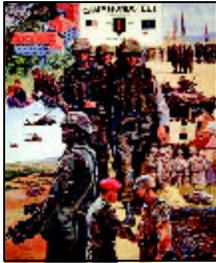


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Return of the Big Red One



MNB(E) flag changes hands

Above: KFOR commander Lt. Gen. Marcel Valentin passes the KFOR colors to incoming Multi-National Brigade(East) commander Brig. Gen. Douglas E. Lute as outgoing commander Brig. Gen. Keith M. Huber looks on. Left: Lute and Command Sgt. Maj. Ralph R. Beam uncuse the 1st Infantry Division's colors. The transfer of authority from elements of the 10th Mountain Division to elements of the 1st Infantry Division was held May 21 at Camp Bondsteel.



More photos and story about 1st Infantry Division's return to Kosovo on pages 4-5.



First Infantry Division soldiers raise the first colors at Camp Bondsteel in 1999.

That was the; This is *now*

By Spc. Patrick Rodriguez
Staff writer

When elements of the 1st Infantry Division first rolled into Kosovo on June 12, 1999, the Serbian army and paramilitary forces were withdrawing after NATO air strikes.

The situation was "near combat footing ... it was very confusing, chaotic and a fluid situation," said Brig. Gen Douglas E. Lute, commander
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DPW debunks earthquake rumors on TV

By Spc. Jasmine Chopra
Staff writer

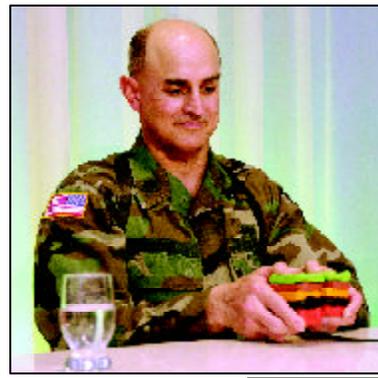
When a magnitude-5.7 earthquake rocked the Northwestern Balkan region on April 24, the town of Gnjilane was the hardest hit. Isuf Bicku, a father of three, was killed; 60 others were injured by debris and flying glass; buildings were damaged. Many in and around Gnjilane responded to the quake with fear – it was the first major earthquake since 1963, when a quake centered near Skopje had killed more than 1,000 and left half of that city homeless.

People in the community don't have a lot of information about earthquakes," said Naim Preniqi, a local resident who serves as an administrative assistant and translator for the Multi-National Brigade (East) Directorate of Public Works. "They get afraid, and they panic. Some of them believe the U.S. caused the earthquakes."

In an effort to educate the public about earthquakes and to dispel rumors, professional engineers Lt. Col. Juan A. Diaz, DPW deputy director, and Maj. Daniel L. Dait, DPW officer in charge at Camp Able Sentry, brought their expertise to "Ora e KFOR it" ("KFOR Hour"), a talk show on local station T.V. Liria.

Rumors about the cause of the earthquake centered on suspicions that the U.S. might be engaged in covert underground construction, said journalist and "KFOR Hour" talk show host Hafir Bislimi.

This supposed construction included tunnels to link various base camps, underground hiding places to store fighter jets and weapons,



With colorful clay models in hand, Lt. Col. Juan A. Diaz, deputy director of the MNB(E) Directorate of Public Works, explains how earthquakes happen. He appeared on "KFOR HOUR," a local talk show.

and an underground city with Camp Bondsteel serving as a façade. No such tunnels, cities or hiding places exist, Diaz said during the TV program.

"Earthquakes are natural phenomena," he said. "In no way were they caused by any of the activities of the U.S. Army. ... Ev-

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MNB(E) Commander's Message

Keeping focus to successfully complete our mission

(Remarks delivered by the commanding general at the MNB(E) transfer of authority ceremony May 21 at Camp Bondsteel)

With great pride I stand before you today with the soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division, along with fellow soldiers from many nations committed to peace, as we assume the responsibilities of KFOR's Multi-National Brigade (East).

We have trained hard and are prepared to move forward with the mission to help make Kosovo safe and secure for all of its peoples.

The 1st Infantry Division is no stranger to this mission — we were the first soldiers on the ground here in June 1999.

But we realize that

much has changed since then. Much has changed because the people of Kosovo want change, and much has changed because nations who see the importance of enduring peace in Kosovo have committed to helping bring that peace about.

We recognize especially the 10th Mountain Division, whose soldiers performed magnificently during their tour here.

Because of their efforts, today our division returns to a Kosovo that is more secure and more peaceful than the one we left two years ago.

General Keith Huber can be proud of all that he and his soldiers have accomplished.

As they head home to their families in New York, we all want to thank them for their ser-



Brig. Gen. Douglas E. Lute

vice over the past six months.

As their motto proclaims, they have certainly "climbed to glory" here in Kosovo.

Now it is time for the soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division

and our fellow soldiers from Greece, Russia, Poland, Ukraine, Lithuania, and the United Kingdom to assume the mantle of responsibility for this brigade's mission.

For the citizens of Kosovo, aside from this brief ceremony, the transition will be nearly transparent.

While the units and the faces may change, the mission remains clear: to provide a safe and secure environment for the international community to help the people of Kosovo build a better future in peace.

Our soldiers are exceptionally well trained and well equipped for this mission, and they understand the importance of treating all people with dignity and respect.

In this way they serve as our nations' best ambassadors and models of what can be accomplished when diversity is recognized as a strength, not an excuse for intolerance.

Three years ago, soldiers from this division first arrived on this hilltop that was little more than a pasture deep in the heart of a region torn by war.

Today, that pasture has become an obvious symbol of the firm commitment of the United States and our partners to a more peaceful and prosperous future for the people of Kosovo.

That is our mission; that is our duty. As we say in the Big Red One:

No Mission Too Difficult. No Sacrifice Too Great. Duty First.

MNB(E) Command Sergeant Major's Message

Maintain standards in everything, win every time

Disciplined leaders and soldiers execute fundamentals with unconscious competence. This is achieved by practicing the same good habits that lead to suc-

cess. Successful people practice these good habits and standards until they become involuntary actions. Sounds like a battle drill, doesn't it?

This great brigade started preparing for our tour in Kosovo more than six months ago. Since that time, we have put into place and practiced fundamentals that will lead to a successful mission here. The fundamentals of our success in Kosovo are basic and appropriate for all units.

In Kosovo, the goal is the same: "A successful mission."

With these fundamentals, I will not try to break new ground or attempt to insult anyone's intelligence. I believe that we are all leaders, in search of truth. By adhering to fundamentals and standards, we will all reach the same objective.

Standards must be established and maintained in the most routine matters. Shaving, cleanliness, policing of common areas and the care of weapons may appear to be of minor importance. However, laxness in these areas and other daily activities will ultimately lead to a breakdown in control and discipline.

When considering the importance of standards, remember the quote of a great leader, Lt. Gen. Arthur S. Collins Jr.: "Maintaining high standards requires persistent correction. In units with problems, close scrutiny will usually show that the chain of command has lost the art of correcting the soldier."

Although we are beyond the reach of the division, standards must be maintained. Ex-

amples include wearing uniforms to standard, carrying weapons appropriately (slung across the back, selector switch facing out), and properly displaying KFOR badges. The quick fix is to make an on-the-spot correction, or refer a soldier to standing operating procedures. However, short-term solutions are not the answer.

To me, the larger issue is training our up-and-coming leaders on standards and how to enforce them. Our infantry battalions have conducted team leader courses with the goal of implementing successful standards. Leaders now need to be accountable for their soldiers.

I talk to NCOs, and they seem to understand what we are being called upon to do. As we pass information to subordinate leaders, we need to practice fol-

low-through. We often fail by not putting our counseling in writing. If it's not in black and white, it didn't happen.

This is a call for leaders to step up. If these standards were not important to mission completion, I would not be talking about them.

Soldiers will respond to good training. If you see a soldier not executing task to standard, it is probably because a leader failed to teach that soldier the task correctly or failed to reinforce the standard.

I leave you with this quote from Gen. George S. Patton Jr.: "If you can't get them to salute when they should and wear the clothes you tell them to wear, how are you going to get them to die for our country?"



Command Sgt. Maj. Ralph R. Beam

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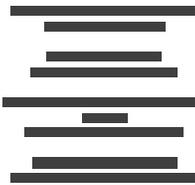


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What did you bring to Kosovo for comfort?

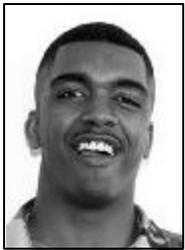


Spc. Jon Geraci
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"All my CDs and pictures."

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"My flak vest, LBE and Kevlar. Hooah!"



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"A bunch of pictures of my closest friends."

Pfc. Jennifer Brewer
Intelligence Analyst
D Co. 101st Military Intelligence Battalion

"Pictures and my blanket."



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"Laptop computer with games and DVD player."

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106th Finance Battalion

"My pillow and blanket, TV, movies and lots of books."



From the newsroom

Why are you reading this?

*By Maj. Gordon D. Cooper
302nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment*

Congratulations! By opening up this paper, you've taken the first step toward command information enlightenment. Did you realize it? Does it make you want to put this paper down and pick up a three-day-old issue of Stars and Stripes? Wait. Command information doesn't have to be a bad thing.

Guardian East is a command information product. Its sole purpose for existing is to inform the Army's "internal audience." In Multi-National Brigade (East), that primary internal audience is you, the private manning the gate, the sergeant on a presence patrol, the officer leading from the front (or perhaps sitting in a staff meeting).

There are secondary audiences – our families who will access the Multi-National Brigade (East) web page or soldiers and civilians in rear detachments, for example. But our main focus is to inform you – soldiers serving in Kosovo and FYROM.

Inform you of what? The simple definition of command information is information that the commander wants the troops to know. Brig. Gen. Douglas E. Lute is the boss now, and this paper is one of his primary command information outlets. Think of the commanding general as the publisher. He's the guy paying the bills so you can read these words. That's why this newspaper's job is to tell you what the commander wants you to know.

So what does the commander want you to know? Obviously, he wants you to have information that allows you to do your job better. He wants you to have information that allows you to maintain your high state of morale. He wants you to know that the command is concerned about soldiers. He wants you to read about yourself and your fellow soldiers who display their pride in service, their pride in their jobs and their professionalism throughout this deployment.

If providing command information is the *science* of an Army newspaper, then the *art* of it is in packaging that information. Quite honestly, our job in public affairs is to sneak up on you, to make a newspaper so appealing that you may not even realize that you're also getting useful information along the way.

If we're not making this paper so interesting that you can't wait to pick it up every 15 days to see what's inside, then we're not doing our job. What good is a command information newspaper if no one reads it?

We've got a few ideas on how to make this newspaper even more interesting.

Those of you who picked up our last issue might have noticed our new "Peacekeeper Profile" feature. For this issue, we've added a few special high-utility items, including a pull-out map that tells you, visually, exactly who is in MNB(E) for this rotation.

Then there are our new ongoing features.

We've added a piece called "RFI (Request for Information)" in which subject-matter experts answer *your* questions.

We've also added "Around KFOR," which highlights some of the interesting events that have transpired in KFOR's area of operations between issues.

Finally, as good as my staff is, we can't be everywhere, so we are starting an ongoing photo-contest to let you share some of your best photographs.

Are you wondering why we are calling this newspaper Guardian East?

Falcon Flier was a great name, but "Falcon" reflects only the U.S. component of this Multi-National Brigade. We polled MNB(E) staff members and, after much discussion, decided on a name that is more inclusive and more indicative of our role in Kosovo – "Guardian" for Operation Joint Guardian and "East" for the region that is ours.

Now we have a request to make of the other owners of our publication – you, PFCs, specialists, staff sergeants, captains. It's your newspaper, too, and we need you to tell us what you want to see in your newspaper. We'll be constantly soliciting ideas and implementing the best ones to make this newspaper something that both informs and entertains.

Then, perhaps, it will be easier to answer the question:

Why are you reading this?

Maj. Cooper is commander of the 302nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, U.S. Army Reserve, based in Bell, Calif. This is the unit's fourth week in Kosovo.

Do you have a story or photo idea for the *Guardian East*? If so, please give us a call at 781-5200



Name:
Ryan Armstrong

Age: 24

Rank: Specialist

MOS: 63H
Tracked vehicle repairer

Unit: B Co. 299 LTF

Stationed at:
Schweinfurt, Germany

Your duty position:
Mechanic

Your role in MNB (E):
Peacekeeper

What city do you call home?
Spirit Lake, Iowa

What are you good at?
Darts

What do you like to do when you are off duty?
Throw darts

Your favorite food:
Mastacoili

Your favorite TV show:
"Everybody loves Raymond"

The last book you read:
"A private turns 40."

Why did you join the Army?
To see the world and go to school.



Right photo: from left, former commander of Multi-National Brigade (East) Brig. Gen. Keith M. Huber, KFOR commander Lt. Gen. Marcel Valentin, and commander of MNB(E) Brig. Gen. Douglas E. Lute salute the American flag during the playing of "The Star-Spangled Banner." Below: The official party conducts pass and review.



The Big Red One is Back

With the passing of the KFOR Multi-National Brigade (East) colors, Brig. Gen. Douglas E. Lute of the 1st Infantry Division assumed responsibility for part of the Kosovo mission from Brig. Gen. Keith Huber of the 10th Mountain Division.

On May 21, a brigade task force composed largely of units from the Big Red One, based in Wuerzburg, Germany, became the new core of Multi-National Brigade (East) in a ceremony in the Camp Bondsteel 'clamshell' – a hangar on the flight line.

The ceremony was attended by Kosovo President Ibrahim Rugova, United Nations Mission in Kosovo chief Michael Steiner, 1st ID commander Maj. Gen. John Craddock, and U.S. Ambassador John Menzies, who heads the American diplomatic mission in Kosovo.

For the second time in less than three years, the Big Red One is back in Kosovo and making changes. When the division arrived in 1999, right after the NATO bombing campaign, Camp Bondsteel was not much to look at.

"Three years ago, soldiers from this division arrived on this hilltop right here," Lute said in his remarks at the ceremony. "At that time, it was little more than a pasture deep in the heart of a region torn by war. Now, that pasture has become an obvious symbol of the firm commitment of the United States and our partners to a more peaceful and prosperous future for the people of Kosovo."

CHANGES: Cappuccino isn't the only thing that's different

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of KFOR Multi-National Brigade (East).

These are some firsthand testimonies of current 1st ID infantrymen and former KFOR peacekeepers comparing their first rotation to their return.

The camps KFOR so comfortably occupies — Bondsteel and Monteith, both named after 1st ID Medal of Honor recipients and Magrath, which is named after a 10th Mountain Division Medal of Honor recipient — were overgrown fields during the first rotation. Living in sector or outside the wire then was standing operating procedure.

"We set up in town ... we lived in sector in abandoned homes watching over problem cities," said Spc. Christopher Cook, a team leader in Task Force 1-26 Infantry. "We came back (to the camps) to do our laundry."

In those days at Camp Bondsteel, "whenever you got off your Bradley, you pitched a tent," said Spc. Nathan R. Clark, an armorer also in TF 1-26. "We didn't even have billets."

Cook expressed astonishment at Camp Monteith's de-



Spc. Nathan R. Clark, armorer, Spc. Christopher Clark, team leader, Sgt. Daniel Lee Williams, team leader, Sgt. James Copeland, squad leader, all of Task Force 1-26 Infantry, stand behind their task force plaque from an earlier KFOR rotation.

velopment, not to mention joy at not having to walk through mud from the billets to the showers.

"I read in the Stars and Stripes a couple of months after

I got back to Germany that soldiers were bummed that the cappuccino tent ran out of cappuccino," Clark said. He reflected on his experiences on his

first rotation: "We would walk down the street and hear machine gun fire or random gunfire, or grenades — you weren't worried about cappuccino."

Family reunites at Camp Montieth

By Spc. Patrick Rodriguez
Staff Reporter

CAMP MONTEITH – Sgt. Kevin Dwayne Albrets, a 10th Mountain Division soldier, and younger brother Spc. Judson Neal Albrets, a 1st Infantry Division soldier, recently had an informal family reunion and their own ‘transfer of authority’ as the younger brother got off a bus in Kosovo to serve in KFOR rotation 4A.

Kevin Albrets is a hull mechanic in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 10th Mountain Division, based at Fort Benning, Ga. Judson Albrets is a scout in HHC, 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, based in Schweinfurt, Germany.

Their meeting was not entirely unexpected.

“I knew he was in Kosovo and I’d be coming,” Judson said, “but I did not know if we would be on the same base or if I would get here in time.”

Judson said it was “kind of weird” seeing his brother in Kosovo, carrying a weapon and wearing sergeant’s stripes.



Spc. Judson Albrets, 1st ID, and brother Sgt. Kevin Albrets, 10th Mountain Division, enjoy a coffee during their brief reunion between rotations.

“I was standing at parade rest, out of habit,” he said. “Then we gave each other a quick hug and started talking.”

Their banter was filled with talk of home and family. “We talked about things we would like to do back in the States,” Judson said.

This isn’t the first time one brother has traveled a long way to see the other. When Judson graduated from basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., in May 2000, Kevin traveled more than 2,400 miles by train from Fort Lewis, Wash., to spend eight hours with his younger brother during graduation.

They also had a brief reunion recently in Germany – when Judson reenlisted in order to come to Kosovo.

“My tour in Germany was up in May, so I would have had to go home,” Judson said.

Kevin had a part in the reenlistment ceremony. “I held the colors for him,” he said. “I was very happy for him and proud of my brother. He is a great soldier; he is a great guy.”

The brothers will not have to wait another six years before they see each other again. When rotation 4A is complete, Judson will ship to Fort Riley, Kansas, where Kevin has just been assigned.

“At Fort Riley, we can live in the same house and go hunting and fishing together,” Kevin said.



Spc. Judson Neal reenlists

Living art: Stivers prints on display for soldiers

By Sgt. Lovedy Zie
Media NCOIC

Hanging in the north and south dining facilities are works of art that depict soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division, during their initial deployment to Kosovo in 1999. The prints are by artist Don Stivers, and show soldiers interacting with foreign troops, providing aid to local nationals and doing daily activities on Camp Bondsteel.

If you haven’t noticed the Don Stivers’ prints, you may want to go take a look. To encourage and pay homage to 1st Infantry Division upon its’ return to Kosovo, the Association of the United States Army, or AUSA, donated four prints to Task Force Falcon.

Multi-National Brigade (East) Commander, Brigadier General Douglas E. Lute presented former commander Brigadier General Keith M. Huber with one of the prints as a gift, to display in the 10th Mountain Division headquarters, at Fort Drum New York.

Task Force Falcon soldiers will have an opportunity to win one of the three remaining prints, that will be raffled-off at the end of the 4A rotation.



Artist Don Stivers print is available for viewing during the 4A rotation in the North and South DFACs and in the TOC. The painting reproduced print is autographed by Don Stivers. The print is mounted and framed with testimonial brass placard.

The generous gift comes from AUSA, a nonprofit educational organization. AUSA acts as a collective political and social advocate for America’s Army and for the individual betterment of the soldier.

AUSA membership is

made up of active, reserve, national guard, and retired soldiers around the world.

Corporate sponsors also support AUSA, like First Command Financial Planning in Wuerzburg, Germany who provided the financial support for the

purchase and mounting of the Stivers prints.

Sergeant 1st Class Dale Veneklasen is the AUSA volunteer here in Kosovo. “AUSA truly benefits the soldiers and their military careers, whether it be for pay raises, health care benefits, or funding for military training. We are [Task Force Falcon soldier’s] primary [AUSA] contacts in Kosovo,” said Veneklasen.

One of the most notable AUSA accomplishments was the 3.7 percent pay raise passed in Congress.

With 132 chapters worldwide, soldiers can volunteer here and back at their AUSA home station chapter.

Interested soldiers who want learn more about AUSA can contact SFC Veneklasen in the Equal Opportunity Office or visit the AUSA website – www.ausa.org.

Veneklasen will raffle the three remaining prints sometime in October, close to the end of the 4A rotation. The Stivers prints mark the beginning of AUSA’s volunteer work in Kosovo, reaching out to new members and increasing AUSA volunteerism while away from home.

Peacekeeper **biofile**
KFOR KFOR



Name: Chris Ratcliff

Age: 21

Rank: Pfc.

MOS: 96D intelligence analyst

Unit: D Co. 101 MI Bn

Stationed at: Wuerzburg, Germany

Your duty position: Imagery intelligence analyst

Your role in MNB (E): Oversee day to day operations

What city do you call home? Miami, Fla.

What are you good at? Being bad.

What do you like to do when you are off duty? Not work.

Your favorite TV show: “In Living Color”

The last book you read: “Green Eggs & Ham”

Why did you join the Army? It looked cool.



Peacekeeper



Name: Kristy Salkind

Age: 21

Rank: Spc.

MOS:
91W Medical Specialist

Unit: TFMF 67th CSH

Stationed at:
Camp Bondsteel

Your duty position:
Medical specialist

What state do you call home? Stuart, Fla.

What are you good at?
Making people laugh.

What do you like to do when you are off duty?
Talk to boyfriend and look at pictures of him on the computer.

Your favorite musical artist: Usher

Your favorite TV show: Jackass MTV

Why did you join the Army? To serve my country.



U.S. civil affairs officer assists critically ill Kosovar girl with medical flight to U.S.

By Lt. J.G. Thorsten Putger
(German Navy)
MNB(S) Public Affairs

"Save Arife's life!"

This could be the motto of a current aid action for a Kosovar Albanian girl from the area of responsibility of KFOR Multi-National Brigade (South). The remarkable thing is that the cooperation between international military and civil organizations on two continents has finally worked out – despite a lot of foreseeable and unforeseeable organizational, administrative and bureaucratic obstacles.

Arife turned 7 on Feb. 5 and might not live to celebrate her next birthday without a surgical operation. A serious heart defect affects her body, which is already weak.

Two German soldiers in particular could not stop thinking about this.



Arife's guardian angels: Front: Capt. Jared L. Cleary, civil affairs, Dr. Jeton Vorfi, Ramadan Zejna (Arife's father), Arife Zejna, Hamide Lahaj, interpreter civil affairs. Back row: Cpt. Andreas Papke, German CIMIC, Spc Meghan Fitzsimmons, civil affairs, Staff Sgt. Kenneth Cabral civil affairs, LT(JG) Thorsten Putger, German Press.

For the deputy leader of CIMIC Team 2, Lt. Andreas Papke, and me, Arife's rescue became a very personal matter. Our intent was to have the girl undergo an operation at a special clinic in the United States. Arife's diagnosis was discussed at the weekly clinic conference of the two institutions.

In Kosovo, however, Arife was beyond help. The complicated operation could not be conducted at Prizren hospital nor at the ultramodern German field hospital in Kosovo.

Thanks to the contact between the field hospital and an international aid organization, it was possible to find a place for Arife at a New York clinic.

On March 2, the operation was scheduled for May 28. The big problem now was to organize the flight to that special clinic in New York. The field hospital's medical liaison officer, Lt. Col. (MC) Dr. Leonhardt, brought his fellow soldier, Papke, to the scene.

In his CIMIC jeep, Papke went to the village of Glavica, which is about one hour from the camp. There, in a totally unfurnished house, he made first contact with Arife's family, meeting Arife's 60-year-old father and her mother, who was traumatized by the war. The navy officer acted immediately and prudently: In cooperation with UNMIK and the American consulate, he quickly negotiated the obstacles posed by extensive passport applications and time-consuming visa formalities. Using his personal e-mail account, he stayed in contact with the aid organization.

Papke also got in touch with U.S. Army Maj. Otto A. Busher, G5 (civil affairs officer) for MNB(E), asking Busher to secure a ride for Arife on a military aircraft – and to find someone to accompany her on the flight.

The undertaking was in danger of suffering a setback: Owing to an extremely great demand for transportation, the U.S. Air Force was not able to provide a ride, and a civilian flight would have cost 1,690 euros. This amount is astronomically large for Arife's parents, who are poor.

Papke talked to me, the deputy PAO, asking me to put my social skills to work. I knew the soldiers in Prizren had been supporting humanitarian activities by purchasing a PIO-edited photo and video CD that serves as a souvenir of the 4th Task Contingent. With each purchase, 1.40 euros are used for humanitarian purposes.

The head of the PIC, Lt. Col. Geier, was also aware that the money could not be spent in any better way, so he made the donations available.

Meanwhile, I had personally started to look for a person who would accompany little Arife. This person needed to be a U.S. soldier, someone both fond of children and trustworthy, and needed to speak Arife's native language.

Inquiries had to be made; meetings had to be conducted. With Busher's help, I eventually found the right man, Capt. Jared L. Cleary, also from the G5 section.

Papke and I went to Glavica again – this time with airline tickets in our pockets.

Cleary came along as well and, on meeting Arife, presented the girl with a Army teddy bear. The two got along well right away.

Everything had been arranged – guardianship-related matters and liability exclusion had been settled. Then, on the eve of the



Arife and a nurse at the Pristina Airport Clinic

life-saving flight, the airline communicated their pending decision that Arife was allowed to fly to New York only in the company of a doctor.

Had everything been in vain?

The Press and Information Center and CIMIC were not ready to give up. Papke called an employee of an aid organization. Her brother is a doctor in Jakova, has a valid visa and was off duty at the time. That was the solution. Everything was then settled within a few hours. On May 18 Arife left for the United States, accompanied by Dr. Vorji from Jakova. Clearly wasn't able to go.

This aid action is an example of outstanding cooperation and gives us reason to hope for further successful activities within the framework of the Kosovo mission. The field hospital, the PIC and CIMIC worked hand-in-glove and in conjunction with agencies of the American NATO partner, the civil U.S. administration and UNMIK.

The cooperation with foreign aid organizations worked out as well. Papke said that in his capacity as a CIMIC man, he appreciates the outcome of the aid action. He also thanked the soldiers of the 4th Contingent, who funded the effort by purchasing souvenir software.

News you can use

This is an irregular feature providing soldiers with useful information about Kosovo



- \$** "Electronic money" available to all service members, U.S. civilian employees and contractors and can be used in various KFOR U.S. base camps.
- \$** Replaces all U.S. currency used by personnel in MNB-E. Personnel can cash checks up to \$350 per month or use Casual Pay up to \$100 per month and put those funds on their Eagle Cash Card.
- \$** Finance will exchange U.S. dollars to foreign currency (Euros) for business outside MNB-E camps.
- \$** Soldiers are able to purchase U.S. currency for leave, emergency leave, and R & R.
- \$** Report all lost, stolen, and malfunctioning cards to finance. Once reported, the Finance Office will render the card useless at all point-of-sale terminals. Finance will then issue a new card within 48 hours.

Locations and hours

Camp Bondsteel "Admin Alley" building 1330 B	Mondays thru Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Camp Monteith Back of Stryker Hall.	
Camp Magrath: Mobile pay team visits Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Pristina: mobile pay team visits KFOR Main in the Community Dayroom Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Contacts

Camp Bondsteel Customer service: Sgt. White, ext. 5470 Processing: Sgt. Daniels, ext. 5477 NCOIC: SSgt. Kelley, ext. 5476.	Camp Monteith Customer Service: Pfc. Oyardo, ext. 7132 Processing: Spc. Butler, ext. 7133 NCOIC SSgt. Pannell.
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General Order # 1

is in full effect, and soldiers deployed in Kosovo and FYROM will not:

- 1). Possess, use, sell, transfer, consume or manufacture alcohol.
- 2). Sell, barter or exchange currency other than at the national exchange rate.
- 3). Enter religious places, unless approved by or directed by military authority.
- 4). Remove, possess, sell or destroy archeological artifacts.
- 5). Take public or private property as souvenirs.
- 6). Participate in host country political activity.
- 7). Take, possess or ship captured, found or purchased weapons.
- 8). Purchase, sell, possess, use or introduce privately owned weapons.

General Order # 1 is punitive. Violators are punishable under the UCMJ.

The long and short of it

Kosovo-related abbreviations you need to know

- ABL:** Administrative Boundary Line. Separates Kosovo from other provinces in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.
- CIVPOL:** Civilian Police. Made-up of UN member police agencies.
- FRY:** Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Comprises Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia and Vojvodina.
- FYROM:** Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Should *not* be referred to simply as "Macedonia."
- GSZ:** Ground Safety Zone. Buffer between Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Administrative Boundary Line. No longer in effect.
- JIC:** Joint Implementation Commission, a liaison between KFOR and the military authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and with the Kosovo Protection Corps.
- KFOR:** Kosovo International Security Force. International security presence forces operating under the auspices of the United Nations in Kosovo.
- KPC (in Albanian, TMK):** Kosovo Protection Corps. A 4,500-member civilian organization responsible for disaster response, search and rescue and rebuilding Kosovo's infrastructure. Includes many former members of the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA – in Albanian, UCK), a guerrilla movement that sought to free Kosovo from Serbian control through military force.
- MTA:** Military Technical Agreement. Details agreement between FRY forces and KFOR.
- RF Armed Forces:** Russian Federation Armed Forces.
- UNHCR:** United Nations High Commission for Refugees. The lead agency for humanitarian assistance in Kosovo.
- UNMIK:** United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo. Composed of four main components: Judicial (UNMIK), Civil Administration (United Nations civil administration), Institutions (OSCE), Reconstruction. (EU).
- UNSCR 1244:** United Nations Security Council resolution authorizing international security forces to ensure a secure environment in Kosovo.
- VJ:** Serbian abbreviation for "Yugoslav Army."
- WFP:** World Food Program. The food aid arm of the United Nations.
- WHO:** World Health Organization.



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Discipline — the foundation of military success. Do the right thing even when no one is watching. Fight complacency.

Initiative — make something good happen. Have the courage to try.

Patience — don't rush to failure.

Treat everyone with dignity and respect.

Master the ROE — it can save your life and the lives of others.

Soldiers take care of fellow soldiers. Be alert and aware of your surroundings. Notice the unusual. Report!

Leaders link everything we do to war-fighting.

Leaders ensure no mission leaves the base camp gate without complete Troop Leading Procedures (situational awareness, OPORD, risk assessment, PCI, rehearsal).

Leaders know the power of a positive attitude.



MNB (E)
(1st ID)
"Duty First"



TF 101st
Military
Intelligence
"Always Forward"



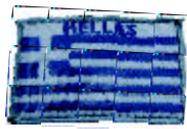
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"Danger's Voice"



TF 9th Engineer
"First to cross"



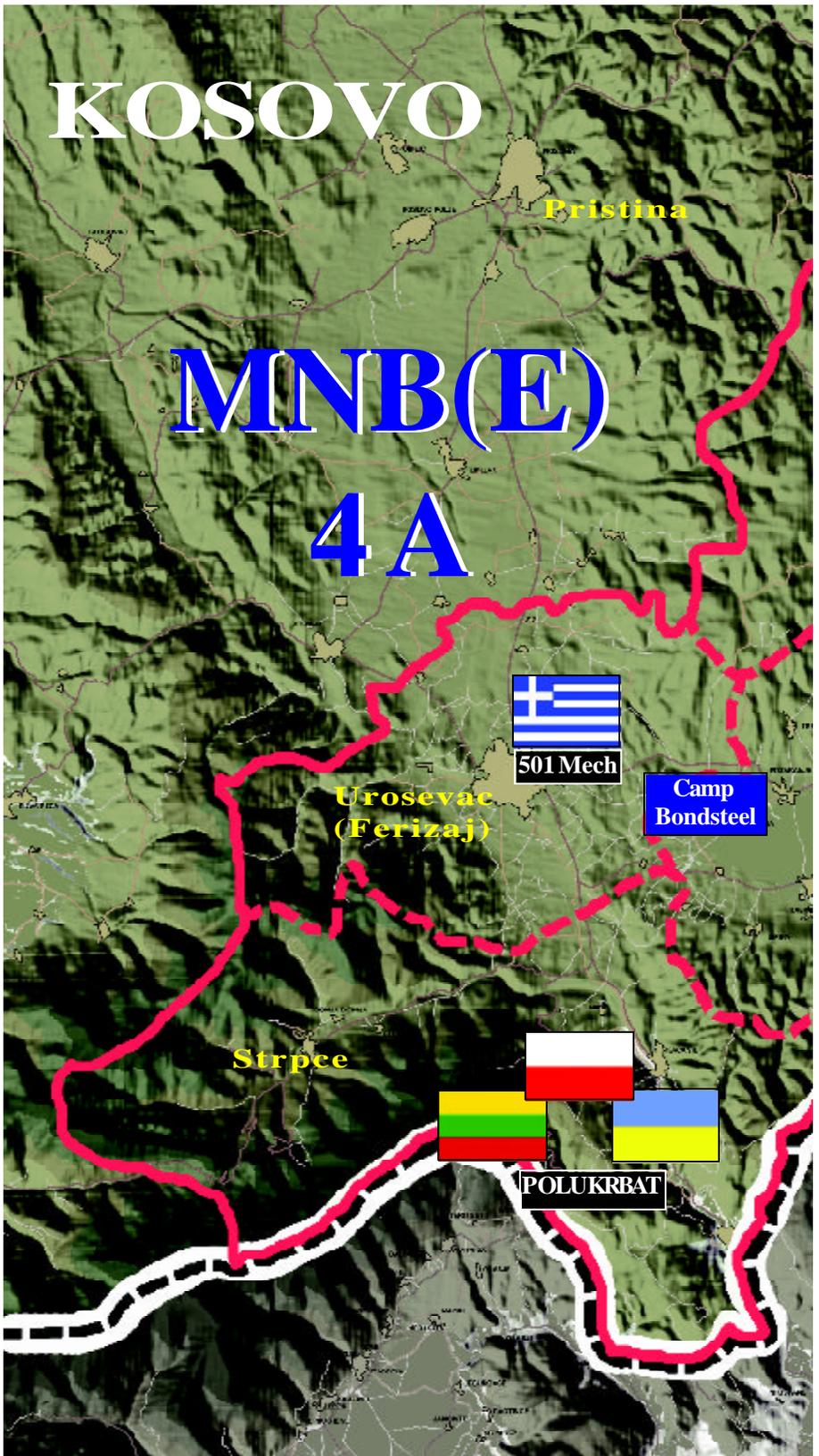
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Task Force
"On call to serve"



TF 501st
Mechanized
(Greece)



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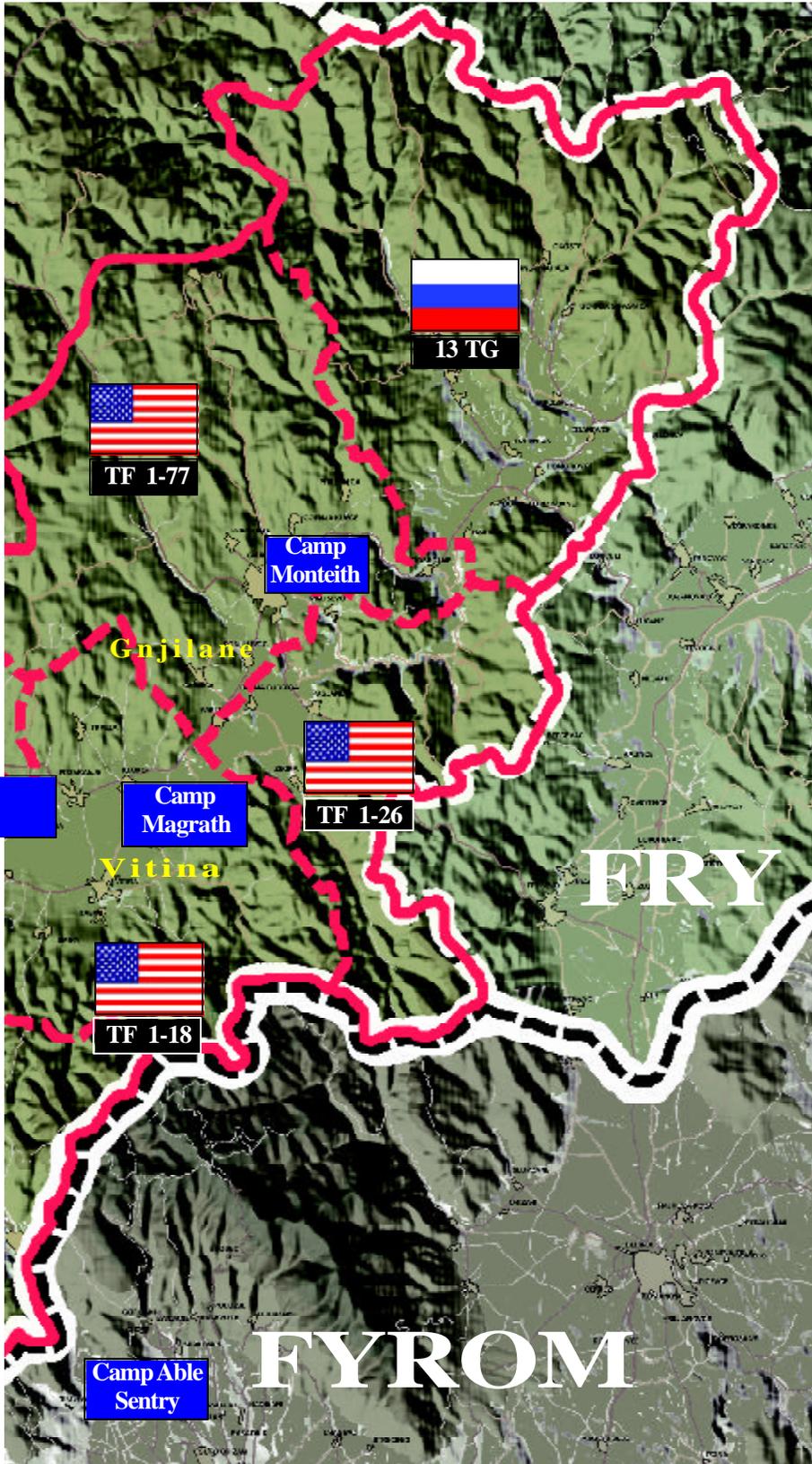
TF 1-18
Infantry
*"Vanguards...
First Battle"*



TF 1-
Field
*"Golde
strike a*



Map produced by 517 Engineer Team (TOPO) (FWD)



Legend

- Task Force Bn boundary
- MNB(E) boundary
- Admin Boundary Line (ABL)
- International Border

 **13th TG (Russia)**

 **TF Med Falcon**
"Soldiers First"

 **TF 1-7 Field Artillery**
"First Lightning"

 **TF 1-77 Armor**
"Steel Tigers — Blood on the Ax"

 **TF Eagle**

TF 1-33 Field Artillery
"Golden lions strike deep"

 **TF 1-26 Infantry**
"Blue Spaders"

 **TF 709th Military Police**
"Warriors"

7 things you can't do in Kosovo

Illustrations by
Spc. Eric C. Martin
Headquarter and Headquarters Company,
1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment



Skipping the weapon clearing barrel is not an option for MNB(E) soldiers.

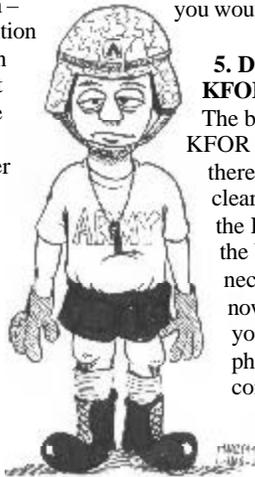
Duty in Kosovo is not risk-free. Here are some things to keep in mind to keep out of trouble and to help ensure a safe and successful deployment.

1. DON'T leave home without your weapon and ammunition. An armed soldier is a valuable asset; an unarmed soldier is a liability. Your weapon – and one full magazine of ammunition – must be carried, slung or within an arm's reach at all times except during physical training. (You are responsible for the safe, lawful storage of your weapon whenever you are not carrying it.)

2. DON'T speed or drive dangerously. Speed kills. In Kosovo, the roads are narrow and often full of potholes. Local residents, especially children, often get dangerously close to KFOR vehicles. Other drivers may attempt to pass you on a curve. These are all reasons to stay alert and watch your speed. Kevlar helmets and seat belts must always be worn by all occupants in tactical vehicles, both inside and outside base camps.

3. DON'T skip the clearing barrel. Clearing your weapon properly when entering a base camp helps ensure the safety of everyone in the camp. M16A2 clearing procedures are as follows: Remove the magazine. Lock the bolt to the rear, watching for expelled rounds as you pull the charging handle. Make sure the chamber is empty. Allow the senior member of your group to rod your weapon. Pointing the weapon into the clearing barrel, switch the selector lever to "semi" and squeeze the trigger. Charge the weapon and place the selector lever back on "safe."

4. DON'T relax your uniform standards. Being 'in the field' is no excuse – AR 670-1 is still in effect. Don't mix parts of the summer-weight and winter-weight BDUs, or parts of the new and old physical fitness uniforms. Close zippers, snaps, Velcro and buttons on BDUs, jackets, body armor and load-bearing equipment, just as you would in garrison.

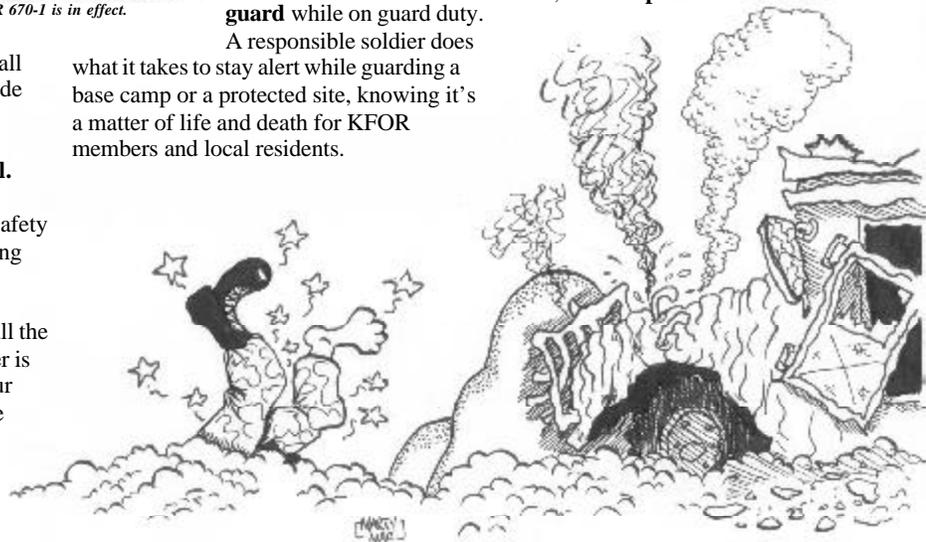


AR 670-1 is in effect.

5. DON'T hide or obscure your KFOR badge when on base camps. The badge tells other members of KFOR that you're supposed to be there. Don't place any object in the clear sleeve in a way that obscures the KFOR badge. Remember that the badge may be worn around the neck or on the upper left arm – nowhere else. You can remove your badge when actually doing physical training but must wear it correctly on the way to and from PT.

6. DON'T drop your guard while on guard duty. A responsible soldier does what it takes to stay alert while guarding a base camp or a protected site, knowing it's a matter of life and death for KFOR members and local residents.

7. DON'T misuse the computer network. Commanders can permit soldiers to use the military computer network to surf the Web for recreation and communicate with friends and family. However, any personal use that consumes significant 'bandwidth' (large downloads, streaming media) is considered abuse of the network and could result in loss of access. Remember that pornography, hate-related material and gambling sites are **always** off-limits on government computers – those activities are **always** detected and are governed by Command Policy Letter # 10, which is **punitive**.



Speed and reckless driving pose dangers for soldiers as well as local residents.

Why is the American Red Cross needed for emergency notification when so many soldiers — or at least their leaders — have Internet access and worldwide phone access? If a soldier has an emergency, won't he or she hear about it directly from a family member first anyway?

Gary Trotter of the American Red Cross office on Camp Bondsteel, responds:

That's a good question: Is the Red Cross truly relevant in this information age?

I think we are.

We use the latest technology to verify every message with the assistance of more than 1,500 local Red Cross offices or chapters and forward each message to

the covering Red Cross station, which in turn passes that information on to the appropriate military authority.

Leaders request Red Cross verification because they know the information will be obtained quickly and objectively, and will be verified by a doctor or other professional, especially if there is a birth, death or critical illness.

Many family members would not be able to contact their loved ones directly — because they would not have access to the

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Internet or do not have the phone number or, in some cases, because they do not know the current military address of the service member.

We not only verify every message; we also have access to location information so we are able to locate military personnel wherever they may be stationed.

Furthermore, we have the ability to send messages to ships and submarines at sea.

In other words, we can do what family members cannot. Red Cross still provides that link

between service members and their families back home 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and we plan to continue doing so in the foreseeable future.

Trotter is senior station manager for American Red Cross Team 9 (the ninth team to serve in Kosovo). He has served with the American Red Cross for 31 years — his work has taken him to Vietnam, Japan, Korea, Saudi Arabia and Bosnia. Trotter and his team — Judith Armstrong, Michelle Gallagher and Chad Magnuson — have been in Kosovo since March; Team 10 is expected to replace Team 9 in August. Contact Trotter at DSN 781-5012 or by e-mail at gary.trotter@bondsteel2. areur.army.mil

Earthquake from page 1

everything at Camp Bondsteel, except for the water pipes, sewer pipes and electrical cable, is above ground," he said.

With colorful clay models in hand, Diaz — himself a resident of earthquake-plagued California — explained the basics: The earth's surface, which is broken up into rigid plates, floats along a more fluid surface, just as icebergs float on the ocean. When there is movement between plates, it is not gentle. They move in jerks, jolts, and thrusts, giving rise to earthquakes.

"The Balkan mountains were formed by the Eurasian Plate and the African Plate moving against each other," Diaz said. "The Balkan region is in a 'seismic zone 3' — '5' being the worst — so this is a very active earthquake zone."

Dait, also a resident of California, added that earthquakes happen every day, all around the world. Their magnitude is just too small for people to notice. Within hours of the April 24 quake, engi-

neers from DPW were on the scene to assess damage to hospitals and a detention facility. NATO forces provided emergency shelter and aid. With local engineer Vladimir Mihajlovski, Dait assessed damage to bridges and asserted that they were still serviceable.

Since earthquakes cannot be predicted or prevented, effective measures must be taken to reduce loss of life and damage to property, Diaz said.

"There is a lot of new construction under way in Kosovo," he said. "If you're going to have a house or business built, hire only contractors that you trust. It's worth the extra money to hire a professional who will use good materials and do some quality control."

Other tips included hanging heavy items such as pictures and mirrors away from beds and couches, repairing bad electrical wiring and leaky gas connections, and consulting an expert if there are signs of cracks or other structural defects.



Famous Freddy

Freddy the frog made one of his regular appearances around town May 6. Freddy, a teaching tool for children, visits schools to inform children about the dangers of unexploded ordnance. Freddy also teaches students about washing hands, multi-ethnic tolerance and the benefits of reading. Left: Violeta Krelati, Spc. Enrique Espinosa, Freddy and interpreter Sonja Stanjanovic.

Local Officer Candidate School entrance board scheduled

The Task Force 510th Personnel Services Battalion (FWD) will conduct a local OCS Board interview on June 13 in the Midtown Conference Room, BLDG 1330C. All interested personnel must submit a completed application packet to their respective Camp's Personnel Detachment, NLT 10 June 2002. Application Checklist website:

<http://perscomnd04.army.mil/MILPERmsgs.nsf/All+Documents/01-138?openDocument>



Interview schedule:

NARRATIVE: 9 a.m. June 12,
BOARD: 9 a.m. June 13
UNIFORM: BDU
LOCATION: Conference room, Bldg. 1330C, Camp Bondsteel
LOCAL POC: Camp Montieith, SSG Myers 782-7199 and Camp Bondsteel, SGT Manley, 781-5432

Application Web site:
http://www.armyocs.com/campus/ad/example_packet.htm



Name: Juan Hickson

Age: 31

Rank: Staff Sgt.

MOS: 91W
Licensed practical nurse

Unit: TFMF (67th CSH)

Stationed at: Camp Bondsteel

Your duty position: NCOIC EMT

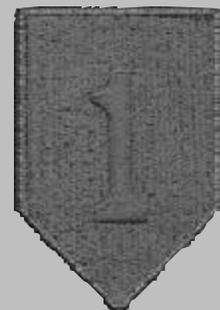
What city do you call home? Galveston, Texas

What are you good at? Arts and crafts, sports and musically inclined

What do you like to do when you are off duty? Play volleyball, workout, MWR activities.

The last book you read: A Stephen King novel.

Why did you join the Army? I made the decision to try and better myself and make a difference in my view of life. Thirteen years later... here I am.



Peacekeeper



Name: Jason Bostic

Age: 26

Rank: Staff Sgt.

MOS:
19K Armor Crewman

Unit: C Co. 1-77 AR

Stationed at:
Schweinfurt, Germany

Your duty position:
Tank Commander

Your role in MNB (E):
To maintain a consistent presence in sector by interacting with the local nationals.

What city do you call home? Naugatuck, Conn.

What are you good at? Shooting gunnery.

What do you like to do when you are off duty? Go to the gym.

Your favorite food: Jager Schnitzel

Your favorite TV show: "Gutenzeit Schlection Zeit."

The last book you read: "Along came a spider"

Why did you join the Army? To see the world



U.S., Russian soldiers work side by side

By Spc. Rebecca M. Grzyb
Staff writer

On the Administrative Boundary Line separating Kosovo from Serbia, American soldiers stand guard and inspect cars leaving Kosovo.

Just a short distance away, Russians soldiers inspect vehicles coming in from Serbia.

This is Checkpoint 75, where U.S. and Russian soldiers in KFOR Multi-National Brigade (East) watch for weapons, drugs, cigarettes and other illegal material.

"We check incoming and outgoing cars for contraband to make sure no one smuggles anything across the (ABL) of Serbia or Kosovo," said Staff Sgt. Roger Pringle, a member of C Battery, 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment.

Though they work separate sides of the road, the one-time Cold War rivals are sharing a mission.

"We can work together, and we can cooperate," said Russian Pvt. Aleksandar Koksarjev. "Our mission is to be peacekeepers, and that is what we do."

Most of the traffic through the checkpoint is routine. Some people drive; some pass through on foot. Some wait at a nearby bus stop.

Occasionally the soldiers at CP 75 encounter something unusual. "One little kid came up to us with a broken rifle," said Pvt. William McLean, also of C Battery 1-7 FA. "He wanted to trade it in for one American dollar and five MRE's for him and his five friends."

Establishing trust with the local nationals is one way the Russian and American soldiers are combating illegal trafficking.

"I'm sure the local nationals feel safer," McLean said. "They know where to turn in items and not have to worry about repercussions."



A Russian soldier inspects vehicles coming into Kosovo from Serbia.

Photo contest

Think you can do better?



You may be right!

The Guardian East staff invites every member of KFOR Multi-National Brigade (East) to participate in a semi-monthly **photo contest**.

The prize is the satisfaction of seeing your work in print – and knowing you're the best! (Winning photos also will be displayed in the MNB(E) tactical operations center.)

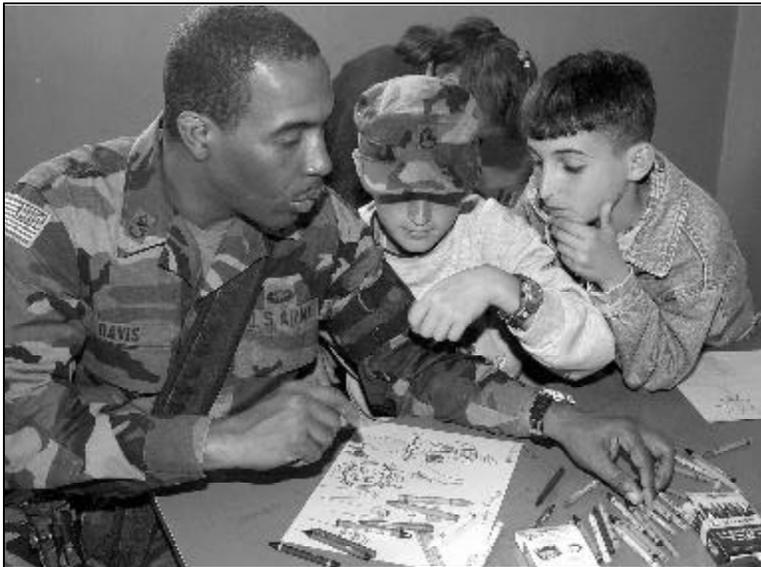
Each issue's contest will focus on a different kind of photo. Focus for the June 14 issue (deadline June 9): **MNB(E)**

at work – brigade soldiers or civilians doing their job.

Focus for the July 1 issue (deadline June 22): **Off duty** – soldiers and civilian workers enjoying their down time.

Focus for the July 15 issue (deadline July 5): **Kosovo** – photos that portray life 'outside the wire.'

Digital images in any common file format (*.jpg, *.gif, *.tif, *.bmp, *.psd, etc.) will be considered. Send image files as e-mail attachments (one per message) to senior editor Staff Sgt. Keith Robinson at guardianeast@bondsteel2.areur.army.mil.



Staff Sgt. Allan Davis Jr., Multi-National Brigade East's Area Support Group supply sergeant, colors a sports scene with Kastriot (center) and Labinot. Both boys are six-graders at the Konstantin Kristoforidhi School.

ASG spreads inspiration

By Spc. Jasmine Chopra
302nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

In sharp contrast to the lush, green countryside and pristine mountains of Kosovo, a brick schoolhouse lies tattered in the village of Baliq.

Soldiers in utility vehicles drive up the narrow dirt road leading to the school. Boys and girls run out to greet them. The children smile and wave, surrounding the vehicles, reaching out to touch the hands of soldiers.

"They're so happy to see us," said Capt. Nicole Roberts of the students at the Konstantin Kristoforidhi Grade School.

Roberts, of the Multi-National Brigade (East) Directorate of Information Management, visits the school twice a month with MNB(E) Area Support Group soldiers and civilians. They bring school supplies, teaching materials, craft materials and friendship as part of the ASG Falcon School Sponsorship Program.

More than 200 children, ages 7 to 14, attend the school. No diagrams, maps or posters hang on the drab green classroom walls. Books are scarce; so are school supplies.

Through donations of supplies and personal time, the lives of children in the surrounding community are enriched, and their learning conditions are improved, ASG soldiers said.

"Anytime you help children succeed in school, you do something for everyone in that neighborhood," said Staff Sgt. Allan Davis Jr., ASG supply sergeant.

On this day, Davis, who has an 11-year-old son, draws and colors with Kastriot Zeqva and Labinot Qelaj; both are six-graders at the school.

In another classroom, 1st Lt. Steven Weisman talks to students about murals he has seen in his hometown of Long Beach, Calif. One mural, "Village Pride with Sights High" by Ricardo Mendoza.

This piece depicts a Latina woman and African-

American man standing with hands clasped. Another mural, "Storytellers" by Elizabeth Garrison, pays tribute to the matriarchs of three cultures – African-American, Cambodian and Latino.

"I wanted the children to see the beauty of diversity," said Weisman, commander of the ASG's Headquarters and Headquarters Company. Weisman has two daughters.

First Lt. Urriolagotia Miner shared with students the history of his multicultural hometown, San Francisco – from earthquakes to immigration.

"Since becoming a father, I love kids," said Miner, a battalion maintenance officer in the ASG. "I want to give them inspiration."

Roberts, whose degree is in elementary education, helped Kaltrina Berishaj and other first-graders with finger-painting. Annette Dinkel, automation technician for MNB(E) education centers, painted T-shirts with fifth-graders.

"Sometimes we get caught up in everything around us and we forget the innocent," said 1st Lt. Christina Good, force protection antiterrorism officer for the ASG. "That's the beauty of coming to the school. Innocence is all around us here."

Good, whose bachelor's degree is in interdisciplinary studies with an emphasis in early childhood education, said she enjoys making crafts such as picture frames with the children.

During the visits, soldiers often play basketball with the students.

"The children don't care if you have anything to give them – they just want to meet the soldiers and play," said Besa Sadiku, a Kosovar Albanian who works as an administrative assistant with the ASG. "You (soldiers) are larger-than-life heroes to us."

The ASG encourages all soldiers to volunteer. For more information about volunteer opportunities, contact the ASG at DSN 781-4221 or send e-mail to 1st Lt. Steven Weisman at steven.weisman@bondsteel2.areur.army.mil.



Name: Jesus Febo-Colon

Age: 37

Rank: 1st Sgt.

MOS: 11Z Senior Sergeant First Sergeant

Unit: C Co. 1-26 Inf. Task Force 1-77 AR

Stationed at: Schweinfurt, Germany

Your role in MNB (E): Peacekeeper

What city do you call home? Canovas, Puerto Rico

What are you good at? Everything. You take your pick!!

What do you like to do when you are off duty? Shhh... it's a secret!!

Your favorite food: Puerto Rican food— of course!

Your favorite TV show: I like to watch baseball.

The last book you read: Some Harlequin romance novel. It belonged to my wife. I was bored!

Why did you join the Army? To see the world.



Peacekeeper **BLOTTLE**
K F O R K O O P



Name: Clare Johnson

Age: 29

Rank: Sgt.

Unit: TFMF

Stationed at: Camp Bondsteel

Your duty position: Medic in EMT

What city do you call home? Horsham, West Sussex, England

What are you good at? Making people laugh (at my own expense)

What do you like to do when you are off duty? Drink cappuccino

Your favorite TV show: "Blackadder"

The last book you read: Harry Potter

Why did you join the Army? For a challenge.



Fire burns down barriers, ethnic, social differences

Special to Guardian East

On May 15 there was no difference between an American, an Albanian or a Serbian fire fighter—they were just fire fighters.

After responding to a call, and receiving approval from the command, the Task Force Falcon Fire Department responded to battle a blaze at the high school in the Serbian Village of Strpce.

Under the leadership of John Stanescu, assistant chief, Engine 21 and a 5-man crew rushed to the flaming building.

Maintenance crews at TMP Ferizaj rapidly reassembled Tanker 44, which was in for routine servicing, enabling it to respond with 2 personnel. Camp Monteith simultaneously reacted to provide coverage for Camp Bondsteel, led by Assistant Chief James Peterson.

At 1:45 p.m., when the TFF Fire Department arrived in Strpce, almost the entire second floor of the high school was on fire. Crews from Strpce, Vitina, Ferizaj and Gnjilane were on the scene, but they were unable to put out the fire. However, they did keep the fire from spreading to the new elementary school attached to the high school.

After reviewing the nature of the fire, Christine Edrington, crew chief, returned to her vehicle to find six off-duty TFF FD firefighters from Strpce, who had reported for duty to help in the effort.

Remarkably, none of the fire fighters had ever combated a fire this size before. In fact, this would be their first chance to "dance with the demon." (A fire



Task Force Falcon Fire Department fire fighters, with Albanian and Serbian fire fighters, take a breath after putting out the flames of a fire. (Below) A view of the smoke coming from a burning high school in Strpce May 15.

fighter analogy for battling the flames of a fire)

It took five two-man teams to finally extinguish the fire. Personnel who made entry other than the initial team, which consisted of Edrington and Nebojsa Vlaskovic, were Arben Limani (Team leader), Sasa Jovanovic, Boban Petkovic, Laza Lazic, Srecko Staletovic (Team Leader), Miodrag Jovanovic, Danijela Ilic, and Aleksandar Milosavljevic. Driver/Operators were Antoine Tharpe (Engine 21 Engineer) and Shawn Paswaters (Tanker 44).

After other fire companies completed ventilating the connecting wing and exterior lines were shutdown, the fire was declared out at 4:20 p.m.



Local fire companies pulled together to help one small village. There is still a long way to go to form a country without

prejudice, but this proved that progress has been made and the Task Forces mission is having an effect.

Prevention starts with education

Special to Guardian East
 By John Bailey, Fire Inspector
 MNB(E) Fire Department

In less than a minute a small flame can get completely out of control and turn into a major fire. It only takes minutes for thick black smoke to fill a house or office. In minutes, your house or office can be engulfed in flames. Most fires occur in the home when people are asleep or after hours in the office. If you wake up to a fire, you won't have time to grab valuables because fire spreads too quickly and the smoke is too thick. There is only time to escape.

Flames are not the only threat in a fire; in fact heat is more dangerous than the flames. Room temperatures in a fire can range from 100 degrees at floor level to 600 degrees at eye level; this is called thermal layering. This heat alone can kill you, inhaling this heat will scorch your lungs, and this heat can also melt cloths to your skin. People often have the misconception that fire is bright; it's actually the exact opposite. A fire starts out bright, but quickly produces black smoke and complete darkness. If you wake up to a fire you may be blinded, disoriented and unable to find your way

around the home you've lived in for years.

Fire uses up the oxygen you need to breathe and produces smoke and poisonous gases that kill. Breathing even small amounts of smoke and toxic gases can make you drowsy, disoriented and short of breath. The fumes can lull you into a deep sleep before the flames even reach your door. You may not wake up in time to escape.

Escape first, then call for help. Develop a home or office fire escape plan and designate a meeting place outside. Make sure everyone in the Sea-Hut or office knows two ways to escape from every room. Practice feeling your way out with your eyes closed. Never stand up in a fire, always crawl low under the smoke and try to keep your mouth covered. Never return to a burning building for any reason, it may cost you your life. Finally, having a working smoke alarm dramatically increases your chances of surviving a fire. For more information contact: The Fire Prevention Office at DSN 4098 or send an email to firedept@Bondsteel2.areur.army.mil

Never stand up during a fire

Never return to a burning building



Faith Support

Freedom and Responsibility—Thoughts for Memorial Day

Chaplain Maj. Randy Mosteller
MNB(E) Chaplain

Many of the ideas and illustrations in this article I owe to C. Welton Gaddy in his book, *Profile of a Christian Citizen*, 1974. In one chapter he quotes from the book *Creative Brooding*, written by Robert Raines in 1966:

"The fine young sparrow hawk had put up a good fight. However, with the realization of captivity, this handsome male in the prime of life just lay limp in the grip of his captor. As Loren Eiseley, a noted anthropologist, prepared to cage the bird, he paused to take a good look at this excellent specimen. The bird's heart was pounding against his hand and its eyes were looking toward the sky. It seemed like this creature, so full of life, had focused its eyes in an endless gaze toward the vastness of the heavens.

Without consciously making a decision, but with a dull sense of what he was doing, Eiseley reached over and laid the hawk on the grass. It lay there for a minute without hope and moving, its eyes still focused on the blue of the sky. Then, suddenly, like a flash, like a flicker of light, it vanished. Rising from the ground, the bird flew straight up into the towering light.

After a few brief moments, a cry came from out there where the young hawk had joined its mate. The sound was that of utter ecstasy and joy. One who had been held captive was now unbound. It was a cry of freedom."

The sounds of liberty resonate in the ears of Americans—in foxholes, in prayers, even in political platforms.

We remember those who gave their lives in a cry of freedom so that others could live to know the joy of liberty. To lose freedom or never to have it is the ultimate tragedy. GEN Eisenhower said that the soldier's pack is not nearly so heavy a burden as the prisoner's chains. Many have died to deny those chains. So let us

look closely today at what they died for—freedom and its responsibilities.

In 1971 Leighton Ford wrote *Spiritual Values: The Number One National Priority*. In that article, he tells about Bishop Fulton Sheen's striking proposal on July 4, 1970. "Speaking at Honor America Day ceremonies, he suggested, 'The time has come for Americans to erect on the West Coast of the Nation a statue of responsibility to match the Statue of Liberty on our East coast.'"

We honor others best by maintaining those values that they were willing to die for. Just remembering is not the greatest honor we can pay. Living up to what freedom means with its demands enables us to say we value what they died for.

True freedom is positive, not negative. We must be free for something more than from something. We are not free from bad government, but free to work for good government; not free from outer restraints of law, but free to write, reform, and obey the laws of the land; not free from war, but free to work for peace; not free from prejudices, racism, sexism, but free to work for their elimination.

True freedom carries with it great demands. It means being bound to something. There is no such thing as absolute freedom. That is anarchy. True freedom means we are bound to God's laws and our great country's values. Only under these are we really free to live. Obeying God's laws enables us to get through life. Life's wrecks come from violations of God's laws.

The alternative is to live up to the responsibilities of freedom and thereby be truly free. Jesus was talking to some followers and said, "If you abide in my word, you are truly disciples of mine; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." He went on to say, "If therefore the Son shall make you free, then you shall be free indeed."

Let us honor our dead today and on Memorial Day the best way we can, by living up to what they died for, by preserving true freedom, no matter the cost.

Peacekeeper **blot**
KFOR KPOP



Name:
Raymond Mazola

Age: 28

Rank: Staff Sgt.

MOS: 11 M Infantry
Unit: C Co. 1/26
(TFF 1-77 AR)

Stationed at:
Schweinfurt, Germany

Your duty position:
Provide a safe and secure environment for everyone in sector. To train and set up training for my company.

What city do you call home? Hollywood, Fla.

What are you good at?
My job. Sports.

What do you like to do when you are off duty?
Read. Relax and spend time with friends and family.

Your favorite food:
Cooked.

Last book you read:
"Enemy at the Gates"

Why did you join the Army? I wanted to try something new. To see new places.



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Hint: T = V

Worship Schedule

Camp Bondsteel

(S) = South chapel (N) = North chapel (B) = both

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>
8 a.m., Roman Catholic Mass (S)	7 p.m., Catholic RCIA (N)
9:30 a.m., Roman Catholic Mass (N)	
9:30 a.m., Liturgical Protestant (S)	<u>Thursday</u>
11 a.m., Collective Protestant (B)	7 p.m., RCIA (S)
1 p.m., Latter Day Saint (S)	<u>Friday</u>
2 p.m., Gospel Sservice (N)	12 p.m., Islamic Service (N)
5 p.m., Unitarian Universal (S)	7 p.m., Jewish Service (N)

Camp Monteith

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
9 a.m., Bunker Bible Study	7 p.m. Catholic Mass
10 a.m., Collective Protestant Service	8 p.m., RCIA
1 p.m., Latter Day Saint Service	<u>Friday</u>
7 p.m., Catholic Mass	12 - 1 p.m., Muslim Service in Annex
8 p.m. Praise and Worship Service	6 p.m., Jewish Service
	<u>Saturday</u>
	7:30 p.m., Gospel Service

Around KFOR

Recent events in the MNB(E) area of responsibility

April 24: After a 5.7-magnitude earthquake shook the region, Tactical PSYOPS Team 312 – after five minutes of rapid-fire coordination – helped UN police, CIVPOL and TMK alleviate panic, using a vehicle-mounted loudspeaker to tell Gnjilane residents where they could assemble safely.

May 10: Immediately after transferring authority from Task Force 1-32 Infantry, Lt. Col. Butch Botters, commander of TF 1-18 Infantry, shared a meal in the Camp Magrath dining facility with residents of nearby Vitina. Botters explained that in the United States, when family members visit, everyone congregates in the kitchen.

May 15: While driving a civilian patient home after a routine appointment, Col. Jeffrey B. Clark, commander of Task Force Medical Falcon, and Staff Sgt. William Bravo of TFMF civil affairs changed course to provide help at the scene of a school fire in Strpce.

May 15: A kid approached American KFOR soldiers at Checkpoint 75, holding a broken rifle over his head. The boy wanted to trade the weapon for five MRE's and one U.S. dollar. (See story page 12)

May 16: Lt. Col. Juan A. Diaz and Maj. Daniel L. Dait of MNB(E)'s Department of Public Works went on local television to debunk rumors that KFOR had caused the April 24 earthquake centered near Gnjilane. (Story page 1)

May 21: 304th Psychological Operations Company issued its 27th print product since start of mission on 1 April 02. The product was a sticker series designed to educate local children about mine awareness, the environment, tolerance, extremist groups and other subjects.

May 23: A recovery team consisting of soldiers from A Company 299th Logistics Task Force and a CH-47 Chinook crew from 7-159 Aviation, part of TF Eagle, recovered a mired KFOR Pajero just north of Pristina.



Spc. Tracy Hobbs a preventive medicine specialist with TFMF and Spc. GeeGee Image of the 304th Psychological Operations Company, hula dance during the Asian-Pacific Heritage Month celebration. Below: Sgt. Tracy Lamboy and Spc. Enrique Espinosa, both of the 304th PSYOPS Co., engage in sumo wrestling.

Asian-American celebration

CAMP BONDSTEEL — May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month. In an effort to promote awareness of the historical contributions of Asian and Pacific peoples in the United States, Camp Bondsteel's MWR and the Multi-National Brigade (East) Equal Opportunity Office sponsored an Asian-Pacific Celebration May 19 in the Southtown Gym.

The celebration included martial arts demonstrations, native dances, mock sumo wrestling and speeches by Asian-American soldiers.

MNB(E) public affairs officer Maj. Mark Ballesteros, who is of Filipino descent, spoke at the celebration.

"Diversity is the strength of the Army – different people from different backgrounds coming together for a common purpose," he said.

—Photos and story by Spc. Jasmine Chopra



Sports day

Left photo: Spc. Robert M. Urmy, the soldier in the lead, along with Spc. John S. Feet, the guidon bearer, and Pvt. Robert A. Lee and 2nd Lt. James Seefeldt charge ahead during a company run on sports day at Camp Monteith in early May. Below: Sgt. Marcus Small, HHC 1-26 Inf. Bn., goes in for the shot during a 3-on-3 basketball tournament sponsored by Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) at Camp Monteith on Armed Forces Day.

Photos by Spc. Rebecca M. Grzyb

