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strengthen community bonds**

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Stabilization Force 11 Voices

“What have you learned from the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina?”



**Sgt. Arthur Mallory
Team Leader
Co. B, 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Regt.**

“They are hard working people who are just trying to rebuild their communities from the war.”



**Spc. Crissy Rogers
Military Pay Clerk
453rd Fin. Bn.**

“A new language and the history of the war.”



**1st Lt. Rob Stone
Battle Captain
HHC, 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Regt.**

“That SFOR is making a positive impact on the people of Bosnia.”



**Command Sgt. Maj.
Thomas Lee**
Multinational Division (North)
command sergeant major

As our time draws to a close, each task that we must perform seems more arduous, our ability to focus seems more difficult, and our time line feels like it has accelerated out of control.

We find ourselves daydreaming about our return home, and those things we have worked so hard to master don't seem quite

CSM speaks... "First line leaders"

the priority. Whoa! If this is happening to you, then stop dead in your tracks and get a grip. Go immediately to your first line leader, who I guarantee has a cure for what ails you. We are a team, we have our battle buddies to look out for, and those who look out for us. We are in this together, we must get everyone home safely and we must set Stabilization Force Rotation 12 up for success.

Here are things we must stay focused on:

1. Safety is as equally important now as it was when we arrived. In addition to staying focused on our own safe execution of the mission, we'll soon have replacements that we must assist in getting the right mind set. We must groom them to assume the controls. They are depending on us. We must provide them the best opportunity to succeed.

2. Sensitive items are everyone's responsibility, they must be checked and rechecked. The old NCO rule of thumb for

inspections is, "If you can't see it, touch it and count it, it doesn't exist."

3. Our billeting areas must be cleaned and left in the condition that we ourselves would want to find them if we were just arriving. The golden rule applies here. We developed a reputation for leaving things and places better than we found them, and we are going to maintain our good reputation.

Three urgent and important issues face us, and we will prevail. The success of this rotation thus far has been the result of the collective successes of soldiers doing the right thing to the best of their ability under the watchful eye and caring guidance of first line leaders.

The successful accomplishment of our change of mission, our providing a quality left seat/right seat ride and our safe and timely redeployment will be the result of continuing to do what we have done over the last five months.

Stay focused, stay safe and do the right thing.

Are intruders in your digital dumpster?

By Lt. Col. John Quigg

*Army Office of the Chief
Information Officer*

WASHINGTON — Is a hacker or foreign agent rooting around in your digital backyard at home?

Systems administrators protect you at work, but when you get home, look in a mirror — this is the systems administrator who protects your home computer. How good are you? Even if you are digitally savvy, are your children? Your spouse? Would they open an attachment or get into an on-line chat with a stranger?

Computer protection requires extra effort and the consequences of failure are dire. We tend to think that our home lives are separate from work, but the Internet provides an alternate avenue of approach

for those who would do us harm.

The first thing attackers or agents of foreign governments will do is recon the target. Do you own land?

Many property transactions are public record with all your contact and tax information. Driver's licenses, social security numbers, phone numbers, and addresses are easily obtainable from any number of online sources. With this information it is rather simple to assume an identity — not to take out credit cards or to purchase things (although that is an everyday criminal threat), but to monitor your activities (dialing in to your credit card company with SSN, mother's maiden name, address, etc... to vouch identity and get a list of transactions tracing your activities and location for the last 30 days), get background information, or to masquerade as you

(calling the night shift and pretending you can't remember your password — it happens all the time in the business world.)

How much of your personal information is on the Internet already?

Take the test — go to an Internet search engine (ask the kids) and type in your name, your spouse's, and your children's. Some of you will be amazed at just how much "private" information there is about you on the Internet.

When you link to the Internet, do you use a personal firewall? If you link via your government computer, your machine is protected by the Army's network, but from home if you dial up via a commercial Internet provider there is almost no protection. Because of limited reach off post, your digital presence and security is dependent on your own personal home defenses -

how good are yours?

Most of us need to be "connected" and available no matter where we are, and technology has made great leaps to help us maintain our connection. Wireless systems keep us in touch with the office no matter where we go, but how secure are they? "Mine is secure," you say. Are you sure?

Most are good solutions, as wireless goes, but the only thing they encrypt is e-mail traffic. The calendar information is out in the open when it goes across the airwaves — not an issue for some, but the higher your position, the more interesting your schedule is to those who would do you harm. Make sure that intruders aren't rooting around through your digital dumpster — balance and mitigate your risks to reduce threats to yourself, your family, and the Army.



Above, Infantry soldiers line up grenades that a family turned over during an Active Harvest patrol August 6 in Vlasenica. Right, Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Miller, platoon sergeant, and Staff Sgt. Martin Angulo, squad leader, both of Co. B, 1st bn., 14th Inf. Regt., secure the spoon of an M-93 grenade before transporting it from a family home. Illegal and unwanted weapons and explosives are given to infantrymen on a voluntary basis for destruction.



Weapons harvest strengthens peace, l

By Spc. Michelle Lunato

Photo Editor, 305th PAD

As the sun beat down, a squad of soldiers climbed steep hills and covered rugged terrain on foot. They walked cautiously on small footpaths, fearful that they could be passing land mines as they jumped fences and dodged entangling brush in the rural Bosnian countryside.

The route these infantrymen traveled was not a basic training obstacle course, but the homes of Bosnian families. This is where the people worked their land and feed their loved ones.

Soldiers of Company B, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, went door to door, asking residents if they wanted to give up any illegal or unwanted weapons or explosives as part of the Active Harvest program. They walked miles going from home to home and village to village, meeting people, building bonds and strengthening peace.

Throughout the patrols soldiers were offered coffee and plum brandy while families pulled out M-93 grenades, World War II sub-machine guns, and all-types of ammunition.

With the war over, the families were happy to rid their homes of their once-needed protection.

"Thank you for taking all the weapons away," said a Vlasenica man as his children played around him. "They were unsafe to have around. We hope that we will never need them in the future."

"We hope that you don't need them ever again either," said Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Miller, Co. B, platoon sergeant, as he shook his hand.

After the donated weapons were inspected and secured, the soldiers took the family up on their offer so enjoy some chilled watermelon. The soldiers and the eight-person family laughed and spoke about Active Harvest patrols and their lives as they sat on a picnic table that was covered by a canopy of grape vines. Off



Co. B soldiers stop to ask a villager who is working in his yard if he has any weapons or explosives that he wants to get rid of.

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Photos by Spc. Michelle Lunato



Active Harvest patrols meet at the end of the day to gather all weapons, explosives and ammunitions turned in. To date, Task Force Golden Dragon soldiers have harvested 196 weapons, 46,067 small arms rounds, 1061 grenades, 46 land mines, 21 mortar rounds and 15,484 grams of TNT.

builds bonds

...d, one of the children played soccer with an-
...ier. There were smiles on the faces of every-
...the infantrymen said, this was the best part of

...else in the world can you go and find that the
...o have the least, are the most friendly?" Miller

Miller's soldiers demonstrated that same friendli-
...previous Active Harvest patrol. His team was
...owed through a village by over 30 children when
...r Goldthwaite, a gunner, decided to buy them all

...s the king for a while," said Miller. And just like a
...ntentions were noble and pure.

...nothing for me to buy the ice cream, and I was
...," said Goldthwaite. "I love kids, and they love

...though the soldiers average eight miles a patrol,
...over a 100 homes a day and transport pounds of
..., they are happy to be making a difference, said
...r Ocasio, assistant patrol leader.

...ople feel safe knowing we are here to take care of
...d Ocasio. "They don't need their weapons any-

...ntrymen harvest the explosives from the families
...them to the base to be destroyed.

...return to base after a long day of building bonds
...sting weapons, the dangerous cargo is always in
...f their minds though, said Ocasio. "We just say a
...ers on the way home."



Above, Active Harvest patrols maneuver in difficult terrain as they travel from village to village. Many times, there are no roads to follow.

Left, Co. B soldiers take a break from patrolling in the hot sun to eat watermelon with a local family who donated nine grenades, two rocket explosives, two sub machine guns and a bag of ammunition.

MND (N) hosts second NCO conference for BiH armed forces

By Spc. Vincent Oliver

Assistant Editor, 305th PAD

Noncommissioned officers from the VRS and the VF armies participated in a Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Conference Aug. 5 - 8 at Eagle Base.

Blocks of instruction covering the role of the NCO in the Army, map reading and land navigation and vehicle maintenance were given to a group of 20 soldiers ranging in rank from Sergeant to Sergeant Major.

"The most important thing is that we pass on how well disciplined we are and that we are trained to standard on everything that we do," said Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Scott, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the Task Force Eagle engineer section and instructor for one of the conference classes.

Scott, an Army trained master trainer, has trained South Korean, French, Germans, Russian and Singaporean soldiers during his career.

"My hope is to build the strengths of the NCOs, not as individual armies, but as a group of senior NCOs," said Sgt. 1st Class James Howe, Multinational Division (North) mine cell NCOIC.

Surprisingly, the Bosnian soldiers were more expressive and inquisitive during their one-on-one time with their sponsors than they were during the



Spc. Vincent Oliver

Sgt. 1st Class James Howe, JMA Mine Cell NCOIC, gives the block of instruction on map reading and land navigation during a JMA-sponsored NCO conference that took place Aug. 5 - 8 at Eagle Base.

classroom sessions, according to Howe, who acted as both a trainer and a sponsor during the conference.

"This conference gave me the opportunity for interaction with VRS soldiers," said Master Sgt. Mahid Sirco of the Bosnian Federation Army. "Although our communications have been stiff and difficult, I think it has been positive."

"All of these soldiers come from professional armies. We are not trying

to make them American soldiers. We're only trying to show them how we do things and have an exchange of ideas," said Sgt. Maj. Reginald Bennett, Joint Military Affairs sergeant major. "I think it's been an overall success."

The conference ended with the various entities conducting an after action review with their respective commanders, making suggestions on implementing ideas learned during the four-day conference, followed by an awards ceremony at Peacekeepers Hall.

Murphy's Law: A legal guide to farewell gifts

By Capt. Patrick Murphy

ASG Legal Advisor

Americans place a special trust and confidence in the members of the United States military. Each of us is expected to act with the highest level of integrity all times.

While Stabilization Force 11 soldiers and civilians are planning to depart soon, many offices will want to recognize the contributions of their teammates through farewell gifts and functions. As a general rule, soldiers and government employees may not accept a gift because of their official position. A gift is broadly defined and includes favors, discounts, or items having a monetary value.

Although supervisors generally cannot accept gifts from subordinates or employees who receive less pay, there are exceptions. One of these exceptions is a gift given on special infrequent occasions, such as a departure from Bosnia and the termination of the superior-subordinate relationship. The Joint Ethics Regulation provides guidance that will ensure a gift to a superior will be ethical and able to withstand public scrutiny in all respects.

Farewell gifts to superiors must be appropriate to the occasion and cannot exceed \$300 in fair market value from any one donating group. One very critical caveat is that a gift cannot include cash no matter how much the giver might think it's appropriate to the occasion.

As an example, if I wanted to give Maj. Gen. Swannack season tickets to the 2003 Philadelphia Phillies because he was born in nearby Morristown, New Jersey, I could not do so under the JER. If an employee is a member of more than one donating group, the total value of all gifts given by those groups combined is limited to \$300. Additionally, an office cannot simply split up into small groups to avoid funding limitations. It is necessary to keep your groups separate and distinct. Lastly, donating groups cannot band together to buy gifts costing more than \$300.

All gift donations must be made voluntarily and individuals may not be asked to give more than the \$10 per person maximum solicitation

amount. There must never be coercion or pressure to make a contribution. Even the appearance of pressure is inappropriate. Therefore, the person soliciting donations should be someone junior in grade. If more than \$300 is collected, the excess can be used to fund a gathering open to the donors.

Another exception is the superior to subordinate gift and this gift would still have to avoid the appearance of an ethical violation, which might undermine a person's integrity.

Remember that our fellow Americans has given us a special trust, and the test of our integrity is always on the line.

For more information give the SJA office a call at 762-0324 and we can advise whether you are hitting fair balls in the ethical ballpark.

Psychological Operation team helps move BiH in right direction

By Sgt. Kelly Whitteaker

SFOR Informer Staff Writer

Camp Butmir – A stereotypical image of the Psychological Operation mission, more commonly known as PYSOP, often times conjures up figures in black clothing skulking around in the dark. Realistically, the purpose behind PSYOP is to help a theater commander guide the host nation he is working in toward a goal – a goal for the common good.

According to Maj. Tripp Narrow, U.S. Army, SFOR PSYOP media director, the PSYOP mission is all encompassing for the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

“It is creating messages to change behavior,” said Narrow. “Whether it is turning in weapons, or educating the public on tolerance, it is a way to influence behavior to promote a safe environment.”

From posters to stickers to video clips, the soldiers and civilians working in PSYOP stay busy promoting a number of campaigns to educate the local population on a variety of issues.

“PSYOP is basically marketing for the army to foreign countries,” said Narrow. “We’re creating messages to try and change the attitude and behavior of people from other countries.” The SFOR mission BiH is to support NATO, Narrow added.

Campaigns promoted by PSYOP are geared toward helping the people of BiH recover from the war and are as varied as

the local culture.

“We try to get people to turn weapons in that are left over from the war, like here in Bosnia,” said Narrow. “We also try and get them to ‘get along and love each other’ by using multi-ethnic pieces. We do mine awareness to inform the people and children of the country to educate them — make them aware so they change their behavior so when they go certain places they don’t step on a land mine.”

The campaigns are a tool designed to support the theater commander. Instead of gaining monetary profits, this marketing agency’s profits are gained with an increase in peace and humanity within the local region.

“It’s operationally tied to what the commander wants to get the population to do,” said Maj. Douglas Jordan, U.S. Army, SFOR PSYOP operations officer. “They have something they want the population to do, like Major Narrow said, we’re a marketing agency that conveys that message. Our sales are measured by how many people turn in weapons, or how many less people step on a mine — those are our sales.”

Changing learned behaviors and attitudes present a challenge. But thanks to the creative talents working within the PSYOP organization the message is being sent throughout BiH, loud and clear.

Looks are definitely deceiving. On the outside, the PYSOP section at Camp Butmir looks like any other utilitarian building. It is functional and has its purpose in

the grand scheme of SFOR, but once inside, your eyes and ears are treated to a number of posters, stickers and videos as well as the broadcast booth for radio station MIR. Both civilian and military personnel work behind the scenes coming up with original ideas to promote a positive attitude in BiH.

For illustrator Staff Sgt. Dario Stohlmeier, German army, working for SFOR and PSYOP has been a positive experience.

“It’s good work. I’m also PYSOP in Germany,” said Stohlmeier, “The teamwork with other nations is good,” he says as he sits before a poster he helped illustrate. The picture shows two penguins and will be displayed at the Sarajevo Film Festival.

The penguins are the main characters of a tolerance animated video clip that will be shown during the children’s portion of the festival. The clip was completely produced by the 13 member PSYOP graphics department made up of service members and civilians. The current staff represents a significant drop from 1996 when U.S. military personnel alone numbered 68 for the team. Still, this small staff is creating a large body of work that is seen throughout BiH.

Working for a common good is the mission behind PSYOP as they help a war torn country on the road to recovery and reform by attempting to change debilitating attitudes into positive ones.

As Narrow explains, “The overall goal for PSYOP within BiH is to be accepted and to be prosperous.”

Ceremony honors new DCG, thanks outgoing DCG

By Spc. Christina Davis

Talon Editor, 305th PAD

Brig. Gen. John D. Gardner turned over his Multinational Division (N) deputy commanding general responsibilities to Brig. Gen. W. Montague Winfield in a Flying “V” ceremony at Peacekeepers Hall Aug. 9.

“Today is a bittersweet day,” said Maj. Gen. Charles H. Swannack, Jr, MND (N) commander. “Bitter as we must say so long to Jack Gardner. During his time he has served with great distinction as our deputy commanding general.”

“Today is also sweet in the sense that we have a great leader within our ranks to assume the duties of deputy commander,” the commander said.

“So to Jack Gardner — an

old Army saying goes — old soldiers never die, they just move away,” said Swannack. “To Brigadier General ‘Que’ Winfield, we look forward to working with you and getting to know you.”



Photos by Spc. Christina Davis

Soldiers of the color guard stand proud during the ceremony.



Above, Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Lee, MND (N) command sergeant major brings the division to “present arms” and salutes the generals who stand before him.

Left, Brig. Gen. W. Montague Winfield tells the troops that he is proud to be a part of the MND (N) team.



Know the SFOR 11 Patches...

South Dakota Army National Guard



The coyote is a native of South Dakota. As the territory was originally a part of the Louisiana Purchase, the twists of the wreath are yellow and blue.

The crest is scarlet and white because these colors represent the Corps of Engineers. The triple-towered wall refers to the old walled city of Manila and signifies the historic organizations campaign participation in the Philippine Insurrection. The two fleur-de-lis (royal symbols that resemble the iris flower) represent service in World War I and World War II, and the two crosses with disks denote the French Croix de Guerre (a French decoration for heroism in battle that was awarded to the unit). The gold radiated disk depicts the sun from the flag of South Dakota. "The Sunshine State", and indicates the Group's allotment to the South Dakota National Guard. The black pearls in the base, which refer to the



Black Hills and the wavy stripe for Rapid Creek suggest the Headquarters at Rapid City.

Additionally, the vertical stripe alludes to "First" in the motto (First to Serve), and together with the circular disk of the sun symbol and nine sides of the nonagon indicates the Group's numerical designation (109). The State of South Dakota became a State in 1889. Territorial Governor Jayne in 1862 ordered the formation of six companies of militia, composed of cavalry and infantry.

By September of 1862 Companies A and B, First Dakota Cavalry were federalized and served until November 1865. On February 10, 1941, the 109th Engineer Regiment, 109th Quartermaster Regiment, and the 34th Signal Company, were called into active service, and assembled with the 34th Division at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. The 34th Division which contained the South Dakota units set sail for Ireland Jan. 14, 1942. The

1st Battalion, 109th Quartermaster and Company A, 109th Engineers were part of this movement, and the first soldier to disembark in Ireland, was a soldier from Pierre named Baer Schliussmann. The 34th Division landed in Oran, North Africa in Jan. 1943. They participated in the North Africa Campaign, the Italian Campaign and the occupation of Northern Italy after May 1945.

In 1990, the South Dakota National Guard mobilized 6 units for duty in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq. South Dakota Units participating were the 109th Engineer Group, 730th Medical Company, 1742nd Transportation Company, 740th Transportation Company, 747th Highway Regulating Team, and 57th Movement Control Team.

Soldiers representing this patch are from the Air Ambulance Company. They provide medical support to Task Force Med Eagle.

(Information was provided by TFME and gathered at www.perscom.online.army.mil the Montana National Guard Homepage.)

Advice from TFME for a comfortable flight home

By Maj. James Frizzi

TFME Critical Care Surgeon

"Let's go home!" These are the words all deployed soldiers, sailors, airmen and want to hear. Weeks and months, miles and memories have separated deployed men and women from their loved ones.

That separation will soon end with a trip on an airplane. What many troops fail to realize, however, is that the difference between arriving home feeling happy and refreshed is not far from arriving home feeling worn out, sleepy and perhaps a little grumpy.

There are preparations one can take prior to boarding the aircraft that will make the flight and the return trip home a pleasant, safer, and healthier one.

American passenger aircraft have made strides over the past two decades in passenger comfort and amenities; however, no airliner can match the physical atmosphere of the ground.

Major problems imposed on the air traveler include: changes in barometric pres-

sure; decreased oxygen levels in the air; turbulence of the airliner, circadian dysrhythmia or jet lag; psychological stress, immobility due to close proximity of passengers; and decreased humidity of the aircraft.

Commercial airliners are pressurized; that is, air is pumped in to the cabin and held there while the plane travels miles above the ground, then slowly released during descent. However, aircraft are routinely pressurized to levels that simulate 6,000 to 8,000 feet above sea level.

With every flight, the passenger is given the pressure experience of being 1,000 feet higher than Denver, Colorado! These air pressure swings can significantly alter any air-containing organ in the body, such as the ear, sinuses, and the intestine, since the air contained in the body will expand by 25 percent at an altitude of 7,000 feet.

Barotitis media is a middle ear condition that occurs when air cannot freely move in and out from behind the eardrum via the Eustachian

tube, a small duct connecting the middle ear to the back of the nose.

The eardrum is pushed outwards during ascent of the plane due to high pressure air stuck behind the eardrum; conversely, the eardrum is pushed in instead of naturally returning to its normal position during landing by ground pressure air pushing against low pressure air behind the eardrum.

The soldier may experience hearing loss, ear pain and popping of the ears as the air pressures attempt to equalize. Failure to equalize pressure across the eardrum may lead to bleeding into the middle ear or, in severe cases, rupture of the eardrum.

Reducing the chance that the eustachian tubes or sinuses will be blocked in flight may avert both of these conditions. These include the avoidance of alcohol prior to flight or during layovers, the use of decongestants such as Sudafed tablets or Afrin nasal spray as recommended by a health care professional to

open stuffy air passages, and drinking plenty of water or juice to keep nasal secretions from becoming too thick or sticky.

The action of chewing gum or yawning briefly opens the nasal portion of the eustachian tube and may provide relief of a painful earache in flight.

The act of pulling one's external ear or probing the ear canal with a finger or object cannot provide relief of pressure unless the person ruptures the eardrum.

At 7,500 feet above sea level, the pressure of oxygen in the air is 35 percent less than at sea level.

The human lungs' remarkable engineering maintains an acceptable level of blood oxygen during flight by increasing the percentage of oxygen extracted from the air with each breath.

When problems arise in this oxygen extraction and delivery mechanism, the entire body begins to suffer.

(This is part one of a two part story for soldiers who are preparing to redeploy.)