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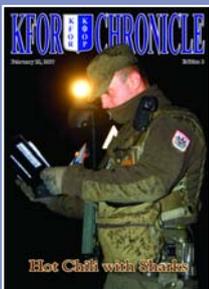
Handover - Takeover

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On February 27, Colonel Rainer Senger handed over the responsibilities as Chief of KFOR Public Information Office to Colonel Michael Knop.

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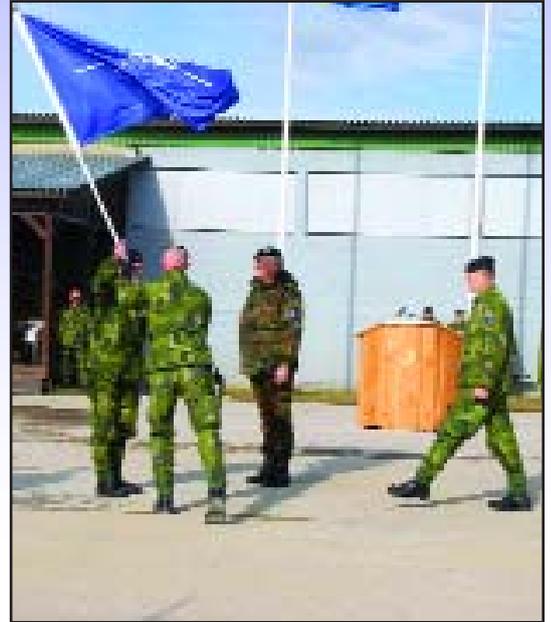
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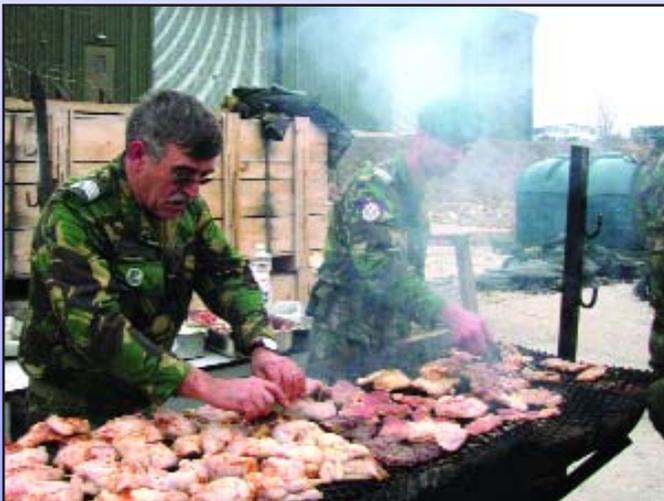
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New KFOR DCOS Operations



Rank and full name: Brigadier General Jean-Marc Nébout

Time in service: 31 years

Assignment at home: Since September 1, 2006, I have been in charge of specific issues in Land Forces Command.

Previous missions: Africa and Balkans

What are your main goals during your tour with KFOR? To manage the Operations Division by synchronizing all branches in the framework of the operations, for the success of KFOR and for the benefit of Kosovo.

What message do you have for KFOR soldiers? We continually ask all KFOR soldiers to engage in proactive dialog with the Kosovar population and, if necessary, to simultaneously be able to promptly show

detering strength with a similar determination.

Your family status? Married, three children.

What are your interest and hobbies? Rugby, hunting, fishing and skydiving.

Do you have some basic principles or a personal motto? Relax, paratroopers are watchful.



Photos by Armend Aqifi and
Combat Camera Team

New KFOR DCOS Support



Rank and full name: Brigadier General Norbert Gehart

Time in service: 29 years

Assignment at home: The last four years I served as Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff of the Joint Service Support Command of the Austrian Armed Forces. The Headquarters located in Vienna deals with medical support, workshops, ammunition depots, warehouses, logistic troops and dog training. After this mission I'll take over responsibility for the Logistic Division in the Austrian Ministry of Defense.



Previous missions: One Tour - UNDOF, Golan Heights

What are your main goals during your tour with KFOR? I'll try to transfer my national expertise to perform appropriate coordination within the Support Division. I know that in the Support Branches highly professional officers and civilians are in charge. Synchronizing them smoothly will be my challenge. Simultaneously I am the National Contingent Commander of the Austrian Contingent. I will serve as good as I'm able.

What message do you have for KFOR soldiers? During my Key Leader Training I saw the most highly motivated and well trained soldiers. They are the key element for a safe and secure environment here in Kosovo.

Your family status? Married, one 15 year-old son.

What are your interests and hobbies? Scuba diving, sailing and running. All in all, I like to be ashore.

Do you have some basic principles or a personal motto? My motto is: Every journey begins with the first single step.



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Lithuanian Land Forces Commander visit

FEB 1

Commander of Lithuanian Land Forces, Brigadier General Pocis visited KFOR. During his visit he met with COMKFOR General Roland Kather.



UK Vice Chief of Defense Staff visited KFOR

FEB 1

General Kather met with United Kingdom Vice Chief of Defense Staff, General Sir Timothy Granville-Chapman in KFOR HQ.



Meeting with Lieutenant General Höfler

FEB 3

Austrian Joint Forces Commander Lt. Gen. Günter Höfler attended the DCOS Support Transfer of Authority ceremony, following the ceremony he met with COMKFOR.



COMKFOR met with Mr. Ahtisaari

FEB 2

UN Special Envoy Martti Ahtisaari presented his proposal for Kosovo's status during a meeting to COMKFOR, SRSB and Kosovo authorities.

EU HR Javier Solana visited Kosovo

FEB 7

High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union Mr. Solana visited Kosovo and met with COMKFOR at the European Agency for Reconstruction building.



COMKFOR visited MNTF S troops

FEB 6

COMKFOR Lt. Gen. Kather visited MNTF S troops. During the visit he was briefed by the Turkish troop commander in Dragash area



Tour with KFOR



Kosovo Unity team met with COMKFOR

FEB 10

During the visit COMKFOR and the Kosovo Unity team made a trip to MNTF N and Camp Nothing Hill.



NATO Secretary General visited KFOR

FEB 15

NATO Secretary General, Jaap de Hoop Scheffer visited Kosovo. During the visit he met with COMKFOR Lt. Gen. Kather.



Commanders conference

FEB 13

COMKFOR Lt. Gen. Roland Kather hosts the Commanders conference.



Meeting with Canadian Ambassador

FEB 20

COMKFOR General Kather met with Canadian Ambassador to Serbia, Mr. Robert McDougall in KFOR HQ.



High level meeting in Nis

FEB 21

COMKFOR Lt. Gen. Roland Kather attended High-level meeting in Nis, Serbian Republic.



Hot Chili



*Text by 1st Lt. Maksym Klunnyk,
Ukrainian Army
Photos by Armend Aqifi*

Tuesday, February 13, 17:00 hrs, Platoon Commander 1st Lieutenant Wolfgang Kolder makes his last instructions for his soldiers going on night patrol. The weather lost its mind - it's chilly and rainy - but soldiers must go to perform their mission.

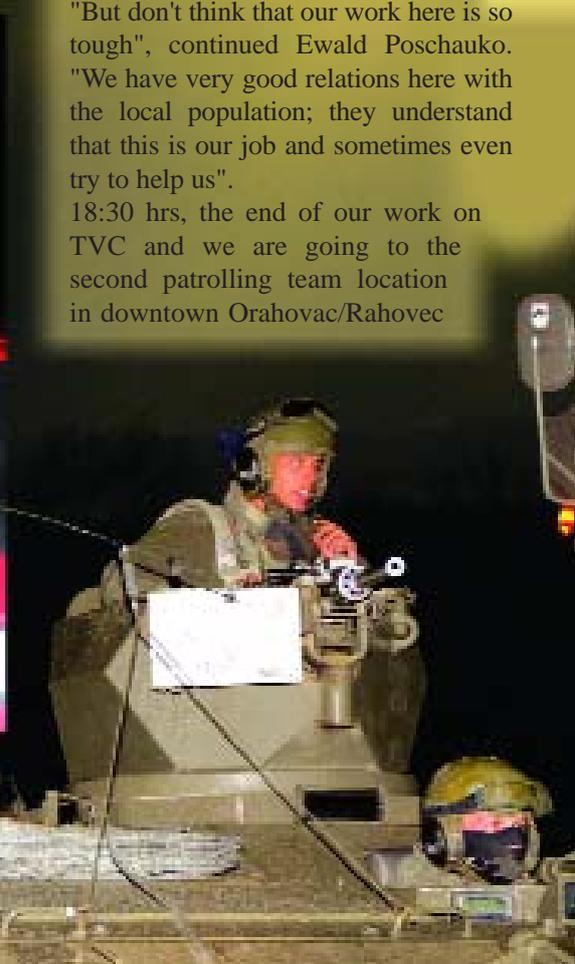
On this day, KFOR Chronicle team joined this patrol to see with our own eyes the "routine" work of these brave soldiers from the 2nd Company of the Austrian contingent named Sharks. 17:15 hrs, Austrian APC "Pandur" and one vehicle dive into the dark and wet night. Immediately I realized how correct the name of this unit was. APC without any doubt submerged in darkness, like a shark goes at the deep darkness, to make their work.

17:45 hrs, first stop and Senior of the patrol OR-9 Ewald Poschauko, starts his work immediately. In one minute the temporary vehicle check point (TVC) was organized.

17:50 hrs, the first vehicle was stopped to be checked. "This TVC is organized to prevent any illegal transportation of weapons, stolen vehicles and to check order in our AOR", said OR-9 Poschauko. "About two or three weeks ago we stopped a car and found two local teenagers with an illegal pump rifle", he added. "During one of my first patrols, one vehicle was burned on the TVC because of some technical problems in engine".

"But don't think that our work here is so tough", continued Ewald Poschauko. "We have very good relations here with the local population; they understand that this is our job and sometimes even try to help us".

18:30 hrs, the end of our work on TVC and we are going to the second patrolling team location in downtown Orahovac/Rahovec



with Sharks

city. Our task is to become more familiar with the foot patrol organization and goals. 19:00 hrs, APC stops in Orahovac/Rahovec, Platoon Leader 1st Lt. Kolder met us in the Serbian part of the city. "Here we organize vehicle check points to prevent any crowd and riot situations", he explained.

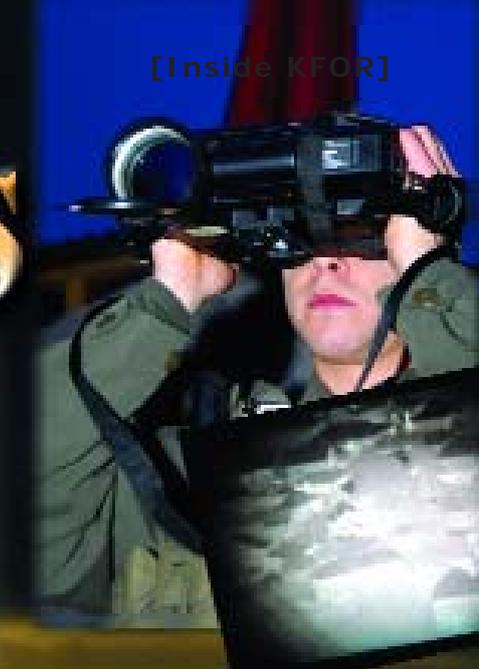
19:10 hrs, 1st Lt. Kolder escorts us to the Albanian part of the city, during this trip he showed us control places with barbed wire. The wire serves to prevent rioters' movement in Serbian or Albanian parts of the city.

19:25 hrs, we reach the foot patrol location where the Platoon Commander briefed and showed us the route of movement on the map. This route passes through the middle of the city.

19:30 hrs, we started with patrolling. "Sometimes we organize vehicle patrols here", said 1st Lt. Kolder. "During this kind of patrol, two weeks ago, I received the information from my soldiers about some strange civilian car with an "Italian

soldier". I was ordered to check this car", he told me. "When I came to look at this car personally, I found one local citizen dressed in an old Italian uniform inside the vehicle. During the examination of the vehicle we found this person very nervous. Five minutes later, we understood the reason why he was so nervous. In the trunk of the car, one of my soldiers found a semiautomatic rifle".

20:30 hrs, patrolling finishes and we came back to the field camp where hot chili was waiting for us. During the patrol nothing eventful happened and we wish for these friendly and brave soldiers to always have such quiet and calm patrols.



It's time to go home



home



*Text by 1st Lt. Maksym Klunnyk,
Ukrainian Army
Photos by Armend Aqifi*

More than 1,700 soldiers from Czech Republic, Finland, Ireland, Latvia, Slovakia and Sweden were prepared to say goodbye to the outgoing and salute the incoming MNTF-C commander.

The transfer of authority ceremony, where Brigadier General Per Lodin conveys the authority and responsibility of command to incoming MNTF C commander Brigadier General Berndt Grundevik took place at Camp Ville, MNTF C HQ on January 29.

This ceremony started unexpectedly for me: before the beginning of the official part, the task force chaplain prayed to God in front of soldier's formations. "Almighty God, we ask you to be with us here, far away from our home. We ask your presence and guidance in our upcoming challenges". During the ceremony Brig. Gen. Per Lodin used the pass and review to thank his forces, "Officers, NCO's and soldiers of Task Force Centre, I express my sincere thanks to all of you for the professionalism and dedication with which you performed the tasks. I have been lucky to have had you under my command".

Under Brig. Gen. Per Lodin's command MNTF C conducted 1,800 patrols, searched 1,400 vehicles, performed approximately 20 weapon search operations, cleared close to 20 unexploded ordnances (UXO) and other types of ordnances.

State Secretary at the Swedish Ministry of Defense Mr. Hans Gustaf Wessberg was present at the ceremony. He expressed his appreciation for Brig. Gen. Lodin for the excellent performance of his work and wished the incoming general the best success.

COMKFOR Lieutenant General Roland Kather personalized the ceremony by thanking Brig. Gen. Lodin in perfect Swedish. "Per, now it's time for you to go home, your actions and the actions of your task force have truly upheld the spirit of this peacekeeping operation. Moreover, I'll never forget the tour I received while in the mobile sauna. What an experience"! "General Grundevik, you are most welcome aboard the ship", added COMKFOR.

As unexpectedly as this ceremony started, it finished in an unexpected way as well: two Swedish helicopters with flags crossed the parade square symbolizing the end of tour for one general and the beginning for another.

It's a kind of M

The Magician of the Swiss Armed Forces Charms Children and KFOR Military Personnel

*Text and photos by Spec Capt. Gian Carli Stäubli,
Swiss Army*

The children were all lined up against the window of the classroom when the Mercedes van of the Swiss Company to KFOR (SWISSCOY) drove up in the courtyard of the school. It was not so much the fact that some KFOR soldiers showed up on an ordinary school day - KFOR military personnel are commonly seen everywhere; the knowledge that today would be a very special school day made the difference: a day full of breathtaking black magic and variation in the ordinary school schedule was at grasp.

The magician of the Swiss Armed Forces, Major Roland Meister, opted very determined for a corner in the school yard in order to be sheltered from the wind. The small mobile stage was very quickly set up with the help of a couple of SWISSCOY soldiers. Meanwhile, the magician prepared his magic equipment for his various acts. As the bell rang, the silence of the mountain village was filled with the hurly-burly of shouting school children. A never ending flow of children poured into the school yard and the best seats in the first row were quickly taken and fiercely defended until the beginning of the



Magic... Freddie Mercury



As the performances were over, the children's faces were filled with joy and happiness; they requested the magician sign their schoolbooks and wanted to be in the picture with the admired Swiss guest and the SWISSCOY helpers. This concentrated charge of smiling faces and positive emotions almost let the sober observer forget the fact that not so long ago, a bitter and cruel civil war shattered and divided a

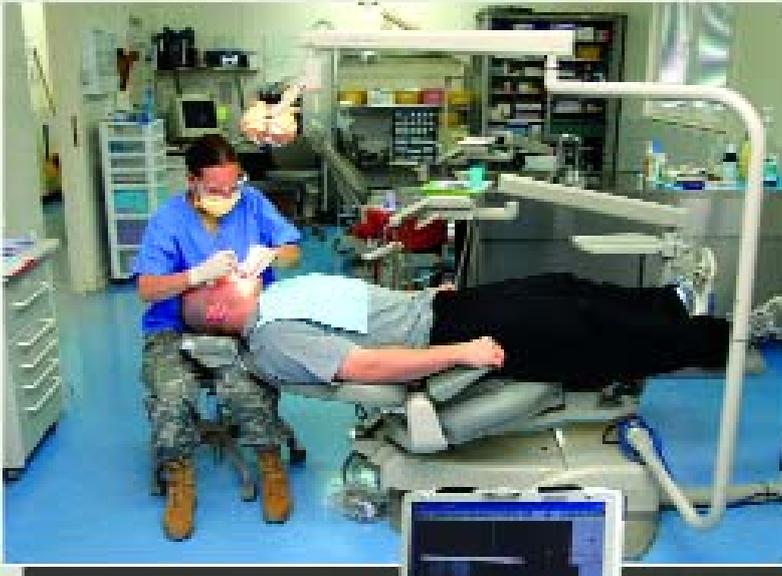
performance. Major Meister decided to make the necessary preparations in his military uniform; for the performance itself, he opted for civilian cloths as he is of the opinion that for pedagogical reasons, uniforms and magic tricks should not be identified as the same. Major Roland Meister usually does his magic performances for children in German; an interpreter translates from German to Albanian. During his stay in Kosovo, he performed in the near surroundings of Suharekë/Suva Reka in the following schools: Studenqan, Peqan, Nishor, Dobërdelan and Reqan. He broke new ground with the performances at the Roma camp in Gjakova/Djakovica and at the children's hospital of the University Hospital of Prishtinë/Pristina.

multiethnic society. Major Meister astonishes not only school children; the KFOR military personnel also get pleasure in seeing his performances. During his visit, he performed at the following KFOR camps: Airfield Toplicane, Camp Casablanca, Camp Bondsteel, Camp Victoria, Camp Ville, Camp Prizren and Camp Olaf Rye. The Commander of the multinational Task Force South, Brigadier General Hans-Joachim Fröhlich, did not miss the opportunity to see the performance at the SanSchein Bar. As the magician of the Swiss Armed Forces asked for some volunteers for a special magic trick, he took the opportunity right away and jumped onto the stage. During this specific black art, he showed - to the astonishment of the present audience - a very strong seventh sense ... after the show, the General could witness some more black magic first hand.



Text by OR-6 Christin Michaud, U.S. Air Force
Photos by Armend Aqifi

Care as good



From the outside it looks like any other building at Camp Bondsteel, but as soon as they enter, the stark white walls in the long corridors of the sterile environment assures patients they are in the right place with the Task Force Medical Falcon.

The facility is a Forward Deployed Medical Treatment Facility. Although it is situated here in the Balkans, it has the facilities, technology and staff equal to one available at a post or base in the states if not better.

What makes this 76-person staff unique is that the majority of them are Guard or Reserve members who work in the civilian sector at their home station. Each has their own background and experience that they bring to the team here. Staff members come from 27 different states.

Whether it is for routine sick call, a dental cleaning or surgery, the medical staff at Camp Bondsteel can meet many of the patient's needs they are faced with.

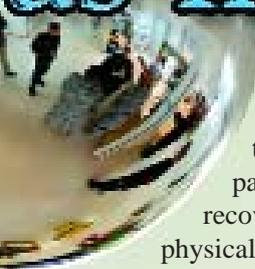
Sometimes, the facility can be pretty busy, yet other times slow, explained Command Sergeant Major Willie G. Conley, Jr., whose job is to make sure the staff who offers medical care to soldiers from the United States as well as all NATO soldiers, are taken care of. Some of the most common problems they see are routine colds and sports injuries.

The Preventive Medicine section educates the population about the importance of washing your hands and other things that prevent the spread of germs. Their mission is to be more proactive than reactive, according to Sgt. Angelin Tafua.

The physical therapy portion is at the top of their game when it comes to sports injuries. With an orthopedic surgeon on hand, a physical



as home



therapist, and with the expertise of their two NCOs, they help as many as 25 patients a day on the road to recovery. There isn't any type of physical therapy that they can't offer here. "We've been able to get everyone back to duty", said Lt. Col. Michael Feldman, orthopedic surgeon.

Traditional elements of the Forward Deployed Medical Treatment Facility include a full-service pharmacy, radiology, lab, sick call, combat stress and medical maintenance. Soldiers can even get a new prescription and glasses - all in a days work at this facility.

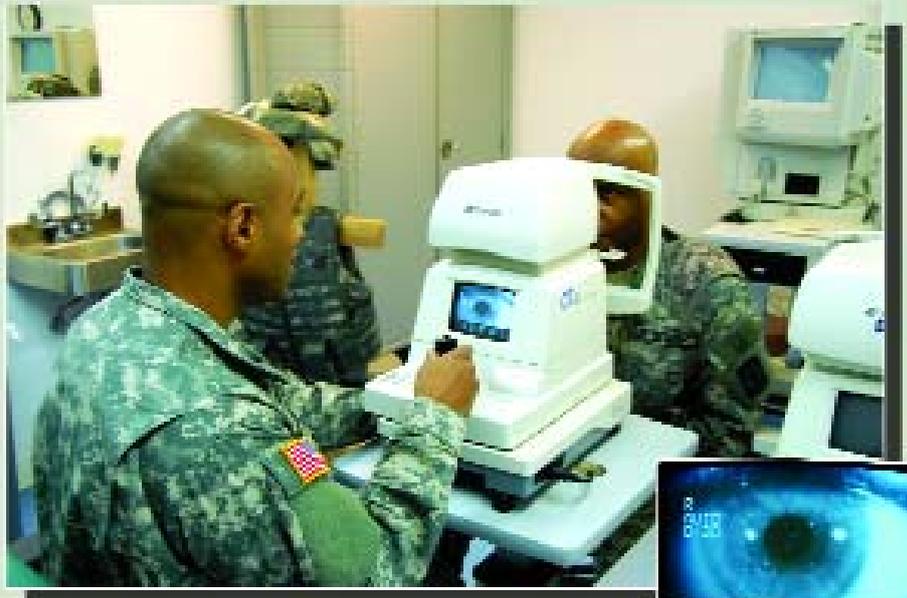
Like other medical facilities, the one at Bondsteel has an emergency room where patients can be seen 24-hours a day. Additionally, there are two operation rooms and a multi-bed intensive care unit and ward. The dental clinic with the experience of their skilled team, are able to help patients inside the camp as well as in the community.

Staff Sgt. Denise Brooks, NCOIC and dental hygienist said they see an average of 15 patients each day in their section which has three operating chairs in their state-of-the-art facility. In addition to their mission at Camp Bondsteel, they often conduct missions outside the wire with Medical and Dental Civil Assistance Programs.

Colonel Jerone Cureton said he's seen patients line up around the corner all day and all night at a DENCAP. "You know you are doing good things for good people", the colonel said. "Not treatment, but medical knowledge", he emphasized.

The facility and staff are ready to offer the best care possible to soldiers in Kosovo. When they can't, the Air Evac section steps in and helps coordinate and transport them to another facility in the region or to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany.

When it comes to treatment facilities, it may look a little rugged on the outside, but the inside boasts some of the best medical care available to soldiers.



Intensive Care Unit





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"Enterprise"



*Text by 1st Lt. Maksym Klunnyk,
Ukrainian Army
Photos by Armend Aqifi*

HIGH

“There could be only one”

After a 45 minute drive North of Camp Nothing Hill near the Serbian boundary, I saw marvelous landscapes with high hills, small streams and lakes. It reminded me of the movie "Highlander" by Russell Mulcahy. There was also another thing that reminded me about this movie: high in the mountains in the altitude of 1,300 meters, above sea level, 14 German soldiers from the radio relay perform a unique mission, detached from their main unit.

"My unit is under Nothing Hill command and our main task is ensure that the communication for patrols works well", said squad leader OR-7 Oliver Rosenkötter. "As you can see, our area of responsibility is situated in high mountains and sometimes patrols don't have a connection with the camp or other patrolling teams, this is why we are here", he added.

After a short briefing about the unit and lunch in Camp Nothing Hill mess we went directly to where the station is located. Ice on the road made the trip through the mountains and villages hard.

High on the mountains I recognized a radio relay station. It's a small piece of land, approximately 3x5 meters, with one tent, generator and relay station. The perimeter is secured by German APC "Fuchs", and surrounded by barbed wire.

"Normally, there are only six soldiers on duty. One soldier patrols the perimeter, one



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... *(Duncan McCloud)*

controls connection quality and the third one is a guard in the APC. The other three soldiers have time for rest", said chief of shift, OR-6 Anton Beis. "The hardest time for duty is during the night because of the strong wind and darkness, soldiers have to secure the area with the night vision devices", continued Anton.

An American patrol visited the station 15 minutes after we arrived. "The Americans usually visit us. Very often they come here to check if everything is OK, or in case they have lost their connection", explained

OR-6 Beis.

To meet such brave soldiers was a fascinating experience for me. "We have very good relations with patrols and I wish our replacements will continue in the same way.

We are the only ones here who could provide good communication", finished the squad leader before our departure. Soon this team will be replaced, and the other "Highlanders" will come, so it won't be the only one who provides operational communication in this region anymore.



League of Prizren - Main place for

Text by 1st Lt. Maksym Klunnyk, Ukrainian Army
Photos by Armend Aqifi

"This is the most important place for our nation. In the year 1878, here in the League of Prizren, all Albanian leaders paved the way for independence", said Mr. Nexhmidin Xhezairi, citizen of Prizren.

The League of Prizren was created on June 10, 1878 by 300 Albanian nationalist leaders, mostly from Kosovo, Albania and the western part of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in order to achieve an autonomous Albanian state.

"The monumental complex of the League of Prizren is a place where the first provisional Albanian Government during the Eastern crisis on the Balkans was created. Nowadays this museum symbolizes the national Albanian program and it is a place for pilgrimage for all Albanians", said the historian of the museum of the League of Prizren, Magister of history, Mr. Parim Kosova.

Mr. Kosova made an interesting excursion and showed us this monument of Kosovo history. "Our museum is very popular, we had a lot of foreign

for Albanian nation



delegations from different countries, foreign schools and universities, also a lot of KFOR soldiers come here to visit us", he added.

It's very easy to understand: every person interested in Kosovo-Albanian history can find a lot of different information here, describing the developing and cultural growth of Kosovo.

So far, the museum consists of three parts. In past times, the first part was a government building. Now you will find here different documents related to the Kosovar's history which gives you a good impression about the development of this country's independence. Different kinds of weapons will show you the original armament of soldiers in the 18th century. Also you can explore a big reproduction of a map describing the territory of the Albanian population and borders with the Ottoman Empire. This map was presented during the Berlin Congress in 1878 when Albanian leaders tried to create the independent country.

The second part is the ethnographic museum where we found different clothes and items of everyday-life

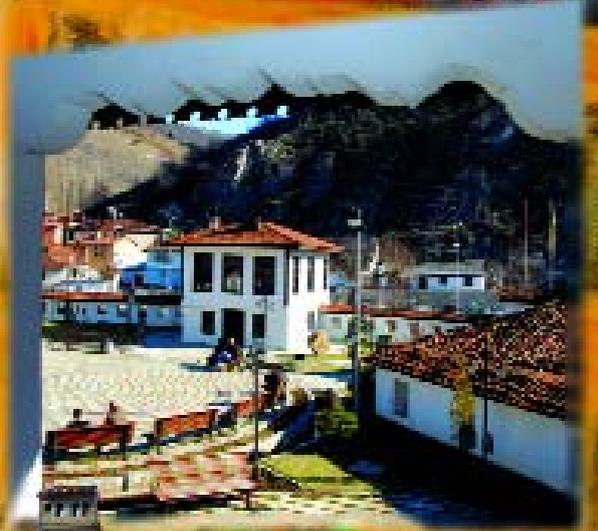
typical for the end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th centuries.

It describes the way of rising for Kosovo's culture. A nice collection of cooking utensils from all Kosovo regions got my attention. I found in this collection something similar for the Slavonic cultures.

The third part of the museum serves as an exhibition; here you will see a lot of different photos, paintings and statues describing the life, culture and places of Kosovo's history. It shows me a lot of places which are impossible to see in our times because they don't exist anymore.

These fascinating three hours spent in the League of Prizren facility gave me a perfect impression about Kosovar's history, and helped me better understand the history of fighting for the independence of this country.

"This place for me is where I can meet with my friends and just enjoy the beautiful landscape, relax and become closer to the history of my country", said Mr. Xhezairi.



CRC Capab



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*Text by OR-6 Christin Michaud,
U.S. Air Force
Photos by Armend Aqifi*

Members of the 101st Engineer Battalion showcased their Crowd Riot Control Capabilities February 16 at KFOR HQ. Twenty-three soldiers armed in protective gear including a non-



"Thirty percent of our units were members of the Democratic National Convention in Boston", explained Captain Chris Perron. They received extensive training by the FBI. Many of the soldiers are police officers in their civilian jobs at their home station as well. "I'm confident they can perform in any situation. They are well trained even under pressure". "It's a must", said COMKFOR Lieutenant General Roland Karther. He mentioned the two fatalities that occurred at a protest earlier this month and stressed that two is two fatalities too many. "It was a wake up call", he said.

ballistic face shield, riot shin guards and body shields, moved in synchronization to commands from their platoon leader as they simulated their response to CRC. Their entire unit consists of two platoons and six squads with the capability to sustain itself for up to 72 hours. The response they use is based on the scenario and can include control agent dispersers, sponge grenades, rubber ball grenades and shot guns able to stun and deter crowds with non-lethal rounds if, and when necessary.



Beware Bird Flu

KFOR HQ donates Avian Flu protection equipment to Kosovo National Institute of Public Health in Pristina

*Text and photos by Maj.
Gerhard Tripolt, Austrian Army*

Avian Flu (bird flu) still exists; recent reports from England especially remind us about this epidemic. The outbreak at a farm in Suffolk came as a surprise. The risk to human health is low. In the five outbreaks that have occurred in Europe, there have been no cases of human infection. The spread of a lethal strain of bird flu in the past two years (starting from Asia) has sparked fears of a new pandemic. Experts point out that cross-infection with the "H5N1"-virus to humans is still relatively rare and usually occurs where people have been in close contact with infected birds.

To support the strategy of the Ministry of Health in Kosovo and the World Bank against a possible human pandemic, KFOR HQ donated Avian Flu Protection Equipment to the National Institute of Public Health in Pristina February 1. This equipment consists of more than 120 pairs of plastic boots in different sizes, 300 over boots, 310 protection masks, 170 overalls, 50 pairs of gloves and 30 protection glasses handed over to the Director of the Institute, Prof. Dr. Naser Ramadani from KFOR representatives: Chief J9, Colonel Francesco Settanni, responsible for all CIMIC related matters in KFOR and



Chief JMED, Colonel Dr. Wolfgang Schardt, responsible for all health matters. During this ceremony employees of the Health Institute and several journalists from the local press and TV RTK were present.

KFOR often supports the population and institutions of Kosovo. With this Avian Flu Protection Equipment, KFOR gives to this country hope for a better future also in the field of Public Health.



Traditions in the Foreign Legion



*Text by Maj. De la Presle,
French Army*

By creating the foreign legion in 1831 Louis-Philippe, King of the French people, used a method which was never successful before, allowing foreigners to serve "with honor and fidelity" to our country.

The newness was to constitute units with different nationalities rather than gathering the soldiers of the same country. To facilitate the enlistment of those soldiers, the law allowed them to do it with a simple identity declaration.

The soldiers were given the opportunity to begin a new life, if they wanted, and also to find a new family, setting up the well known adage "legio patria nostra". A part of the myth and mystery which characterizes the foreign legion comes from this "second chance" that the foreign legion offers to those who accept its rules.

This article defines two traditional features which are regarded as essential as far as the foreign legion is concerned.

The white kepi

The white kepi is the specific attribute of a legionnaire. In the beginning it was only a khaki kepi cover and it was worn by all the units taking part in the Morocco pacification.

In the foreign legion with the double effect of the sun and of the repeated washings, the kepi cover was becoming immaculately white thus establishing the pride of the Elders.

The first official apparition of our white kepi was on July 14 celebration in 1939 in Paris; its wearing was widespread at the end of WWII in the foreign legion.

Camerone

The heroic defense of this hacienda took place on April 30, 1863.

It opposed three officers and 62 legionnaires to 2,000 Mexican soldiers and is celebrated each year with a

special solemnity.

In Aubagne, where the commanding staff of the foreign legion is located, this ceremony is very impressive. Captain Danjou, had a prosthetic hand which was found on the battle position and which is kept "religiously" in the Museum; this wooden hand is worn by a veteran that the foreign legion wants to honor during this ceremony.



LEGIO PATRIA NOSTRA



*Text by OR-6 Gorge Ferreira, Portuguese Army
Photos by OR-1 Guitech Carsane, Portuguese Army*

1BIPARA/KTM Military Traditional games took place on February 1 to 3 at Camp Slim Lines, Pristina/Prishtinë. The Portuguese Military Traditional Games was specially adapted to the Kosovo mission. The intent was to give a break to all KTM soldiers within operational activities, increasing the team work, self sacrifice and comradeship.

Each KTM Company organized a game day as follows:

23rd ParaCoy during "Challenge Mangas" organized: simple courier with rifle parts, CRC (Crowd Riot Control) courier, armoured vehicle pushing and a surprise challenge.

13th ParaCoy during "Challenge 13" organized: bags race, Galil (rifle) disassemble with eyes blindfolded, ammunition box transport, logistiquie transposition, the Iveco truck pushing, heavy tires transportation, wounded men transportation, minefield crossing, grenade throwing, crab walking and car battery connection.

LogCoy during "Games Beyond Frontiers" organized: courier race, trailer racing, heavy tires racing, vehicle recovering, assembling of insufflate tent and gastronomy contest.

All the games were really great especially the "Surprise Challenge" which consisted of finding the



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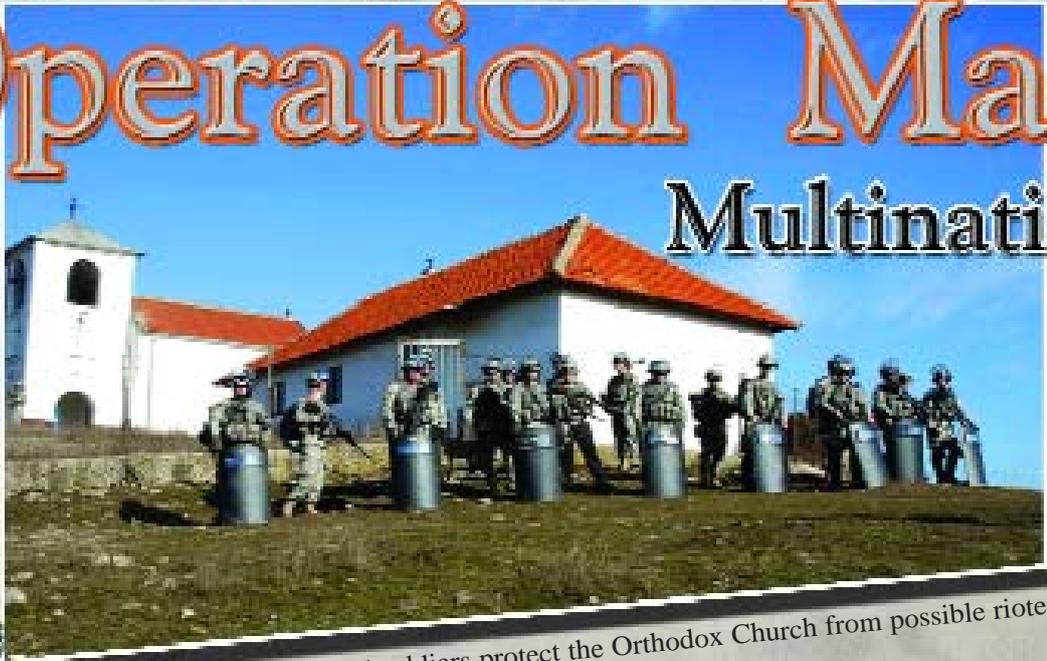
women possible and taking them to the flag spot in the minimum time possible, no one was expecting it, it was a big surprise in fact. This event ended with a big barbecue included on the LogCoy games under the name of gastronomy contest. All of the participants and assistants were very satisfied.



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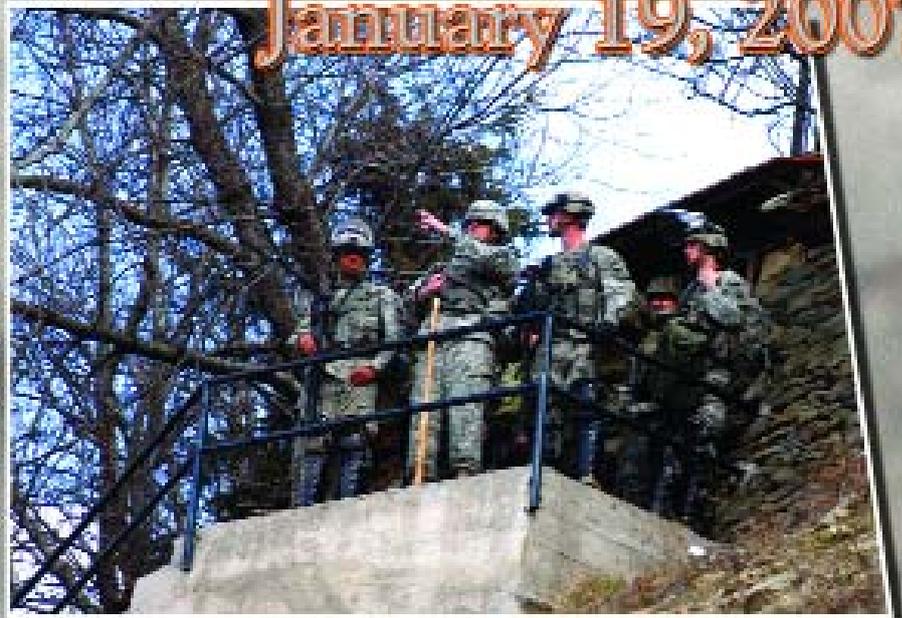
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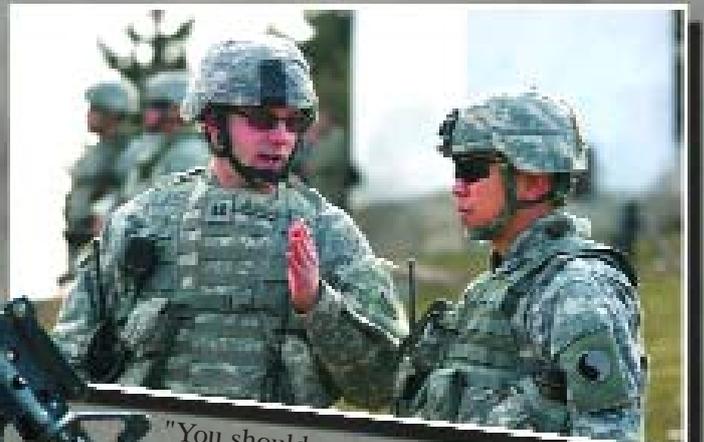


U.S. CRC equipped soldiers protect the Orthodox Church from possible rioters

January 19, 2007



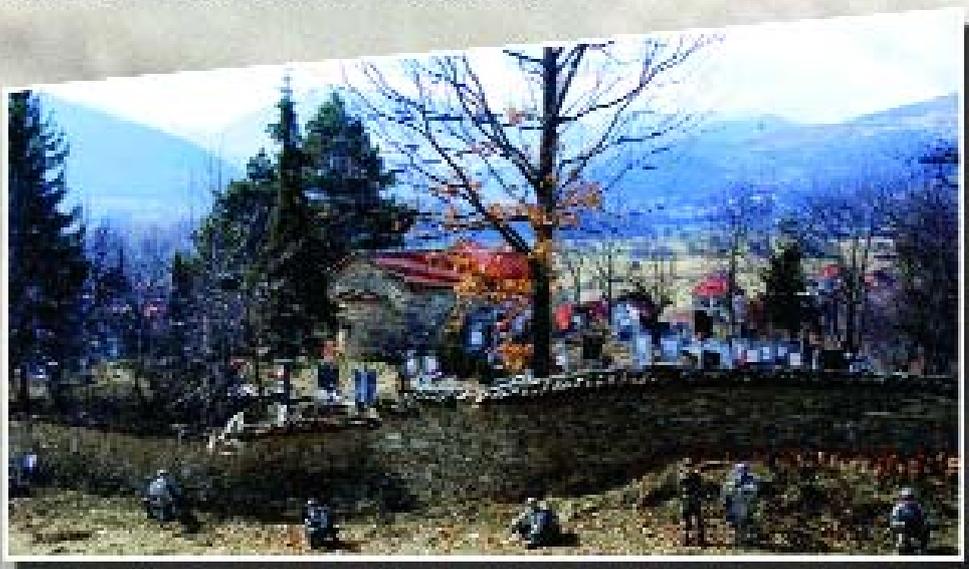
Brig. Gen. Douglas B. Earhart views Donja Bitinja/Viti e Poshtme, from the Orthodox church, which is on top of the hill overlooking the town



"You should react according my instructions"

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Task Force East



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Quick Reactionary Force Soldiers hold their positions around a Serbian cemetery during a capabilities demonstration at Donja Bitinja/Biti e Poshtme on February 12



February 12, 2007

Ukrainian soldier secures operation AOR at his mounted NSVT 12.7 mm heavy machine gun



A UH-60 Blackhawk flies away after dropping off the Multi-National Task Force East Quick Reactionary Force during a capabilities demonstration at Donja Bitinja/Viti e Poshtme on February 12

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Name: Yoalid Santana-Ramos
Rank: Sergeant
Nationality: Puerto Rican
Home Unit: 125th Military Police Battalion, Puerto Rico Army National Guard
Unit in KFOR: MNTF E, 29th Infantry Division, Task Force Semper Lex

About the mission: My duty here is to enforce the policies and regulations set by the commanding general. We provide security and safety throughout Camp Bondsteel and the local community. We also provide roving patrols around the base, money escorts, Post Exchange presence and also public relations. I also teach the soldiers about regulations that govern traffic control and driving privileges here. It is really important that people know that we are here to help them and not just give tickets out to speeding cars and those who do not wear their seatbelt. We enforce

the laws, we don't make them. We are enforcing the standards that Soldiers already know. We want everyone to go home safe.

Family Reaction: My mother understands that this is my job and knows that deployments are part of it. I have been away from my family since July of last year and have 8 more months left. My son, who is six-years-old, Naeylor, is waiting for me to come back home. I love and miss him very much and I can't wait to get back home.

Plans after the mission: I will go back to Puerto Rico and continue with my degree in Criminal Justice and Investigation. I also want to get a medical degree. I want to spend a lot of time with my son and family.

Name: Erdenebat Batsuuri
Rank: 1st Lieutenant
Nationality: Mongolian
Home Unit: 150th Peacekeeping Battalion
Unit in KFOR: MNTF N, FREBAT

About the mission: This is my third mission, but my first under the NATO-flag. My platoon and I work closely together with a Belgian Coy and a French Battalion. This gives us the opportunity to gain experience for future peace-keeping operations. We will be able to share our knowledge with the rest of our army.

Family Reactions: Wife, one son, eight years old. I want to thank them for supporting me during my missions abroad.

Plans after the mission: I will become a peace-keeping trainer in my unit, so my experience will become of value to the next generation of soldiers.



Name: Piotr Majewski
Rank: OR-9
Nationality: Polish
Home Unit: 56th Combat Helicopters Regiment
Unit in KFOR: HQ KFOR, INFO OPS

About the mission: This is my first time in Kosovo. I served for two times in a UN Mission in Lebanon before. This mission is completely different than the previous ones. The NATO structure and approach to operations is more "military" than to just "prevent and observe" as it is in the UN mission. It's very interesting to work together with people from different nations in close cooperation for one aim, and makes friends with them. This is a good experience for me and great profit for my further service.

Family reaction: I'm married and have one child; I would like to thank my wife for her support during my mission here and taking care of our family. Her effort has a positive impact in my ability to do my duty during this long period away from them.

Plans after the mission: After 18 months in Kosovo, I will take a vacation, and spend it with my family. Afterward I plan to return to my home unit to carry on with daily work.



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