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Medal of honor awardee Walter D. Ehlers, (left), is greeted Wednesday at Camp Magrath by Task Force 1-18 Infantry commander Lt. Col. Robert Botters.

Medal of honor winner visits TF 1-18

By Spc. Rebecca Grzyb
Staff writer

Medal of Honor recipient Walter D. Ehlers visited Kosovo Wednesday to catch up with his old unit, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 58 years later. Ehlers earned the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity on June 9-10, 1944, near Goville, France, during the invasion of Normandy.

On that day, he repeatedly led his men against heavily defended enemy strong points, exposing himself to deadly hostile fire.

"I'm no Rambo. Because of my training, it was just automatic not to run but to attack," Ehlers said.

Ehlers arrived at Camp Bondsteel and then traveled with Lt. Col. Robert Botters, commander of Task Force 1-18 Infantry, to Camp

Magrath. He ate lunch with Command Sgt. Maj. John Calpena, company first sergeants and members of TF 1-18.

After a tour of the base camp, Ehlers was led to the battalion conference room to receive the order of the day and a commendation. "Future soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, Task Force Falcon, can strive to lead by your example," said Capt. Lucas Langdon, of Headquarters and Headquarters Company 1-18 Inf. Bn.

In honor of Ehlers' achievements, a wall of his wartime memorabilia was dedicated to him and the conference room was named in his honor.

"The greatest honor I ever had in representing the division was when the French Liberation Ceremony gave me the opportunity to give you the speech of Normandy," Ehlers said. "I want to come back for the 60th (anniversary), and I'm hoping to see all of you there."



Staff Sgt. John Ciurana and Rocky, a 9-year-old Belgian Malinois, search for contraband on a cargo truck during Operation Iron Fist V near the city of Urosevac.

KFOR MNB(E) augmented by MNB(C) for coordinated operations

Guardian East staff report

CAMP BONDSTEEL — Forces from Multi-National Brigade (East) and Multi-National Brigade (Center) completed the final phase of Operation Iron Fist V, Wednesday.

The five-day operation, conducted entirely within the boundaries of MNB(E), demonstrated KFOR's ability to conduct targeted, sustained operations against threats to safety and security in Kosovo.

Iron Fist V demonstrated KFOR's ability to move forces from one brigade's area to another and quickly integrate them into planned operations against targeted sites.

During the operation, KFOR confiscated numerous weapons, ammunition and other military equipment.

"Iron Fist V was not the first time KFOR has used such tactics, and it will probably not be the last," said MNB(E) spokesman Maj. Mark Ballesteros.

"It would be reasonable to say that if KFOR has demonstrated this ability once, it can demonstrate it again."

U.S., Russia cross-train 9-line MEDEVAC

By Staff Sgt. Keith Robinson
Staff writer

The desire to react quickly in an emergency, provide excellent medical care and save lives has no national boundaries.

In the interest of multi-national cooperation to ensure the safety and security of the people of Kosovo and KFOR, Task Force Eagle's 45th Medical Company helicopters turned north toward the city of

Kamenica, in the Russian sector, to conduct a nine-line medical evacuation training exercise May 25.

"The purpose of today's exercise is to make sure that the Russian soldiers were trained on our medical evacuation procedures," said Capt. Michael F. Breslin, commander of the 45th Medical Company.

The exercise started with Sgt. Antonio Mercado, a flight

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Sgt. Jon Jordan, TFMF, aids Russian soldier in MEDEVAC training.

MNB(E) Commander's Message

Commander establishes rules to live by in MNB(E)

Over the coming weeks and months, we, as soldiers and peacekeepers, will be confronted with many challenges. These challenges will range from the routine day-to-day duties in our base camps to the complex missions we will execute as we conduct operations both inside and outside the MNB(E) sector. The mission in Kosovo will test our mental and physical skills over a prolonged period of time. In an effort to focus the entire brigade on what is important, our command team has established a set of rules to guide us during our mission here in Kosovo.

We call these ten rules FARs for "Flat-Ass Rules." This name means that these rules are the simple basics; they are non-negotiable; they are the building blocks for our success in Kosovo. While you've seen these rules posted in prominent areas around the base camps, in dining facilities and in headquarters, this is only the beginning. In order to aid our understanding of what is meant by these rules, I will address each rule in this column over the next ten issues. I ask each of you take these rules to heart; they will keep us safe and help ensure mission success here in Kosovo.

This week we start our explanation

of FARs with a few words about DISCIPLINE, one of the cornerstones of our mission here. Discipline is paying "systematic, willing and purposeful attention to the performance of assigned tasks." In other words, discipline means ensuring that your job is done right, every time, even when no one is watching. It means that we as soldiers are expected – by our chain of command and by our fellow soldiers – to do what is right even under the most harsh conditions, in the heat of the hottest day, when we are tired, hungry, frustrated, or even being shot at.

Discipline separates a great military unit from those who only wear a uniform. History has shown us time and again that discipline is the foundation for any success we have as an Army, whether it be here in Kosovo or anywhere else.

Each and every one of us knows disciplined soldiers within our unit. These are the soldiers who arrive at work in the right uniform, with the right knowledge and the right attitude not to only succeed, but to excel in completing every mission that they're handed. Think about the soldiers you know who epitomize discipline. These soldiers and leaders opt for the "harder right" rather than the "easier wrong" every mission, every day.



Brig. Gen. Douglas E. Lute

They are examples for all of us. Unfortunately, we may also know soldiers and units who lack that same discipline. Some rely on excuses to escape the responsibility of the mission, work on a "punch-the-clock" mentality, take shortcuts to get things done quickly rather than to standard, and knowingly put their own needs over the needs of the mission or their fellow soldiers.

We all face the choice of what kind of soldier we aim to be and what kind of unit we want to be. Discipline begins with each of us

as individuals.

Nowhere is this discipline more important than here in Kosovo, where the mission of KFOR soldiers to maintain safety and security has already saved so many lives.

Our mission here in Kosovo is a test of our discipline, requiring routinely high standards for routine events like patrolling, guarding, interacting with the people of Kosovo, taking care of our equipment. In much the same way that we can tell if a soldier has or lacks discipline, so can the people of Kosovo. Having seen so many different soldiers over the past several years, the people of Kosovo know exactly what a disciplined soldier looks like and they will respect this soldier and his or her unit. That respect is not only the key to our continued mission success, but also to the protection of our soldiers. We are on inspection each day before the people of Kosovo and to a significant extent our passing their inspection of our discipline is key to our sustaining a safe and secure environment. No troublemaker wants to mess with a disciplined Army unit.

Kosovo is also a leadership laboratory for our junior leaders and soldiers. Our decentralized operations focused on squads and platoons provide these leaders with the opportunity to execute missions in a nearly autonomous en-

vironment. On every mission, junior leaders must display the discipline and mental focus necessary to ensure peace in this province. They must instill that same discipline in their soldiers to ensure that every mission, no matter the degree of supervision, is done to standard, in an even-handed manner. As with many operational environments, the security climate of Kosovo – although quiet today – can change overnight. It takes disciplined soldiers, who maintain a healthy respect for potential dangers, to stay focused on our mission and alert to potential security changes.

Although the urge for complacency will be powerful as our months here pass by, the disciplined small units made up of disciplined soldiers will excel.

All 7000 soldiers in this brigade – beginning with me as the Commander and including every private – must rise to this professional challenge and showcase our discipline. Our nations and our units expect nothing less.

Discipline is what separates great soldiers from all the rest and discipline is what will ultimately make our mission here in Kosovo successful.

MNB(E) Command Sergeant Major's Message

Taking pride in uniform starts with strong NCOs



Command Sgt. Maj. Ralph R. Beam

Every morning as I walk around the command and watch young soldiers. What I see tells me a lot about the noncommissioned officers who are responsible for these young troops.

The majority of what I see makes me proud to be the Command Sergeant Major for MNB(E).

I see soldiers well dressed, groomed, looking sharp and ready for their workday.

When I see a soldier come through the door ungroomed, with a wrinkled uniform and

unshined boots, it tells me that an NCO failed to do a proper inspection.

A soldier dressed in this manner is a poor reflection of the NCO, the unit and, ultimately, the command.

I have stopped soldiers and made on-the-spot corrections.

Now I would like to address my NCOs: You need to properly inspect your soldiers on a regular basis.

FM 22-5 should be your starting point. Hold your soldiers to standard by con-

ducting in-ranks, in-quarters and hygiene inspections regularly. Do not assume that your soldiers are squared away.

Remember that during a deployment the most important inspection is for sensitive items (weapons, ammo, KFOR badge, mask, etc.)

Conducting an inspection is an art form that can be learned only through practice.

Every inspection is an opportunity for an NCO to instill within a soldier an appreciation of the tradition and pride inherent in the uniform.

An inspection isn't just an opportunity find what is wrong but also a chance to find what is right.

You can read FM 22-5 and walk your soldiers through an inspection. But, if you do not practice inspections on a regular basis, you will not master the art, and your soldiers will become complacent.

This is a challenge to all NCOs: Inspect your soldiers – make sure every soldier you send out is one you can be proud of.

		
MNB (E) and Task Force Falcon		
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battle 'rattle'

Whose photo do you carry in your wallet?



Sgt. Christopher J. Holman
Satellite communications operator/maintainer
578th Signal Co.
Pones Base Camp

My beautiful wife.

Spc. Sang Ban Nguyen
Network systems switchboard operator
Co. A, 121st Signal Bn.
Camp Bondsteel



**My brother Dustin.
It's been two years since I've seen him.**



Spc. Eddie Hasan
Humvee driver
HHC, 1-26 Inf. Bn.
Camp Monteith

**My wife Paz and
daughters Deja and Imari.**

Sgt. Brian Johnson
Health care specialist
HHC, 1-26 Inf. Bn.
Camp Monteith



**A picture of my wife and kids be-
cause my children are the core of
my life.**



Spc. Eric McCantis
Health care specialist
HHC, 1-26 Inf. Bn.
Camp Monteith

My wife and my nieces and nephews.

Pfc. Lonnie Allen
Team leader
Co. C, 1-18 Inf. Bn.
Camp Magrath



**My girlfriend, Angie.
I haven't seen her since April.**

From the newsroom

What this year's birthday celebration means to soldiers

For 227 years now, Soldiers have defended freedom. And again today, Soldiers are fighting on behalf of the American people as we prosecute the war on terrorism. So as we celebrate our Army's Birthday and reflect on our great institution, a simple truth arises: there is no greater profession than the Profession of Arms, and no greater job than ours—serving on point for our Nation.

Thanks to American Soldiers, freedom's light shines as a beacon throughout the world.

The Army has courageously fought our country's wars and served honorably in peace for over two and a quarter centuries. We can all be justifiably proud of The Army's achievements—a distinguished history of service to the Nation.

From our victories in the American Revolution through the trial of our Civil War, from the trenches of World War I to the beaches of Normandy and the island battles in the Pacific of World War II, from the frozen mountains of Korea to the sweltering paddies of Vietnam, from Grenada and Panama to the sands of Kuwait and Iraq, and now on the plains and in the mountains of Afghanistan, Soldiers have marched at the van of democracy and the cause of liberty.

And throughout that history of service, the key to The Army's success is our flexibility and willingness to change, to meet the world as it is—without altering the core competencies that make The Army is the best fighting force in the world.

You are the best Army in the world. As we forge ahead to gain irreversible momentum in our transformation, you will continue to be respected by allies, feared by our enemies, and honored and esteemed by the American people.

Your courage, dedication to duty and selfless service to the Nation are the hallmarks of the Soldiers of the United States Army. We will never be able to tell you enough how very proud we are of you, how everyone we meet offers their thanks for what you do and their prayers for your safety and well-being. So we are honored to join you in celebrating the birthday of the most powerful land force the world has ever known.

Thank you for your service, for your sacrifices, and for your abiding devotion to something greater than self.

God bless each and every one of you and your families, God bless our magnificent Army, and God bless America.

Eric K. Shinseki
General, United States Army
Chief of Staff

Thomas E. White
Secretary of the Army

For more information go to <http://www.army.mil/birthday227>



Images of our Army at work: 'Kosovo Peacekeeper 1999' by Master Sgt. Henrietta Snowden

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Peacekeeper bio-Ette
KFOR **KOP**



Name:
Roger A. Minyard III

Age: 23

Rank: Spc.

MOS: 12B,
combat engineer

Unit: HHC,
9th Engineer Bn.

Stationed at:
Camp Bondsteel

Your role in MNB (E): Assistant Brigade Engineer Section, MNB(E)

What city do you call home?
Schweinfurt, Germany

What are you good at? Computers, soccer, hockey

What do you like to do when you are off duty?
I talk to family and friends on the computer.

Your favorite food:
Anything not American

Your favorite TV show: "CSI"

Why did you join the Army?



Neighborhood delivery draws crowd

By Pfc. Kate McIsaac
Staff writer

Members of the 443rd Civil Affairs Battalion delivered 10 boxes of donated books, audio tapes and supplies to a downtown Urosevac library May 15. As the Humvee pulled up in front of the yellow and red brick building, children surrounded the vehicle, blocking the pathway. The soldiers squeezed between the children and the vehicle and started to unload the contents.

The books, donated by libraries in Germany, will be housed in the only library in town, where everyone is welcome to read, learn and feel safe, said Ijaz Zubopotoku, library director.

"It doesn't get any better than this," said Maj. Dean Rondeau, a team leader in the detachment.

The delivery will provide every visitor to the library with even more exposure to the English language. Rondeau said he believes this exposure will prove to be instrumental in breaking down some of the barriers between



Spc. Kristi Toczylowski (left) and Maj. Dean Rondeau, both with the 443rd Civil Affairs Battalion, deliver 10 boxes of English books to an Urosevac library May 15. The books were donated by libraries in Germany.



ethnicities.

English can become a common language that ethnic Serb and ethnic Albanian children can use to bypass some of the existing barriers, Rondeau said.

The building was teeming with children and adults on the day of the delivery. Children standing outside the library helped the soldiers carry in the books before the director took a moment to thank the soldiers.

"Twelve thousand people will be reading these books," Zubopotoku said. "These books will be very helpful for our readers."

"The new generation will appreciate these books."

On the second floor, more than 40 children gathered around the soldiers and the director.

Zubopotoku finished by thanking the soldiers for their efforts.

"I want to thank the American

people and KFOR for their generous contribution. God bless America," he said.

Rondeau and his team—Staff Sgt. David Pittari, Spc. Kristi Toczylowski, Spc. Matthew Adams and Spc. William Vigue—have been patrolling and serving this community since their arrival more than four months ago.

Blue Spaders perfect skills

By Spc. Patrick Rodriguez
Staff writer

CAMP MONTEITH — Four medics moved quickly with an 'injured' soldier on a stretcher to a waiting UH-60 Medevac helicopter.

Nearby, a dozen infantry soldiers simulated "quick-firing" their weapons on the run. It was just another training day around Camp Monteith.

"It's a great training environment for us," said Maj. Daniel Griffin, operations officer for

1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, known as Blue Spaders, referring to this deployment. "Not only is it a real world mission but also an opportunity to educate our young soldiers on the correct way to execute their missions and do business."

Blue Spader exercises have also included two Headquarters and Headquarters Company platoons conducting riot control and civil disturbance training in full riot gear, and Alpha Company conducting air-inser-



Members of Co. A, 1-26 Inf. Bn., take cover as two UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters leave a hilltop landing zone during a training exercise.

tion training.

Griffin also stated that integrating general support assets into routine missions and patrols establishes a relationship that allows the Blue Spaders to work more

efficiently during non-routine situations.

"The soldiers and leaders at the company level are off and running with this training and doing great things," Griffin said.



Child's play

Left: Lt. Michael Jurick, a platoon leader in 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, makes friends with the children of Ugljare during a recent medical civilian assistance program. Below: Capt. Daniel Middlebrooks, chaplain for Task Force 1-26 Infantry, waves in front of the hospital in Ugljare with children who participated in the MEDCAP.



Education opportunities available

University of Maryland classes are already under way, but soldiers can still sign up for seminar classes. New seminars are added to the schedule throughout the term.

Seminar classes are worth one credit hour and run for 16 hours on various topics. The next term will run Aug. 19 through Oct. 11; the Bondsteel Education Center will begin issuing the tuition assistance forms on July 22. (Deployed soldiers in the Active Component receive 100 percent tuition assistance.)

City Colleges of Chicago has ongoing enrollment for its self-paced independent study courses.

University of Oklahoma is offering a graduate-level class Aug. 11-16. The course is HR 5110: Human Relations in the Workplace. The deadline to enroll is July 12.

Central Texas College offers the following free classes and services:

FAST classes. These courses, designed to help soldiers raise their GT scores, are conducted throughout the rotation. The focus is on math and English skills.

ASEP classes. Also ongoing, these are NCO development

courses on a wide variety of topics, including counseling techniques, writing NCOERs and time management. These are worth one college credit with Central Texas College.

Albanian Headstart. This is an introduction to Albanian language and culture.

The education center also has an extensive testing program that includes all Army Personnel Testing exams and CLEP and DANTES standardized tests.

For further information and updated schedules, soldiers can look in Public Folders on the global e-mail system under "Education Center" or visit one of the education centers:

Camp Bondsteel – Building 2216 in Southtown, DSN 781-3188. Hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day.

Camp Magrath – Building 400, DSN 781-4522. Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day. (The Camp Magrath center also provides services to KFOR soldiers at Vrbovac, Mogila, Klokot and Zitinje.)

Camp Monteith – McGraw Building, DSN 781-7403. Hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day.

Camp Able Sentry: DSN 783-1325. Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day.

Commentary

D-Day: the heart of our Army's history

By *Spc. Patrick Rodriguez*
Staff writer

The pursuit of war and the pursuit of peace are often different sides of the same coin. For 227 years, since the Army's formation on June 14, 1775, servicemembers have defended freedom by answering the call to arms.

From the American Revolution, a victory that established our nation; to the Civil War, a victory that preserved our nation; to the current War on Terrorism against a defeated ideology claimed by no nation, the Army has been an instrument of liberation and not of conquest.

Recently, this point was

made clear in remarks commemorating D-Day. "In paying tribute to those who fought for freedom in 1944 and in fighting terrorism today, we are rejecting fanaticism, the exclusion of others, racism and xenophobia. ... We will do it in memory of them," said French President Jacques Chirac at a Memorial Day worship service attended by President Bush in Sainte-Mer-Eglise, France.

In celebrating the Army's birthday, you are paying tribute to "them," the 1st Infantry Division, one of three American infantry divisions that fought on a sandy stretch of Normandy beach. You are also giving recognition to yourself as both a successor and a protector of

peace.

On D-Day, the 1st Infantry Division's objective was codenamed "Omaha." It and the other objectives at Normandy were so pivotal in their capture and so profoundly gargantuan in their undertaking that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme Allied commander, said of the operation, "failure is not an option."

Omaha was the largest of the beaches and was covered by the 352nd, the best German coast division. The 1st ID's initial goal was to capture the villages of Vierville, Saint-Laurent and Colleville along the coastline.

To reach the beach, the division would have to make it through underwater blockades

laden with mines and, once on shore, traverse 300 feet in the open under withering crossfire from German bunkers. Once clear of the open sand, a 10-foot-high seawall backed the western third of Omaha beach, and cliffs 100 to 170 feet high overlooked the whole beach.

By mid-morning the assault had halted at the water's edge, prompting Col. George Taylor, commander of the 16th Infantry Regiment, to tell his men: "Two kinds of people are staying on this beach—the dead and those who are going to die! Now let's get the hell out of here!"

At the end of the day, the embattled 1st ID soldiers had

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Get to know MNB(E) units

1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment

First Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, makes up the core of Task Force I-18 Infantry, based at Camp Magrath.

Fifty-two battle streamers have been awarded to I-18 Inf. Bn.

The battalion was constituted on May 3, 1861, at Camp Thomas, Ohio, and served in the Civil War in the Army of the West. The battalion fought bravely at Murfreesborough, Chickamauga, Chattanooga and Atlanta. Additional campaigns included Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia.

After the Civil War, the battalion remained in the West and fought valiantly in the Indian

Wars of Wyoming, the Dakotas and Montana.

The battalion next saw service in the war with Spain and in the Philippines, returning to the United States in 1905 to be stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, until 1907. From 1907 to 1917, I-18 Inf. Bn. served along the Mexican border.

On June 14, 1917, the battalion achieved three historic firsts:



It was the first American unit to plant its colors on French soil, the first to capture a German prisoner and the first to inflict casualties on the enemy. The battalion fought bravely at Montdidier-Noyon, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, Lorraine and Picardy.

The 18th Infantry Regiment returned to the United States and was stationed at Fort

Hamilton, N.Y., until 1941. In early 1941, the regiment moved to Fort Devens, Mass. By Aug. 7, 1942, I-18 Inf. Bn. was on the high seas bound for Scotland in preparation for the invasion of North Africa. During the campaign, the battalion swept across North Africa and united Sicily. The battalion then returned to England in November 1943 to prepare for the Normandy invasion.

At 10 a.m. on June 6, 1944 – D-Day – I-18 Inf. Bn. participated in the Normandy landing. By September, the battalion had fought through France and Belgium and into Germany. By the end of the war, the battalion had reached Czechoslovakia.

Nine soldiers of the battalion

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Name: Jacob Mullins

Age: 24

Rank: Spc.

MOS: 63J, quartermaster and chemical equipment repairer

Unit: HHC, 1-26 Infantry Battalion

Stationed at: Camp Monteith

Your duty position: Light wheeled vehicle mechanic

Your role in MNB (E): To ensure the safety and deployability of all Humvees and 5-ton trucks

What city do you call home? Lorain, Ohio

What are you good at? Fixing trucks and PT

What do you like to do when you are off duty? Read, play video games, watch TV and go to the gym

Favorite Food: Ribs and steak

Your favorite TV show: "That '70s Show"

The last book you read: "Talos"

Why did you join the Army? For a better life



Peacekeeper BIOFILE
KFOR **KFOR**



Name:
Emmanouil Basilakis

Age: 22

Rank: Sgt.

MOS: Tank driver

Unit: 501st Mechanized Battalion (Greece)

Stationed at:
Rigas Feraois

Your duty position:
Guard

What state do you call home?
Chora-Naxos, Greece

What are you good at?
Playing pop music on my guitar.

What do you like to do when you are off duty?
Watch TV and listen to music.

Your favorite TV show:
Everything, nothing special.

What is the last book you read? I can't remember.

Why did you join the Army?



Top U.K. nurse visits TFMF

By Staff Sgt. Keith Robinson
Staff writer

On May 21, while Brig. Gen. Douglas E. Lute was assuming command of KFOR Multi-National Brigade (East), members of Task Force Medical Falcon were conducting their own pass and review as the United Kingdom's Royal Army director of army nursing services, Col. Kathy George, paid a visit to Camp Bondsteel.

"The purpose of my visit is to see all of my personnel (Royal Army and Navy nurses)," George said, "which includes the nurses and health care assistants that work in the hospital."

What George found was a close-knit group of health care professionals who have blended their skills and talents to provide high-quality services in a field hospital. Task Force Medical Falcon is the only fully integrated task force, with 24 U.K. servicemembers working in various areas of the hospital.

"My soldiers are active in all of what we call critical care areas," George said. "They are in the operating rooms, intensive care, resource and triage."

George, who is the U.K.'s top-ranking nurse and a veteran of 23 years in the Royal Army, knows that multinational efforts in the hospitals can and do work in places like the Balkans.

"I was the U.K. representative that went to Bosnia six years ago," George said.

"I was there to look at the multinational setup with Dutch and Canadians. That was the Balkans' first multinational clinical hospital."

George's visit started with a briefing from medical support officer and commander of the U.K. contingent, Major Lorna Sutton, and hospital chief nurse Maj.



Anton Philpot. The briefing was short, as the primary purpose of George's visit was to see the soldiers and their working environment.

Following the briefing, George was introduced to the TFMF hospital commandant, Lt. Col. Dennis Driscoll, who accompanied the colonel on her tour. George was taken through the emergency treatment area, the operating rooms and the hospital's pharmacy.

"I work closely with Lieutenant Colonel Driscoll," Sutton said, "to assure that the equipment and the personnel (both U.S. and U.K.) run as well as possible."

Both Driscoll's and Sutton's jobs are made easier by the fact that the U.S. and U.K. militaries are sending doctors, nurses, and clinicians to Kosovo who are up to date on the latest medical procedures.

"We have extremely well-qualified and competent staff," Sutton said, "and Lieutenant Colonel Driscoll is keen to promote the U.S. and U.K. relationship."

During her tour of the hospital, George encountered Sgt. Clare Johnson, a nine-year veteran of the U.K. army, who en-



Maj. Lubomyr Domashevsky, an emergency room doctor at Task Force Medical Falcon, conducts medical sustainment training for U.K. and U.S. medics and nurses. The simulated patient is Staff Sgt. Juan Hickson, NCOIC of EMT.

thusiastically shared her experience working in the emergency medical treatment facility.

"In the EMT, we are responsible for caring for patients that come through with medical emergencies," said Johnson, who has worked in military hospitals in the U.K. and Germany.

Johnson said the EMT unit is capable of handling whatever emergency they are faced with despite the differences that might exist in medical practices.

In addition, after working in an EMT for the first time, Johnson said she considers it a learning experience working with the U.S. soldiers on this deployment.

"A lot of the medical practices

are different from the way we do it in the U.K.," said Johnson. "Now I know how to administer emergency treatment and what to do for a patient before releasing them from the emergency room."

The skills of both U.K. and U.S. soldiers working at TFMF are honed on a regular basis during mandatory training.

"The daily medical sustainment training was initiated under TFMF commander Col. Jeffrey Clark," said Maj. Lubomyr Domashevsky, a doctor in the EMT.

"It allows basic training in trauma and medical emergencies that we might see in the emergency room."

George missed the brigade transfer of authority ceremony, but she said she knows that her time at the hospital was well spent, and that multinational presence in the medical field benefits all soldiers serving in this area.

"A multinational hospital gives us a breadth of experience and the best standards if we follow the procedures of the nationality with the expertise in a particular medical field," she said.

George had favorable reviews for the U.K. and U.S. personnel working in TFMF.

"There are things to be learned on both sides," George said. "But what I've seen here today is a move in the right direction."



Medical sustainment training is conducted six days a week for U.K. and U.S. soldiers at TFMF. Maj. Lubomyr Domashevsky, assisted by Sgt. Clare Johnson, works on simulated patient Staff Sgt. Juan Hickson.

AM/FM radio causes mail bomb scare – again

By Spc. Jasmine Chopra
Staff writer

CAMP BONDSTEEL – Mail clerk Pfc. John Malfuso knew what to do when a 12-inch-by-9-inch-by-3-inch vibrating pack-

age arrived at the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade, mailroom on June 3.

"I reported the suspicious package to my NCOIC (non-commissioned officer in charge) and first sergeant," Malfuso

said. "Then I called EOD (explosive ordnance disposal) and the MPs (military police)."

Within 10 minutes of Malfuso's call, soldiers from the 737th EOD Company arrived. Soldiers of the 230th MP Co. arrived soon after.

Evacuation of the mailroom and partial evacuation of the surrounding area followed.

Dressed in protective gear, Staff Sgt. Erik Blanchard, Spc. Mark J. White and Pfc. Joseph Brunette, all of the 737th, used an X-ray device to check for explosives. None were detected.

They opened the package from a remote site using a hook and line.

The cause for alarm turned out to be nothing more than a small, battery-operated AM/FM radio.

The radio had switched on during shipping, causing the package to vibrate.

It was the second time in four weeks that an AM/FM radio was the reason for an EOD investigation.

"Remove batteries from devices prior to shipping," Blanchard suggested.

The package discovered June 3 turned out to be safe, but EOD personnel still have a risky job, Brunette said.

"There needs to be people willing to do this job, willing to risk their lives to save others," he said.



Left: Staff Sgt. Erik Blanchard, an explosive ordnance disposal team leader with the 737th EOD Company, wears a special suit to protect him against possible bomb debris. Above: Spc. Mark J. White, also of 737th, examines an X-ray of the contents from the suspicious package.

Photo contest winner: Sgt. Jewel Brown, HHC, MNB(E)



(Theme: MNB(E) at work)

First Sgt. Frank Thomas, left, of HHC, 9th Engineer Bn., baptizes Spc. Nicholas Pullen, a Military Policeman, Sunday at the Northside Chapel on Camp Bondsteel. Thomas, an ordained minister, serves as denominational service leader for the gospel service at Camp Bondsteel. Pullen was selected to serve as a Pastor of the Gospel Service.

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Name: Alvin Prado

Age: 27

Rank: Sgt.

MOS: 31R, network system switchboard operator

Unit: Co. A, 121st Signal Battalion

Stationed at: Klokot

Your duty position: Team chief

What city do you call home? San Diego, Calif.

What are you good at? Volleyball and billiards

What do you like to do when you are off duty? Play cards, shoot pool and play ping-pong.

Your favorite musical artist: Ozzy Osbourne

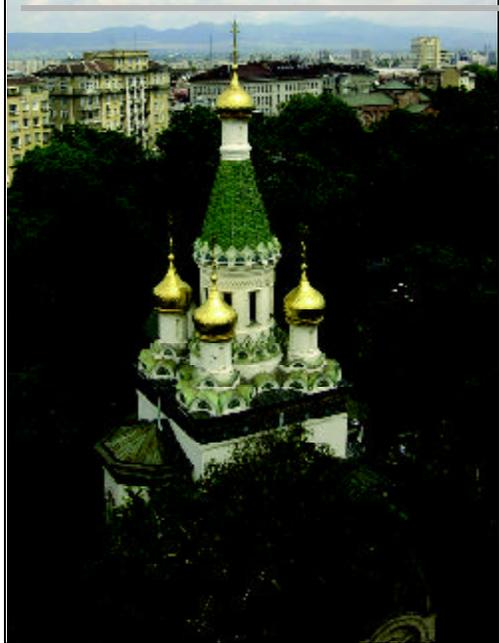
Your favorite TV show: "Martin"

Last book you read: FM 22-100

Why did you join the



Travel & Leisure - Bulgaria



Top left: The Russian church in downtown Sofia, as seen from the rooftop of The Stair, a restaurant on Tsar Osvoboditel Street. Above right: Sgt. 1st Class Manuel Ortiz, NCOIC of the TOC at Camp Bondsteel, enjoys some Brazilian cuisine at the popular dinner house Rio. Right: Pfc. Lauren Penley and Pfc. Amber Bushnell, both with Task Force Medical Falcon's 557th Medical Company, also enjoyed dinner at Rio. Above: Pfc. Danny Mesidort, Pfc. Troy Chatlin, Pfc. Loyd Barton and Pfc. Mark Jones, both of Co. A, 15th Military Intelligence Bn., inspect their pagers. During the FMPP, soldiers are issued pagers to help maintain accountability and safety.



Photos and story by Pfc. Kate Staffwriter

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Bulgaria

Photos and story by Pfc. Kate McIsaac
Staff writer

The Fighter Management Pass Program is designed to give soldiers a little break – but in the case of two soldiers, it turned out to be two broken go-karts and a healthy collection

Spc. Jud Albrets and Pfc. Rickey Hoover, both scouts in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, found more than restaurants, bars and entertainment in downtown Sofia, Bulgaria. They also found a quarter-mile go-kart track right in the middle of the city.

Fortunately, stacking the two karts on top of each other didn't cause any permanent damage. It was just a small part of a larger adventure: the inaugural FMPP trip for rotation 4A.

The program serves as a mini-vacation in Sofia, the capital city, of Bulgaria, said Sgt. 1st Class Tommy Darnell, noncommissioned officer in charge of the FMPP.

The four-day trips occur twice a week. The first rotation is Monday through Thursday; the second is Thursday through Sunday. The buses begin picking up soldiers at Camp Monteith at 6 a.m. and continue to Camp Magrath and then Camp Bondsteel. After a short briefing in the Camp Bondsteel Theater, soldiers, dressed in civilian clothes with Kevlar helmets and body armor board the buses, which continue to Camp Able Sentry in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the last collection point for the program.

After spending two hours on the morning bus, soldiers are rewarded with boxed lunches and a quick briefing at CAS. Soldiers remain in protective gear with military police escorts to the FYROM border, where the local police pick up the escort and soldiers shed their protective attire.

From the border, the drive to Sofia is a journey through lush mountain regions and quaint towns teeming with local flavor. Most soldiers enjoy a long nap during the seven-hour drive.

Arrival at Hotel Rodina in Sofia is a welcome end to a long jour-

"I swear I thought we would never get here," said Pfc. Amber Bushnell, a medic in 557th Medical Company, part of Task Force Medical Falcon.

But arrive she did, along with 34 other KFOR soldiers participating in the program.

"Dobar den," Darnell said. Looking confused, soldiers just nodded at him.

"It means 'Good day' in Bulgarian," he said. "Consider that your first lesson in the local language."

Darnell then went through a briefing on FMPP rules and regulations. Most soldiers seemed pleased to learn that General Order No. 1, which prohibits consumption of alcohol, is not in force in Bul-

But Darnell was quick to point out that with this freedom comes the inevitable responsibility to remain a soldier at all times.

Every FMPP participant is issued a pager so he or she can be contacted in case of emergency.

"If your pager goes off, do not ignore it," Darnell said. "If you are being paged, it means there is something wrong. You must respond."

A nighttime curfew is in effect in Bulgaria. Everyone on the trip must sign in between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m. every night. After 3 a.m., soldiers are required to stay inside the hotel.

If they choose to stay up and enjoy some of the after-hours entertainment, it is up to their own discretion, Darnell said.

Soldiers pay \$78 to share two-person rooms for three days. Each soldier is required to pay upon arrival, and the hotel accepts payment in euros, dollars and the local currency, leva. One leva is worth about

Before leaving the camps, soldiers should withdraw funds through their finance office. With a copy of the letter authorizing the trip, soldiers can withdraw up to \$500.

Darnell suggests soldiers should get dollars because the dollar-exchange rate is better than it is with euros.

Pfc. Jimmy Kuhkle, a mechanic with Task Force 1-7 Field Artillery, said he recommends leaving some money in the room.

"I spent \$500 the first night," he said. "On what, I have no idea."



Above: a man and his domesticated bear wander the streets of Sofia asking for donations. Soldiers are warned *notto* give money to beggars. Below: Pfc. Jimmy Kuhkle, a mechanic with Task Force 1-7 Field Artillery, Sgt. Jason Campbell, also with 1-7 FA., a food server from Flannigan's Irish Pub and Sgt. 1st Class Manuel Ortiz, enjoy some friendly company on the last night of the FMPP.

On the top floor of the hotel is a nightclub called the PR club, which offers free beer to KFOR soldiers. But women there often dupe soldiers into buying them drinks at up to \$15 apiece. The cocktails are nothing more than sugar water with food dye.

Other, similar warnings come during the briefing.

"Do not act like a fool," Darnell said. With the restriction on alcohol lifted, soldiers have a tendency to forget how to act.

In the past, some of the more common incidents with soldiers have included drunk and disorderly behavior and violations of the no-open-container law.

Darnell said that if a U.S. soldier is detained, the local police will not release the soldier to the MPs.

"If you are arrested, you are at the mercy of the local justice system," he said.

In addition to alcohol-related misconduct, Darnell warned soldiers against the second-most common problem: the potential to contract a sexually transmitted disease.

With the formalities out of the way, program participants were free to receive room keys and pagers and head off into the city. Maps and information about places and events were available in the Tactical Operations Center for anyone to take.

As a safety measure, soldiers are required to stay within three miles of the hotel. A map clearly defining the region is displayed in the TOC.

Within those three miles is plenty for a KFOR soldier to do.

Historical tours of the city are available through Tourist Service Travel Agency in the hotel. For a nominal fee, sometimes less than \$15, soldiers can get a guided bus tour through the mountains and the downtown historical hot spots. An English-speaking historian accompanies up to six passengers on a personal tour through a city that is more than 6,000 years old.

"I was amazed at how much I learned about the history, the culture," said Sgt. 1st Class Manuel Ortiz, NCOIC of the TOC at Camp Bondsteel.

"Learning about the rise and fall of communism here was most interesting," he said.

Tourists can enjoy any number of daytime entertainment activities in the city. Kuhkle and Sgt. Jason Campbell, also in TF 1-



7 FA, found a local pool hall and arcade to pass the time on the second day.

"There is plenty to do here," Campbell said.

Soldiers can also take advantage of the cabs in the city. Darnell said soldiers should use one of three trusted companies. Most drivers will provide soldiers with all-night transportation and a city tour for around \$20.

"It's like having your own personal chauffeur," Ortiz said.

A large part of the appeal of the city is its food. Some restaurants that received rave reviews from soldiers were Rio, a traditional Brazilian fair with dancing and entertainment, and Flannigan's Irish Pub, which served traditional Bulgarian meals with some Irish influence.

The hotel offers some pampering services, which some soldiers were able to indulge in. A full beauty salon, offering pedicures, manicures, facials and hair styling, is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. For a nominal fee, Pfc. Lauren Penley of the 557th Med. Co., TFMF, enjoyed a pedicure on the second day of her trip.

"I fell asleep because I was so relaxed," she said.

Massages are offered by the hotel as well.

On the second floor, in a small room with nothing but a desk and a massage table, soldiers can choose from Swedish, deep-tissue and relaxation massages.

"After the go-kart incident, I felt a massage was in order," Albrets said. At \$15 for a half-hour and \$30 for a full hour, it was well worth it, he said.

As the group boarded the bus to head home, there was a consensus among participants that the FMPP was a success.

With so much to do and see, Sofia seemed to offer something for everyone.

Peacekeeper



Name:
Vasileios Petropoulos

Age: 33

Rank: Master Sgt.

MOS: Driver

Stationed at:
Rigas, Feraios

Your duty position:
Driver

What city do you call home? Lamia, Greece

What are you good at? No comment

What do you like to do when you are off duty? Watch TV.

The last book you read: I don't like to read.

Your Favorite Food:
Musaka
(traditional Greek food)

Your favorite show:
Soccer

Why did you join the Army? For the money and to travel.



Question: What local customs and practices should soldiers be aware of?

Drita Perezic, cultural adviser for KFOR Multi-National Brigade (East), responds:

It is not odd to see girls holding hands or guys walking with their arms around each other's shoulders. This does not indicate sexual persuasion; it is just normal for them to be more physically interactive with each other. You will find that when a local shakes your hand, they will hold your hand longer and pull you closer that you are used to. Sometimes the men even kiss each other on the cheek or seem to touch cheeks as they greet each other.

Wedding processions tend to cause traffic jams. Local weddings are full of traditions and customs, including fetching the bride, which can involve a convoy of 10 or more vehicles blasting local music, with young girls dangerously hanging out of vehicle win-

dows or sunroofs.

Though most of the locals are very poor, they are extremely hospitable. They will offer you candy or drinks; they will even invite you into their homes as a matter of custom. They know that the soldiers do not typically enter people's homes for social calls, but they will invite you in anyway. Kosovo still remains very much a male-dominated society. If you are a male soldier on patrol and you start a conversation with a local female, the local males will probably involve themselves in the conver-

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sation. It is not that they do not trust you around their women; it is more a matter of how the society is structured. Men do most of the talking.

The U.S. sector has multiple ethnic groups, but mainly K-Albanians and K-Serbs. The two languages are not the same. Your linguist can teach you general greetings, but do not be surprised if the locals can speak some English, German, Italian or other languages.

—Perezic is the principal adviser to the MNB(E) commander

and staff on social issues relating to Balkans-specific culture, history, religion, mindsets, norms, customs and trends as they impact operations. She is a native New Yorker whose family roots are in the Balkans.

In April 1999, Perezic interrupted her graduate studies in international relations to serve in Albania during the NATO bombing.

Later that year, she was selected as principal linguist for the Task Force Falcon commander; she served in that capacity for five rotations.

Perezic has conducted training on the Balkans cultural environment during the past five KFOR mission rehearsal exercises.

She was chosen as the MNB(E) cultural adviser for rotations 3B and 4A.

She continues to serve the units of MNB(E), reinforcing what was learned in pre-deployment training and assessing the need for more information in order to equip soldiers for mission success.

MEDEVAC: Multi-national cooperation can save lives

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operations specialist for the 45th Med. Co., responding to a call for medical assistance.

He then relayed the location and vitals of the patient to Breslin, who put his medical evacuation team into motion.

Breslin and Chief Warrant Officer Wade Ziegler, a MEDEVAC pilot, plotted the grid points and determined the best route. Approximately 10 minutes after Mercado took the call, Ziegler's flight crew was in the air.

After a 15-minute flight to the Russian sector, the landing zone was in sight. A group of Russian soldiers waited on the ground with a 'patient' on a litter who had a simulated arm injury.

The Russians had begun training an hour and a half before the aircraft arrived. Capt. Kenneth Koyle, medical plans officer in charge for Task Force Medical Falcon, and a small group of medics started the training with a class on how to prepare a patient for flight.

"The group that was on the ground training the Russians has a thorough understanding of what we do," Ziegler said, "so I know they gave the Russians excellent information."

With the landing zone secured, the helicopter landed. Sgt. Jon D. Jordan, a flight medic in the 45th Med. Co., moved into action. He approached the 'patient' and, with the assistance of a translator, started to assess the 'patient's' needs.

Even with the translator present, Jordan had to improvise during the exercise. "Sign lan-

guage works fairly well," Jordan said "I pointed to different body parts, and he (the Russian medic) was giving the translator the information I needed."

The language barrier is often easy to overcome in medicine.

"A lot of what we do is universal," Jordan said. "There is only one way to bandage a wound, but we had to cover approaching, loading and unloading the aircraft."

The Russian soldiers were eager students, volunteering to be litter-bearers, and asking many questions of the American teachers.

"They had a lot of questions," said Jordan "especially about the equipment I carry with me."

Observing the exercise was Col. Sergey Zioza, commander of the Russian 13th Tactical Group. As the exercise continued, the Russian commander asked many questions, but he appeared to be pleased with the training.

"This was the first MEDEVAC training (with Americans) for our soldiers," Zioza said. "It was useful and good for the future. We will take the translation of the nine-line MEDEVAC request back to our soldiers for further training."

Russian medical personnel from the base camp in Kamenica attended the training, as did some Russian volunteers.

"This was a good opportunity to have training between American and Russian medical personnel," said Maj. Olga Kochneva, chief of medical services for the 13th TG. "Now we can request a medical evacuation if we need it."

1-18: History in the making

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won Medals of Honor; eight won unit citations for valor.

After World War II, the 18th Infantry Regiment was chosen to serve on the Honor Guard for the U.S. Army in Europe. The battalion remained in Germany until 1955. It was inactivated in February 1957, then reactivated in October 1963 as part of the 1st Infantry Division.

In July 1965, 1-18 was ordered to Vietnam with the 1st Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade. The battalion took part in the Tet counter-offensive and 10 other campaigns and was awarded the Valorous Unit Award for extraordinary heroism in action.

The battalion returned to Fort Riley in April 1970 to again be inactivated. It was reactivated July 13, 1989, as part of Task Force Striker, composed largely of units from the 197th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized). On Aug. 31, 1990, Task Force Striker deployed with the 24th Infantry Division as one of the first heavy units into Saudi Arabia in Operation Desert Shield to deter Iraqi aggression. In keeping with her tradition, 1-18 was the first battalion to deploy to the Iraqi border, the first to capture prisoners of war in the division sector, the first to make confirmed contact with enemy ground forces during combat patrols across the Iraqi border, and one of the first ground units to enter the Euphrates River Valley.

On Feb. 24, 1991, Task Force Striker attacked as an integral part of the 24th Infantry Division on Operation Desert Storm to cut Iraqi lines of communication in the Euphrates River Valley and seal enemy forces in the Kuwait theater of operations.

First Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, is on its second deployment to the Balkans and is the only battalion that has been deployed in all Balkan regions for peace support operations.

The battalion's motto is "First to battle! Vanguards!"

Medal of Honor recipients of the 18th Infantry Regiment

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Pvt. Carlton W. Barrett	St. Laurent-sur-Mer, France
Capt. Bobbie E. Brown	Crucifix Hill, Aachen, Germany
Staff Sgt. Arthur F. DeFanzo	Vaubadon, France
(Posthumous)	
Staff Sgt. Walter D. Ehlers	Goville, France
Pfc. Gino J. Merli	Sars la Brutere, Germany
Staff Sgt. George Peterson	Eisern, Germany
(Posthumous)	
Staff Sgt. Joseph E. Schaefer	Stolberg, Germany
Sgt. Max Thompson	Haaren, Germany
1Lt. Walter J. Will	Eisern, Germany
(Posthumous)	

Retreat brings spirituality, peace, break from routine

By Spc. Rebecca M. Grzyb
Staff writer

The first of five monthly Spiritual and Leadership Retreats planned for KFOR 4A soldiers was conducted June 4, courtesy of two Camp Monteith chaplains.

Capt. Daniel Middlebrooks, chaplain for Task Force 1-26 Infantry, and Capt. Clayton Gregory, chaplain for TF 1-77 Armor, developed the retreat program to teach soldiers the four principles of leadership—courage, candor, competence and commitment—through four related principles of spirituality.

“One of the first principles that we need to understand is the law of process,” Middlebrooks said. “Process says that leadership is daily made, not made in a day.

“The second principle is the law of influence. Influence is something very powerful because it allows us to lean together as a unified force instead of breaking us apart into different pieces.”

Middlebrooks said the third principle is the law of navigation.

“Anyone can steer the ship, but it takes a leader to plot the course,” he said.

The fourth principle is that of solid ground. “Trust is the foundation for any leadership, whether military, family or spiritual,” Middlebrooks said.

The retreats include trips to Letnicia Church, Gracanica Monastery and Kosovo Polje. The day ends with lunch at the dining facility and, time permitting, shopping at Film City, the site of KFOR headquarters.

Letnicia is the home of Agnes Bojaxhiu, also known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta. It was in Letnicia Church that she heard her “calling” to go to the sisterhood in Calcutta, India, and form the Ministries of Charity. The ministries opened orphanages for children and aided the poor and dying.



Above: Master Sgt. Kevin Watson of HHC, 1-26 Inf. Bn., listens to Capt. Daniel Middlebrooks, chaplain for Task Force 1-26 Inf., as he explains the history of Letnicia church. The church was built around 400 years ago, and the city is the home of Agnes Bojaxhiu, later known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Below: Gracanica Monastery was built in the 14th century. Frescoes on its walls depict the lives of Christ, saints and martyrs.

Mother Teresa and her work are cited in the retreat as examples of courage.

“I liked getting out and seeing the culture,” said Staff Sgt. Gregory Parcell, a member of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment. “I liked the churches the best. And Letnicia was simple yet beautiful.”

Gracanica Monastery was built in the 14th century—in the shape of a cross on top of a cross.

On its walls are many frescoes, now fading, that depict the lives of saints, martyrs and Christ.

It was Serbian King Milutin’s commitment to his faith that compelled him to build the church and the monastery as symbols of strength and encouragement.



Kosovo Polje, representing candor and competence, is the site of the battleground where the Serbians and Ottoman Turks fought a famous battle in 1389. Tens of thousands of soldiers

died that day, and the Turks ruled in Kosovo for the next 500 years as a result. The battlefield is known as the “Field of the Black Birds,” and a monument stands in memory of the Serbs who lost their lives there.

“It’s amazing—all the people that were killed here,” said Master Sgt. Kevin A. Watson, a member of HHC, 1-26 Inf. Bn. Middlebrooks and Gregory said they like to instill leadership through spirituality to help soldiers become better soldiers.

Soldiers interested in the Spiritual and Leadership Retreats can contact the chaplains at the Camp Monteith Chapel for more information at 781-7110, 781-7571 and 781-7508, or contact Middlebrooks at daniel.middlebrooks@monteith2. areur.army.mil.

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Name:
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Stationed at:
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Your duty position:
Operations NCO

What city do you call home?
Alton, Fla.

What do you like to do when you are off duty?
Spend time with my family

The last book you read: The Bible

Why did you join the Army?
To get a job



Volleyball masters

Camp Bondsteel’s MWR recently hosted a single-elimination, three-on-three volleyball tournament open to all soldiers and civilians on Camp Bondsteel. Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Carr, center, stands with the champions, the Headhunters: from left, Staff Sgt. Eric Carroll, Capt. Kevin Stoll, Spc. Robert Peredo (team captain) and Staff Sgt. David Garcia. After only one day of practice together, the team was able to fend off all of its challengers. The Headhunters defeated the tournament favorites—the Multi-National Brigade (East) Fire Department team—and moved on to the finals, winning 10-15, 15-13 and 16-14. The Headhunters then cruised through the championship game, eliminating the 299th Logistics Task Force team in straight sets.

—Photo and information courtesy of Capt. Kevin Stoll

Entertainment

Toby Keith No boundaries

By Spc. Jasmine Chopra
Staff writer

Tough guy Toby Keith is uncompromisingly honest. Confuse him with any other country music star and it could get ugly. The man, like his music, pulls no punches.

With hit songs like "You Ain't as Much Fun Since I Quit Drinkin'" and, more recently, "I'm Just Talkin' About Tonight" and "I Wanna Talk about Me," Keith exudes a no-bull attitude that has helped the American Country Music Male Vocalist of the Year 2001 win millions of loyal fans. "You've got to be honest and do what's in here without candy-coating it," Keith said with his hand upon his heart.

"People don't gravitate toward phony. They want what's real."

To his candor, add a hearty dose of fierce patriotism. Toby Keith is an "angry American," as illustrated by his new single "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue" (subtitled "The Angry American"), a track from his upcoming album.

"I was mad — we were all mad — when they slammed into those buildings (Sept. 11), so I wrote a powerful, angry song," he said.

Keith and his Easy Money Band thrilled soldiers during several Memorial Day Weekend concerts in the Balkans. This was the artists' first concert series brought to soldiers by the USO and Armed Forces Entertainment — a concert series made all the more triumphant by the teamwork of local Morale, Welfare and Recreation personnel and soldiers of KFOR Multi-National Brigade (East).

Applause in response to "The Angry American" made the floorboards of stages tremble.

"A lot of Americans are serving all over the world, holding up peace as best they can," Keith said. "This (music) is the only thing I've got to serve my country. I can't drive a tank or look through night vision goggles and spot a hot zone or fly an F-18, but I know when the music is right. That's what I do best."

In addition to his country music hits, Keith unleashed rhythm and blues from his musical arsenal. The band covered Bill Withers' "Ain't No Sunshine When She's Gone," to the delight of many soldiers — females in particular.

"I want soldiers to know they are never forgotten," Keith said.

The singer's father, Hubert Covell, was a soldier who lost his right eye in a combat training accident. Keith said that his father was one of his greatest heroes.

"I never once heard him complain about the accident," he said. "He was a patriot. His wit, his independence, his originality, was what gives me a creative edge."

Covell flew the American flag outside his home in Oklahoma until a car crash ended his life on March 24, 2001.

After the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, Keith participated in rescue efforts. He received the South Oklahoma City Native Son Award in January 2002 for that work and for his musical achievements.

The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks fueled Keith's humanitarianism and his patriotism. He decided to take his music to the soldiers and boost their morale.

Traveling in a CH-47 Chinook helicopter, Keith performed at Camp Magrath, Fire Base Rock and CAS on May 25, Camp Monteith May 26 and Camp Bondsteel May 27. The singer said the Chinook flights were "amazing." FCo., 159th Aviation Bn. ("Big Windy") provided the crew, which included First Lt. Daniel P. Henzie and flight engineers Sgt. Charlton Pratt and Sgt. Aaron Gebhardt, all stationed at Camp Able Sentry.

Keith continued his Balkans tour with stops in Bosnia.

"Yesterday I did three shows, three big meet-and-greets," Keith said. "Everybody at the camp was saying, 'Man, you must be dead tired.' I told them, 'No, I get to go home in 11 days. You're the ones that have to stay.' It's been a neat experience."

The most unusual concert took place at Fire Base Rock, in the Debelde sector, one of the most isolated locations in Kosovo, where soldiers of C Co., 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, are maintaining peace.

Using the ramp of the Chinook as a makeshift stage, Keith, along with songwriter Scott Emerick and band members Rich Eckhardt and Dave McAfee, performed "unplugged" atop a lush, green hill.

Spc. Nathan Kooliman, an infantryman in C Co., 1-18 Inf. Bn., said he was surprised and thrilled by the band's visit.

"We weren't sure if Toby was going to make it," he said. "It's like we're invisible up here. First we heard, 'Yeah he'll make it,' then we heard, 'No he's not coming' — but here he is! I want to tell him that I really appreciate what he is doing for us."

Keith autographed a copy of his CD "Pull My Chain" for Kooliman and others

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Country music star Toby Keith participates in the reenlistment ceremony of infantryman Staff Sgt. Raymond Long, a member of Co. C, 1-18 Inf. Bn., stationed at Fire Base Rock. See story page 13





Keith helps soldiers reenlist

By Spc. Jasmine Chopra
Staff writer

Singer-songwriter Toby Keith didn't just play music when he toured the Balkans on Memorial Day weekend. He also took time to participate in reenlistment ceremonies for two soldiers in KFOR Multi-National Brigade (East).

"I was honored both as a fan and patriot, to have a man of his accomplishment participate in not just my reenlistment ceremony but my final commitment to the United States Army," said Staff Sgt. Raymond Long, an infantryman in Co. C, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, stationed at Fire Base Rock.

Keith also participated in the reenlistment ceremony of Sgt. Jonathon White of the 101st Military Intelligence Battalion, stationed at Camp Bondsteel.

At Camp Monteith, Keith became an honorary "Steel Tiger" tank commander courtesy of Task Force 1-77 Armor commander Lt. Col. William Hedges and Command Sgt. Maj. John W. Fortune.

At Camp Bondsteel, Keith, an avid bird hunter, showed off his expert shooting skills on the weapons simulator with Task Force Medical Falcon's Command Sgt. Maj. Craig Layton, 1st Sgt. Rudy R. Delvalle and company commander Capt. Alex L. Hayman.



Photos and story by Spc. Jasmine Chopra

Top: Toby Keith learns how to drive a tank from Sgt. Brent Adams of Task Force 1-77 Armor, stationed at Camp Monteith.

Above: Keith played a series of Memorial Day weekend concerts in the Balkans. The ramp of a military helicopter was the stage as Keith and friends sang unplugged at Fire Base Rock, a remote operations base in

Kosovo, where Multi-National Brigade (East) soldiers of Co. C, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, are keeping the peace.

Bottom left: Using the weapons simulator, Keith demonstrates his expert shooting skills along with Task Force Medical Falcon Command Sgt. Maj. Craig Layton. Bottom right: Keith hangs out in his SEAHut at Camp Monteith.



Keith: pushing the boundaries

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at "The Rock." At every concert, crowds of soldiers lined up for autographs and pictures with Keith.

"This concert is a reminder that America has not forgotten her sons and daughters serving in Kosovo," said Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Lamb of the 529th Military Police Co.

Keith and friends received certificates of appreciation from commanders at each camp they visited.

"You are truly patriotic," said

MNB(E) commander Brig. Gen. Douglas E. Lute. "You can be anywhere you want to be on Memorial Day, but you choose to be here, away from your families, to show troops that you care."

Keith reflected on his tour of Kosovo. "I have a whole new appreciation for what you all do," he said of KFOR soldiers.

"Whatever you can imagine it to be, it is 10 times greater."

Peacekeeper **bioFile**
KFOR **KOP**



Name: Brian Kremer

Age: 22

Rank: 71L, administrative specialist

Unit: Headquarters, MNB(E)

Stationed at: Camp Bondsteel

Your duty position: Combat technical engineer

What is your role in MNB(E)? Primary operator

What city do you call home? Denver

What are you good at? Expert marksman and baseball

What do you like to do when you are off duty? Relax

Your favorite food: Chipotle

Your favorite TV show: "Friends"

The last book you read: "Study of Deviant Behavior"



Alibis



Fire safety awareness quiz winner recognized
Courtesy of MNB(E) Fire Department

On May 15, a fire safety crossword puzzle was sent to MNB(E) members via the Task Force Falcon Info e-mail list and Guardian East. Within 12 hours, there were more than 120 responses. Angela Matera, office manager for the TRW Balkans Linguist Support Program, was the winner. She is seen here with Mike Wells-Smith, Task Force Falcon safety officer; John Bailey, fire inspector; and Martin Davila, fire chief. For her general fire safety knowledge and her prompt response, she won a New York City Fire Department T-shirt, donated by Chaplain Services of Camp Bondsteel.

Fire prevention: a lifetime commitment

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

I can remember back when I was a child in school — each year at the beginning of October, the teachers would pin up all these posters talking about fire safety.

Sometimes a firefighter would come into our class and talk about fire safety practices, like how to stop, drop and roll and dial 911 in case of a fire. This was Fire Prevention Week. It wasn't until I joined the fire service that I learned the reason Fire Prevention Week is always in the beginning of October; it commemorates the Great Chicago Fire, which occurred in October of 1871. The fire, whose cause is the subject of several legends, caused hundreds of deaths and burned 18,000 buildings, destroying about one-third of the valuation of the entire city.

During Fire Prevention Week, fire departments all over the U.S. reach out to the public and talk about fire safety in the home, office, and outdoors.

Newspapers run articles on fire safety, Smokey the Bear asks for your help in preventing forest fires, and Sparky the Fire Dog

reminds us to be fire-safe.

While the exposure and attention to fire safety during that week is exceptional, as a fire prevention educator I wish it were that way all year.

Instead, the only fire-related topics in the news are tragedies that have happened.

Fire prevention should be something we think and talk about all the time. Even though one of the worst fires in history occurred in October, fires know no season, and they will start when the opportunity exists.

Remember, fire safety isn't just for children, and it isn't for one month of the year; it's for everyone, every day.

Here are a few fire safety tips to keep in mind while you are here in MNB(E):

- > Test smoke detectors monthly, according to individual detector requirements.
- > Ensure exits are never blocked or locked
- > Do not overload circuits. Ensure the electrical device in use does not exceed the amperage rating.
- > Keep exit routes and walkways free of trash and clutter.

If you have any questions about this, or any fire safety topic, contact your camp fire station, call DSN 781-4098 or B&R 1642, or send e-mail to firedept@bondsteel2.areur.army.mil.



Tidbits

Marksmanship clinic offered weekly

Camp Bondsteel — Capt. Matthew Urbanic, commander of HHC and Co. A, 299th Logistics Task Force, is conducting marksmanship classes from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays. Any soldier in need of practice is welcome, but Urbanic said soldiers of 299th LTF will get priority. Contact Urbanic for more information: DSN 781-3497.

Taekwondo classes start at CBS

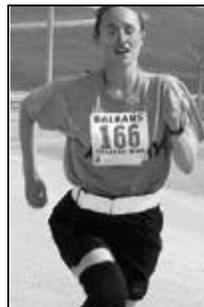
Taekwondo classes are now offered at the North Gym on Camp Bondsteel from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursdays and at the South Gym from 7 to 8 p.m. Sundays.

It is a mixture of martial arts. The main body of the class is from the American Taekwondo Association, and is taught by a first-degree black belt. The other is tang soo do, taught by a second-degree black belt. All are welcome.

For more information, send e-mail to Sgt. Richard Pittman at Richard.Pittman@bondsteel2.areur.army.mil.

Memorial Day Run

WINNERS



Cpt. Alisa Wilma, a veterinarian with Task Force Medical Falcon, was one of 164 participants in the 10-kilometer Memorial Day Run on May 27.

19 and younger, male: Spc. Jeffrey Crawford, HHC, 2nd Bde., 40:34

20-29, male: Lt. Jason Birch, SOCC, 39:31

20-29, female: 1st Lt. Alison Jones, TF 709th MP, 46:55

30-39, male: Vanderuelde (Belgium), 38:39

30-39, female: Capt. Veronica Hansen, CJA, 54:03

40-45, male: Verwichte (Belgium), 43:12

40-45, female: Sgt. Elsa Egstad, 304th PSYOPS Co., 1:09:48

46 and older, male: Cordiez (Belgium), 44:25

Faith support

Protecting KFOR gates has far-reaching implications

By Capt. Jeffrey Burbank
Task Force Medical Falcon Chaplain

Gate Guard. Admittedly, this is one of the least glamorous jobs in MNB(E). Not only do our dutiful gate soldiers have to maintain a sharp situational awareness and a keen eye toward those coming in, but they must also remain vigilant on what's happening outside the wire during the slow times at all our MNB(E) camps. The number of different colored badges, vehicles, and weapons cleared can become a blur in the mind of a soldier who stands guard at the gates day after day.

The Bible talks a lot about gates and what they meant to the cities of old. The gates and gateways of eastern cities held and still hold an important part, not only in the defense of the city but in the public economy as well. The status of the gate represents the wealth and power of the city itself.

Important events in the life of a city took place at the main gates. First, they were a place where land was bought and sold, boundaries discussed, and regular city affairs were attended. In essence, the gate of a city was used as City Hall. A second use was for a place for public debate, where justice was administered, or an audience for kings and rulers or ambassadors assembled. The third purpose for the gate was that it served as a place for public markets. Food and other necessary items for that day could be easily bought and sold in this area.

In heathen towns, the open spaces just outside the gates were used as places for sacrifice or immorality.

Since the gates were regarded as positions of great importance, the gates of cities were carefully guarded, and closed at nightfall. The gates were the main points of attack in times of war. Enemies would use fire, battering rams and other efforts to gain entry, so the most experienced officers would be placed in command to protect the gates. When the troops prepared for war, it was there they would

be reviewed by their leadership. These gates contained chambers at the top where guards were posted 24/7. The gate doors themselves of the larger gates mentioned in Scripture were two-leaved, plated with metal, closed with locks and fastened with metal bars. Gates were serious business then, just as they are now.

We, too, have gates of entry into our mind, soul, body and spirit. Our eyes, ears, and mouth all act as gates. Through these gates pass the images we see, sounds we hear and nourishment or drink which enter our bodies and into who we are as a person. There are good things we can intentionally allow into our gates, such as the view of Big Duke mountain, the sound of the church choir, and a moderate amount of the good food available to us in theater. However, there are also things which we should diligently keep out of our lives. Pornography, music that tears away at morality, and too much food and drink need to be kept far from our gates. Once we allow these things within us, the images or messages are forever imprinted on our minds.

As easy as it is to forget where you left your keys, it is difficult to "unremember" images we view which are destructive to women, relationships, and ourselves. When we allow these images to be imprinted on our minds, we lessen the value attached to others in our lives and can in fact destroy our relationships with those closest to us.

What can we do? Guard our gates! Be intentional, be diligent in what you allow into your gates. Just as the old adage is true that "you are what you eat," so it is true that "what you put in is what you will put out." If you put good stuff into your life and allow the good stuff in your gates, you will see the good stuff coming out of your life and into the lives of others. But if you drop your guard or intentionally allow into your gates the stuff which is against God, then your mind, soul, body and spirit will be negatively affected. What will then come out of your life in what you say and do will not improve your life or the lives of those around you. Guard your gates!

D-DAY: Our past, present, future to always be remembered

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crossed Omaha Beach. The 1st ID had gotten a toehold on Europe; months later, Allied forces would liberate Europe.

Ronald Reagan eloquently stated on the 40th anniversary of D-Day in 1984: "As one of them, you are the fortunate heirs ... the champions who helped free a continent ... the heroes who helped end a war."

It is history's benign bookmark that the same infantry divisions that once fought against each other on D-Day as foes are now friends and that the same infantry divisions that stood guard on opposite sides of the Iron Curtain are now allies.

Just as multi-national forces stretched freedom's light across Europe during World War II, now multi-national forces are

curing peace across Kosovo.

If history and events such as D-Day are to be our road map for the future, then combined multi-national efforts, such as KFOR and the war on terrorism, underscore the need for transatlantic cooperation.

That cooperation is possible because of the principles and values of freedom-loving countries like the United States and its Allies.

Few can imagine the mortal fear faced by soldiers that day on Omaha Beach, but many now know of their valor, bravery and initiative.

For U.S. soldiers and their partners in MNB(E), D-Day is a somber reminder of the price of freedom — and a symbol of what the Army has achieved through determination, courage and cooperation.



Name: Stephen Johnson

Age: 30

Rank: Staff Sgt.

MOS: 12B, combat engineer

Unit: HHC, 9th Engineer Bn.

Stationed at: Camp Able Sentry

Your duty position: Operations sergeant for Assistant Brigade Engineer Section, MNB(E)

What city do you call home? Pope, Miss.

What do you like to do when you are off duty? Relax

Your favorite food: Hot wings

Why did you join the Army? To try something different



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Hint: Z = H

Answer to last week's crypto quip: Have you ever noticed?

maniac.

Worship Schedule

Camp Bondsteel

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

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

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<u>Sunday</u> 9 a.m., Bunker Bible Study	██████████
10 a.m., Collective Protestant Service	██████████
1 p.m., Latter Day Saint Service	██████████
7 p.m., Catholic Mass	██████████
8 p.m. Praise and Worship Service	██████████

Around **KFOR**

June 1: MNB(E)'s Polish-Ukrainian Battalion and U.S. civil affairs soldiers operating in Kacanik and Strpce municipalities conducted Youth Day at POLUKRBAT's White Eagle Camp. Twenty-five Kosovar Albanian children and 25 Kosovar Serb children played games, ate lunch and received certificates, toys and candy.

June 3: A patrol in MNB(N) operating near Kulina, spotted people unloading boxes from mules and transferring them to a vehicle. As the patrol moved to the scene, the vehicle drove off and the people and the mules scattered. The patrol found 18 boxes containing cigarettes, then searched the area and found a mule carrying eight more boxes containing cigarettes. In all, 10,500 packs of cigarettes were seized and turned over to UNMIK Border Police.

June 6: A patrol in MNB(S) found 11 antitank mines near Vrebnica. An explosive ordnance disposal team was dispatched to the scene and recovered the items for future destruction.

June 7: KFOR troops in MNB(N) seized a rifle, a rifle grenade, three magazines of ammunition, a detonator, a bayonet and 121 rounds of ammunition during a search of a home in Srbovac.

June 9: Soldiers of Task Force 1-18 Infantry, TF 1-26 Inf. and POLUKRBAT conducted simultaneous cordon-and-search operations throughout the MNB(E) area of responsibility during Operation Cobalt Knife. Patrols found a submachine gun, a sniper rifle, a pistol, 244 rounds of ammunition, a pair of binoculars, the barrel of a submachine gun, a protective mask, six rucksacks, 2 body armor vests and 12 assorted military-style uniforms.

June 9: Medical Platoon, TF 1-18 Inf., supported by the brigade surgeon, the Task Force Medical Falcon optometrist and seven interpreters, conducted a medical civilian assistance program in Binac, providing 49 Kosovar Albanians and 20 Kosovar Serbs with a wide range of free medical services.

June 10: Medical evacuation training in Strpce turned real for soldiers of TF 709th Military Police, who called for aerial evacuation of a Kosovar Serb logger who had suffered head and abdominal injuries when a tree fell on him. The 45th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) helicopter landed within one minute after the patient was moved to the landing zone, and the man was flown to the hospital on Camp Bondsteel. He died of heart failure during surgery.

June 11: United Kingdom soldiers from MNB(C) conducted cordon-and-search operations in Urosevac with MNB(E) elements, including the Greek 501st Mechanized Battalion and TF 709th Military Police, during Operation Iron Fist V (story page 1).

June 11: A memorial was dedicated at KFOR headquarters in Pristina for the 68 soldiers who have died while serving in Operation Joint Guardian, the NATO mission in Kosovo.

Airman's final flight

Ceremony honoring airman held at CAS

Guardian East staff report

Memorial services were held June 1 for Master Sgt. Thomas Palmer, 50, of North Carolina, who died of massive cardiac arrest June 6 at Camp Able Sentry in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Palmer was in the middle of a physical workout and did not feel well.

He went to the CAS Aid Station, where he collapsed upon arrival. Multi-National Brigade (East) medical staff could not revive him.

Palmer was assigned to the 156th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, based in Charlotte, N.C. His military career included participation in Operation Desert Shield in Saudi Arabia and Oman, Operation Provide Hope in Somalia, Operation Safe Passage, which involved movement of Cuban migrants from Panama to Cuba, and Operation Southern Watch in Kuwait.

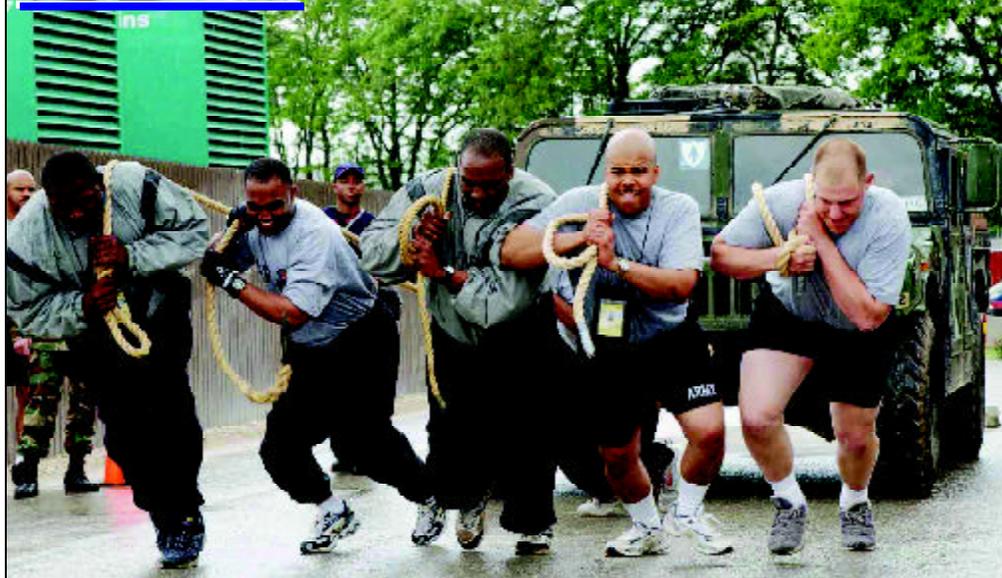
"Master Sergeant Thomas Palmer served his country well and ably over a long and distinguished career. This is a tragic loss for both his family and his brothers and sisters in the profession of arms," said Maj. Mark Ballesteros, a Multi-National Brigade (East) spokesman.

Palmer is survived by his father and two brothers.



Soldiers carry the casket of Master Sgt. Thomas Palmer to the aircraft that carried his remains home after a ceremony June 1 at Camp Able Sentry.

Hooah!



From left: Sgt. Adrin Rich, Staff Sgt. Mario V. Lindsey, 1st Lt. Elijah V. Ham III, Pvt. Paul S. Williams, Pvt. Mark J. Schlegel and (behind them) Sgt. Michael D. Daniels, all of the "Steel Knights" — Co. A, 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment — pull a Humvee during Camp Monteith's Memorial Day sports competition.

Photo by Spc. Patrick Rodriguez

