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**TF 1-14 wraps up Harvest  
with 'crushing' results**

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**Page 6 — Six Task Force Eagle soldiers earn induction into the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club. (Photo by Spc. Vincent Oliver, 305th PAD)**

**Page 7— The Eagle Base Band shares the universal language of music during a Tuzla concert. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Charles Owens, 305th PAD)**



## Stabilization Force 11 Voices

“What do you miss the most about home?”



**Spc. Matt Casaubon  
I/O Specialist  
HHC, 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Regt.**

“Going to sleep on the beach and waking up on the beach.”



**Sgt. Shannon Simon  
Flight Operations NCO  
HHC, 1st Bn., 25th Avn. Regt.**

“My family, but most importantly my son.”



**CW3 Brian Fox  
Apache Pilot  
Co. A, 1st Bn., 183rd Avn. Regt.**

“I miss my family the most.”



Task Force Eagle  
Stabilization Force  
**SFOR XI**  
Bosnia-Herzegovina



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

Our number increases by leaps and bounds with the arrival of each charter aircraft from Germany.

New faces are everywhere. We encounter them at the chapel, in the gym, at Trigger's, at the forward operating bases and Camp McGovern.

If you look into their eyes, you may detect that they aren't in their comfort zone. They may even look a little tired or maybe even a little bewildered.

Think back a few months and you may even remember some of the looks on the faces of another rotation as it came in, namely ours. Task Force Eagle, Stabilization Force 12 don't lose heart, we've been there, it will pass.

In a few short days as you get hip deep in your left seat/right seat ride, you will become immersed in your tasks at hand. You will become the driving force in stability and change in the Task Force Eagle area of operation. You will become the most respected military organization in Multinational Division (North), and we are going to do everything in our power to get you started.

We are going to pass along what we've learned. We are going to do it in a manner that will set you up for success, with the confidence that you will enjoy even greater success than we have. We have a vested interest in this country. We have put many long hours and much effort in doing the best that we could do. We worked, played, prayed and we've even shed some tears together.

# CSM speaks...

## "Welcome Task Force Eagle, SFOR 12"

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— *Command Sgt. Maj.  
Thomas Lee,*  
*MND (N)*  
*command sergeant major*

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We are a team, and now we must pass the mantle of responsibility to you. You will engage as we disengage, but for a short time we will be on the same team. So bear with me, while I share a little of what we have learned.

Be disciplined, be aware and be safe. Never drop your guard. The loss of one soldier will devastate and erase your successes. Engage and energize your first line supervisors. They will enforce standards. They will care for soldiers and they will get the work of your task force done. Embrace the vision of your commander and be loyal. Do what is right, especially when no one is looking. Hold your heads up high and walk tall. Be thankful for what we enjoy in our homeland and what our service in foreign lands protects. Never give up.

Let me close with a poem that has always had a special meaning for me:

### "THE CALF PATH"

*By Sam Walter Foss*

*One day through the primeval wood, a calf walked home as good calves should; but made a trail all bent askew, a crooked trail as all calves do. Since then three hundred years have fled, and I infer the calf is*

*dead. But still he left behind his trail, and thereby hangs my moral tale.*

*The trail was taken up next day, by a lone dog that passed that way; and then a wise bell-wether sheep, pursued the trail o'er vale and steep, and drew the flock behind him, too, as good bell-wethers always do. And from that day, o'er hill and glade, through those old woods a path was made.*

*And many men wound in and out, and dodged and turned and bent about; and uttered words in righteous wrath, because 'twas such a crooked path; but they still followed-do not laugh-the first migrations of that calf.*

*And through this winding wood-way stalked, because he wobbled when he walked. This forest path became a lane, that bent and turned and turned again; this crooked lane became a road, where many a poor horse with his load, toiled on beneath the burning sun, and traveled some three miles in one.*

*Each day a hundred thousand men, follow this zigzag calf again, and o'er his crooked journey went, the traffic of a continent. A hundred thousand men were led, by one calf near three centuries dead. They followed still his crooked way, and lost one hundred years a day; for thus such reverence is lent, to a well-established precedent.*

*A moral lesson this might teach, were I ordained and called to preach; for men are prone to go it blind, along the calf-path of the mind, and work away from sun to sun, to do what other men have done. They follow in the beaten track, and in and out, and forth and back, and still their devious course pursue, to keep the path that others do.*

*They keep the path a sacred grove, along which all their lives they move; but how the old wood-gods laugh, who first saw the primeval calf. And, many things this tale might teach—but I am not ordained to preach.*

Welcome TASK FORCE EAGLE rotation number 12.



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Above, Sgt. Jeff Truex, 787th Ordnance Co., sets off the second blast as the first one goes off in the background in the Russian sector of MND (N), Bosnia and Herzegovina Aug. 21. Right, a pile of weapons sit at the 1st. Bn., 163rd Inf., motor pool Aug. 19 after a Bradley Fighting Vehicle ran over them, rendering them useless.



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## Weapons Task Force

By Spc. Christina Davis

*Talon* Editor, 305th PAD

Soldiers of Task Force Dragon completed their Active Harvest campaign with a demolition mission Aug. 19-23 with the demolition of weapons, ammunition and ordnance.

Soldiers of Team B, 163rd Infantry Battalion, destroyed a Bradley Fighting Vehicle to create a pile of weapons Aug. 19 at a motorpool at the 1st. Bn., 163rd Inf. Base. After the weapons were destroyed, the broken pieces were smelted in a working factory in the Turkish sector. 1st Lt. Philip Giusto, deputy information operations officer, 1st Battalion, 163rd Infantry Regiment.

The 787th Ordnance Company destroyed and burned 66,041 rounds of ammunition and blasted 72 land mines, 1,631 hand



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Sgt. Mike Estes, 787th Ordnance Co., preps C4 explosives for the demolition of more than 100 grenades.



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Above, Sgt. Jeff Truex and two Russian soldiers place grenades in rows before placing C4 explosives on top of them.

Left, a 1st Bn., 163rd Inf. soldier ground guides the Bradley Fighting Vehicle operator over the weapons.

# s, ordnance destroyed after Task Force Dragon's Active Harvest

grenades, 154 unexploded ordnance, 27 mortar rounds and 17 kilograms of TNT.

This round of weapons collection was performed July 29-Aug. 17 throughout the 13 opstinas that are patrolled by 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Regt. The areas patrolled by the soldiers were Banovici, Zivinice, Kalesija, Sekovici, Osmaci,

Olovo, Vlasenica, Kladanj, Han Pijesak, Zvornik, Milici, Srebrenica and Bratunac.

Overall, Stabilization Force 11 soldiers collected 1,259 weapons, 389,382 rounds, 473 land mines, 7,462 grenades, 72,762 grams of gun powder, 100,606 grams of TNT, 2,620 fuses and 36 homemade ordnance.

"The local populace was very cooperative throughout our area and continues to support SFOR 11's overall objectives for Active Harvest and ensuring a safe and secure environment," said Capt. Matthew Green, TF 1-14 information operations officer. "The patrols have done an outstanding job of influencing and encouraging the local populace during Task Force Dragon's tenure in Bosnia-Herzegovina and can definitely say it is a better place then when we first arrived."



Spc. Collins Thompson

Mortars were collected and destroyed.



Sgt. Jeff Truex

Ammunition collected during Harvest is destroyed by fire by the 787th Ordnance Co. at Bedrock Range. More than 66,000 rounds were burned.



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Above, Sgt. Jeff Truex, 787th Ordnance Co., attached the detonation cord to the trigger for the blast.

Left, Spc. Abdul Andrews, infantryman, Co. B, 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Regt. carries weapons to the roll-over site.

# Task Force Eagle inducts five top NCOs into SAMC

By Spc. Vincent Oliver

Assistant Editor, 305th PAD

Five more of Task Force Eagle's NCOs were inducted into the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club in a ceremony held at Pegasus Hall at Eagle Base Monday.

Sgt. 1st Class Cassandra Spann, Staff Sgt. Nicole Haines, Staff Sgt. Eddie Fields, Staff Sgt. Reginald Cook and Staff Sgt. Earl Dean accepted their nominations and became the task force's newest inductees into the prestigious club.

"This may be one of the last chances I get to do this because I do plan on making E-8 and as a first sergeant, I would want to be able to show my soldiers that I did this even at a later time in my life," said Spann, G-6 operations NCOIC and an 18-year Army veteran. "I want female soldiers to see that you can be in charge, do well in PT and still be a lady."

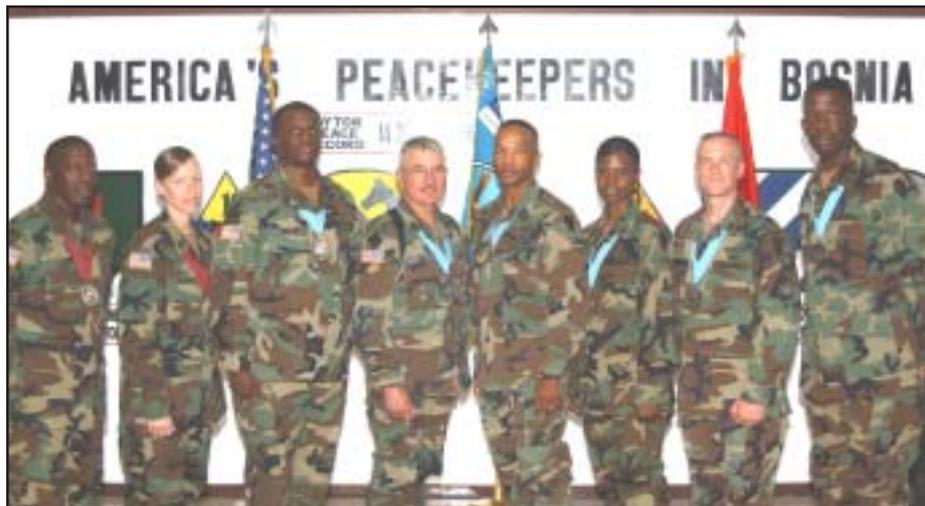
"The character trait that ties Audie Murphy and me together the most is my desire to take care of soldiers," said Haines, operation room NCOIC for Task Force Med Eagle.

This is Haines' second deployment to the Balkans. She was here during Stabilization Force VII. She said her next goal was to secure a position as a platoon sergeant at her home station and then go on to drill sergeant school.

"Next to doing my job training soldiers, this is the cream of the crop for me," said Fields, a medical education NCO for TFME and a 14-year Army veteran.

"For me it's all about taking care of soldiers," Fields said when asked what common traits he and Audie Murphy shared. "Being a part of the Audie Murphy club allows you a better opportunity to make positive things happen for young soldiers."

**Multinational Division (North) command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Lee, accepts his honorary SAMC membership during a SAMC induction ceremony at Pegasus Hall Aug. 26.**



Photos by Spc. Vincent Oliver

**Soldiers from Task Force Eagle, Eagle Base, pose together with honorary inductees, Multinational Division (North) command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Lee.**

"Audie Murphy cared for his soldiers, and I'm the same way," said Cook, a G-2 plans NCO. "Nothing drives me more than seeing soldiers set up for success. Nothing irks me more than when soldiers aren't taken care of. When you look at the bottom line, when it comes down to combat, your soldiers are going to be your moneymakers. If you're not taking care of them when you're in garrison, they're not going to perform for you when you need them to."

Cook said that being inducted into the SAMC has been the highlight of his deployment and that he attributed his success at the SAMC board to support from God, his wife and his daughter.

"What I admire the most about Audie Murphy was the fact that he never quit," said Dean, a squad leader with Company B, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment. It took him three years to get into the military, but he never gave up, and I'm the

same way. Once I set my mind to something, I don't give up."

This is also Dean's second trip to Bosnia as a member of SFOR.

"The deployment was worthwhile to begin with, but to be able to come to Bosnia for the second time and help out the people here and to take the time and be able to have this prestigious honor makes it much better," said Dean.

Dean plans on steering his military career into the Special Forces arena. After which time he plans on returning to the infantry line units and settling into a sergeant major's position.

The reoccurring theme with these new SAMC inductees seemed to be the same—taking care of the soldiers under their care. This may have been one of Audie Murphy's most laudable qualities, and it seems to be what these five soldiers value the most.

"The task force has top notch NCOs that are very professional and will to do a great job not only here but anywhere they are deployed or assigned," said Master Sgt. Sybil Gibbs, task force retention office NCOIC and SAMC board member. "These NCOs are the senior noncommissioned officers of the future. They will be able to take what they have learned now into the future and better improve on technologies and ideas that will make our Army of the future more elite than ever before."

In an twist to the ceremony, the Multinational Division (North) command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Lee, was inducted into the SAMC as an honorary member. When asked to say a few words, his reply was simply, "I'm humbled. Thank you very much."

# Murphy's Law: Seeing is believing

By Spc. Vincent Oliver

Assistant Editor, 305th PAD

The loss, destruction or damage of government property costs American taxpayers millions of dollars each year. Consequently, soldiers and government civilians must account for property they are responsible for. Failure to do so may result in the loss of pay for the responsible soldier.

We've all heard the cadence, "They give you \$100 and take back \$99." Well, loss of pay through a report of survey is a serious administrative sanction that leaders may impose when a soldier's negligence or willful misconduct have caused a loss to the government.

The ROS does three things.

First, it provides a basis for removing property from a unit inventory or allows the order of its replacement through supply. Second, it provides a deterrent for people who would otherwise be careless. Lastly, its an administrative process with built in protections to determine if one should pay for the government's loss.

In order to avoid the nightmare of being the subject of a ROS, now is especially the time to ensure we are all accountable for our property. Here are my top ten tips on safeguarding property, compliments of Army regulation 710-2, table B.

1) Ensure transferred property meets accountability and maintenance requirements by looking at the property with your own eyes and not just your

ears.

2) Turn-in excess and unserviceable property.

3) Turn-in found government property and ammunition.

4) Ensure all department of the Army Form 1687's (notice of delegation of authority) are current and on file in 710-2m authority file.

5) The commander and primary hand receipt holder accepts direct responsibility for signed property.

6) Unit commanders and primary hand receipt holders delegate responsibility by using duplicate permanent or temporary sub-hand receipts, with the original kept by the issuer and the copy kept by the sub-hand receipt holder.

7) Assign personal responsibility for personal property is-

sued for personal use i.e. barracks furniture.

8) Keep hand receipts current with the matching serial number.

9) Establish control of commercial software issued to unit using locally produced log.

10) Ensure work orders are not bogus by checking with the shop to make sure your property is there.

Now that you're squared away with tips on accountability remember that if you should become a ROS subject or survey officer, you should contact the local judge advocate general's office to seek advice about the process. Hopefully, accountability will be maintained and we'll all be able to spend our hard-earned money on important things—like the two beer allowance this Sunday.

## "They're here"— SFOR 12 arrives at Eagle Base

Stabilization Force 12 soldiers from the 28th Infantry Division (Mechanized), arrive and deplane at the Eagle Base Monday airfield. SFOR 12 soldiers are preparing to begin their left seat/right seat ride training in preparation for taking over the SFOR mission.



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After arriving, SFOR 12 soldiers stand in formation waiting to inprocess at the Eagle Base fest tent.



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Far left, Aviators from Task Force 1-183 Aviation do their post-flight checks on the AH-64 Apache helicopters at the Eagle Base airfield Sunday. Left, Soldiers from the 28th ID (M) begin inprocessing at the Eagle Base fest tent.

# Essay: The importance of maintaining integrity

By Spc. Sherry Kwasnik

*TFME Preventive Medicine Technician*

Integrity, by definition, is to do what is right, both legally and morally. This concept of right and wrong stems back to everything we learned from our parents. From sharing our toys and playing nice, to telling the truth and not fighting.

Integrity is a quality that is developed by adhering to your moral principles and requires that we do nothing to deceive others and compromise our integrity. The more integrity based choices you make, the greater other's trust for you grows. Integrity is the fundamental aspect of one's self and character.

We are a values-based Army and our reputation rests on the cornerstones of our ethics and integrity. We attain public trust by beginning with a solid foundation of standing by our word.

When President Bush proclaimed that simple evildoers would not terrorize our nation, we as a country, stood by our word. But integrity, as complex as it may seem, can be simplified into daily acts of standing behind our promises.

As a young soldier, a reputation that precedes you is of the utmost importance.

We are taught the seven Army core values in basic training and develop a sense of their true meaning each day.

Building a reputation based on the moral obligation to do what is right, sets before you a reputation that is untouchable and unquestionably honest; where your word is your bond. Developing a reputation filled with integrity is something that takes daily practice and hard work. Sometimes it is less of a challenge to take the easy way out of a situation, but we cannot be a sometimes soldier based on integrity only when we think someone may be watching.

In the Preventive Medicine field, I am faced with integrity checks daily in my work. I conduct inspection and perform tests to ensure the health of each soldier in that area.

Sometimes, the work gets tiring and it would be much easier to do things the short, less in-depth way. I am also faced, at times, with a bribe to alter the outcome of my findings during an inspection to look favorable on that facility. When spending a great amount of time in one area, friendships with facility operators naturally develop. This may make conducting inspections harder, but integrity always wins out in the end. Without integrity, my moral obligation to keep soldiers safe and healthy

would be compromised.

I practice integrity with each inspection I conduct and eventually my reputation is respected where business and friendships are separated while I am working.

While deployed in Bosnia, our reputation as the United States Army has been questioned, but our values proved to be our strength. A local woman claimed that the U.S. made promises that we did not keep, to help her country essentially survive. One woman's cry echoed a thousand miles, however our integrity as a nation muffled those complaints. As an army, because our moral fibers are woven tightly, attacks on our integrity were quickly stifled.

As soldiers, we face integrity challenges daily. Being human places even greater strain on the moral obligation to do what is right. Daily challenges should be met with simple choices to fulfill a moral obligation of integrity.

Without reputation of a good standing character, we are little more than those we find dishonest and consistently taking the easy way out. Live up to the challenge of doing what is right, both legally and morally. Daily practice makes difficult choices simple and second nature.

## Concert at the park in Tuzla



Photos by Staff Sgt. Charles Owens

Placid Galama and Dawn band members jam during a summer evening concert in downtown Tuzla Aug. 23.



Placid Galama and Dawn band members entertain the crowd at an outdoor concert in downtown Tuzla Aug. 23.



The crowd of concert goes dance the night away to the music of Placid Galama and Dawn.