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Chaplain's Corner

Springtime brings rebirth

By Chaplain (Col.)
Ron Cobb

*Task Force Eagle
Command Chaplain*

All religions regard springtime as a holy time. There was a foot of snow here in January but now it is a time of rebirth. The birds have begun to sing. The grass has started to grow. The sun now shines. It is warmer, and the days are longer. We are fortunate that our Bosnia rotation began in the spring.

Our mission here is to bring



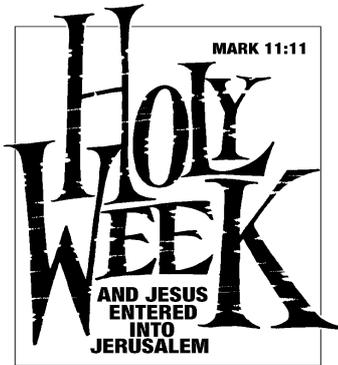
Cobb

springtime peace to Bosnia so that rebirth and healing will grow again in this beautiful but war-torn land. This can also

be a time of new beginnings for every one of us in Task Force Eagle.

We can take better care of ourselves and draw closer to our Higher Power. When we just open our lives to a loving Creator rivers of living water can flow out of our lives. We can bud like the apple trees are budding now so that the good fruits of summer can come out of our lives.

May God bless you and everyone you love. May your springtime be forever inward and eternal.



April 12-18, 2003

Eagle Base Chapel
762-7089

<u>Saturday, April 12</u>	
6:30 p.m.	Roman Catholic Mass (Passion Sunday)
<u>Palm Sunday, April 13</u>	
9 a.m.	Liturgical (Lutheran/Episcopal) Service
11 a.m.	Collective Protestant
1 p.m.	Gospel Protestant
3 p.m.	Latter-Day Saints
7 p.m.	Roman Catholic Communion Service
8 p.m.	Danish Protestant Service
<u>Holy Monday, April 14</u>	
6:30 p.m.	Gospel Choir Rehearsal
<u>Holy Tuesday, April 15</u>	
Noon	Episcopal (Anglican) Mass
7 p.m.	Latter-Day Saints Fellowship
7:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (ISSO Bldg. 3307)
<u>Holy Wednesday, April 16</u>	
11 a.m.	Bible Study (USAF Rock Conference Room)
6 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal
8 p.m.	Bible Study
<u>Holy Thursday, April 17</u>	
6 p.m.	Roman Catholic Holy Thursday Service
8 p.m.	Collective Protestant/Liturgical Maundy Thursday Service
<u>Good Friday, April 18</u>	
Noon	Stations of the Cross
8 p.m.	Good Friday Service



About the cover: A Danish Leopard tank fires on the range in Glamoc. by Lance Cpl. Claus Ronald Jensen, of the Danish Tank Squadron.



Announcing Passover Seder

with Rabbi (Col.) Kenneth Leinwand

April 16, 2003

6 p.m. Pegasus Hall

Soldiers of the Jewish tradition are particularly invited.

Non-Jewish soldiers are welcome to attend.

Please e-mail Sgt. Patrick Conklin or contact the Eagle Base Chapel at 762-7089 by 10 a.m. April 14 and let us know if you plan to attend.

Bosnians enjoy many Easter traditions

by Aleksander Ilic
Media Specialist

There is an eternal discussion among historians and religious officials about the correct formulation for the split of Christianity. Whether the Eastern Orthodox Church broke away, or was it the Roman Catholic Church that broke away from the Eastern Orthodox, or maybe the two wings of early Christianity simply drifted apart. Whatever the cause and reason for the split, a boundary was created between the ethnic groups that followed one of the two paths.

The impact of that split can still be seen in the territory of the modern-day Bosnia and Herzegovina. But there are a wide variety of similarities that connect the people of Bosnia. Easter is not an exception.

Catholics and Orthodoxies rarely celebrate Easter on the same day. This is due to the different calendars accepted by the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Church. The Eastern Orthodox Church uses the Julian calendar that was replaced by the Roman Catholic Church with, according to astrologists, the more accurate Gregorian calendar on February 24, 1582. Even though Easter Sunday falls on different days and the religious customs are slightly different, the meaning of Easter is the same for both Catholics and Orthodoxies. And the preparation for Easter is more than similar.

The 40-day-long period of Lent is a time of abstinence and fasting, although in recent times due to the pace of modern life, strict fasting is only observed on Good Friday. On Holy Saturday, women take baskets of food to the churches to be blessed. Late on Saturday evening bells in all of the churches commemorate the Resurrection of Christ. This also signifies the end of the fast. On Easter Sundays and Mondays, it is a tradition to visit friends and family, bringing good wishes and tasting the dishes that the host family has prepared. Traditionally, Easter dishes are served cold and include a variety of meat products – ham, bacon and sausage; many types of cheese, homemade bread and colored eggs.

An interesting fact about Easter is that Bosnia, as well as other Eastern cultures, has

never considered the Easter Bunny as a part of the annual tradition. The Easter Bunny was introduced to the local people during the past several decades as this region became more exposed to western influence. At the same time, commercial egg colors, stickers and



other accessories became a customary part of the Easter preparations.

Throughout the centuries, Easter eggs were dyed in a traditional way, which is still preserved in many homes. Eggs are colored mostly red and green with flower ornaments. An onion peel is used for coloring the eggs red and spinach or nettle is used for green. Different shaped leaves dipped in water are placed on the eggs. Cloverleaves or strawberry leaves can also be used.

Female pantyhose, except for the top and the bottom part, are cut into 6-inch bands. After the leaf is carefully placed on the shell, the pantyhose band is wrapped tightly around the egg and its end is tied with a string. The process is repeated until the desired number of eggs is prepared for coloring and then the eggs are cooked with onion peels or spinach in salted water to prevent the eggshells from cracking. After the pantyhose bands and leaves are removed and the eggs are cooled they are wiped with a cloth soaked into cooking oil for the gloss.

Another way to color eggs is to draw ornaments on the fresh egg with a pointy object, usually a feather dipped in the melted wax. After the wax is dried, eggs are carefully boiled in onion peels or spinach leaves. Once the eggs are colored, the wax is removed, which leaves beautiful ornaments in

the original color of the egg.

Easter Sunday brings happiness to all Catholic and Eastern Orthodox families, especially children. But children in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the entire region do not have the Easter egg hunts. Instead, it is a kind of “trick-or-treat” on

challenge each other to an “egg-breaking” competition. The challenger holds an egg with its wide side upwards. The opponent tries to break it with the wide side of his egg. Should the challenger pick the pointy side of an egg, the opponent would have to strike with the pointy side of his egg. The winner gets to take the broken egg.

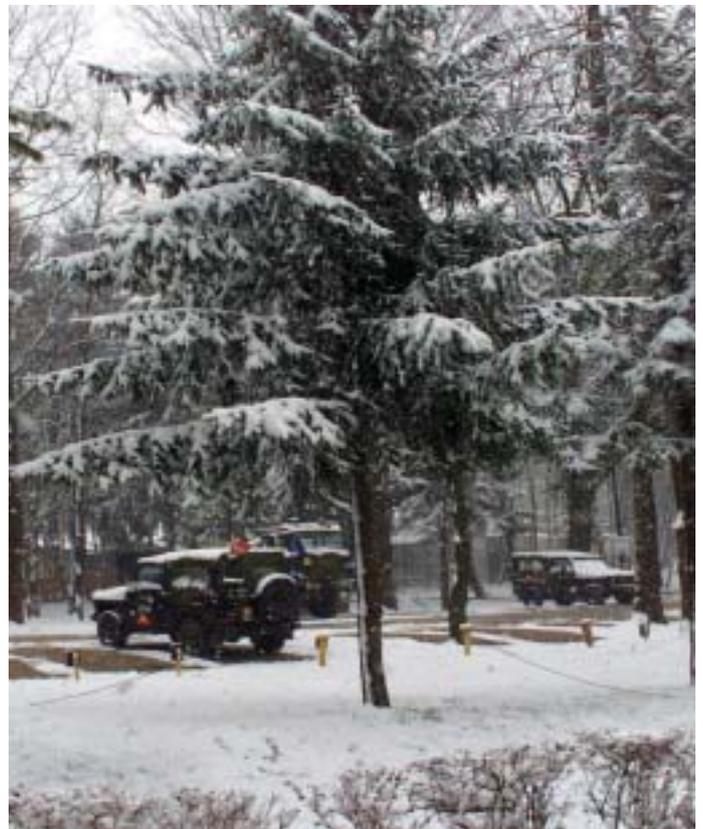
The game is followed with cheers and dares of the spectators. Often, players find various ways to cheat, such as using realistic-looking wooden and marble eggs in order to win as many matches. Parents also play the game and the entire event is fun and played in good holiday spirits.

During all holidays, homes are filled with laughter and cheerful conversation of family members and friends regardless of their religion. The way of life gives people of Bosnia and Herzegovina an extraordinary chance to share the joy of holidays amongst all three religions.

The holiday spirit gives hope that people of different religious beliefs can live next to, among and with each other in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Easter Sunday. They go door-to-door in their neighborhoods and wish a Happy Easter. As a reward, they are offered to choose a colored egg out of an Easter basket. Then, they chal-

Christmas in April?



by Sgt. 1st Class Ronald D. Covington

Eagle Base never looked so serene as it did April 7 and 8 when it was covered by a blanket of snow. The snow came as a surprise to the soldiers of MNB (North).

Danish Tank Squadron conducts live-fire exercise

Story and photos by
Master Sgt. D. Keith Johnson
343rd MPAD

GLAMOC, Bosnia and Herzegovina – It was a long trip to get there. The temperature was considerably colder than at Eagle Base. And the food, while tasty, definitely wasn't the Balkan Grille. But the crews had the chance to put some rounds down range.

The Danish Tank Squadron moved its tanks and support vehicles last week in preparation for the firing. The firing included both tank and small arms. The DANSQN gets to fire only once every rotation.

Maj. Flemming Bastrup, the tank squadron commander, was "quite satisfied" with the week's training. "It's important to keep up training standards. To do so, we have to do live fire," he said.

The Danes have the only tanks left in Bosnia. Out of ap-



One of the Danish tank crews fires smoke grenades during one of the shoot-and-move exercises. The crew engages a "hostile" target, then exits the area under the concealment of the smoke.

proximately 140 Danes in Multi-national Brigade (North), about half are tankers. The rest are support elements, including medics, military police, and mechanics.

The DANSQN is a regular army unit. Most have been on

previous rotations in Croatia and Kosovo, and some were in Bosnia during the 1992-1995 war.

The tank crews and support soldiers drove the German-built Leopard tanks to Glamoc during a long 15-hour day. U.S. UH-60 Blackhawks flew in crews each day to fire the four tanks. They'd fly to the range in the afternoon, take over the tanks from the previous crews, then prepare the tanks for firing.

After an early breakfast, it was a short drive from the base camp to the range. The crews would fire the main guns and machine guns from different positions and fire on the move.

The Danes fired the guns then familiarized themselves with small arms weapons, hand grenades, smoke grenades,

and flares. The tankers returned to the base camp each day to be picked up by the Blackhawks bringing the next crews.

The routine remained the same all week as all of the crews got to fire. The support personnel stayed all week, and the last crews to fire were driving the tanks on another long drive back to Eagle Base.

"We are delighted to have the opportunity for firing," said Bastrup. "MNB (North) has done a great job at providing for us to come down here this week"

The tank crews welcomed the chance to fire, and not only for the familiarization. "The squads consider the hard week a holiday away from Eagle Base," said Bastrup.

"It's a chance to play with their toys."



Members of the Danish Tank Squadron go through familiarization training with signaling flares.

Making friends

Capt. Bryan Tolar, right, and interpreter Jasnin Piric' stop to talk to children on the road between Zepinici and Secovici. Tolar is the commander for Company A, 4th Battalion, 118th Infantry Regiment, a South Carolina Army National Guard unit patrolling the Task Force South area.



by Staff Sgt. Sammy Robertson

Roach: Deployment 'a great opportunity'



Roach

by **Guy D. Choate**
343rd MPAD

When a soldier enlists, or is drafted into the U.S. Army and is planning his military career, there are many paths to follow. Two paths lead to becoming a commissioned or noncommissioned officer. To most, the choice is an "either/or" decision, to a few

others, it's an "and/or" decision.

One of those few is Lt. Col. Robert F. Roach, the chief of staff for Multinational Brigade (North).

In 1966, 19-year-old Roach, of Shawnee, Kan., was drafted into the U.S. Army where he spent 14 years in the enlisted ranks. Part of that time was spent as a rifleman during two tours in Vietnam. Recalling that period, he smiles when he compares the feeling of waking up each morning with his face in the mud to his dry bed waiting for him here on Eagle Base.

"That's one of the differences in a combat environment and a peacekeeping environment," said Roach.

In 1978, as a sergeant first class, Roach left his NCO path when he was selected to receive a direct commission.

Though welcoming the opportunity to tackle new heights as an officer, Roach still recalls the early goals left unrealized.

"I really wanted to be an infantry first sergeant," said Roach, whose civilian job now is as a technician for the Kansas Army National Guard, "but I never got the op-

portunity."

Opportunity did show itself to the 1984 Kansas State University graduate here in Bosnia.

"(This deployment) is a challenge and is a great opportunity to serve our country and the country of Bosnia," said Roach, who added that most guardsmen spend their whole career in a training status. He said this is an opportunity to use that training in a real-world environment.

Although there are hardships involved in serving your country so far from home, Roach encourages the soldiers here to look at the long-term effect of what they are accomplishing.

"Each soldier here has the opportunity to make a contribution that most other citizens don't have. They are sacrificing time away from their families to do this good thing," said the father of four.

Roach is confident that the soldiers of Task Force Eagle, and the members of his staff, have the motivation and degree of confidence to make this a successful deployment.

Medical troops brush up on sling-load training

By **Nedima Hadziibrisevic**
Media Specialist

A little more than two weeks has passed since Stabilization Force 13's Transfer of Authority ceremony March 24, and servicemembers are already ensuring they are properly prepared to perform their peacekeeping operations.

Soldiers of the 86th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) and 145th Medical Logistics, both part of Task Force Medical Eagle, and 735th Forward Logistic Element, which is attached to the 35th Division, conducted training recently on what's called the trailer load. The trailer load consists of "trauma sets" and other medical materials and supplies essential for mass casualty situations.

"This trailer has all the medical supplies the Forward Logistic Element will need in the event of mass casualty. Our responsibility, for the (medical evacuation) operations, is that we move that trailer wherever needed," said Maj. John Johnston, commander of the 86th.

"We are training right now to get our ground personnel, crew chiefs, flight medics and pilots more proficient in external load operations," said Sgt. 1st Class Kris Sample of the 86th.

Sample briefed the soldiers on the proper procedure for inspecting equipment and provided classes on safety regulations, the steps to follow for rigging, proper hand and arm signals, as well as a walk-through through the whole process from "hook up" through "release."



by Master Sgt. Pat Pierson

The recent sling-load training included rigging the trailer being lifted by an 86th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) UH-60 Blackhawk.

Sample said the goal is to conduct such training at least once every month, in addition to having regular battle drills throughout SFOR 13's rotation.

Sample said they plan to continue their

training with soldiers throughout Multinational Brigade (North). He said this includes the brigade's multinational units. We want them to know what our capabilities are, Sample said.

News You Can Use

Education



City Colleges of Chicago

Registration for the spring term ends Friday, April 18. A list of 3-credit-hour course offerings can be found at www.ccc-e.org. For more information, please send an e-mail to John.Jagoditsh@email-tc3.5sigcmd.army.mil.

University of Maryland

762-7074

Term 4 Seminars

April 19-20

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CMST 100F	Introduction to Microcomputers: Databases (Microsoft Access)
MGST 198A	Effective Time Management

April 26-27

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MRKT 318	Exploring Internet Marketing
CMST 100G	Introduction to Microcomputers: Spreadsheets (Excel)

Notes



The consolidated Forward Logistics Element/Task Force Orphan battalion aid station no longer has sick-call hours. Sick call for all U.S. soldiers on Eagle Base (other than Task Force Warrior) will be at the Task Force Medical Eagle outpatient clinic at the hospital. Hours are Monday through Friday, 7-10 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Saturday hours are 8-11 a.m. The Task Force Warrior aid station remains open and there is no change to sick-call hours for all TF Warrior soldiers.

All units in Multinational Brigade (North) need to contact Task Force Medical Eagle before transporting patients to the hospital. If it is an emergency situation, a nine-line MEDEVAC request will be initiated and transportation will be coordinated. TF Medical Eagle can be reached at DSN 762-0415 or PTT 035-814-622.

Reveille is played on Eagle Base each morning at 6:30 a.m. U.S. servicemembers in uniform and not in formation should halt, face the direction of the White House flag and render the hand salute until the last note of music has been played.

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Friday, April 11

8 p.m. Music Night, Triggers

Saturday, April 12

8 a.m. "There's No Place Like Home" 5K run, Peacekeeper Hall

Sunday, April 13

5 p.m. "Raise the Roof" Bench Press Competition, Eagle Base Fitness Center

Tuesday, April 15

7 p.m. Ping Pong Tourney, Rally Point

8 p.m. Darts Tourney, Triggers

Wednesday, April 16

6 p.m. Fitness Orientation, Fitness Center

Thursday, April 17

7 p.m. Dominos Tourney, Rally Point

8 p.m. 8-Ball Pool Tourney, Triggers

Friday, April 18

8 p.m. Music Night, Triggers

Saturday, April 19

7 p.m. Joycee Beck/Walt Noon Magic Show, Camp McGovern

8 p.m. Game Show "Music", Triggers

Sunday, April 20

8 p.m. Joycee Beck/Walt Noon Magic Show, Triggers

TBD USO/MWR Easter Egg Hunt

Photo Exhibition

Tuesday, April 22

8 p.m. Unreal Gaming Tourney, Cyber Escape

Wednesday, April 23

6 p.m. Fitness Orientation, Fitness Center

8 p.m. Joycee Beck/Walt Noon Magic Show, Camp Butmir

Thursday, April 24

7 p.m. 301 Darts Tourney, Rally Point

8 p.m. Chess Tourney, Eagles Nest

9 p.m. Indoor Soccer, Peacekeeper Hall

Friday, April 25

8 p.m. Music Night, Triggers

Weather



USAFE Operational Weather Squadron, Tuzla Friday, April 11

Mostly cloudy in the morning, with light fog, winds from the southwest at 5-10 mph. Partly cloudy in the afternoon. High 54, low 30.

Saturday, April 12

Partly cloudy in the morning with fog, winds from the south at 5 mph. Partly cloudy in the afternoon. High 54, low 28.

Sunday, April 13

Partly cloudy all day, with fog in the morning. Winds from the southeast at 5-10 mph. High 59, low 37.

Playtime



by 2nd Lt. Chris Dunphy

MWR coordinator Enes Masic straps a helmet onto Maj. Russell Richardson of Task Force Eagle Joint Military Affairs Sunday during the sumo wrestling at Peacekeeper Hall.

A look at some of the Faces in the Crowd ...

by 2nd Lt. Chris Dunphy
35th ID PAO

Lt. Col. Victor J. Braden

Title: Commander, 1st Battalion, 108th Aviation Regiment (Task Force Warrior).

Family: Braden resides in Lawrence, Kan. with wife Maria and daughters Chelsea, 17, and Emily, 14.

Deployment goals: Personally, Braden is aspiring for at least a 270 on the Army Physical Fitness Test, and always finding the time each day for reading the Bible and praying. Braden said his unit's goal remains to contribute to the safe environment of Bosnia and Herzegovina through exhibition of his unit's "combat power within the rules of engagement ... This contribution can best



Braden

be accomplished by maintaining a high level of training, operational, and logistical readiness."

Going home: After his unit's deployment, Braden plans to continue his civilian career as an assistant county attorney for Jefferson County in Oskaloosa, Kan., and furthering his military positions and levels of responsibility within the Kansas Army National Guard.

Lt. Col. Timothy J. Kadavy

Title: Commander, 1st Squadron, 167th Cavalry, (Task Force North).

Hardest part about being deployed: "Being separated from families and friends." Kadavy and his wife, Laurie, reside in Omaha, Neb., with their sons Seth, 14, and Peter, 7. Despite the hardship of family separation, Kadavy is proud to be serving as part of Stabilization Force 13. Being a Title 10 officer (full-time Guard officer), Kadavy has had his share of TDY, or temporary duty, tours, he said, so his family is accustomed to his absence for periods of time. Still, he finds time to call his family as often as he can and also encourages his troops to do so as well. He is also a strong proponent of video teleconferences.



Kadavy

Deployment goals: "To help move the peace process forward ... and return to the Nebraska Army National Guard a better unit than the one that came here," he said.

Despite the hardship of family separation, Kadavy is proud to be serving as part of Stabilization Force 13.

Personally, Kadavy hopes to improve his understanding of Bosnian culture and its people, he said, which he views as one of the first steps to take in nearing his ultimate goal of "having made a difference here."

Col. Daniel J. Dire

Title: Commander, Task Force Medical Eagle.

Family: Dire and his wife, Cynthia Hescong, reside in Birmingham, Ala., and have four children: Wendy Jo, 23, Melody Jo, 21, Daniel Jr., 19, and Jessica, 14.



Dire

Deployment goals: "To ensure the safety of each and every soldier in Task Force Med Eagle (and) to provide the highest level of health care to our beneficiaries,"

said Dire, whose unit provides the dental, preventive medicine, veterinary, aeromedical, ground ambulance and medical logistical services for all U.S. personnel within the Multinational Brigade

"(I want) to provide the highest level of health care..."

(North).

Future goal: "To return to my previous position as the commander of the 5th Medical Group Headquarters in Birmingham, Ala.," said Dire whose civilian position is as an assistant professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

Lt. Col. Scott A. Campbell

Title: Commander, 2nd Battalion, 123rd Armor Regiment (Task Force South).

Family: Campbell and his wife Linda reside in Paducah, Ky. with their children Joseph, 15, and Jace, 5.



Campbell

Hardest part about being deployed: "Of course for most soldiers the hardest part about being deployed is being away from family and friends," said Campbell, who added that this feeling of loneliness can be minimized by the many sources we have to communicate with people back home. "(But) this is never a replacement for seeing them in person," he said. "That is why unit cohesion and camaraderie are so important. We become the surrogate family for each other."

Deployment goals: In addition to maintaining close family ties, reaching physical fitness and educational objectives, Campbell said his number-one

goal is taking care of his soldiers and returning them home safely in six months. He said his unit's mission is to enforce the military aspects of the General Framework Agreement for Peace. "There has been a lot of good work done by a lot of good units and soldiers during previous rotations," he said, adding that the citizens of Bosnia will benefit from the diversity and "human approach" of his soldiers.

Future goal: "I am living (that) goal by deploying as a battalion commander with a great mission and great soldiers."

On the home front

News items of interest to Task Force Eagle members

Alabama



Frost bites Chilton peach crop

JEMISON -- An unexpected killing frost early March 31 has hurt many Chilton County peach growers. The frost was a harsh end to what had been a mild March.

"It's not a total loss, but it is significant," said James Pitts, superintendent of the Alabama Agriculture Experiment Station in Chilton County. Pitts is not ready to declare the percentage of crop loss, but said "everybody said it looks bad."

The overnight temperature was only supposed to

drop to 30 or 31. Instead, a freeze as low as 23 to 28 degrees hit Chilton County, lasting up to 6 hours.

Pitts and growers have been out in the orchards since then, cutting open the small beads that were supposed to grow into ripe peaches, trying to tell whether any will still be able to grow.

-- courtesy Birmingham News

Birmingham News Super Seniors 2003 Boys High School Basketball

1. James Lang, Central Park Christian
2. Justin Jonus, Douglas
3. Jai Miller, Selma
4. Jordan Howell, Bob Jones
5. Alan Whitney, Fairhope
6. Derek Crumpton, Livingston

Missouri



Deputy fired over uniform pins

SPRINGFIELD -- A deputy who claims he was fired for wearing religious pins on his Howell County Sheriff's Department uniform has filed an appeal.

Jimmy Denton, a former bailiff, jailer and transport officer, said he was fired by Sheriff Bill Shephard April 2 after he refused to remove a cross and guardian angel pin from

his uniform. In a letter April 3, Denton asked Shephard to reconsider.

-- courtesy News-Leader

2003 Missouri Boys' All-State Basketball CLASS 5

Grant Agbo, 6-6 sr., McCluer; Tyler Chaney, 6-4 sr., Neosho; Randal Falke, 6-7 sr., Gateway Tech; Tyler Hansbrough, 6-8 soph., Poplar Bluff; Lance Harris, 6-4 sr., Hickman; Spencer Laurie, 6-2 sr., Springfield Kickapoo; Deven Mitchell, 6-5 sr., Springfield Kickapoo; Jamaal Tatum, 6-1 sr., Helias; Tyrone Young, 6-3 sr., Raytown South; Austin Kirby, 6-2 sr., Parkway Central.

South Carolina



S.C. State raises '03 tuition

ORANGEBURG - Officials at South Carolina State University approved a 12 percent increase in tuition and fees April 3 to help shore up the school's dwindling budget.

The increase, which will take effect in the fall, brings the cost of attending the university from \$2,449 per semester to \$2,785.

The amount does not include the cost of room and board.

Interim president Ernest

Finney Jr. said the 4,000-student school had little choice but to raise the tuition price tag.

-- courtesy The State

Upstate Point Leaders Boys High School Basketball

Reed Long, Wren, 645 pts., 26.9 avg.
Zach Chandler, Woodmont, 595 pts., 22.9 avg.
Donta Wheaton, Crescent, 571 pts., 22.8 avg.
Paul Epting, Blue Ridge, 523 pts., 22.7 avg.
Milferd Brock, Christ Church, 517 pts., 21.5 avg.
Eric Schoenbachler, Shannon Forest, 401 pts., 21.1 avg.
Baxter Smith, Wade Hampton, 482 pts., 21 avg.
Josh Burgess, Pickens, 406 pts., 19.3 avg.
Lorenzo Earle, Seneca, 346 pts., 19.2 avg.
Lucky Hamby, Wren, 360 pts., 18.9 avg.

Dinner celebrates Potocari success



by Spc. Guy D. Choate

Loannis Kapoqlis, European Union Police Mission chief co-locator for the town of Bijeljina, receives a certificate of appreciation from Brig. Gen. Ron Mason during an appreciation dinner April 8 at Pegasus Hall.

by Spc. Guy D. Choate
343rd MPAD

EAGLE BASE, Bosnia and Herzegovina — Brig. Gen. James R. "Ron" Mason, the commander of Multinational Brigade (North), hosted an appreciation dinner on Eagle Base April 8 to recognize the successful interment in Potocari last week. Representatives of the European Union Police Mission and local police forces, from both Tuzla and Bijeljina, attended the event.

The dinner was an opportunity for Mason to recognize the contribution of all involved in planning and organizing the March 31 Potocari interment.

Well over the expected number people and vehicles attended the ceremony, but the "professionalism displayed by

all security forces involved enabled them to accommodate such a vast number," said Emin Kaknjasevic, deputy police commissioner of Tuzla Canton, and one of Mason's honored guests.

"This is the type of coordinated effort and teamwork that will ultimately demonstrate to the international community

"... the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina are making great strides in promoting understanding and trust ..."

Brig. Gen. Ron Mason

that the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina are making great strides in promoting understand-

ing and trust in its local law enforcement," said Mason.

Mason presented his guests with certificates of appreciation for their ability to carry out their mission so smoothly, and effectively show their capabilities of providing a safe and secure environment.