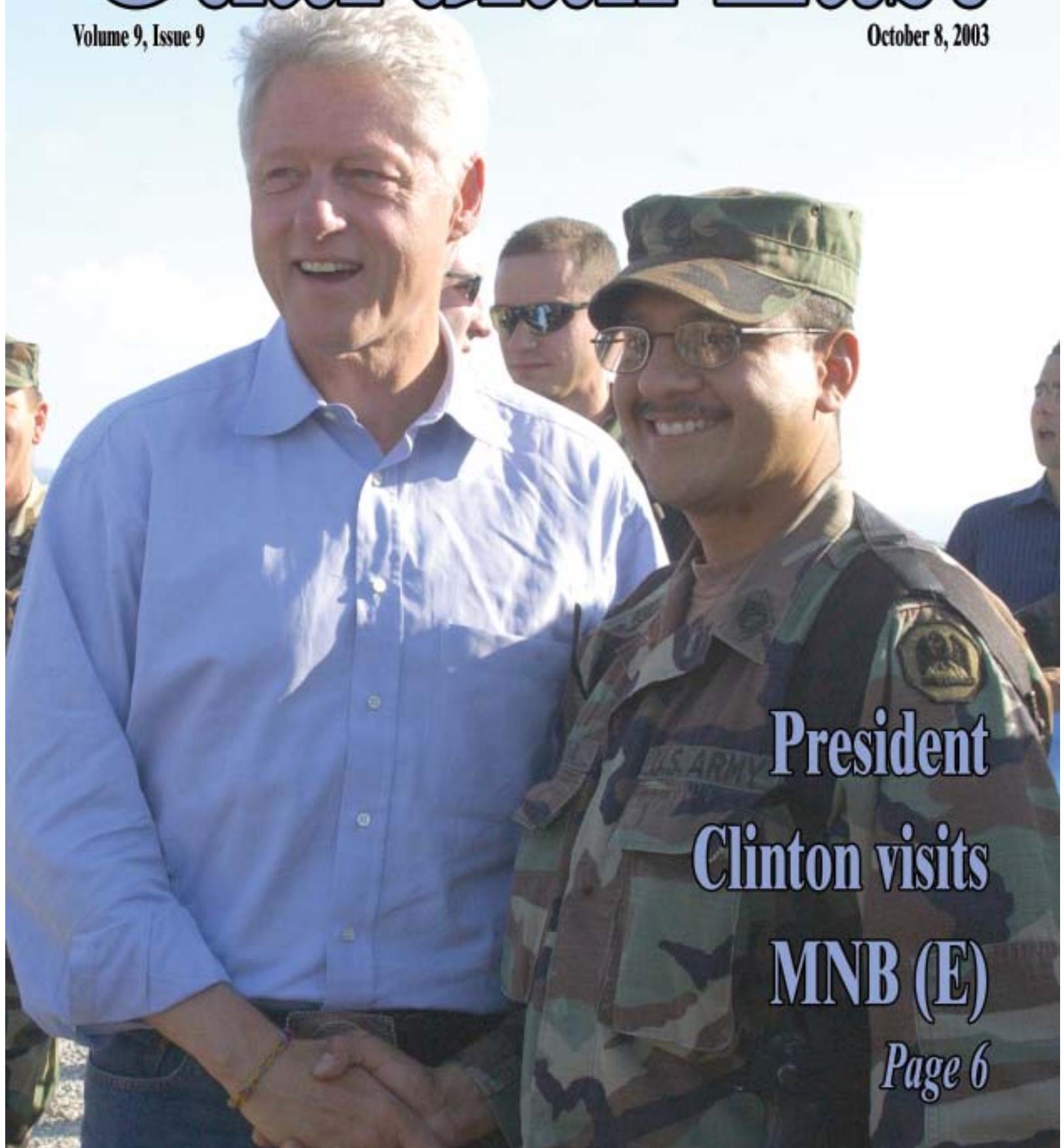


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# Message to the troops



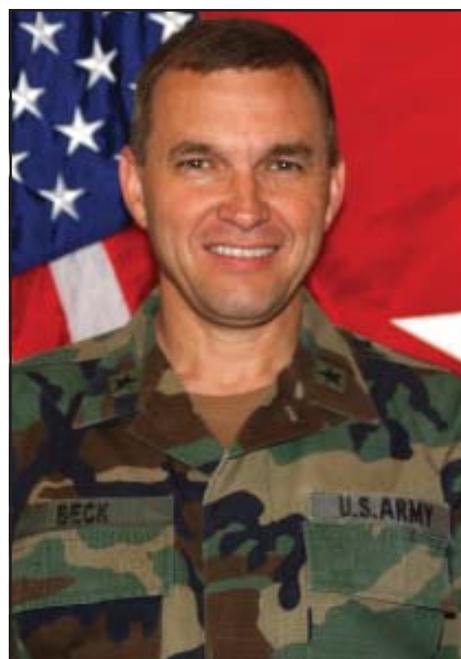
By Brig. Gen. Jerry G. Beck Jr.

Your commitment and dedication to our mission here in Kosovo continues to excel and for that I am thankful to you all. It is amazing how much we do on a weekly basis within the MNB(E) AOR and, I might mention, we are doing it all very successfully! As an example of our weekly work, I cite our missions of a recent week; 646 presence patrols, 12 EOD missions, over 167 hours flown, over 480 vehicle checkpoints, amongst many meetings and other unit and individual training events. This is the norm for us, not the exception! These are great accomplishments of which each and every one of you should be proud.

Summer is officially gone and we are moving into the fall and winter weather. The season change also brings with it many other changes that cause us to be more aware of the area of operations. Driving conditions will certainly change. Road conditions with wet leaves and/or snow will change not only OUR driving habits but the habits of the local populace as well. We must

remain vigilant on driving safely and defensively as we continue through our mission. Vigilance is not only for the patrolling soldiers who receive PCIs before every mission, but it also applies to those staff and command elements who take to the routes in their vehicles as well. Ground guides are a must! Speed limits must be observed! I am happy to report that our safety record so far is a good one. Our accident rate is low and the MPs have held several "speed traps" along our routes and found all vehicles to be in compliance with the speed limit. That is not only a tribute to the leadership but also to the great soldiers that we have as a part of this deployment not only from the US but also from our multi-national partners as well.

Some of us over the next several months will get a chance to get away for a few days as we go on FMPP or the Greek Spiritual Retreat. Let us not forget what we represent when we go out into the international communities. Everyone will watch you! Don't let your guard down when it comes to force protection. It is imperative that you are



Brig. Gen. Jerry G. Beck Jr.

constantly aware of your surroundings and you follow all instructions given to you in all of your briefings prior to departure. The briefings are for YOUR protection. The chance to get a break and relax is a great opportunity for us all, but don't ignore what you are being told prior to your departure. Go out, enjoy, be safe and relax so that we can continue to perform the many tasks of our mission over the next several months.

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**COVER:** President Clinton offers a handshake to Sgt. 1st Class Gonzalo Rocha, Tactical Humint Team 3 non-commissioned officer in charge, on Camp Bondsteel Sept. 19. Photo by Spc. Christina E. Witten.

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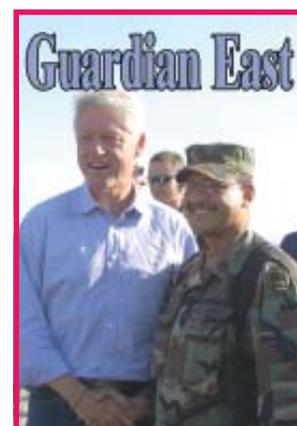
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**Army Reserve Sgt. Mark Canales, emergency room NCO at Camp Bondsteel Hospital, pours paint, helping to refurbish a school in Ferizaj Aug. 30. Photo by Staff Sgt. Ken Petzold.**

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**Staff Sgt. Harold Gontz, dispersing agent with the 628th Finance Detachment, engages targets with a G 36 rifle as part of qualification for the "Schutzenschnur" Aug. 23. Photo by Sgt. Nathaniel L. Nelson.**

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# 28<sup>th</sup> MPs Use Training, Compassion to Aid Local Man

Story by Sgt. Heidi Schaap

VITINA, Kosovo — When Spc. Jason Barclay and Spc. Jim Deangelis were trained as combat lifesavers, neither one thought much about when they would have to use the skills the Army taught them.

But when the opportunity to help a fellow human being arose for these two 28<sup>th</sup> Military Police Co. MPs Aug. 29, neither hesitated, even for a moment, to use their new proficiencies to help a patient – even though he was an internally displaced person rather than another soldier.

“I figured eventually, down the line, I’d get to use my training,” said Barclay, a Johnstown, Pa. native.

“But not in that capacity,” added Deangelis, who is from Pittsburgh. “I figured it’d be a soldier we’d get to help.”

According to Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Jones, the Task Force MP sergeant major, MP patrols within the municipality were waiting to pick up a VIP at a landing zone just outside of Vitina, near a house where many internally displaced persons live. Deangelis and an interpreter delivered water to the refugees there, and noticed a man on crutches with a severely swollen ankle. After asking him about his injury, they learned he had broken it in a fall, but the cast had already been removed.

The injured man, Emrush Hetemi, was still in a lot of pain.

“It was by chance that we were there picking someone up, and we were able to help him” explained Barclay.

“Not by chance,” Hetemi laughingly disagreed. “(These soldiers) are always serving people, not just in Kosovo, but all over the world wherever they’re needed.”

When Barclay and Deangelis learned Hetemi was still injured, they grabbed their combat lifesaver bags and went to work, helping him through the cramped halls into his bright little



**Spc. Jason Barclay (left) and Spc. Jim Deangelis elevate and wrap the foot of Emrush Hetemi, an internally displaced person, in his refugee home near Vitina Sept. 4. The MPs met Hetemi the week before and used their combat lifesaver skills to splint his broken foot. Photo by Sgt. Heidi Schaap.**

apartment at the end of the building.

“We elevated the leg, put a splint on it, applied dressings and checked circulation,” explained Deangelis, “all while keeping up communication through the interpreter, keeping the patient informed of what we were doing.”

Deangelis said they provided the only medical attention Hetemi had received since just after his original fall, six weeks before.

The MP’s returned Sept. 4 to visit Hetemi a second time, taking more specific supplies to his aid.

“(Hetemi) looked better today, and he looked happier,” Jones said. “The whole crew wants to check on these people at every available opportunity.”

“It was not only the medical attention that he appreciated, though,” Barclay explained. “Also supplying him with water and just treating him like a human – I think he appreciates all that the U.S. does for him.”

A displaced man living there agreed. “Some may have less money, but we live the worst. Our only help is what KFOR and (other Non-Governmental Organizations) give us. We are thankful for their help.”

The MP’s admitted that helping an IDP with his medical problems wasn’t exactly their “mission,” but Deangelis said it was a great way to test their new combat lifesaver skills.

“It proved to be invaluable training,” he said. “Besides, I think it improves community relations when we’re willing to go above and beyond our duty.”

“Yeah,” Barclay added. “It shows we’re not just a show of force, but we want to help. This is how we show each other our mutual respect.”

“I think the living conditions that these people are faced with got to these young soldiers,” concluded Jones. But “the deed, however small it seems, put a sense of pride and meaning to their role here in Kosovo.”

# Chairman Visits Troops, Addresses Concerns

Story and photos by Sgt. Heidi Schaap

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard B. Meyers, visited troops and leaders at Camp Bondsteel Sept. 17 as part of a European tour that also included stops in Bosnia, Hungary and Poland.

Meyers stopped at KFOR headquarters in Pristina and then visited Kosovo President Ibrahim Rugova at his home. He then continued on to Camp Bondsteel to eat a meal with soldiers and answer questions at a town hall meeting.

Meyers said he came to visit troops to get "the straight skinny."

"Just sitting in Washington doesn't tell me very much," Meyers explained. "I came to get answers and I got them."

Meyers ate lunch with soldiers from several Bondsteel units and then took a few moments to address them.

"Everybody's sacrificing, but you all sacrifice a little bit more," Meyers said. "We don't want you to spend one more day than you need to making these sacrifices," he added. Meyers said he is studying the mobilization process and NATO is "almost continuously" reviewing the troop levels needed in Kosovo.

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**Gen. Richard Meyers**

After lunch, he addressed the local media on KFOR's effort to transfer their peacekeeping mission to civil authorities.

"We're here to provide a safe and secure environment and we've done a good job of that," Meyers explained. "There are other groups that can do that as well.

"But when people ask me, 'What's it going to take?'" Meyers emphatically replied, "It'll take patience."

Meyers then addressed a full house of soldiers at Bondsteel's theater, answering questions on topics such as NATO's exit strategy, the mobilization process, and often-deployed military occupational specialties.

After answering their questions, Meyers thanked the soldiers for their service.

"The burden falls on those of us in uniform," he said, "and I don't doubt where your hearts are because you're here today.

"It's impressive to see what you're doing here," Meyers concluded, "but it's no surprise to me. You're doing a good job serving your country."

Meyers became the fifteenth chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in October 2001. In this capacity, he serves as the principal military adviser to the president, the secretary of defense, and the National Security Council. Prior to becoming chairman, he served as vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for nineteen months.



**Above: Chariman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard B. Meyers listens to the question of a Camp Bondsteel soldier at a town hall meeting on Bondsteel Sept. 17.**



**Above: Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard B. Meyers and his wife, Mary Jo, greet soldiers after a town hall meeting in the Camp Bondsteel theater Sept. 17.**



**Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard B. Meyers talks to Camp Bondsteel soldiers outside of a dining facility on Bondsteel Sept. 17.**



President Clinton poses for a group picture with the flight crew before departing Camp Bondsteel Sept. 19. Photo by Staff Sgt. Jonathan Cole, 982nd Signal Company (Combat Camera.)



President Clinton stops to pose for a photo with Capt. Cora Courage after his speech on Camp Bondsteel Sept. 19. Photo by Spc. Christina E. Witten

# Meeting a Former Commander in Chief

Story by Spc. Christina E. Witten

As the sun began its descent, a crowd of MNB(E) soldiers and civilian workers teemed with an escalating level of applause, welcoming President William J. Clinton as he made his way to the platform to speak at Camp Bondsteel Sept. 19.

Clinton began his speech by thanking Brig. Gen. Jerry G. Beck Jr., MNB(E) commanding general, Lt. Gen. Fabio Mini, KFOR commander, and the crowd, for their warm welcome and efforts in the mission.

"[Kosovars] are free and at peace today because of you and people like you," Clinton stated. "I thank not only the Americans that are here, but I would like to thank the Ukrainian, the Polish, the Lithuanian, and the Greek troops who serve and also the Kosovars who are here working with you to make this mission successful...I'm very proud of the work you do down here...and I feel very good about where we are and where we're going."

Clinton took a moment to recognize National Guardsmen and Reservists, in particular, for serving in Kosovo.

"I was governor for 12 years before I became president," Clinton explained, "and one of the greatest jobs I had as governor was being commander of my National Guard, so I'm really proud that we've got so many Guardsmen and Reservists here, proving that you can do this job and do it surpassingly well."

Capt. John Mark Windle, Area Support Group Falcon legal advisor, stated these words of appreciation: "I thought his comments with respect to the National Guard's performance in Kosovo was very encouraging, and I appreciate the fact that he took time out of his schedule to visit the servicemen and women who are deployed in Kosovo. Perhaps the lessons we learned about international coop-

eration in Kosovo could apply to the situation in Iraq."

Reminding soldiers of the importance of their mission in Kosovo, Clinton stated, "When things are calm...you might lose sight of the importance of your mission...but...military victories today are only the first step in building a world with more partners and fewer terrorists, and that requires cooperation and understanding and reaching out."

Capt. Cora Courage, TFMF Camp Monteith combat stress control officer, believes that message was important to convey to soldiers.

"He talked about not losing site of what the purpose of this mission is all about," Courage explained. "I hear soldiers who are a little frustrated that they're not in the



After dining with MNB (E) soldiers, President Clinton was given a gift by Brig. Gen. Jerry G. Beck Jr. on behalf of the 28th Infantry Division. Photo by Staff Sgt. Jonathan Cole, 982nd Signal Company (Combat Camera.)



**President Clinton steps off the platform he delivered his speech on Sept. 19 and is greeted by numerous hands anticipating handshakes. Photo by Staff Sgt. Jonathan Cole, 982nd Signal Company (Combat Camera.)**



**President Clinton mingled with civilian workers as well as soldiers on Camp Bondsteel Sept. 19 after the conclusion of his speech. Photo by Staff Sgt. Jonathan Cole, 982nd Signal Company (Combat Camera.)**

sandbox with the guys who are fighting the war. And I think they sometimes wonder whether or not they serve much of a purpose here. What he had to say, I think really spoke to the heart of that issue.”

Derdish Gashi, an interpreter on Camp Bondsteel, expressed how meaningful Clinton’s visit was and how important America’s mission in Kosovo has been for him.

“For us, our biggest hope was America,” Gashi explained, “and our hope came through. They brought our freedom back. The soldiers should be proud of their deployment here in Kosovo, because they’re helping a people who haven’t been free for so long.”

Sgt. Claudio Colin, Task Force Medical Falcon postal non-commissioned officer-in-charge, noted how incredible it was to witness Clinton’s reception by the local nationals who attended his speech.

“His visit showed how much he helped them out and how he helped Kosovo out,” Colin stated. “They love him.”

Clinton described the United States military’s role in the world today by stating, “A big part of America’s job is to help people to understand that we have to get along, that everybody counts, everybody deserves a chance... You are on the front lines of the ultimate battle of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the battle to establish our common humanity. You’re doing a great job, and from the bottom of my heart, I thank you.”

Because of America’s diversity, Clinton explained how soldiers have an extraordinary opportunity to share an example of tolerance with the world.

“The United States has a unique responsibility to build the world with more partners and fewer enemies because every race, every religion, every ethnic group is present in our country,” Clinton explained. “The power of our example has proven to be almost as important as the power of our arms.”

Clinton’s message of tolerance was a vital statement according to Col. Mark Scott, Headquarters and Headquarters Company Civil Military Operations Deputy Commander, who stated, “What I was particularly glad he addressed,

given the large number of local nationals that were in the audience, was the theme of tolerance and how important developing a tolerant society is for the future of Kosovo. [Soldiers] demonstrate tolerance [and] demonstrate our ability to operate and function as a multi-cultural organization made up of different ethnicities and backgrounds.”

Clinton also noted the progress the world has made concerning peace.

“It may be easy sometimes to get discouraged with all the problems in the world,” stated Clinton, “but on a whole, the world is moving in the right direction.”

Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Duane Allen Dodson, TFMF combat stress control NCOIC, shared, “It gave good inspiration that as bad as things may seem to be around the world, there have been several reasons to believe that things are a lot better.” Gashi agreed with Clinton’s sentiment of hope and stated, “I always say that Kosovo is going to surprise the world. I’m sure we can help the world once we get on our feet.”

Clinton’s visit allowed soldiers the rare opportunity to meet with a former Commander-in-Chief.

Staff Sgt. Tony Gairnese, TFMF Pharmacy Specialist, noted his appreciation of Clinton’s visit to Camp Bondsteel by saying, “I think it was nice that someone from the past administration did come and visit the troops here, and I think it was an important thing. He rallied the troops and rallied the local nationals.”

Clinton also visited Pristina during his visit to Kosovo. There, he spoke at the university and met with government officials and other Kosovars. He noted the great honors he was presented, but insisted, “They’re really thanking me for something the American military did. I made the decision to do it when I was Commander-in-Chief, but our military did it.”

Mentor Ukshini, an interpreter on Camp Bondsteel, expressed his appreciation with these few exceptional words: “I love him. We love Americans. That’s my message.”



**Spc. Travis Kans, helicopter mechanic, 24th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), paints the trim work on the classroom he and fellow MNB(E) soldiers helped to beautify, Aug. 30.**



# Name that Tune in 1,800 Notes

**Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Ken Petzold**

FERIZAJ, Kosovo – Music has been called the “universal language.” And while there isn’t a lot of music written for scraping and painting walls, fixing gym floors, and cleaning up trash, the dedicated soldiers of the medical and aviation units from Camp Bondsteel used music to help them in their efforts to brighten, beautify, and make safe the Kuvendi Arbeit School Aug. 30.

The director of the school, Ismail Kokollari, greeted the 30 KFOR soldiers with open arms and an open heart. He stated this school was the only one in the area that has not undergone any renovations since its beginning.

“It’s right to touch the lives of children. Americans want to give back, to do things for others,” said Spc.

Courtney Kreft, animal care specialist with 422<sup>nd</sup> Medical Detachment (veterinary services).

By scraping old paint off and putting on fresh coats of paint in 12 classrooms, Task Force Med Falcon hopes to positively touch the lives of the 1,800 students attending the school. As the paint brushes and scrapers were busily accomplishing their mission, the CD player in the hallway was appropriately belting out the classic tune, “You Ain’t Seen Nothin’ Yet.”

“We want to do something for Kosovo. This is a unique opportunity to do something tangible,” said Maj. Anne Reynolds, chief of patient administration for TFMF. She continued, “Just the act of seeing us here makes a difference. This helps us remember why we are here.”

While the rooms were blossoming into works of modern art,

**Right: 1st Lt. Stephanie Ramirez, physical therapist TFMF, meticulously makes sure every part of her paint job she applies Aug. 30, is perfect for the students that will soon occupy this Ferizaj classroom.**

**Left: Spc. Courtney Kreft works at scraping off old paint in a classroom in preparation for the new coats she and fellow TFMF soldiers later applied at a Ferizaj school, Aug 30.**

**Far Left: Sgt 1st Class Glenn Davis, non-commissioned officer-in-charge orthopedic clinic TFMF, gets up high to make sure every part of the walls in the Ferizaj classroom are covered with a new coat of paint, Aug. 30.**



Bachman, Turner's Overdrive "Takin' Care of Business" filled the hallways and rooms, replenishing the energy already expended by the Multi-National Brigade (East) soldiers. The painting was not plain by any means. Each room had its own theme. Math symbols, geometric figures, turtles and even mermaids were all poised and ready to greet the students on their

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return to school.

The gym floor also received the care needed to make it safe and more useable for its students. The school grounds were given a much needed clean up by the removal of dangerous objects from the area. Officers and enlisted, male and female, young and



**Spc. Maren Held, helicopter mechanic for the 24th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), watches closely as she applies a fresh coat of paint at the Kuvendi Arbeit School in Ferizaj Aug 30.**

old, worked as a unit, getting the work done.

"I Get By With a Little Help From My Friends," quite appropriately, was one of the final songs of the day. Will the help provided by TFMF really help the young students here get by?

"Knowing we helped them means a lot," said Sgt. Claire Zink, TFMF respiratory therapist. "In their world, they need a sanctuary. I hope our work will help (the school) seem more like one. I hope it helps them learn better."

TFMF has learned they are not finished with trying to enhance the school-age years of the Ferizaj children. They plan on continuing the cleanup and beautification through the generous donations of Kosovo and American citizens alike.

While some of the children of this school may never meet their KFOR friends, they will always know that someone from Camp Bondsteel loved them enough to sacrifice their time and talents for their future.

It may have been the long hot day of work, or it may have been merely the hearts of the U.S. soldiers, which caused the last tune of the day to sound like, "All We Are Saying is Give Peace a Chance."

# British Provided Professionalism, Humor to Task Force Med Falcon

Story and photos by  
Sgt. Heidi Schaap

Task Force Medical Falcon will be losing some of its international flavor Oct. 7, as the last rotation of British medical soldiers leave Camp Bondsteel. The contingent will not be replaced.

The British troops, from the Royal Navy, Royal Air Force, and British Army, have supplemented Bondsteel's medical facilities in rotations since before the Army Hospital was built in 2001. Their manpower commitment to KFOR is ending as a result of the troop reduction in Kosovo.

"It's really been a pleasure to work with the Americans," said Maj. Gavin North, Chief Nurse for TFMF. North came from the Ministry of Defense Hospital Unit, Great Britain. "There hasn't been any kind of power struggle or domineering – it's definitely been a give and take," he said.

Lance Cpl. Kelly Cody, a TFMF health care assistant from the Royal Center of Defense Medicine, Birmingham, explained that the British system assigns its troops slightly different roles than the U.S. system. Therefore, it took a while for the Americans to recognize and understand the specific job skills of the British soldiers. Regardless of the specifics, Cody said the basic mission was universal.

"Hopefully," she said, "we bring nursing skills, care and professionalism."

Sgt. Caroline Vernon, a TFMF

operating room technician who serves the Royal Air Force's Ministry of Defense Hospital Unit, said the British soldiers were also very adaptable and adjustable.

Registered Nurse Sgt. Dave Hornsby, from the Royal Center of Defense Medicine, attributed this adaptability to the wide-range of operational experience British medical units have encountered.

"We've been on various tours throughout the world," Hornsby explained. "And because we work in

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**Sgt. Dave Hornsby**

both civilian and military hospitals back home, we bring varying experiences, which help the mission."

According to Maj. William Barnhill, a TFMF nurse anesthesiologist, the British are all highly trained and very proficient at what they do.

"They were all capable of learning new protocols and standards, although slightly different from U.K. medicine, they

overcame and functioned as an intricate part of this bilateral (U.S. and U.K.) military hospital," he said.

Hornsby added that while the British have offered much experience and knowledge to TFMF, they have also learned a lot from this duty station.

"It's always good to work closely with other folks and see how they deliver care," he explained.

"It's nice to compare the two systems," Vernon agreed. "To see what each has to offer. But the goal is the same: to offer the best possible



**Above: Health Care Assistant Lance Cpl. Kelly Cody starts an IV at Camp Bondsteel's Army Hospital.**



**Operating Room Technician Sgt. Caroline Vernon talks with a patient after surgery in the Army Hospital at Camp Bondsteel.**

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# Weapons Amnesty

Story by Sgt. Neil K. Simmons

A weapons amnesty program netted hundreds of contraband weapons and thousands of rounds of ammunition through the month September in Kosovo. For thirty days citizens of Kosovo were given the opportunity to turn in weapons such as guns, knives, rounds and explosives without giving their name or being questioned.

This is the third such effort in four years. However, unlike amnesty programs in the past, KFOR played a large role in this year's program, with each sector handling a large portion of the responsibility for managing collection and disposal of the weapons.

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**Staff Sgt. Scott Gardner**

“It (was) a three phased operation,” said Maj. Anthony Frey, 56<sup>th</sup> Brigade fire support officer out of Carlisle, Pa., who coordinated the operation in Multi-National Brigade (East).

According to Frey, the first phase of the operation ran from July 15 to Aug. 15. During this time, an information campaign was conducted throughout MNB(E) to let the local population know the dangers of possessing weapons illegally.

“The IO operation disseminated that firearms are bad for a safe environment and that there are regulations and penalties for having illegal weapons,” said Frey.

**“I think this has been an extremely successful weapons amnesty in our sector.”**

**Maj. Anthony Frey**

The second phase lasted from Aug. 15 to Aug. 30 and announced the weapons amnesty would be held in the month of September. It also provided locations of fixed check-points in Kamenica, Gjilan, Nova Brdo, Vitina, Strpce, Kacanik and Ferizaj, and gave proper procedure for turning in explosives.

The third phase signaled the beginning of the weapons amnesty. U.S. soldiers, with the cooperation of the Kosovo Police Service, conducted multiple daily patrols into small towns and distributed hand-bills informing citizens when



**Spc. Thaddeus Willey, an infantryman with Cobra Company, 2/112th Infantry Battalion, stands guard near the weapons amnesty turn-in point at the Kosovo Police Service Vitina Substation. September was Weapons Amnesty Month, when local civilians could turn in weapons, ammunition, and unexploded ordnance without fear of punishment. Photo by Sgt. Heidi Schaap.**

mobile checkpoints would be in their area.

Staff Sgt. Scott Gardner, information operations planner with the Missouri information operation support team out of Jefferson City, highlighted the KPS's role in the operation.

“We are just assisting KPS in this effort,” said Gardner. “KPS accompanies KFOR door to door.”

Allowing the local people to see KPS in action helps in the transition to civilian authority, a key part of KFOR's mission.

“Tensions have eased off and people are starting to turn in weapons,” added Gardner.

By the end of September, 327 weapons had been turned in to weapons amnesty points throughout Kosovo, including 97 collected in MNB(E). Weapons turned in were transported to Greek holding points and disposed of through the local economy.

“I think this has been an extremely successful weapons amnesty in our sector,” said Frey.



**Above:** The bolt of the German G 36 rifle begins its journey rearward as Civil Affairs Specialist, Spc. Chas Ryder of 415th Civil Affairs engages targets during the rifle phase of the Shutzenschnur competition held at Camp Bondsteel Aug. 23.

**Below:** 1-111th Infantry's Command Sgt. Maj., Ronald Winiecki fires the German 7.62 mm G3 machine gun during qualification for the "Shutzenschnur" Aug. 23.



# Shooting For Gold: Soldier

Story and photos by Sgt. Nathaniel L. Nelson

German, Georgian, and American soldiers burned up the range with small arms fire at Camp Bondsteel's Falcon Three range Aug. 23.

A total of 116 soldiers, 70 Americans and 46 German and Georgian troops, participated in the day long event in order to earn the right to wear either the German Shutzenschnur or American marksmanship badge on their dress uniform.

"I feel pretty lucky," said Pfc. John Williams, psychological operations specialist of the 320th Psychological Operations Company. "We're firing weapons, but we also get to meet the German soldiers and learn about them."

The one-day event was split into a morning and afternoon phase. The morning featured Americans gaining some familiarization training on the German G36 rifle and G3 machine gun to prepare them for firing. The peacekeepers also were allowed to handle the G22 sniper rifle and P8 pistol.

After receiving preliminary marksmanship instruction from the Georgians and Germans, troops moved down range and fired the German rifle first.

Each soldier was allowed only three shots to see where the zero on the rifle's site would place rounds on the targets 25 meters away. They were then forced to use "Kentucky windage" to adjust his point of aim according to the feedback taken from the zero target.

Armed with 20 rounds of 5.56 mm ammunition, each shooter then fired five rounds from each of four firing positions. The troops were given targets containing a picturesque farm scene with 10 silhouettes in various positions within the picture. Each silhouette had two circles



**Sgt. 1st Class Tom Anderson, personnel service non-commissioned officer for HHC 56th Brigade, reviews his zeroing shot group with Pfc. Daniel Bethke of the German 1st Eins Battalion, Task Force Prizren.**

around it for scoring purposes. Service members fired from the prone supported, prone unsupported, kneeling, and standing positions, trying to hit the smaller, inner circle.

The competition continued with the shooting of the G3 machine gun, which fires 7.62 mm ammunition at a cyclic rate of 1,700 rounds per minute. Many U.S. soldiers said the weapon's design reminded them of the American M60 machine gun. However, with a cyclic rate of 500 rounds per



**Left: Georgian Guard Coy soldier, Capt. Lazu Kvaraia (Right) uses Georgian Cpl. Alexander Tsudzikidze (Front, Left) to demonstrate the proper method for obtaining a good site picture with the German G36 rifle during preliminary marksmanship instruction Aug. 23 at Camp Bondsteel.**

**Right: Saw gunner, Spc. Brian Thomas of Bravo Company, 1-111th Infantry inspects the chamber of the G 36 rifle during preliminary marksmanship instruction Aug. 23.**



## ers take Aim at Shutzenschnur

minute, the M60 is much slower in comparison.

Spc. Conrad A. Picofsky, a personal security detail specialist with 1-111<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion said the weapons rate of fire was a challenge he had to overcome in his qualification.

"It definitely caught me by surprise!" proclaimed Picofsky, a Media, Pa., native.

American units participating in the event included, Task Force Associators, Task Force Paxton, the 320th Psychological Operations Company, the 415th Civil Affairs Battalion, Task Force Aviation, the 628th Finance Detachment, the 28th Forward Logistical Element, Special Operations Command and Control Element, 640th Military Intelligence Company, HHC, MNB (E), Task Force Medical Falcon, and the 203rd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment. German participants were from the 1 Eins Battalion while Georgian soldiers represented the Georgian Guard Coy of Task Force Prizren.

Of the 70 American participants, 12 received bronze, 28 shot well enough to earn the silver, and 30 displayed the marksmanship necessary to achieve the gold Shutzenschnur. Second place firer, Master Sgt. Jose Sanchez-Lopez, of the 415th, mastered the event with a broken leg while Spc. Panagiotis Karavoulias of Charlie Company, 1-111th, earned top firer honors.

The Georgian and German soldiers fired the M16 rifle and M9 pistol for qualification and the right to wear the American marksmanship badge on their uniforms. Third place went to Georgian Guard Coy soldier, Hptm Zaza Kvaraia while Sgt. Kanstantin Charkseliani of the German 1 Eins Battalion earned second place honors. Top marksman for the Germans and Georgians was Maj. Wolfgang Guhl of 1 Eins Battalion.



**Spc. Panagiotis Karavoulias, an infantryman with Charlie Company, 1-111th Infantry receives his "Gold" Shutzenschnur from German 1st Sgt. Stabsfeld Webel of 1st Company Task Force Prizren. Karavoulias received additional recognition as having the highest qualification score out of 70 Americans participating.**

# Over the Horizon: *Romanian Troops Strut their Stuff*

Story by Sgt. Nathaniel L. Nelson



**Above:** Romanian soldiers rush to the aid of a simulated casualty of a riotous crowd during a Distinguished Visitor Day demonstration on Camp Monteith Sept. 13. Photo by Sgt. Nathaniel L. Nelson.

**Below:** Romanian troops demonstrate the dismounted abilities of their anti-tank weapon system. Photo by Sgt. Nathaniel L. Nelson.



**Soldiers with the Romanian Army's 2nd Infantry Battalion load a simulated casualty on a UH-60 Blackhawk during medical evacuation training Sept. 9. Photo by Sgt. Nathaniel L. Nelson.**

CAMP MONTEITH, Kosovo — Romanian soldiers played host here as they strutted their stuff for guests of the camp as part of Distinguished Visitor Day Sept. 13.

The soldiers of Romania's 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Battalion, "Calugareni", in Kosovo for "Dynamic Response 2003", highlighted their ability to augment Multi-National Brigade (East) as part of the "Over the Horizon" concept.

The concept serves as a contingency plan to rapidly reinforce KFOR in the event that forces are needed. In this way, NATO retains the ability to remain dedicated to peace and security in the area as well as continue troop rationalizations in the Balkans resulting from that peace and stability.

According to KFOR Commander, Lt. Gen. Fabio Mini, troop strength in Kosovo remains at an appropriate level for the threats that are present.

Romanian troops gave guests information about their role in "Over the Horizon" and put on a display of their soldier abilities. They performed a martial arts display in which soldiers displayed great physical abilities. Then, they moved on to a weapons display highlighting their personnel carriers and anti-armor weapons.

Finally, the soldiers recreated a vehicle checkpoint operation wherein several scenarios were run. A vehicle went through the checkpoint routinely, however, during the inspection of a second vehicle, a riotous crowd gathered and threw objects at the soldiers.

During the attack, Romanian troops followed rules of engagement and did not fire on the crowd despite one of their own being struck and injured. An ambulance was

**Romanian soldiers operate a vehicle checkpoint in their sector of operations Sept. 11. Photo by Staff Sgt. Jonathan Cole, 982nd Signal Company (Combat Camera.)**



**Below:** Interpreter, Patrick Shehu (middle right) aids Romanian soldiers in ensuring rule of law is followed by wood cutters in the Romanian sector. Photo by Staff Sgt. Jonathan Cole, 982nd Signal Company (Combat Camera.)



**Below:** Romanian soldiers unload a simulated casualty during medical evacuation training on Camp Monteith. Photo by Sgt. Nathaniel L. Nelson.



brought in to evacuate the simulated casualty, the crowd was disbursed, and a simulated explosive device was discovered. Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel were called in to destroy the "explosives" discovered.

The event displayed the value of the Romanian military as a force capable of performing along side the troops of MNB(E). The Romanian soldiers have conducted missions in sector including vehicle checkpoints, patrol operations, civil affairs missions, and medical evacuation training during their three-week stay.

The people of Kosovo can be confident of a safe and secure environment, thanks to the soldiers working with "Over the Horizon."



**Task Force Medical Falcon Medical Assistant Amy Dawe checks the blood pressure of a patient at the Army Hospital on Camp Bondsteel Sept. 24. Dawe, a member of the Royal Navy, is part of the British contingent at Camp Bondsteel who will leave the Kosovo Force in October and will not be replaced.**

## **BRITISH** *From Page 10*

patient care. We all have to work together now," she continued, "because the medical service is getting so much smaller."

One of the ways the British at Bondsteel have offered this excellent patient care is through their very different sense of humor, which North jokingly calls "diversional therapy."

"It's nice to see guys come into the (emergency room) and they hear a British accent and little jokes and become distracted," explained Hornsby.

Cody continued, laughing, "It turns into him asking us, 'Why are you here? Where are you from?' instead of 'Oh, by the way, is my leg blown off?'"

They laughed when they heard 203<sup>rd</sup> MPAD Media Operations non-commissioned officer and broadcast NCO in-charge, Staff Sgt. Jessica Brooks' evaluation of this "therapy."

"The British doctors could tell me I had a tumor and I was going to die tomorrow, and I think I would just say, 'okay!'" she laughingly explained. "Everything they say sounds so light - If I had to have bad news delivered to me, I'd want one of them to do it."

This doesn't offend the British

soldiers.

"Our sense of humor is different," said Vernon, smiling. "But we think it's helpful."

"As a group, they are always happy, full of energy and very good volleyball players," joked Barnhill. "On a more serious note," he added, "I loved working with all the U.K. soldiers, who I found to be competent, warm and friendly at all times. I have worked with the U.K. soldiers on two occasions in the past and found them to be consistently a great group of professional men and women."

Overall, the British said that their time spent at Camp Bondsteel with an American medical staff has been a meaningful one.

"It's a pleasure being here," North said. "There is a good working relationship between us. Of course, just like any other, there are ups and downs..."

"But we're not divorcing yet," Hornsby piped in.

"Hopefully they understand now that we're easy to work with," Cody added. "And in the future, it'll be even easier."

All the British soldiers agreed that although their time at Bondsteel is up, they wouldn't mind staying longer at TFMF.

"It's fabulous," North concluded. "As an operational tour, you just can't beat Kosovo."

# Sex, Lies and Espionage

**“Allegations of espionage are a reminder that we live in a dangerous world, a world that sometimes does not share American values. To anyone who would betray its trust, I warn you, we’ll find you and we’ll bring you to justice.”**

President George W. Bush about the Robert Hanssen espionage case

**By Master Sgt. Richard Roy  
Special Agent, 415<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion**

What does this have to do with you?

The goal of the Subversion and Espionage Directed Against the U.S. Army program is to secure the assistance of every member of the Multi-National Brigade (East) in the deterrence and detection of intelligence and terrorist threats to Kosovo Forces.

Espionage is a serious threat to KFOR and this article will raise awareness of the threat, outline individual responsibilities and give proper reporting procedures.

Our first concern is individuals and groups attempting to collect information against us. During the Cold War our adversary was traditional foreign intelligence services. It

was easy to identify the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact as the enemy collecting information against us. But things have changed. U.S. soldiers must also be aware of entities not previously considered a threat to intelligence. In Kosovo, in addition to FIS, extremist groups like AKSh and criminal elements such as drug smugglers and organized crime could be the new wave of possible hostile intelligence collectors.

Secondly, soldiers must be aware of threats from within our own organizations. The focus here is on people with access to classified or sensitive information that choose, for a variety of reasons, to divulge that information to our adversaries. This is a harsh but very real problem that can be dealt with through SAEDA education, a good operations security program and workplace awareness.



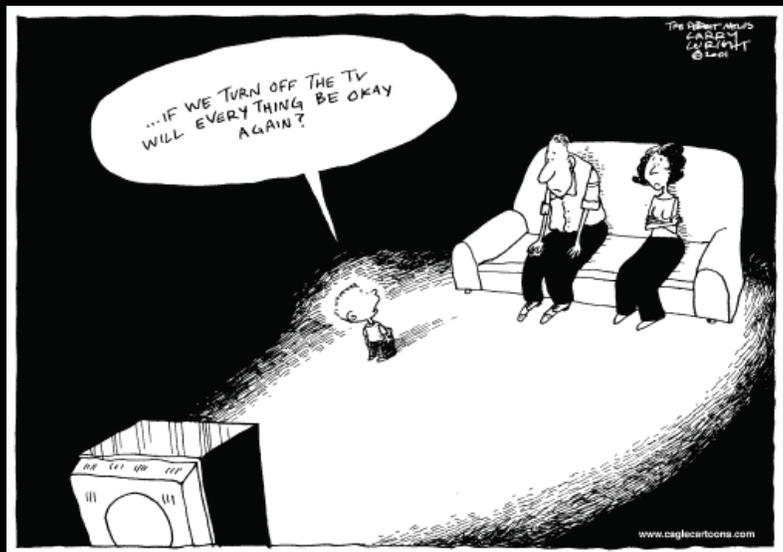
The good news is, those who commit espionage leave indicators. Co-workers and supervisors are in the best position to spot these espionage clues and promptly report them. Indicators of espionage include:

- Attempts to gain access to classified information without an authorized need to know.
- Unauthorized removal of classified information from the work area.
- Excessive use of copy, fax or computer equipment to reproduce or transmit classified material, which exceed job requirements.
- Repeated or unrequired work outside of normal duty hours, especially unaccompanied.
- Obtaining witness signatures on classified document destruction forms when the witness did not observe the destruction.
- Bringing unauthorized cameras, recording devices, computers or PDAs into areas where classified data is stored, discussed or processed.
- Unexplained or undue affluence, including sudden purchases of high value items.
- Free spending or lavish display of wealth, which appears beyond normal income.
- Attempts to entice others into criminal situations.

As humans we make ourselves vulnerable to espionage in several ways. Intelligence collectors will exploit personal friendship, sex, financial hardship, foreign travel, blackmail and even threats against family to get the information they desire. We must especially avoid even the appearance of impropriety in our dealings with foreign nationals. General Order #1, KFOR 5A, helps soldiers avoid being vulnerable to exploitation by establishing ground rules for inappropriate behavior.

So what's a soldier to do? AR 381-12 is the basis for the SAEDA program. Paragraph 3-4 gives clear guidance for reporting SAEDA incidents. If you are approached for information, or observe any of the espionage indicators, your obligation is to remain non-committal, be observant, remember details and report the incident to counter-intelligence personnel within 24 hours. The CI office for MNB-E is located in building 200 in the Camp Bondsteel TOC. To contact the CI team by phone call DSN 781.3304. Whatever you do, do not conduct your own investigation and do not discuss the incident with anyone except CI personnel. This is for your own protection and to ensure the security of any ensuing investigation.

Related regulations are AR 380-5, Department of the Army Information Security Program; AR 525-13, Antiterrorism; AR 380-19, Information Systems Security and AR 530-1, Operational Security.



# Recent cases demonstrate the espionage reality: Sex...

James Smith, a retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent was arrested in April 2003 and charged with gross negligence in allowing an FBI asset, Katrina Leung, access to classified information. He allowed himself to become too comfortable with her and they became sexually involved. Ms. Leung was also arrested April 2003 and charged with illegally obtaining secret documents to the advantage of a foreign power.

# Lies...

Brian Regan, a retired US Air Force Master Sergeant, worked in the National Reconnaissance Office and offered to sell secrets to Iraq and China. He was arrested August 2001 and sentenced to life in prison without benefit of parole. Regan's motivation was \$13 million.

# Espionage...

Rafael Davila, a former intelligence officer with the Washington National Guard, was arrested in February 2003. He is charged with theft and distribution of more than 300 top-secret documents. His wife subsequently passed these documents to white supremacist and other radical, anti-government groups within the United States for a mere total of \$2,000.

# Ana's Story:

## *How Americans helped improve her life*

Story by Capt. Lora Neal

STRPCE, Kosovo—Every once in a while a person is involved in something so poignant it brings into perspective a lot of things about life.

August 31, his day off for the week, was one such day for Staff Sgt. (P) Ken Petzold, print non-commissioned officer in charge for the 203<sup>rd</sup> Mobile Public Affairs Detachment. The 203<sup>rd</sup>, normally providing media support to Multi-National Brigade (East), volunteered to transport 12-year-old Ana Racicevie and her mother, Ljiljana, to the Pristina airport.

Ana was on her way to New York's Hospital for Special Surgery where she will be provided *pro bono* services, which will include cutting the bone on both of her legs. Upon arrival to Strpce, Ana's home, Petzold and Cpl. Stephan Wylie, broadcast journalist for the 203<sup>rd</sup> MPAD, found her surrounded by weeping family members. Petzold noted, "When I saw the love Ana's family had for her, I was made aware again of how important family is to a person's life."

Ana was diagnosed with Ellis Van Creveld Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder characterized by short-limb dwarfism, and has a history of having additional fingers or toes, knock-knees, and an outgrowth of bone - in this case - the tibia, which is the larger of the two bones between the ankle and knee.

Ana will also receive application of bilateral external fixators. After her legs have been straightened she will wear the fixators to help them lengthen at the same time.

Task Force Medical Falcon Doctor Christian Foglar explained the process.

"A crooked bone can be straightened out by cutting it with a saw, taking a wedge out and straightening it out. In order to keep it straight and let it heal in that position you have to use something to hold it. An external fixator



**Ana Racicevie and her mother Ljiljana smile in their Strpce home shortly before they left for the United States where surgery on Ana's legs was performed at Children's Hospital in New York. Photo provided by the 415th Civil Affairs Battalion.**

is a long rod on the outside of the leg that is attached to pins that go into the bone at a right angle to that rod. For children this is a good solution."

Ana had an operation in Belgrade in 2001 but it wasn't successful. Ljiljana said when Ana's legs were in bandages they were straight, but without them they returned to their curved shape. Doctors suggested she try the Illizarov method for limb lengthening and straightening. This involves the use of metal brace-type device that screws into the leg in different places.

But, as Ljiljana explained, the cost of the metal implant was around 3,000 euro and she didn't have the money necessary to continue with the process after the initial six months. A friend of Ana's dad suggested they turn to KFOR for help, so they did.

The family contacted personnel from 4th Civil Affairs Group, U.S. Marine Corps located at Camp

Monteith. Ljiljana contacted one of the soldiers each week and was finally put in touch with an Albanian mother preparing to take her child to the States for a medical procedure. The woman took Ana's x-rays with her and sent them up and down the East coast looking for a doctor who could do the operation. Dr. Robert Widman from New York City's Hospital for Special Surgery, agreed to perform the operation.

The 415<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion began involvement in March, 2003 when they took over the CA mission in MNB(E). They have invested well over 50 hours in this project. Spc. Johathan Anderstrom, civil affairs specialist with the 415<sup>th</sup> and a Serbian linguist, spent countless hours translating Serbian doctors' documents into English before faxing them to the hospital in New York.

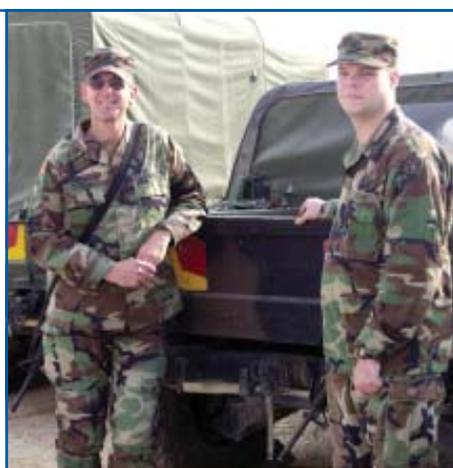
"Projects such as these, after

being seen through to completion, are the type that send chills down my spine. To realize the life of a 12-year old girl has been drastically changed for the better, and that she will no longer live in pain, give those responsible for the project's success an unspeakable joy," Anderstrom said.

Ana fought her emotions on the ride from Strpce to Pristina. At times she looked like any twelve-year old with few concerns, but at others she appeared to be on the verge of tears. "I am happy. After the operation my legs will be straight and I will be able to run and play with other kids," she said softly.

Ljiljana worries. The recuperation time will be four to six months, depending on Ana's body. They will live in at least three different homes during their time in New York so as not to become a burden on anyone. She is leaving Ana's 10 and 3-year-old sisters at home with their dad and elderly grandmother. Ljiljana is worried they will not be able to take care of the girls...

When Ana was born, the doctors told Ljiljana she should put her in a home in Skopje for developmentally disabled children. They didn't do it.



**Staff Sgt. (P) Kenneth Petzold and Cpl. Stephan Wylie volunteered their time to ensure Ana and her mother made it to the Pristina Airport. Photo by Capt. Lora Neal.**

She is happy. She is also apprehensive. She is hopeful the operation will be a success. She wants Ana to play with other kids without getting tired and to carry her book bag without experiencing back pain.

Ana has had to miss some school due to her illness but neither she nor her mother believe she will fall

behind in her studies. Ana laughed, "I will probably come back speaking English."

Wylie assessed Ana, "To have seen as much as she has probably seen in her short life, I'm sure she has the mental toughness to make it through this operation and to get a chance to be exposed to a new culture at the same time. It will be a great experience for her and I wish her all the best."

In different instances both Petzold and Anderstrom report being reminded of the words of Jesus in the gospel of St. Matthew 25:40, "...inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to me."

The soldiers of Multi-National Brigade (East) have a mission to provide a safe a secure environment for the people of Kosovo. But few actually get the opportunity to connect with the populace in a personal way. Those who do can't help but leave here better people. Perhaps they will complete their deployment with a greater understanding of their mission here and as human beings, and that we are a part of something that is so much larger than ourselves, something poignant.

## Soldiers Bring Song to Bondsteel

Story and photo by Sgt. Heidi Schaap

Thirty soldiers from the U.S. Army Europe Soldier's Chorus brought song, dance and laughter to the Camp Bondsteel theater Sept. 19.

The group, out of Heidelberg, Germany, travels all over Europe performing for deployed troops with a dance and song revue covering many decades and styles of music from Motown, and country, to rap, pop and classic rock.

"We came tonight to entertain the troops," said Sgt. Vincent Abril, a USAREUR soldier who performs with the chorus.

The theater quickly filled up as the chorus and their live band's music pulsed through Bondsteel's night air.

"I love it because it gives me an opportunity to give something back to soldiers just like myself," Abril explained. "We know what (they) are going through, and we want to support them."



**Soldiers from the U.S. Army Europe Soldier's Chorus out of Heidelberg, Germany, perform at Camp Bondsteel's theater Sept. 19.**

# Soul Food: *A message from the*

## Chapel Services

### Camp Bondsteel North

#### **Sunday**

0800 Liturgical Protestant  
0930 Roman Catholic Mass  
1100 Contemp. Protestant  
1400 Gospel

#### **Tuesday**

1200 Roman Catholic Mass

#### **Wednesday**

1900 Bible Study  
2030 Gospel Choir Practice

#### **Thursday**

1900 Roman Catholic Mass

#### **Friday**

1900 Prayer and Bible Studies

#### **Saturday**

1200 Praise Team Practice  
1900 Gospel choir

### Camp Bondsteel South

#### **Sunday**

0800 Roman Catholic Mass  
0930 Non-denominational  
Christian  
1300 Latter Day Saints  
1930 Non-denominational  
Christian

#### **Monday**

1200 Roman Catholic Mass

#### **Saturday**

1930 Roman Catholic Mass

### Camp Monteith

#### **Sunday**

0900 Bible Study  
1000 Collective Protestant  
1200 Latter Day Saints  
1700 Contemporary Praise  
and Worship  
1900 Roman Catholic Mass

#### **Tuesday**

1900 "Building a Relationship  
Foundation" study

#### **Friday**

1300 Muslim Service



**Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bert S. Kozen, MNB(E) Deputy and Roman Catholic Chaplain**

### **By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bert S. Kozen, Deputy and Roman Catholic Chaplain**

One of the challenges to our rotation here in Kosovo is the period of time in which we will serve and the many celebrations, feasts and festivals that will occur while we are away from home, loved ones and families. This can be particularly stressful since we will miss family gatherings, faith traditions and other customs that are an important part of our lives. However difficult this may be, it also offers us, especially for those who have never been to this part of the world, a unique opportunity to learn about different cultures and perhaps discover a deeper appreciation for our own.

To assist in coping, the following calendar of celebrations is offered. It is not meant to be exhaustive, but will hopefully serve as a springboard to further study and appreciation of these festivals and celebrations.

September 26- Rosh Hashanah-

The Jewish Feast celebrating the New Year. This celebration, as with all Jewish festivals and feasts, begins at sundown and continues through sundown on Saturday September 27. \*Point of Interest- The Jewish calendar is a Lunar Calendar based on the cycles of the moon, which determines the day as well. Hence the day begins at sunset and concludes at sunset the following day. This tradition was continued in the early Christian Church and is continued to this day by the Catholic and Orthodox Churches.

October 5- Yom Kippur- "Day of Atonement". Begins at sunset and ends at sunset on October 6. This is one of the most important feasts in the Jewish calendar and is a day for prayer and reflection on the quality of a person's life during the past year.

Ramadan- Islamic Feast commemorating the month spent by Muhammad in prayer and fasting as he received the Koran (the Sacred Islamic Scriptures). \*Point of Interest- The month begins at sunset on

# Chaplain:

October 26 and concludes at sunset on November 25. Islam follows a Lunar Calendar and during the daylight hours of the month of Ramadan the faithful of Islam will fast and abstain from food, drink and anything else (e.g. tobacco, entertainment, sex) that may disturb their prayer and reflection. Food and drink can be taken once the sun has set, but the fast and abstinence resumes with sunrise.

November 1- All Saints' Day- Catholic Solemnity (Major Feast) commemorating the lives and faith of the countless number of holy men and women who have lived the Gospel during the 2000 years of the Church's history. The Vigil or Eve of this day- "All Hollow's Eve" has been transformed by secular society into Halloween- October 31.

November 2- All Souls' Day- Catholic commemoration remembering of all deceased. A special day to pray for the dead and to remember their lives and gifts.

November 23- Solemnity of Christ the King- the last Sunday and conclusion of the Liturgical (Church service) Year in the Catholic Church.

November 25- Eid Al Fitr- Three day festival that concludes the Month of Ramadan. This is a time of celebration and feasting with family and loved ones. Homes of friends are visited and gifts may be given.

November 27- Thanksgiving Day- Although a secular holiday, this day has deep spiritual roots as God bestowed upon the early Pilgrims providence and guidance. For in truth, "In God We Trust."

November 30- First Sunday of Advent- Beginning of the Liturgical Year for Catholics and Liturgical Protestants. Four-week season of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. \*Point of Interest- Name of the Season comes from the Latin "adventus" which means coming and is characterized by actually three "comings" of Christ: 1) History- His birth, 2) Mystery- Sacraments, Scripture, etc. and 3) Majesty- Final coming.

December 19- Hanukkah- Jewish Feast celebrating the events surrounding the rededication of the Temple in

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Jerusalem during the Maccabean Revolt of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Century B.C. During the preparations for the dedication there was a shortage of oil for the lamps and through a miracle the oil lasted for eight days.

December 25- Christmas- Western celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ in the Catholic and Protestant Churches.

January 1- Western New Year's Day.

January 6- Epiphany- Western celebration of the manifestation of Jesus Christ as Light of the World in the Catholic and Protestant Churches.

January 7- Christmas- Eastern celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ in the Orthodox Churches.

January 14- Orthodox New Year's Day.

January 27- Feast of St. Sava- Founder and patron saint of the Serbian Orthodox Church.

February 2- Eid Al Adha- Feast of the Sacrifice commemorating, in Islamic tradition, the test of Abraham to sacrifice his son Ishmael. \*Point of Interest- On this day, the custom of

slaughtering a cow, goat or sheep is followed. The meat from the "sacrifice" is then distributed in three parts 1) for family, 2) for neighbors and friends and 3) for the poor.

February 25- Ash Wednesday- Beginning of the Season of Lent- the penitential period of preparation in the Catholic and Protestant Churches for the Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil) and Easter Sunday.

In addition to these days we will face, of course, many personal celebrations (birthdays, anniversaries etc.). I encourage you to try, to the best of your ability, to celebrate whatever feasts and festivals are a part of your life. Both at Camp Bondsteel and Montieth, the chaplains and Unit Ministry Teams will make every effort to support these needs with celebrations that will bring meaning and comfort to those who participate.

We may be a long way from home, but hopefully we can help bring to each other a little bit of what makes home and family so special to "our family" here in Kosovo.

## McDonald's to launch healthy adult Happy Meals

CHICAGO, Illinois (AP) —McDonald's Corp. has enlisted the aid of Oprah Winfrey's personal trainer to promote an adult version of the Happy Meal, the fast-food giant's latest effort to offer healthier products.

Instead of Happy Meal standards like a burger and a toy, the new Go Active meal will include a salad, an exercise booklet and a pedometer meant to encourage walking.

Fitness guru Bob Greene has agreed to help promote the Go Active Meal, which is being test-marketed at 150 McDonald's restaurants in Indiana.

McDonald's and other fast-food chains have tried to offer healthier fare that will still tempt tastebuds as the fat and calorie content of their core products has come under scrutiny. Burger King, the No. 2 hamburger chain, planned to launch a new line of low-fat, baguette-style chicken sandwiches on Thursday.

Two weeks ago, a federal judge in New York dismissed an obesity lawsuit against McDonald's that alleged it had been hiding the health risks of eating its popular Big Macs and Chicken McNuggets. It was the second time this year that U.S. District Judge Robert Sweet threw out a class-action lawsuit that blamed McDonald's for making people fat.

Greene, who can't remember the last time he visited a McDonald's restaurant, said consumers had to take "personal responsibility" for the choices they make when it comes to consuming food. He will also consult on new menu items for the Oak Brook, Ill.-based company, which also announced a new taco version of its premium salads on Tuesday.

McDonald's has a "long, long way to go" to solidify a reputation for promoting healthy foods, said Bob Goldin, an analyst at Chicago-based food consultancy Technomic. But Goldin was willing to give the company credit for trying.

"McDonald's sees some major trends, and the company is trying to be responsive," Goldin said. "Whether these initiatives will actually move the needle [to boost sales], I don't know."

## World's First Corny Dog Eating Record

DALLAS, Texas (AP) —Rich "The Locust" LeFevre is living up to his nickname.

The Nevada man ate virtually every corn dog in front of him, winning the first World Corny Dog Eating Championship on Sunday at the State Fair of Texas.

He managed to wolf down a dozen dogs in just 10 minutes. That was the best in the field of 15 big eaters.

The International Federation of Competitive Eating says it's also the world's first corny-dog-eating record.

Along with a trophy, LeFevre wins a pair of roundtrip tickets on Southwest Airlines and \$500.

LeFevre is best known for eating 1 1/2 gallons of chili in 10 minutes



People navigate through a 6-acre patriotic maze in a cornfield Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2003, in Corona, Calif. The maze pays tribute to U.S. troops with a soldier saluting and an American flag in the background. It was created by the landowner to unify dairy farmers in the area like himself with the new urban neighbors from the new housing tracts that are displacing some area farms. The farm also offers hayrides, a pumpkin patch, a petting zoo and other activities through October. (AP Photo/Come 'Get Lost' in the Corn MAIZE of Corona, John Hayes, Ho)

# Soldier on the Street

What's your favorite oxymoron?



Phyllis Baker

**Rank:** Spc.  
**Unit:** 2-104th Aviation Battalion  
**Job:** Chaplain's Assistant/Cantine Hostess  
**Hometown:** Enola, Pa.  
**Quote:** "Military Intelligence."



Bob Thomas

**Rank:** Maj.  
**Unit:** Joint Visitors Bureau  
**Job:** Deputy Chief  
**Hometown:** Kingston, Pa.  
**Quote:** "Sorry, G-2. I'd say 'Military Intelligence'."



Lefere Foeman

**Rank:** Sgt. 1st. Class  
**Unit:** Area Support Group Falcon  
**Job:** ASG 1st Sergeant  
**Hometown:** Virginia Beach, Va.  
**Quote:** "Thunderous Silence"



Justin Pashley

**Rank:** Spc.  
**Unit:** Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 1-111  
**Job:** Scout  
**Hometown:** Collegeville, Pa.  
**Quote:** "Military Benefits."



Mike Wegscheider

**Rank:** Capt.  
**Unit:** Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 1-111  
**Job:** S-3 Plans Officer  
**Hometown:** Elverson, Pa.  
**Quote:** "Congressional Ethics."



Ed Beck

**Rank:** Maj.  
**Unit:** Headquarters, Headquarters Company  
**Job:** Deputy G-4  
**Hometown:** Harrisburg, Pa.  
**Quote:** "Maj. Dougherty, Guess what I said? 'Military Intelligence'."

# *Scenes of Kosovo*

Overlooking Pristina, Kosovo, a capital city with over 200,000 residents. Photo by Sgt. Heidi Schaap.

