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Climb to Glory: Reflections of Rotation 3B



As the soldiers of Task Force Falcon and Multinational Brigade (East) close in on the end of a tireless rotation in Kosovo, it's time to reflect on their many achievements.

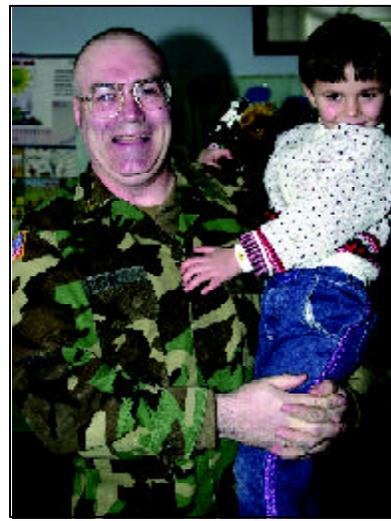
Brig. Gen. Keith M. Huber, left, unfurls the 10th Mountain Division Flag during a November 21st TOA ceremony held on Camp Bondsteel. The TOA ceremony marked the official beginning of Rotation 3B and Huber's tenure as commander of Task Force Falcon and the Multinational Brigade (East) sector. Assisting Huber is TFF Command Sergeant Major, Command Sgt. Maj. Ted Walker.

MWR entertains troops, see page 12v



Mariah Carey shares the microphone with a soldier during her concert at Camp Bondsteel on Dec. 4. The pop diva visited the American troops in Kosovo in an effort to deliver some holiday cheer.

TFF Soldiers were always willing to lend a helping hand, smile to the children of Kosovo, see page 4 >



Maj. Sam Fuson, 10th SSB commander, holds 5-year-old Eriona Blenishiti, during a December visit with his unit to Ardhmeria Jone (Our Future) Daycare in Ferizaj/Urosevac.

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TFF Commanding General

Welcome Home: Your chance for another first impression



Brig. Gen. Keith M. Huber

As this Falcon Flier is published on the first or second of May, I would like each of you to take a copy of the Flier with you on your trip home. I want you to have it with you on your aircraft when you're flying home, because by the time you receive this Falcon Flier, some of you will be within weeks, days or even hours of departing. I told you previously that you needed to focus on today and tomorrow and your duty at hand, and making sure that you and your soldiers are paying attention to everything that they need to be doing in preparation for receipt of the new arrivals, the relief in place, and then our redeployment. These are very dangerous times. From our enemy's perspective, if we show a soft target, an opportunity, there are evil people anywhere, and especially here, who will take advantage of that. Facing an enemy on the ground, is not the only danger we face as we prepare for redeployment. As we pack equipment, wash vehicles, and check our sensitive items (personnel and equipment) a moment of distraction could cause damage to a piece of equipment, or worse, injury to one of our fellow soldiers. So pay attention to what you are doing.

And as you board your plane, for your well-deserved trip home, that's when I want you to read this specific article. And I want you to think about it on that twelve or fourteen or sixteen hour flight back to your home, back to your family and friends. I want you to reread this article and reflect upon it, because you're going home. What you find when you return

to home whether it's your apartment, or if you're blessed to have a husband, or wife and children that you cherish, or you are going to visit your parents or friends, whatever you return to will be different.

We've been deployed to Kosovo close to seven months. We have been serving our nation, performing our assigned missions, and things at home have changed. We have changed as human beings. We have changed as soldiers. I think we have become better human beings, and more capable soldiers. But for us, the clock has stopped as far as our homes, and our surroundings at home. We have this mental snapshot of what things were like when we left, and now we're going to return and things will be different. Physically, the lawn is going to be different. Your house or apartment will be different. Your vehicle may be different. It may seem strange to you, but we haven't driven our personal vehicles, cars, trucks, or motorcycles in a very long time. If you have children, they will have grown. If you have a husband or a wife, they may have changed in their physical appearance, it may be as simple as a new hairstyle, but they will have changed. Things in your house may have been rearranged. There may be new pieces of furniture, new purchases. It will be different, and you need to mentally reflect upon that. You need to prepare yourself for that. And your immediate emotional reaction will be one of perhaps discomfort, because no one really likes instant change. Change is a reality of life, but people get concerned, they get apprehensive, they get anxious when things change. It's because we become comfortable in our environment. We adapt very quickly, and so change is disruptive. We don't think about whether the change is good or bad, we just initially look at the fact that things have changed. And it makes us anxious. We worry about whether

our family or friends will still react the same way to us. We may have departed our family and friends not on the best situation, not in the best emotional state.

What I want you to think about, what I want you to reflect upon mentally and emotionally is that first opportunity to make the right impression the first time we meet our loved ones and friends again. We are the ones who have been gone. The people that you meet upon your return, whether they be your family, unit, friends, or your parents, I want you to think through what your reactions will be, what reactions you might expect from them, because you really only have one chance to make that first impression at home a good one.

Yes we've been separated, for a while, from all of what we knew and what was familiar. Now you truly have the unique opportunity to start anew, to create another very positive first impression, with whom ever you meet. So think about how you will do that. Over the years I have been separated many times and have learned a lot about reunions. This is how I deal with reunions and my recommendation would be, how I'm going to deal with my parents when I see them, I'm going to hug them tight, I'm going to look them in the eye, and tell my mother and father that I love them, and that I have missed them. Then I'm going to sit down, and ask them to fill me in on what I've missed. And I'm going to LISTEN. I'm going to actively listen to them telling me what has occurred these last seven months. And that will tell me where their minds, and their hearts have been, and what is important to them, and what concerns they have. And then I will respond to those. And if they ask me about our last seven months in Kosovo, I think I'll start off very simply and say, "Our soldiers went to Kosovo, and selflessly served our (Please see Gen. HUBER, page 15)

TFF Command Sergeant Major

Almost time for our "left seat, right seat" exchange



Command Sgt. Maj. Ted Walker

Renowned author and poet Ralph Waldo Emerson once noted, "that without enthusiasm nothing great will happen."

It has also been noted throughout the annals of time that sacrifice is the loneliest form of service known to mankind.

As I gathered my thoughts and began to reflect on how to approach writing this column these two great phrases came to mind, because they represent the

approach and dedication each of you made in making this deployment a successful endeavor.

Think about Emerson's quote for a moment, "without enthusiasm nothing great will happen." Now apply that to the many hours each of you have devoted to doing your part during Rotation 3 Bravo. Whether you pulled guard duty, patrolled the roads of the many towns, communities or enclaves, or worked in an office aiding fellow soldiers, it was

your enthusiasm that made the difference.

For your devotion to duty, I will always be grateful to you.

As for the sacrifices you, the soldiers, have made in being here, I am appreciative for your relentless dedication to duty. I also am grateful to your family members, who have supported your service to our great nation. You too, have my utmost respect and I will always remember the time spent here with your loved ones. They truly made the difference in this mission.

Before I close, however, I would be remiss not to mention some of the NCOs that assisted me in being the Task Force Command Sergeant Major.

First, a most sincere thanks to all soldiers of the G sections (G-1 through G-6) here at the TOC. I will always be indebted to the assistance that you rendered to me each time I needed a helping hand. The command sergeant's majors of each battalion were also great to work with. Thanks again for your friendship and support.

To my friends at AAFES thanks for the tremendous contributions you made to the soldiers. You truly live up to your motto "of going where soldiers go."

MWR is another organization that continues to insure that soldiers have the best in everything from workout facilities, recreation and entertainment. Brown and Root also helped to insure that their customers received top-notch food service. Thanks for what you do.

I am also thankful to have had the opportunity to work with the other services of our nation's great armed forces, as well as with the many other nationalities that comprise Multinational Brigade (East).

In closing, as we prepare to do the, "left seat, right seat" with the incoming soldiers of Rotation 4A, let's go out the right way. Let's all insure that we make this transition as smooth as possible. I ask each of you not to sugarcoat or sweep anything under the rug. Take time out to point out the positives and negatives of this deployment and how your incoming replacement might do their job better.

Extending gratitude is easy to do when you have been associated with so many great soldiers. I wish you Godspeed in your travels home.

Climb to Glory... To the Top!

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Soldier on the Street

What have you done that you are most proud of in Kosovo?



Spc. Shanette Wilson,
Debt Management Clerk
D Det., 10th SSB
(Camp Bondsteel)

"Being on the mobile pay team and visiting the soldiers at Camp Monteith and Camp Magrath."



Pfc. Nicholas Butterworth,
S-2, RTO
HHC, 1st Battalion, 32nd Inf. Regt.
TF 1-32 Infantry "Chosin"
(Camp Magrath)

"Helping out wherever I was needed."



Capt. Percy Averette,
S-5
TF 1-30
(Camp Monteith)

"I have received a better understanding of peace operations in the Balkans."



Spc. Shannon Duell,
Cashier
128th Finance Det. (10th SSB)
(Camp Bondsteel)

"When we took toys and clothes to the kids at the daycare center in Ferizaj."



Pfc. Greg Stringer,
RTO
B Co., 1st Battalion, 32nd Inf. Regt.
TF 1-32 Infantry "Chosin"
(Camp Magrath)

"Proud of the successful jobs our squads have done in cordon and searches"



Pfc. Natalie Walden,
Accounting Specialist
10th SSB
(Camp Monteith)

"We located the Serbian lady who was married to an American POW of World War II. She was 92-years-old and was due his Social Security money, which was close to 7,000.00 Euros. I'm very proud of that."

— Compiled by TFF Falcon Flier Staff

Commentary

The long journey home

by Cpl. Taylor Barbaree

Editor

Just like the character named Inman in author Charles Frazier's best-selling book entitled "*Cold Mountain*", we will soon be on a journey homeward.

Though our trip (deployment) here has not been as treacherous as Inman's (a wounded confederate soldier just trying to make it back home to "*Cold Mountain*" during the waning days of our country's Civil War), it has been a long-one filled with many different experiences and feelings.

And even though our final destinations will differ, I sense our journey home will be similar to that of Inman's and of each other's. I feel that our trip will be filled with past reflections of events that have changed our outlook on life forever. So please join me for a few moments as I take you with me on my journey home.

Just like any great journey or epic trip, it started before it began.

So now my thoughts drift back to a hot, muggy morning with overcast skies. The setting was the parking lot of our state military department in Montgomery, Ala., and as I stood there with my fellow 131st MPAD members, I began to ponder questions to myself. Can I mentally handle another deployment? Thoughts of our unit's last deployment to the Balkans then begin to race through my mind. The empty feeling of being away from family members, friends, and my job begin to seep forward. Can I really do this again? I then, like I always do, longed for signs of reassurance. You know that comforting feeling that lets you know you have made the right decision. As I took a deep breath, I thought about all the people that I would be letting down, including myself, if I decided to exit stage left. I had found my second breath. I had found my reassurance. Again, it was many voices coming to me at once. It was the commitment that I had made several years earlier when I volunteered to serve my home state and my country. Other voices were from family and friends encouraging me on. I also found a comforting sense of relief from God.

So, I took one last look at freedom (my almost brand spanking new Jeep Grand Cherokee), which happened to be parked less than 50-yards away from me and stepped onto the bus bound for Fort Polk, La.

As our chartered coach made its way westward, steady rain drops began to fall. My thoughts then turned to Fort Polk.

As always, the first thing I do when traveling somewhere is to try and get a feel for the place. The only thing I knew about Fort Polk was what my father had told me of his experiences of being stationed there while he served in the Army during the 1950s.

I remember him telling me over Sunday dinner, the week prior to my departure, that the cotton in the Delta where the post lies nearby too, is so tall that you would need a stepladder to pick it. And then a conversation about the heat and humidity followed. Let's see, I believe I remember him informing me that it was ten times worse than the humidity we face in our region, which can be downright uncomfortable.

We were only into the beginning moments of our journey and already, I thought about the many obstacles that awaited us in Central Louisiana.

However, we overcame the heat, the humidity, the long hours of working, the close confinement of our office, the unnecessary spin-ups, and the horrid moments of September 11th to accomplish our mission.

Again so many obstacles, but just like we always done in the past, our unit pulled together to accomplish the mission.

Fast forward to the present, and the same could be said of our time spent here in Kosovo. The obstacles we faced were the same as Fort Polk (with exception to the weather, however just substitute the snow in place of the heat), but yet we pulled together.

So as I close this column my mind begins to rewind to all of those moments spent here. Training missions, humanitarian missions, and time spent with my friends in this unit that I have known during my 13-year tenure. Moments that will soon be bittersweet memories that will last a lifetime. I also pause and think of Inman and the comparisons we share.

All Inman ever wanted out of his journey was an opportunity to make it home. Perhaps I am spellbound by his journey and adventures, but making it home is all that this editor wants as well.

Good luck and Godspeed on your journey homeward!

Soldiers show they care by lending a helping hand to the people of Kosovo



Sgt. Anne Archer, NCOIC of CBS's Dental Clinic, shares a laugh with Malsore Bega, 8, an Albanian elementary school student from Ferizaj/Urosevac during a dental hygiene class in November.



Five-year-old Shkumbin Rexhepi shares time with his new friend, Maj. Joe Ebert, of ASG (P) Falcon's DPW office, at Osmanmani Regional Elementary School during a visit in November. Ebert is a member of the U.S. Army Reserve's (Fort Worth, Texas) 416th Engineer Facility Team. The 416th donated school supplies to the Albanian school.



Spc. Aimee Almario, patient administration clerk with the TFF Division Surgeon's office, shares a smile with her new friends, Eriona Blenishti (middle) and Rina Hamdin at Ardhmeria Jone (Our Future) Daycare during December.



Staff Sgt. Anthony Barbin, C Co., 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Battalion, gives out presents that were donated by middle school children from a naval base in Japan in January. The gifts were distributed to communities located near the vicinity of Camp Monteith.



Command Sgt. Maj. Steven Greer brings a box of school supplies into the Serbian school in Cernica on Nov. 22. Greer is the battalion command sergeant major for TF 2nd of the 14th Infantry.



Sgt. Scott Robertson braces boards as workers from TFF HHC, 10th Mountain Division, build a woodshed for students of the Ramadan Rexhepi Primary School in Sojevo. The woodshed is just one of the projects soldiers of the HHC undertook to help the school during their six month rotation in Kosovo.

Training...

Rotation 3B units hit the ground running, taking over daily missions from their departing counterparts



Soldiers of 1st Plt., B Co. 27th Combat Engineers participate in a live fire exercise at Ramjan Range. The December exercise consisted of movement under direct fire, some breaching and bangalore torpedoes, blowing up of wire and finally a medevac operation.



American soldiers fire German rifles in an attempt to earn the coveted Schutzenchnur badge.



Pfc. Thomas Lewis, a M249 Squad Automatic Weapon gunner, provides cover fire as Sgt. Terrance Sampson, his team leader, returns from destroying a bunker during squad movement-to-contact lanes at Falcon Range 3 near Pasjane, Kosovo. Lewis and Sampson are infantrymen in Co. A, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment (TF 2-14).



Spc. Richard Maldonado, left, a forward observer with the 3-6 Field Artillery, points out a target to Sgt. Stephen Pellerin, who is training to become a forward observer. With help from the 7th ATC's Deployed Operations Group, members of the 3-6 practiced calling for fire and adjusting for fire on a training simulator in March.



Spc. Anthony Barragan, 1st Platoon B Co., 27th Engineer Battalion (Airborne), participates in a livefire exercise at Ramjane Range on Dec. 7. There were many opportunities for the Fort Bragg N.C. combat engineers to train with banglors and perform air medevacs.



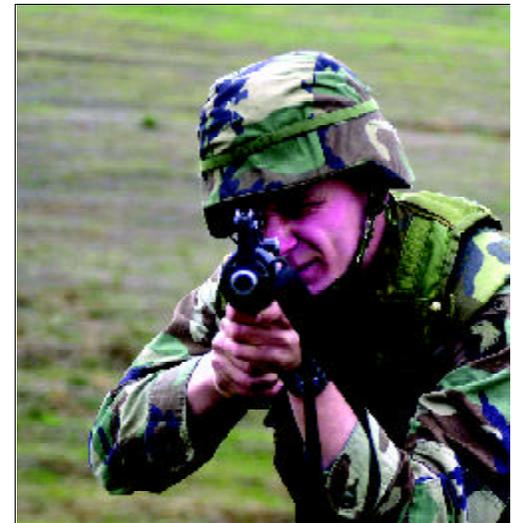
Two soldiers from Company A, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment (Task Force 2-14) run up the sides of a ravine to a fire by a support line at Falcon Range 3 near Pasjane, Kosovo. TF 2nd of the 14th Infantry ran a squad-level live fire lane at the range during March.



Spc. Marcus Mashack, an air traffic control operator with C Co., 58th Avn. Regt. (Fort Campbell, Ky.) authorizes a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter the use of Camp Bondsteel airspace from the ATC tower during early December.



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Jody Grove gets a hug from Buddy at the conclusion of a day's work in December. Buddy, a military working dog and Grove, a dog handler attached to TF 504th MP, daily missions included force protection duties on U.S. Base Camps.



Spc. Jonathan Bailey, HHC, 3rd Bde., 502nd Inf. Regt., takes aim on Camp Bondsteel small arms range on November 7, 2001.



Paratroopers with the 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry (Airborne) "Red Devils" participated in a NATO exercise known as Rapid Guardian III near Pristina during November.



ie., 502nd Inf. Reg., takes aim on the then recently completed on November 7, 2001.

The best of the 131st MPAD:
The Falcon Flier staff is proud to share some of our best photos with you that appeared in previous editions.

The family that deploys together, stays together

Married couples, father, sons and daughters serve together during KFOR, Rotation 3B



Father and daughter, Staff Sgt. Britt Smith and Spc. Molly Jones, of Task Force Falcon PAO, spent their first overseas training period together during their deployment to Kosovo as part of Operation Joint Guardian. Smith, a broadcaster, and Jones, a print journalist, are members of the Alabama Army National Guard's 131st MPAD.



The deployment gave ASG (P) Falcon 1st Sgt. Robert Tracy, left, and son, Pfc. Adam Tracy, HHC, 27th Combat Engineers, an opportunity to spend family time together. The elder Tracy is a reservist with an Illinois unit, while son, Adam is stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., and was promoted to the rank of specialist after this photo was taken in February.



Wife and husband, Staff Sgt. Cheri Nilsen, left, and Spc. Kristofer Nilsen both of Fort Drum, N.Y.'s 10th SSB, managed to find some time to spend together during their six month deployment at Camp Bondsteel.

This rotation had its share of personalities who pursued their hobbies with flair



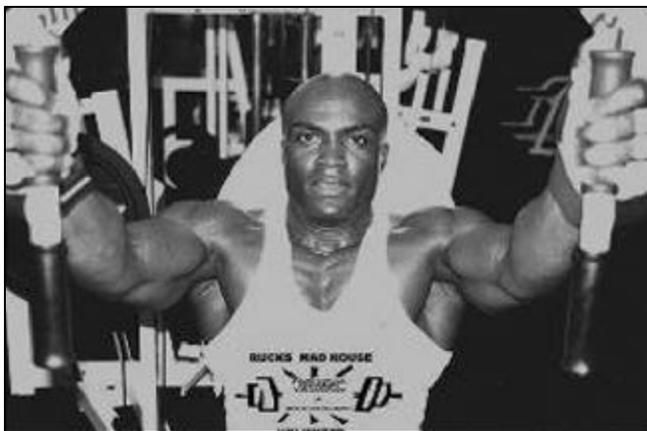
Capt. Katherine "Kasia" Gardner, TFF Legal Office, works on her boxing skills at the Camp Bondsteel Midtown Gym, as boxing coach Sgt. 1st Class Byron Knox, TFF IG Office, instructs her. Gardner aspires to become a member of the All-Army Boxing Team.



Sgt. August Jover, G-3, is the disc jockey extraordinaire as he spins tunes during the New Year's Eve celebration at the Southtown gym on Camp Bondsteel. Besides providing the music for numerous MWR events, Jover also organized a weekly poetry night which gave soldiers the chance to creatively express themselves.



Staff Sgt. David Smith (left) and Sgt. Beth Elfrink duel each other during fighter practice. Both are members of the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA). In their spare time Smith and Elfrink practiced their hobby.



Warrant Officer 1 Roy Rucker works out in the gym. Rucker often extols the virtues of strength training to his fellow soldiers.

MWR helped the soldiers of TFF relieve some stress during the hectic days of deployment



John Popper of Blues Traveler belts out a tune during the group's concert at the Camp Bondsteel theater during April.



Pfc. Zachary Parimello, HHC Pers. Sec.Det. TFF, enjoys shooting pool at the MWR facility in Southtown on Camp Bondsteel.



Sgt. 1st Class James Richardson, 27th Engineer Bn., reads one of his poems as Staff Sgt. John Perdue, TF Med. Falcon, accompanies on saxophone. The two were among the several soldiers who participated in Poetry Night at the Southtown gym on Feb. 12.



Pop diva Mariah Carey sings for soldiers at the Camp Bondsteel theater on Dec 4. Carey visited in an effort to bring holiday cheer to the troops.



Camp Monteith's Pfc. Gabriel Aramaydo, Spc. Rhea Armas, Spc. Danny Jones and Staff Sgt. Michael Romero (left to right), react to one of the New England Patriot's big plays during Super Bowl XXXVI in February.



Soldiers celebrate the end of 2001, and the beginning of 2002 at the Southtown gym on New Year's Eve. Party goers enjoyed entertainment, music, prize drawings and plenty of near-beer.



An Arizona Cardinal cheerleader entertains U.S. troops at Camp Bondsteel. The cheerleaders visited and entertained soldiers on Dec. 21.



Artis Gilmore drives to the hoop during the Classics of the Hardwood basketball game on Dec. 11 at Camp Monteith. Gilmore and Anthony "Spudd" Webb beat the LT's Team 58-51.

MEDCAPs were a huge part of Rotation 3 Bravo's missions



Sgt. George Hampton, NCOIC of Optometry of the 10th FSB, uses an auto refractor to check the eyes of a Paldenice villager in November. The device gives a baseline prescription which is used to estimate what strength eyeglasses the patient needs.



Maj. Kevin Downes, TFMF V physician, examines a young boy in the village of Letnica, during a February MEDCAP. The MEDCAP was also conducted by TF 1-32 Infantry "Chosin."



A baby reacts to Spc. Jorge Martinez's cold hands during a MEDCAP at Pasjak, Kosovo, Dec. 3rd. Martinez is a combat medic Camp Monteith's Headquarters, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regt. (TF 2-14).



Capt. Dave Law, TF Surgeon for 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regt., examines a patient in Gnjilane/Gjilan during a recent MEDCAP.

Chaplain's Corner

Understanding and abiding by the four M's of redeployment

by Maj. David Scheider
TFF Chaplain

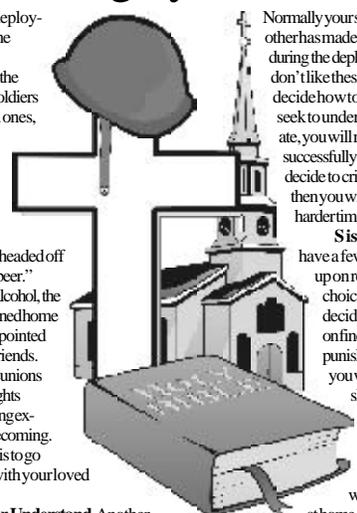
Do you remember the Traci Ullman Show? At the end of the evening's skits, Traci would enter center stage and deliver a comedy monologue and thank her guests. She ended each show the same way. With an exasperated wave of her hands toward the audience and toward the exit, she ordered in her British accent, "NOW GO HOME!!!"

Traci might give us the same order as we leave Kosovo and head toward our points of origin. I can hear her command, "NOW GO HOME!!!" Over the next few weeks Task Force Falcon 3B will disperse into many individuals who will reattach to their families and friends. This is the moment for which most soldiers have been waiting. With the end in sight, I offer these tried and true techniques for successfully going home (whether single, engaged, or married). You'll note that these four ideas begin with the letters for the word MUST.

M is for Mission. Many things can get in the way of a soldier's main mission to go home. Allow me to illustrate with a memory

from a past deployment. After the welcoming ceremony in the gym, some soldiers kissed loved ones, telling them they'd be home after cleaning their weapons. Instead they headed off for a "quick beer." Smelling of alcohol, the soldiers returned home to very disappointed spouses or friends. The happy reunions turned into fights ruining the long expected homecoming. The mission is to go home to be with your loved ones.

U is for Understand. Another emotional land mine lurking to keep you from reattaching is lack of understanding.



Normally your spouse or significant other has made decisions for you during the deployment. If you don't like these choices, you can decide how to respond. If you seek to understand and appreciate, you will reattach and successfully go home. If you decide to criticize and judge, then you will have a much harder time reaching your goal.

S is for Solve. We all have a few disasters to mop up on return. There is a choice to make. If you decide to use your energy on finding the culprit and punishing the wrong doer, you will reattach more slowly. If you choose to identify the problem and work together to solve the situation, you will emotionally arrive

at home.
T is for Time. This is the most important and costly part of the formula for

successful reattachment. I have seen many soldiers return from deployments, have great reunions for a week and then immediately invest their energy reserve into a hobby or other goal. They leave their disappointed loved ones emotionally after only being relationally present for a few days. If you have been gone for six months, consider pouring your energy back into your special people for the same amount of time (six months).

There's an old saying that, "you can never go home." It reminds us that things and people are ever changing. However it does not deny that we can reattach emotionally to the important people in our lives. If we are smart about how we reenter relationships, we can increase our chances of success. By avoiding tempting invitations, we choose to go home with our loved ones. Once in their presence, we choose to understand the situation from their point of view before we expect to be understood. When we encounter problems, we choose to not find blame or punish. Instead we decide to solve the problem and clean up the mess. Finally we make a serious effort to clear our free time calendars making maximum room for the special ones in our lives. NOW GO HOME!!!

CBS Worship Service	South Chapel	CMT Worship Service	Sector Worship
<p>Peacekeepers Chapel (North)</p> <p><u>Sunday</u> 8 a.m., Episcopal/Lutheran 9:30 a.m., Roman Catholic Mass 11 a.m., Collective Protestant 12:30 p.m., Gospel Service</p> <p><u>Monday</u> 7 p.m., Women's and Single Soldiers' Bible studies</p> <p><u>Tuesday</u> 7 p.m., Catholic RCIA</p> <p><u>Wednesday</u> 12 p.m., Roman Catholic Mass 6:30 p.m., Prayer Service 7 p.m., Bible Studies</p> <p><u>Thursday</u> 7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal (Gospel)</p> <p><u>Friday</u> 12 p.m., Muslim Prayer Service 7 p.m., Gospel Joy Night Service</p> <p><u>Saturday</u> 6:30 p.m., Stay Faithful Marriage Bible Study</p>	<p><u>Sunday</u> 8 a.m., Roman Catholic Mass 9:30 a.m., Collective Protestant 11 a.m., LDS Service 4 p.m., Gospel Service</p> <p><u>Monday</u> 7 p.m., Collective Protestant Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><u>Tuesday</u> 12 p.m., Roman Catholic Mass</p> <p><u>Wednesday</u> 7 p.m., Bible Study</p> <p><u>Thursday</u> 7 p.m., Bible Study</p> <p><u>Friday</u> 8 p.m., Jewish</p> <p><u>Saturday</u> 11 a.m., Seventh Day Adventist Service 7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal (Gospel)</p>	<p><u>Sunday</u> 9 - 10:30 a.m., General Protestant Service 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Gospel Service 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., LDS Worship 7 - 8 p.m., Catholic Mass</p> <p><u>Monday</u> 7 p.m., Chapel Movie Night w/ Discussion</p> <p><u>Tuesday</u> 7 - 9 p.m., Gospel Worship Practice</p> <p><u>Wednesday</u> 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Gospel Worship Practice 7:30 - 9 p.m., Bible Study</p> <p><u>Thursday</u> 6 - 7 p.m., General Protestant Practice 7 - 8 p.m., General Protestant Bible Study 8 - 9 p.m., General Protestant Worship</p> <p><u>Friday</u> 12 - 1 p.m., Muslim Service in Annex 7 - 8:30 p.m.</p> <p><u>Saturday</u> 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., Seventh Day Adventist Worship</p>	<p>Protestant <u>Saturday</u> 2 p.m., Debelde 4 p.m., Binac Church</p> <p><u>Sunday</u> Camp Magrath, 10 a.m. Zintinje Church, 11:30 a.m. Klokot, 2 p.m. Mogila, 3:30 p.m. Vrbovac Church, 4:30 p.m. Vrbovac, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Latter Day Saints <u>Sunday</u> Camp Magrath, 2 p.m.</p> <p>Roman Catholic <u>Monday</u> Klokot, 2 p.m. Vrbovac, 4 p.m. Camp Magrath, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Other Activities <u>Sunday</u> Movie Night- 11 p.m.</p> <p><u>Tuesday</u> Bible Study, 8 p.m.</p>

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nation. We did as we were asked to do, to the best of our ability, and in my opinion, we left Kosovo a better place." But I don't think I'll rush into my parents, and constantly talk to them about things that occurred in Kosovo, unless they ask. I want to find out what their concerns are. My recommendation would be that we return to our home stations, to our military units, to our family and friends in the same fashion that we have performed our mission here. And that is in a quiet, humble, professional manner, fully aware that we will see physical and mental changes from what we left.

We should be excited about the opportunity to come back as a changed person, as a more mature human being, as a more com-

passionate human being, as a more professional, better-trained soldier and member of our military team. And now you've got that rare opportunity to display that anew, to come back as a better person. And to me, you've got that rare opportunity to demonstrate that, but you've got to think your way through that. You've demonstrated that you're a better person, a better soldier, and now you've got the opportunity. Don't be shocked by the changes. Anticipate the changes. Expect the reality of change, and don't get anxious, or apprehensive or angry about it.

The true heroes, in my mind, are the people who were left behind, the people who dealt with the uncertainty as to what

our mission was and how our health was, and what the weather was like, and what danger we were in, whether they be our parents or our brothers and sisters or our husbands and wives or our children, who love us and were concerned about us. They lived through, day to day, the reality of the complexity of life with the uncertainty and the fear of their loved ones being in danger, deployed far away, in harm's way. So give them the opportunity to tell you what has been going on in their lives for the last six or seven months. Sit there, after you've hugged them, and told them that you missed them, and that you love them and that you appreciate them. Sit there and listen, and let them tell you how they describe the last

seven months of their lives while they were waiting for your return. And what they say will help you respond to them, to meet their needs, to meet their expectations; because they're just as apprehensive that you've changed. They know you have changed. They don't know how you've changed. And you can demonstrate to them a more caring, a more humble, a more compassionate human being, and a more confident soldier.

This is a great opportunity. And as you all return to your homes, do so knowing how very proud I am of you, and that I consider this my very sincere privilege to serve as one of our soldiers.

"Climb to Glory... To the Top!"

Rotation 3B Snapshots

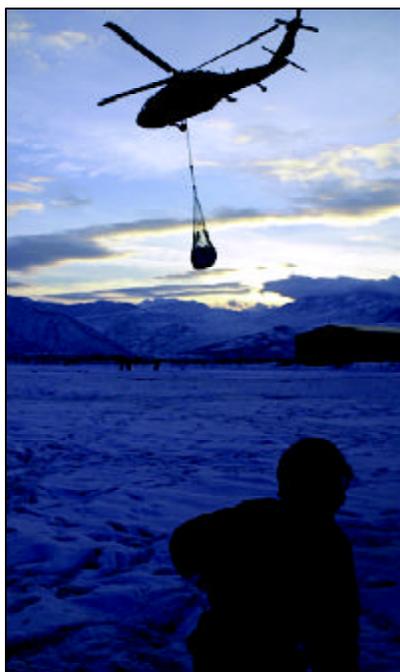
A final glimpse of six months of memories



Sgt. Mikwan Jones, team leader, A Co., 1st Battalion, 30th Inf. Regt. (TF 1-30), exits a UH-60 Blackhawk during Operation Iron Fist on January 22nd in Krajni Del, Kosovo.



Soldiers from Task Force Med Falcon V's team demonstrate how to manually carry a patient suffering from leg wounds during March's Multinational Medic Challenge held at Camp Bondsteel.



A soldier with TFF's 10th Logistical Task Force (10th Mountain Division) provides perimeter security for a UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter in late January during Operation Mountain Relief. The humanitarian mission took place in Albania.



Brig. Gen. Keith M. Huber visits with the children of the Zenel Hajdin/Sveti Sava Elementary School in Ponesh/Pones on Feb. 8. Huber spoke to students teachers and local officials during his visit.