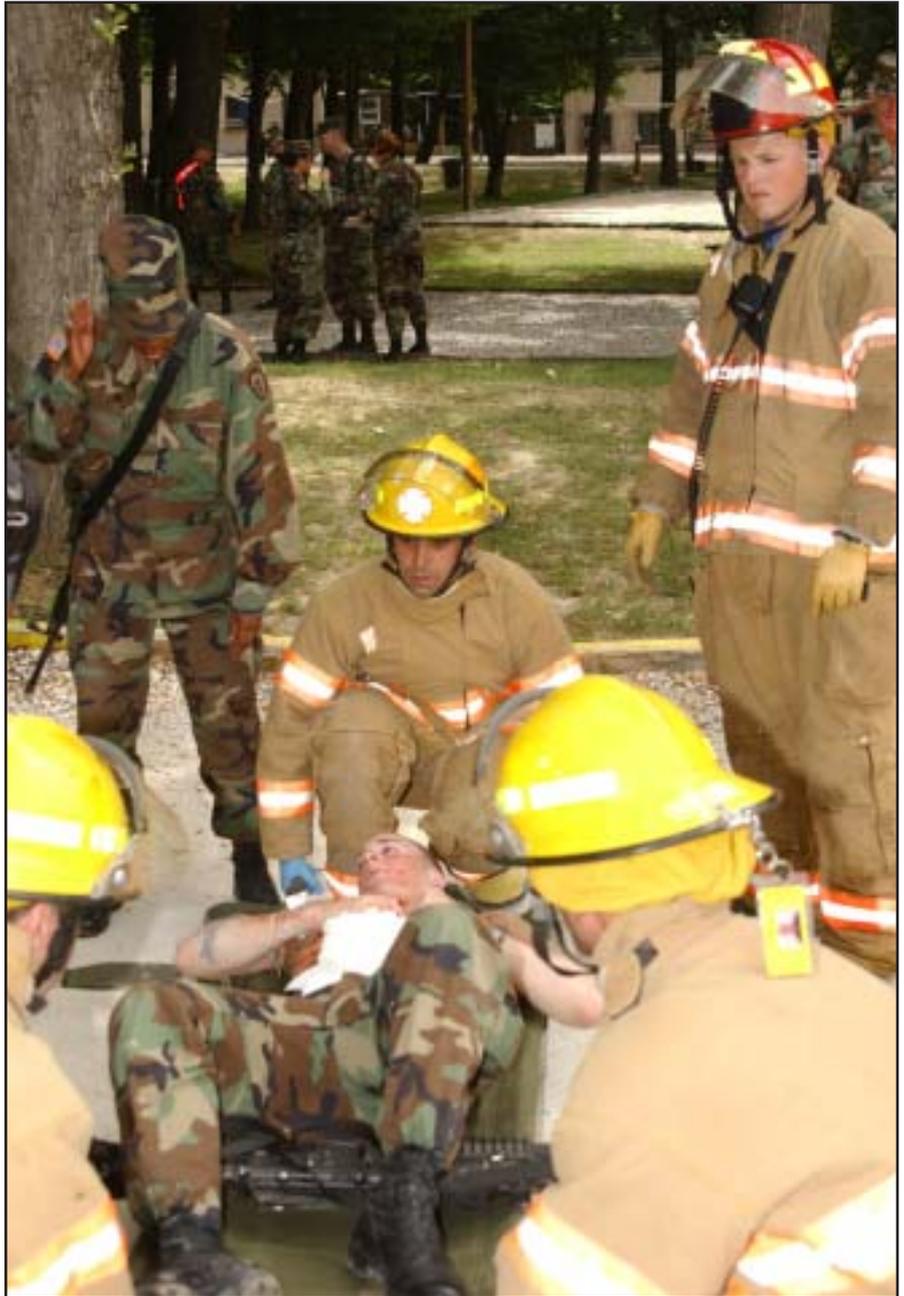
exercise is more of a Task Force Eagle-wide MASCAL, force protection exercise, where all of Eagle Base are involved today," said Green.

Medical Personnel from the 549th MP Co. quickly secured the area, medical personnel began transporting the casualties from the scene to the TFME emergency room. A team of doctors, nurses and medics were standing by as ambulances arrived with the casualties.

It was a good train up. This can happen at anytime and we have to know our job and stay focused on what we have to do," said TFME trauma medic Spc. Salvatore Perez.

As the wounded were stabilized, pilots and medics from the 1st Air Ambulance Company then evacuated some of the wounded soldiers, via helicopter, to other MND hospitals.

"I think this exercise went very well," said 1st Sgt. Mary Green, TFME first sergeant. "These soldiers are well trained and they get to work in their MOS (job) everyday. The time was great and they did a great job overall."



Eagle Base fire department personnel do their part during an anti-terrorism force protection mass casualty exercise June 3. The fire department was one of at least five elements involved in the exercise.



Medical personnel from the Danish Medical Contingent triage and prepare to move a casualty out of the casualty zone during the MASCAL exercise.

Intramural Sports

Softball

Team	W	L	Record
Co. B, 1st. Bn., 14th Inf.	6	0	1.00
Co. D, 1st Bn. 25th Avn.	6	0	1.00
Air Force	5	1	.833
JVA	4	1	.800
HHC, 1st Bn., 14th Inf.	4	1	.800
Co. A, 1st Bn., 163rd Inf.	4	1	.800
225th FLE	4	2	.667
Brown & Root	3	2	.600
ASG	3	3	.500
HHC, 25th ID (L)	2	3	.400
TFME 1	2	3	.400
Southern Comfort	1	5	.167
549th M.P.	3	2	.600
TMB 1st. Bn., 163rd Inf.	0	5	.000

Billiards

Team	Medal
Cut Throats	Gold
Da Hui	Silver
2 Easy	Bronze

July 4 tournaments

Sport	Winners
3 on 3 Basketball	Midwest Gone South
Ping Pong	Sgt. 1st Class William Paquin
8 Ball	Sgt. 1st Class Tony Marshall
Closet to the Pin	Lt. Col. Ron Stephens
Horseshoes	Old Phartz
10 KM Bike Race	CW2 Al Lim
Tug Of War	Herman + 1
Volleyball	11.5
Grudge Softball	Officers
Grudge Volleyball	Senior NCOs

Horseshoe!



Spc. Christina Davis

Spc. John Welch, supply specialist, HHC, 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Regt., plays horseshoes with friends July 4 at Minue Park during the Independence Day celebration.



Spc. Christina Davis

First Sgt. Keith Gavin, Co. C, 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Regt., tosses a donated ball to a local player after a friendly soccer game June 30 in Jasnecia, Republic of Srpska.

FOB Connor soldiers share field with local community members

By 1st Lt. William Hussey

FOB Connor correspondent

The soldiers of Charlie Company, Task Force 1-14 don't get a chance to stretch their legs too often, so when offered a chance to play soccer with some of the villagers of Jasnecia many of them jumped at the opportunity.

The game was organized by Company C's first sergeant, 1st Sgt. Keith Gavin. "I met Miter Javonovic due to a reported UXO early in our rotation and through this event, have remained in touch with him and his wife. On one of my visits, some of the local young adults expressed an interest in playing soccer against the soldiers from FOB Connor. It turned out to be a very positive experience for us and them."

It was also an excellent chance to build relations with one of Forward Operating Base Connor's neighbors.

Co. C Commander Capt. Mark Huntanar said, "We don't get to spend as much time in every village as we would like, so this was an excellent opportunity to really build a rapport with the people of Jasnecia."

The game was played on a short field, about half the size of a regulation pitch, nestled in the tree-covered hills of east-ern Srpska.

The field would only allow for a seven on seven match-up, instead of the normal, eleven on eleven. One side of the field was ringed with the soldiers of Co. C and the other with what seemed to be the entire population of Jasnecia.

"I was really impressed with their love of the game, they created this little field just so that they could play. They even tacked tree limbs together so that they could have goals," said Spc. Jason Quinn.

The size of the field and limited number of players was a definite advantage to the locals, who showed off tremendous ball handling skills and teamwork.

The boys from Co. C made up for their lack of technical skills with aggressive shooting and some great individual performances. Sgt. 1st Class Michael Neill, Staff Sgt. Michael Pini, Spc. Caleb Gibbs and Spc. James Rhett were some of Charlie's star performers, but all of the almost 40 soldiers that participated left the field with a smile.

The advantage was definitely in favor of the players from Jasnecia. The fact that they play on the short field regularly, and that they play together often was evident from the score, 13-9. It also did not hurt that they had most of the village rooting for them on the sideline.

The game ended with the setting sun, but players from both sides of the field definitely wanted more. After the handshakes and congratulatory pats on the back to the Jasnecia players, all of the players and villagers gathered on the center of the field for a special presentation.

Gavin presented the children of the village with soccer equipment that had been donated as part of an Eagle Scout project developed by Ryan Hussey of Overland Park, Kan., cousin to 1st Lt. William Hussey, Co. C platoon leader.

Hussey sent the soldiers an entire soccer league worth of equipment to share with the children of Bosnia. He has gathered enough donations of balls, jerseys, cleats, and shin guards to fill 15 large boxes that he mailed to the FOB.

After the game and the presentations, the soldiers were treated to a barbecue provided by Miter and his wife Dana. The meal consisted of marinated barbecued pork steaks and chicken, fresh vegetables from their garden, homemade bread and a delicious raspberry cake.

The soldiers of the Forward Operating Base said they look forward to a rematch in the near future with the people of Jasnecia.



Above, Left Fielder Capt. Damon Delarosa of the JMA team stops a groundball.

Left, 225th FLE team Coach Sgt. 1st Class John Mendez hits the ball for a single in a game against the 549th MP Co. team Friday evening.

Photos by Spc. Christina Davis

MWR hosts 48-hour double-elimination tournament

By Spc. Christina Davis

Talon Editor, 305th PAD

One way American soldiers celebrated the fourth of July weekend is with an American game — softball.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosted a 48-hour double-elimination softball tournament at Eagle Base beginning Friday. The tournament was supposed to end Sunday, but because of rain, the tournament will be finished Sunday.

The tournament brought 16 teams together in games that ran through the days and nights.

The tournament began with the 549th Military Police Company team against the 225th Forward Logistics Element team. Although the 549th MP team put forth a great effort, it wasn't enough to stop the medics of the FLE from taking the win.

The next game went international with the Finnish team vs. the 25th Aviation's Blackjack

team. The Blackjack squad kept control of the game and the game ended in a 15-0 shutout.

The third game led the Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 25th Infantry Division (Light) Geckos team to their first win of the tournament against the Joint Military Affairs team.

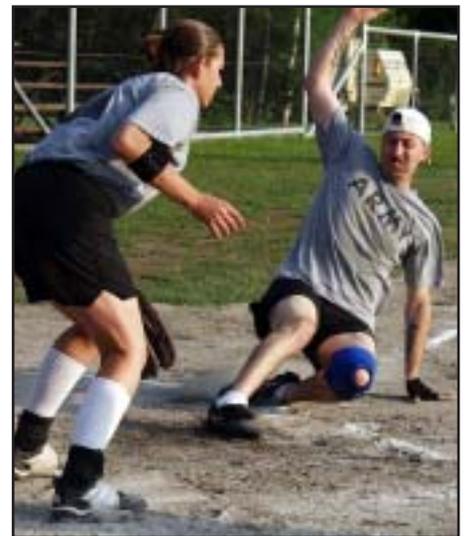
The next game matched the Task Force Med Eagle team with the champion team from Camp McGovern. Even though the TFME squad gave it their all, the McGovern team took the win.

The fifth game brought the undefeated aviation Warriors team closer to the championship with the win over Team Apache.

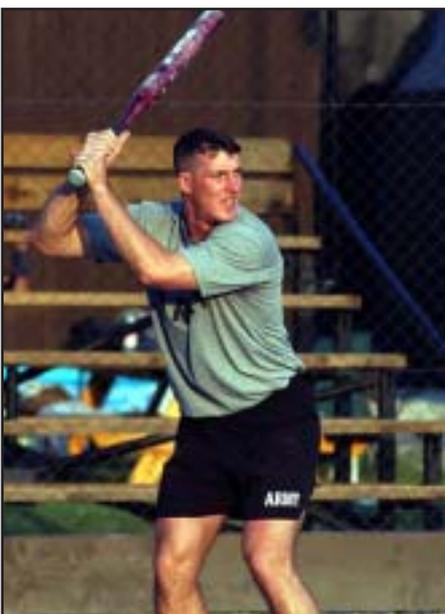
Next, the Ironman team crushed the team of the 163rd infantrymen. The Headhunters of 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment took the win over the 125th Military Intelligence team.

The final game of the first round brought the Air Force team ahead with the win over Southern Comfort.

For the final results of the tournament, see next week's issue of the *Talon*.



Sgt. Dave Barakat of the 225th FLE team slides into home as Catcher Sgt. Ronnie Jackson of the MP team waits for the ball.



Above, the batter looks on as the Finn's pitch gets closer to the plate. Left, Center Fielder Sgt. Raymond Jordan of the JMA team waits for a pitch during the team's final game of the tournament.



Photos by Spc. Christina Davis

Above, Staff Sgt. Frederic Keigley, squad leader, Co. C, 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Regt., and his team patrol the streets of Bratunac June 30. The presence patrols are an integral part of the Stabilization Force peacekeeping mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Left, at the start of the patrol, the soldiers of Co. C, 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Regt. from FOB Connor visit the home of a Bosnian Muslim returnee. The family lives in a predominantly Serb neighborhood.

FOB Connor soldiers help keep peace

By Spc. Christina Davis

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Keeping the peace in any war-torn country takes more than just a strong military presence—it takes a lot of heart. The soldiers of Company C, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment have just that.

During a normal day on a normal patrol in June, the soldiers of Staff Sgt. Frederic Keigley's team met with ordinary people in the towns of Bratunac and Srebrenica.

On the first leg of the patrol, the soldiers visited the home of a Bosnian Muslim returnee family who live just outside Forward Operating Base Connor. The soldiers asked the family how they were doing. The family was returned to their home, which is in a predominantly Serb neighborhood.

"I like to see everybody get what they can and be taken care of," said Keigley. "We follow up (with the families) and make sure all the organizations are doing what they are supposed to be doing."

After a short meeting, the soldiers were on their way again.

Once in Bratunac, the soldiers parked their uparmored vehicles and took a walk around the streets of Bratunac. Their very presence



Staff Sgt. Frederic Keigley and his interpreter read legal documents that a local Srebrenica woman had regarding the repairs to her home.

made many people smile, wave and say "hi."

The people are accustomed to the soldiers of the U.S. Army walking through their streets with weapons. Some are so familiar with the soldiers that they know them by name.

This particular day the children of the town met up with the peacekeepers as they returned to their vehicles.

The children, all around the age of 10, were riding their bicycles and playing outside.

Armed with smiles and laughter, the children and the soldiers had conversations about watches,

school and the English language. The soldiers showed the children how their watches lit up and the children showed the soldiers theirs.

"Just like the kids in our country, they are the future," Keigley said. "Hopefully, with our influence they will be able to help their country."

When the fun was over, the kids rode off on their bicycles and the soldiers drove away. It was off to another area.

The next stop was Srebrenica. The little town, flooded with people working to rebuild homes and shops, was quiet this day.

During the patrol, the team

stopped to talk to some International Police Task Force personnel.

All of a sudden, a woman pleaded to the soldiers for help. She was upset because the organization that was supposed to fix her war-torn home was not doing the job she thought was appropriate.

She asked the soldiers to walk with her to her home and check out the poor workmanship.

The soldiers could have said they didn't have the time, but because they care and are charged to listen to local concerns, they went, said Keigley.

They arrived at the home to find floors that buckled because their was no support beams, mold on the walls, mortar-round damage left untouched and utilities that didn't work.

Keigley told the woman all he could do was report the incident. He advised her to not walk on the floor because he didn't want her to get injured. The smile that returned to the crying woman's face was a response to the caring warmth the soldiers showed to her and continue to show the people of her country.

After a few hours in the hot sun, the soldiers returned to FOB Connor to wait for another day and another patrol.

Spc. Clifford Colby, HHC, 1st Bn., 151st Inf. Regt., lets some of the kids at the CATH summer camp try on his gear while he shows them a HMMWV.



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A 'World Vision' for the future

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As Bosnia continues to rebuild, unfortunately many children find themselves in ethnically separated towns, neighborhoods and schools because of the war. In some communities, they may still endure an environment of mistrust and even hatred.

Stabilization Force soldiers work tirelessly to help push forward the peace process. World Vision, a nongovernmental organization, has been trying to help Bosnians forge a multi-ethnic future by setting up in schools and neighborhoods and promoting inter-ethnic harmony and understanding.

Teaming up with Stabilization Force soldiers, International Police Task Force officers and several communities, World Vision formed a recent children's summer camp on the outskirts of Brcko. The CATH, Creative Activities for Traumatic Healing, summer

camp brought together 255 kids from the three different ethnicities, between the ages of 10 and 15 from nine different schools across Bosnia-Herzegovina, June 27-30.

"This was camp designed to bring kids from all over Bosnia with no regard to religion or ethnicity and try to form lasting relationships," said Capt. Christopher Lee of Task Force Warhawk.

"We provided a great example for them. If you look at the soldiers that we had there you would see all different races and religions. It was a great way to emphasize the ideas of the camp," he said.

The CATH camp kicked off with an ice-breaking exercise. The children were randomly pulled out of the bleachers and handed a microphone to introduce themselves to everyone else. Then camp leaders pulled the entire group out of the stands and had someone teach them a line dance.

The American soldiers also joined the kids on the dance floor to show off their dancing

abilities and to have fun with them.

"We had a great time. We taught the kids how to play dodge ball. It was great seeing the friendships the kids were forming," said Sgt. 1st Class William McCormick, IV, of Task Force Warhawk.

The rest of the afternoon brought free time and allowed the soldiers to interact with the children. The Americans taught them how to play dodge ball and hot potato. They also let the children try on some of their uniform gear.

The weekend camp provided a lot of free time for the children to spontaneously interact with each other without the ethnic partitions they might have to overcome in their own communities.

There were structured activities, such as games and workshops designed to erase ethnic boundaries and encourage cooperation. For example, the children put on skits, with the theme being prejudice, tolerance and conflict resolution.

"The whole intention of the camp is to encourage the friendships and bonds between these children that will help Bosnia in the future," said Staff Sgt. Sandra Hawkins, a Civil Affairs specialist with Task Force Warhawk. She coordinated the American SFOR portion of the mission with the Russian military contingent and World Vision.

The soldiers say the weekend was a success and was very beneficial toward meeting the goals of the world community for making Bosnia a safe, multi-ethnically cooperative country.

Hawkins says it's important to reach the children, because they are the future of Bosnia. "I was so pleased to see children from all around the country getting along together, they didn't care about race or religion, they just cared about having a good time."



Spc. Jamie Kendal talks with a local boy during the CATH summer camp held in Brcko June 28 - 30. The camp helped promote friendships in racially diverse children.

WEAR OF THE AMERICAN FLAG PATCH

The US Code states "no part of the flag should ever be used as a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be affixed to the uniform of military personnel, firemen, policemen, and members of patriotic organizations. The flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing. Therefore, the lapel flag pin being a replica, should be worn on the left lapel near the heart."

The US Code does not address the positioning of the flag patch. It is appropriate to wear an American flag patch on the left or right sleeve. When worn on the left sleeve, the union would appear towards the front and the stripes would run horizontally toward the back.

When worn on the right sleeve, it is considered proper to reverse the design so that the union is at the observer's right to suggest that the flag is flying in the breeze as the wearer moves forward. Since the law does not specifically address the positioning of the patch, a decision is left to the discretion of the organization prescribing the



wear. As many states and cities have ordinances pertaining to the use of the flag, you may wish to contact the Attorney General of your state or the City Attorney's office regarding this matter. Wear of the flag patch by Army personnel, HQDA policy is that during joint or multi-nation operations, soldiers are authorized to wear the full-color U.S. flag cloth replica (approximately 2"x3") on utility and organizational uniforms. Wear of the cloth replica is at the discretion of the organizational commander. Soldiers are not authorized to wear the full-color replica upon their return to home station. The DA policy states that when the patch is authorized for wear, it should be sewn one half inch below the right shoulder seam. If a right shoulder sleeve insignia

for former wartime service is worn, the flag patch will be placed one eighth inch below the right shoulder sleeve insignia. The cloth replica is worn so that the star field faces forward or to the flag's own right.

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Know the SFOR 11 Patches ... 99th Regional Support Command



The shoulder sleeve insignia was originally authorized for the 99th Division on May 21, 1923. It was redesignated on April 22, 1968 for the 99th U.S. Army Reserve Command. On April 16, 1996 it was reassigned and authorized for the 99th Regional Support Command.

The king chess piece denotes authority and leadership and relates to the command aspects of the unit's mission. The blue and white checks on the black area refer to the arms of the city of Pittsburgh, Pa., the original home of the previous organization, and to the shoulder sleeve insignia of the 99th Infantry Division.

The dual nine number of checks relates to the former and present numerical designation of the organization. Green and red are references to the colors of the Belgium Fourragère awarded the original unit for the Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe Campaigns during World War II. The Rhineland Campaign is referred to by the colors from the ProvencalArms: green, white (silver), and black.

The distinctive unit insignia was originally authorized for the 99th U.S. Army Reserve Command on May 13, 1970. It was reassigned and authorized for the 99th Regional Support Command on April 16, 1996.

The 99th's original roots began on July

23, 1918, with the establishment of the Headquarters 99th Division at Camp Wheeler, Ga. Reconstituted on June 24, 1921, as the Headquarters Command 99th (Checkerboard) Division, it became part of the Organized Reserve in Pittsburgh. The 99th assumed a Military Police mission in January 1942.

Reorganized as the 99th Infantry Division in April 1942, the division went to Camp Van Dorn, Miss., in November 1942 for combat training. Moving overseas on troop ships, the 99th arrived in England on Oct. 10, 1944, then proceeded to Aubel, Belgium. Its soldiers first saw action on Nov. 9, 1944, during aggressive patrolling along defensive line north of the Rhur River.

The thinly dispersed 99th encountered heavier enemy resistance while probing along their 22 mile sector of the Siegfried Line in mid-December 1944.

Reactivated as the 99th U.S. Army Reserve Command on Dec. 22, 1967, the 99th has since remained in the Army Reserve. While this reorganization of the entire Army Reserve was occurring, American involvement in Vietnam was escalating.

There was no significant call-up of Reserve soldiers during Vietnam; however, units and individual soldiers of the 99th ARCOM served with distinction during the war. The 630th Transportation Company was activated on May 13, 1968, served 11

months in South Vietnam and returned home to Washington, Pa., in August 1969. While in Vietnam soldiers of the 630th earned two Purple Hearts and 14 Bronze Stars.

Units and members of the 99th were deployed to Grenada during Operation Urgent Fury in 1983 and in 1989 they were sent to Panama for Operation Just Cause.

After Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990, 22 99th RSC units with more than 2,000 soldiers deployed to Saudi Arabia, Europe and other locations. On Feb. 25, 1991, during the last few hours of the Gulf War, a SCUD missile destroyed a barracks that housed members of the 99th Regional Support Command's 14th QM Det. In the single, most devastating attack on U.S. forces during that war, 29 soldiers died and 99 wounded. The 14th Quartermaster Detachment, from Greensburg, Pa., lost 13 soldiers and suffered 43 wounded.

The 99th's involvement in operations Desert Shield and Storm ended with the demobilization of the last unit on Sept. 21, 1991.

Since 1995, nearly 1,200 99th Regional Support Command soldiers have deployed in support of operations in Bosnia.

In addition to units, individual soldiers have volunteered to fill shortfalls in the active Army.

Soldiers representing this patch work in different units throughout MND (N).

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