

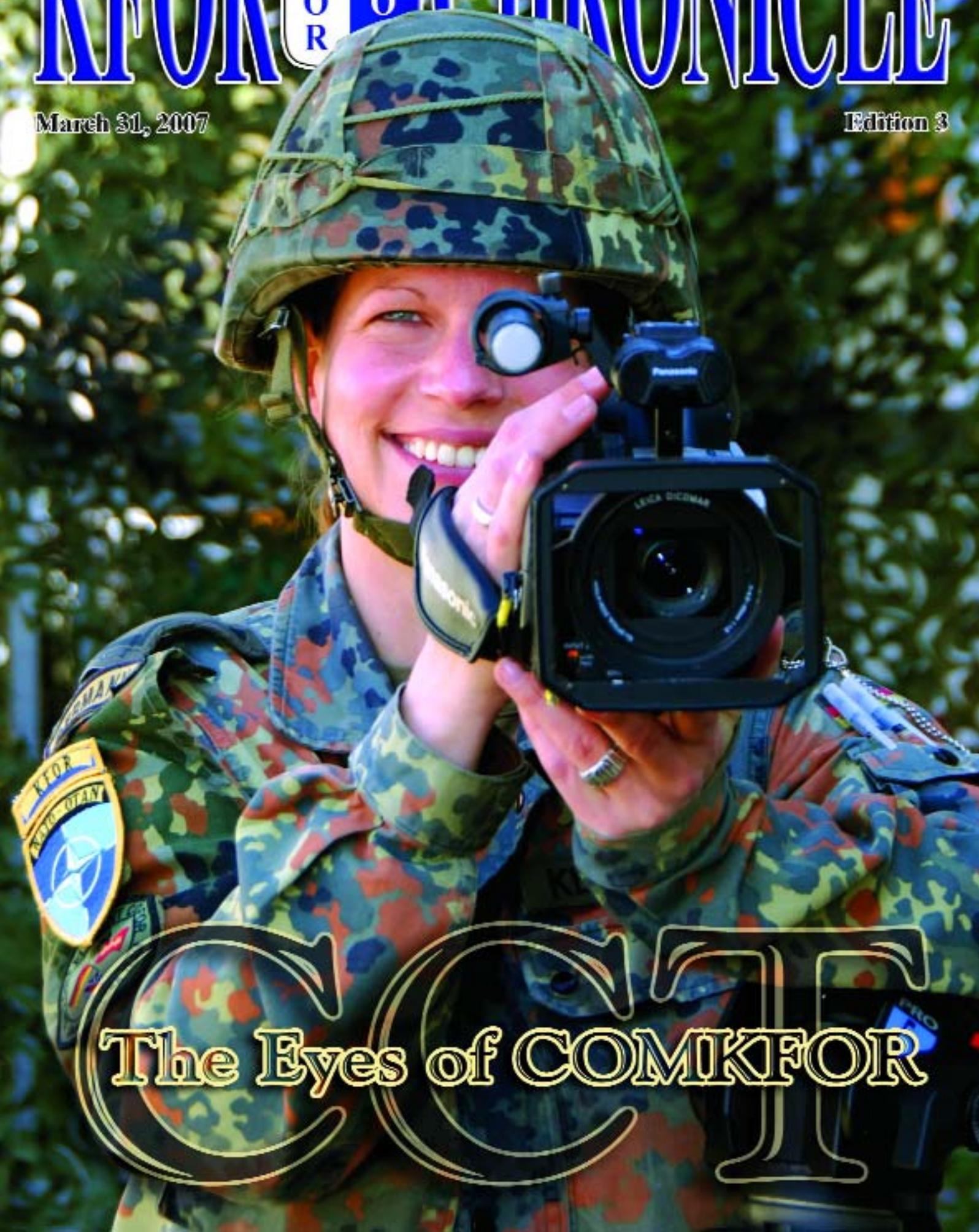
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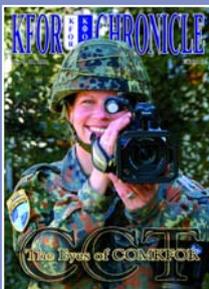


Mr. Ioannis Anthiropoulos was decorated with the highest NATO Medal - the Meritorious Service Medal - for exceptional service to NATO, by COMKFOR Lieutenant General Roland Kather, during the evening staff update meeting at HQ KFOR on March 5.

He distinguished himself by exceptional meritorious service as the KFOR J8 Chief Fiscal Officer from August 1, 2004, through September 8, 2006. His expertise and dedication ensured that KFOR demonstrated excellent stewardship of the resources allocated to it by NATO. This award was commended by Admiral Harry G. Ulrich and signed by NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer.



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# CCT - The Eyes of COM



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*Text by Capt. Udo Milz, German Air Force  
Photos by Combat Camera Team*

The Combat Camera Team (CCT) is a part of the national Support Platoon of COMKFOR Lieutenant General Roland Kather. It is led by Chief de Cabinet Brigadier General Hofmeyer. It consists of a team leader, a cameraman and a photographer. OR-5 Astrid Klöckner, OR-5 Sven Schwarze and I have been in the mission area since September 2006 and we will handover to our successors in March. The new team will accompany and support COMKFOR until his end of tour. Our daily routine was set in advance by COMKFOR's office; the coordination and planning of the employments were carried out by me.

CCT has a great variety of tasks. We covered the activities of COMKFOR, and provided photos and videos of important events mainly for the KFOR headquarters in Pristina. To support the work of the Public Information Office and the Multinational Task Forces was also part of our job. When it was needed, we even provided photos and video for local and international media.

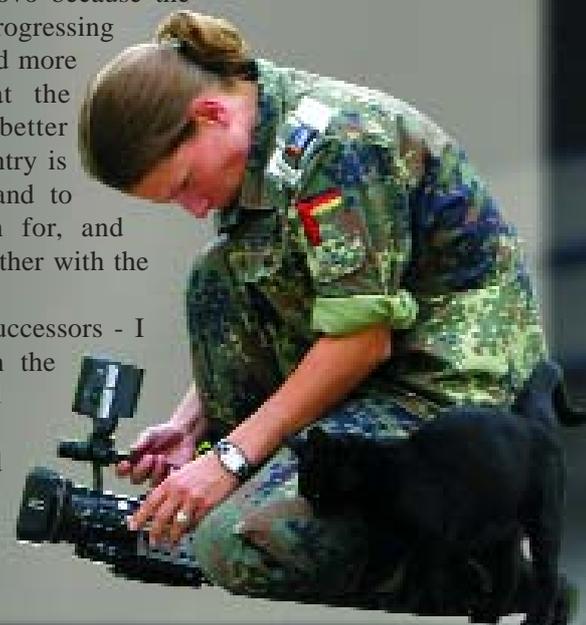
Another task was to accompany the main visits at KFOR headquarters. A big challenge for us was to conduct various special missions, like the coverage of the demonstrations staged in November, February and March.

OR-5 Klöckner and I joined the CCT here in Kosovo previously in 2004 for six months under the command of one of the former COMKFORs, Lieutenant General Kammerhof. Since then, the country changed a lot. The job however was almost the same, except that in our former experience we worked more on our own projects and also in our last mission we were responsible for the documentation and production of status reports.

Our job was not office work - almost everyday we were somewhere around the mission area. We had the opportunity to see a lot of different parts of Kosovo. This gave us an excellent picture of Kosovo's daily life - their good things as well as their problems. My wife was born in Croatia. Her relatives are from Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia, and they showed me how it's possible to live together in a very peaceful and fruitful way in spite of ethnic and cultural differences.

I am convinced that this is possible to come true also for the people here in Kosovo because the peace process is progressing constantly. More and more people realize that the only way for a better future for their country is to avoid violence and to show consideration for, and accept and live together with the other ethnic groups.

Good luck to our successors - I hope you will gain the same interesting and challenging experiences we had here in Kosovo with KFOR!



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### Visit by Inspector of the French Army

**MAR 1**

General Thierry de Bouteiller, the Inspector of the French Army visited HQ KFOR and met with COMKFOR Lieutenant General Roland Kather.

### 13th Mechanized Infantry Division commander's visit

**MAR 2**

Major General Reinhart Kammerer, the 13th Mechanized Infantry Division commander met with COMKFOR at Film City.



### KTM medal parade

During the medal parade at Camp Slim Lines, COMKFOR awarded the NATO Non-Article 5 medal to the KTM commander and KTM soldiers.

**MAR 6**

### UNMIK Police commissioner's visit

**MAR 6**

COMKFOR General Kather met with UNMIK Police commissioner Mr. Richard Monk during his first visit to KFOR HQ.



### CSM TOA ceremony

**MAR 11**

COMKFOR Lieutenant General Roland Kather attended the Transfer of Authority ceremony for the KFOR Command Sergeant Major.



### Visit by the Head of the Austrian Office

**MAR 7**

Mr. Bernd Bayerl, Head of the Austrian Office in Pristina, visited COMKFOR at KFOR HQ.



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## SACEUR's visit

**MAR 12**

SACEUR General John Craddock visited Kosovo and met with Orthodox authorities at Decani/Decan monastery.

## Commanders Conference

**MAR 13**

The KFOR Commanders Conference took place at KTM HQ Camp Slim Lines.



## Visit by the Austrian Ambassador

**MAR 22**

Austrian Ambassador to the UN in Geneva Mr. Wolfgang Petritsch visited KFOR HQ and met with COMKFOR.

## Meeting with KPC Coordinators

**MAR 22**

COMKFOR met with the outgoing and incoming KPC Coordinators during their visit to HQ KFOR.



## KTM TOA ceremony

**MAR 22**

COMKFOR General Kather attended the KFOR Tactical Reserve Maneuver Battalion Transfer of Authority ceremony at Camp Slim Lines.



## Hellenic National Day

**MAR 25**

General Kather attended the Hellenic National Day celebration at Greek Camp Rigas Fereos.



# Mission complete



# Completed - job well done!

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

The Transfer of Authority ceremony between the 1st Paratrooper Battalion and the 2nd Mechanized Battalion of KFOR Tactical Reserve Maneuver Battalion (KTM) took place on March 22, in Camp Slim Lines.

Outgoing KTM commander Lieutenant Colonel Álvaro Guerreiro da Silva, a great person with a big heart pronounced his last words as KTM commander in front of the formation and guests: "We can say with pride - mission completed", he said. "It is for me a great satisfaction to handover the command of KTM to my comrade and friend Lieutenant Colonel Paulo Maia Pereira", he continued. "I wish to you and your battalion good luck, and I'm sure, that you will raise the credit of the Portuguese Army".

COMKFOR Lieutenant General Roland Kather was present during the ceremony. He thanked the outgoing KTM commander and welcomed the

incoming commander: "Lt. Col. da Silva, mission completed - job well done! Thank you to Portugal for sending us a new leader".

After the raising of the Portuguese flag, which is traditionally brought along with the new battalion, the incoming KTM commander made a speech: "On starting this mission in Kosovo we feel that we are in the presence of one more challenge, to which the battalion soldiers will dedicate all their commitment and effort".

During the ceremony, I along with all guests realized how hard this ceremony was for the outgoing battalion and especially the outgoing commander.

I was also touched by the ceremony. During the last six months I made some friendships and had a close and good working cooperation with them. It was always a pleasure for me to work with and for my KTM friends in a very respectful and highly-professional way.

To our friend Jorge Ferreira and other outgoing brothers in arms I wish good luck. You will stay in our hearts.



# Improve Economic and S

Text by Maj. Zsolt Balasz, Hungarian Army and Maj. Gian Piero Demarcus, Italian Army

Multinational Task Force West medical activities shows that the medical infrastructure of a territory are usually endangered after a conflict. The sanitary sector of Kosovo is one of the main areas through which we can improve the economic and social conditions in order to favor the reconstruction of a civil society.

The MNTF W CIMIC activities are directed to improve the condition of living in this region through intervention aimed especially towards medical facilities. There have been several projects performed in order to facilitate this goal.

In immediate humanitarian assistance, MNTF W CIMIC has provided first aid, medical examination and laboratory tests for those in need. In 2007 alone, medical assistance was provided to 68 local people in the medical centre at Camp Villaggio Italia. If the proper capabilities were not available here, the patients could be taken to hospitals in Italy. The first of these was a boy taken to Rome in March 2001. Since then, 40 patients were admitted to Italian hospitals without any financial coast to the families of the patients.

Moreover, the MNTF W CIMIC branch provides planning and management in many medical infrastructure projects proposed by local municipalities and NGOs. There are 15 in the AOR - here are some examples:

- In January the Mental Centre of Pec/Pejë received a donation of a 50 kW capacity generator. If needed, the electrical supply is there;
- In February a dialysis device was delivered to the Dialysis Centre of the Regional Hospital of Djakovica/Gjakovë. It was the result of a request from the municipality of Djakovica/Gjakovë;
- An ambulance equipped with medical devices was donated to the firemen of Decani/Decan in February;
- Some dialysis systems will be ready in the Regional Hospital of Pec/Pejë next month;
- MNTF W has also built two new operating rooms



# Social Conditions!



in Korenica/Korenicë and in Babaj Boks/Babaj Bokës.

In addition to all of this, the MNTF W CIMIC branch supports the inhabitants of Kosovo in their everyday problems. In December 2006 Lieutenant Colonel Giuseppe Pertosa received a request from the Liaison and Monitoring Team concerning a need for gasoline for the ambulances of the Dialysis Centre of Pec/Pejë. Due to its financial difficulties, 4,000 litres of gasoline were provided to this centre, enough for operating their eight ambulances for another three months.

The commander of MNTF W, Brigadier General Attilio Claudio Borreca, has always been present at these events in order to emphasize the will of KFOR not only to assure a safe and secure environment to the people of Kosovo, but also to improve the economic and social conditions essential to reconstructing an atmosphere of mutual tolerance and democratic cohabitation among the various ethnicities.



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# Bloody tragedy in N



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

*Photos by Mr. Armend Aqifi*

March 15, 2007. Novo Selo/Maxhunaj region - road to Mitrovica. A French Army truck loaded with two heavy containers slides on the road, the container in tow slide sideways, blocking a vehicle with two civilian passengers inside and hitting its escorting car in front.

During the accident the truck driver's assistant received an open wound with heavy bleeding. One of the passengers of the escorting car was ejected from the car as a result of the impact; another had an open wound to his leg with heavy bleeding and the driver sustained wounds in his throat. The passengers of the civilian car appeared seriously injured and the doors of the car were jammed shut. Witnesses on the scene

were shocked at the sight of the accident.

One of them immediately called the Multinational Task Force North Headquarters. In nine minutes medical and military police teams from Camp de Lattre de Tassigny were on the scene of the accident. After a couple of seconds the perimeter of the car accident was surrounded and secured by MPs and the medical team provided first aid to the victims.

MNTF N Fire Brigade came on the site to prevent the explosion of vehicles and to extract the passengers from the civilian vehicle. Soon after the rest of the MNTF N Combat Support and Supply Battalion (CSSBat) arrived.

Firefighters helped the medical team with all their assets to organize and provide first aid to the victims. They decided to cut the roof of the civilian car, as the victims were inside and the



# Novo Selo

doors were jammed, and medics didn't have a chance to help them. After minutes of hard, but careful and very professional work, firefighters gave the green light to medics. The medical team and firefighters carefully extracted the wounded from the car and quickly provided first aid to them.

At the same time, the remaining medics provided help to the injured passenger in the escorting car. As it was impossible to evacuate him from the car they put a dropper for the accident victim directly in the car until firefighters were able to extract him from the damaged vehicle.

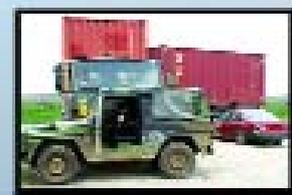
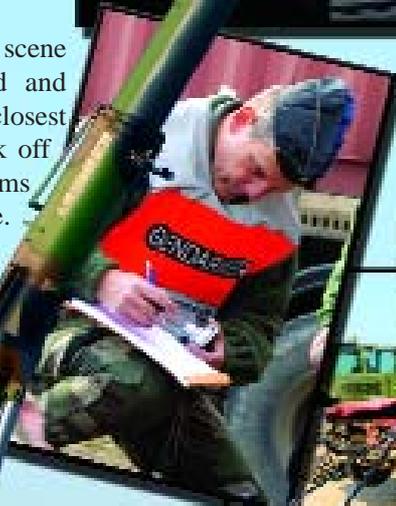
Also a MEDEVAC helicopter was called to the scene because two victims were seriously injured and needed to be immediately transported to the closest hospital. After two minutes the helicopter took off with the seriously injured people. The other victims were transported to the hospitals by ambulance.

Finally, the recovery team cleaned the road.

I was standing there holding my breath with my eyes wide open. I started to slowly realize what had happened. Then I asked the commanding officer of CSSBat, Colonel Frederic de Moulins, about the action of his battalion. He answered:

"They showed their professional abilities to act in a difficult environment with excellent control of the situation".

Fortunately for all it was only an exercise.



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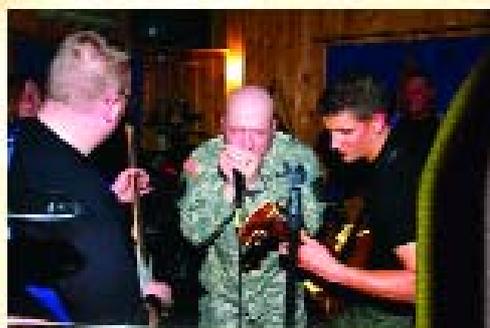
*Text and photos by Capt. Heinz Nitsch, Austrian Army*

The "German Arc" in Film City is shaking. The last guitar tunes are dying away and "We want more" is the chorus of the attendees to be heard over and over again. But unfortunately, time is up and the musicians are packing their stuff. Who was performing? The Cranberries, Chuck Berry or the Rolling Stones? Well, it was their songs, but this time performed by the Camp Band of Field Camp (FC) Prizren known as the "Try16s", a group quite unknown in the big world but nevertheless an extraordinary group of artists.

It is a long tradition at FC Prizren that every contingent forms a Camp Band to entertain soldiers of MNTF S. At present, the "Try16s" consist of soldiers of three nations, Germany, Austria and Switzerland, and as it is the 16th German contingent, the name was easily found. But it is not only the name that makes a great band. By accompanying the eight members during their rehearsals and preparations, I easily found out that it is hard work to achieve the results that make the audience rock. And most of this work has to be done after duty hours, which leads to the question: why are people sacrificing their scarce leisure time for this kind of activity? The answer by the band was quite unanimous: "It is by the interaction between playing music and giving some nice hours to the audience that motivates them to do this and by not forgetting that music always is a good way for getting out of the daily routine".

The common goal of playing music not only brought together soldiers of three nations but also of nearly all ranks. They range from Lieutenant Colonel to Sergeant, but this does not mean that there is any kind of hierarchy in the band. From the very beginning all members came to the conclusion that the priority has to be put on music and on playing together, so I could not even figure out who was the bandleader. Everyone of the crew may give his input in order to enhance the performance. This principle works very well, as we could all hear in the "German Arc". The mood was so good that spontaneously two U.S. soldiers from the audience entered the stage and together with the band gave an improvised blues session, adding mouth-organ and percussions.

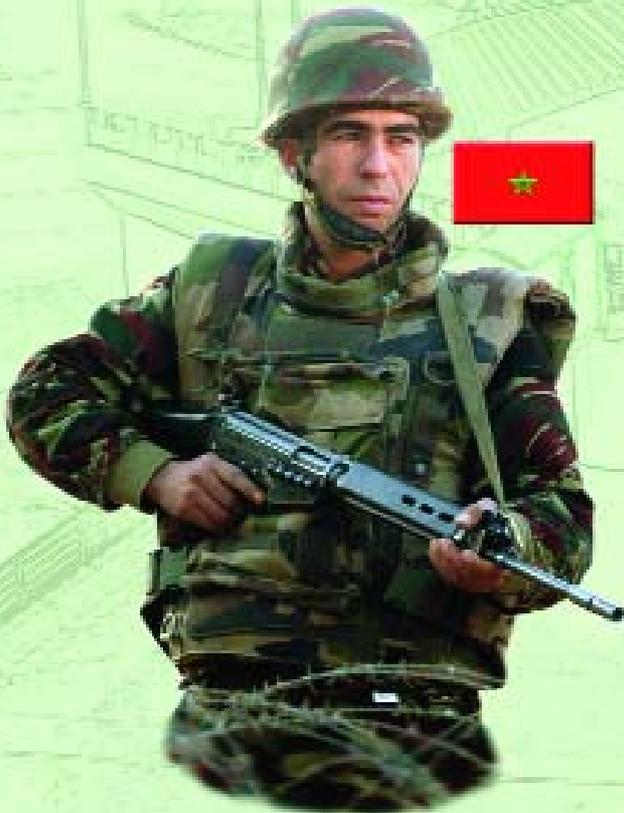
If you want to hear the "Try16s" playing songs ranging from "Knockin' on Heavens Door" to "T.N.T." and from "See you later, Alligator" to "Satisfaction", hurry up, because unfortunately this gorgeous band will break apart within the next month and a half due to the end of tour of its members. And don't forget to donate, because the money collected during the concerts not only serves to replace guitar strings, broken cables and other equipment needed. It serves also to assist projects for the benefit of Kosovo, like the 300 Euro the band handed over for the "Kosovision" project that ran in March.





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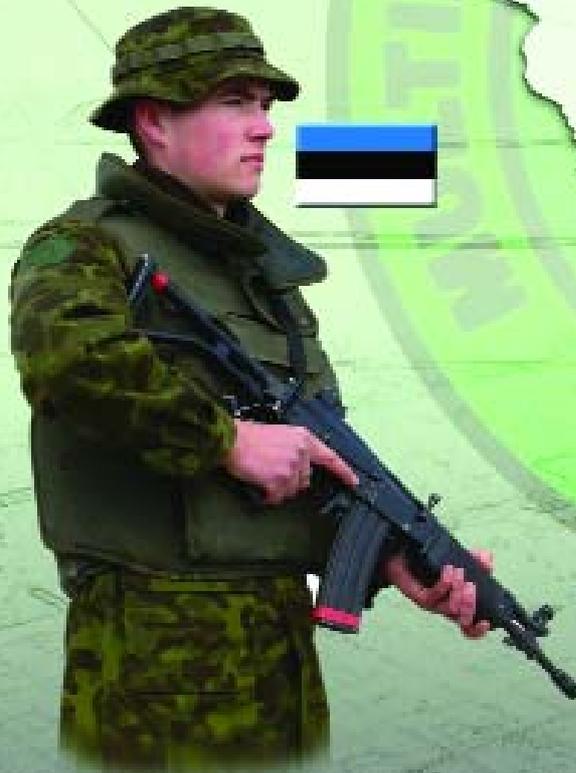
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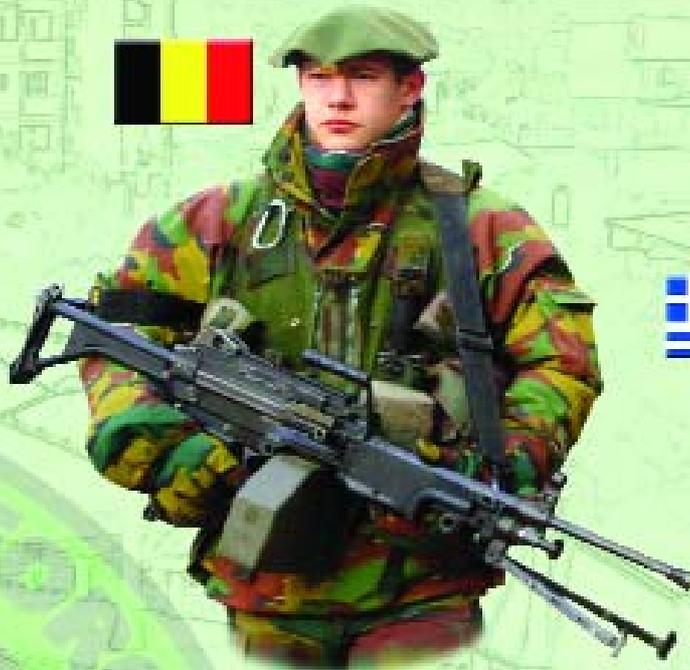


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# 11% OF SLOVENIAN ARMED FORCES CAME IN KOSOVO

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

Photos by 1st Lt. Maksym Klunnyk,  
Ukrainian Army

Italians came to attention in precision as the battle flag entered on February 25, in a ceremony in which a Slovenian battalion replaced an Italian one in the MNTF W HQ, Camp Villaggio Italia. About 600 Slovenian soldiers joined the ranks of KFOR and the NATO mission. This is the largest Slovenian contingent here to date and accounts for nearly 11 percent of the Slovenian Armed Forces. Lieutenant Colonel Miha Skerbinc Barbo is the commander of the newly assigned battalion and took command from the Italian battalion "Grantieri di Sardegna" commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Attilio Monaco.

Lt. Col. Monaco said his time in Kosovo was one of the most significant periods in his life. "I will always take with me the smiles of the children I met in activities", he said. "I will have that in my head forever".

MNTF W  
commander



Brigadier General Attilio Borreca thanked the former North Battalion who extended their mission one month to give the incoming unit an opportunity to prepare.

"Welcome aboard", he told Lt. Col. Skerbinc.

Kosovo Prime minister, Mr. Agim Çeku, the Slovenian Minister of Defense, Mr. Karel Erjavec, COMKFOR Lieutenant General Roland Kather, and other political and military authorities attended the ceremony.

"Our battalion Sokol will continue to carry out the peaceful mission in this part of Kosovo. In this way we give our contribution toward a

more beautiful future for all", said Lt. Col. Skerbinc during the ceremony. "Task Force Sokol is ready to accomplish the mission and fulfill your orders", he added.

The end of the ceremony signified the end of one tour for the Italians and the beginning for the Slovenians as they embark on an instrumental mission here in Kosovo.



# God, Homeland, King

*Text by 1st Lt. Fayssal Abrouq,  
Moroccan Army*

Since the disengagement of the Moroccan military advanced surgical hospital, which was based in Mitrovica, the number of personnel of the Moroccan battalion has decreased to one company under the French battalion operational command, and one general quarter detachment including the command post and a national support element. The contingent is based in Novo Selo Camp and

under the command of Colonel Mohamed Makhoub.

Moreover the Moroccan battalion is contributing to the staff of KFOR with one officer at the Coalition Press Information Center and at MNTF N HQ with officers and one NCO within G3, G2, G4 and PIO sections. The contingent also provides rotationally with the Danish Army the post of the MNTF N deputy commander.

As for the Moroccan company, 1st Coy within the French Battalion is in charge of the security of camps in Novo Selo and Plana regions and the control of MNTF N south AOR, especially of the Serbian enclaves of Grace and

Priluzje/Prelluzhe.

All Moroccan personnel are provided by multiple units of the Royal Army Forces as the 7th Mechanized Brigade, the 10th Motorized Brigade, the 6th and the 4th Royal Artillery Regiment, the 3rd Motorized Regiment and more.

Under its national motto: "God, Homeland, King", the Moroccan contingent, through its contribution in the peacekeeping mission within the Multinational Task Force North, is fully committed to contributing to maintaining a safe and secure environment and freedom of movement Kosovo wide.



# Sanctuary of Mir

*Text by OR-6 Christin Michaud, U.S. Air Force  
Photos by 1st Lt. Maksym Klunnyk, Ukrainian Army*

For anyone who is Catholic, this sanctuary located in Djakovica/Gjakovë isn't an ordinary sanctuary. Having grandparents that were Catholic I was excited to see a Catholic church in Kosovo and learn about it.

"Sanctuarium divo Thaumaturgo Santonio" was built in 1932 in honor of St. Anthony.

Unlike traditional Catholic churches, St. Anthony's is a sanctuary open to and frequented by people of different faith, including Muslims, Orthodox and other religions in the region.

From the outside, the traditional yellow brick doesn't make it seem grandeur or even catch your eye if you drive by. Just a block a way onlookers notice the new Catholic church being built instead. But what happens inside St. Anthony's is what makes it special.

The legend of St. Anthony, the name sake of the church, was that he was a Franciscan, priest, preacher, and miracle worker. Nearly everywhere

St. Anthony is asked to intercede with God for the return of things lost or stolen.

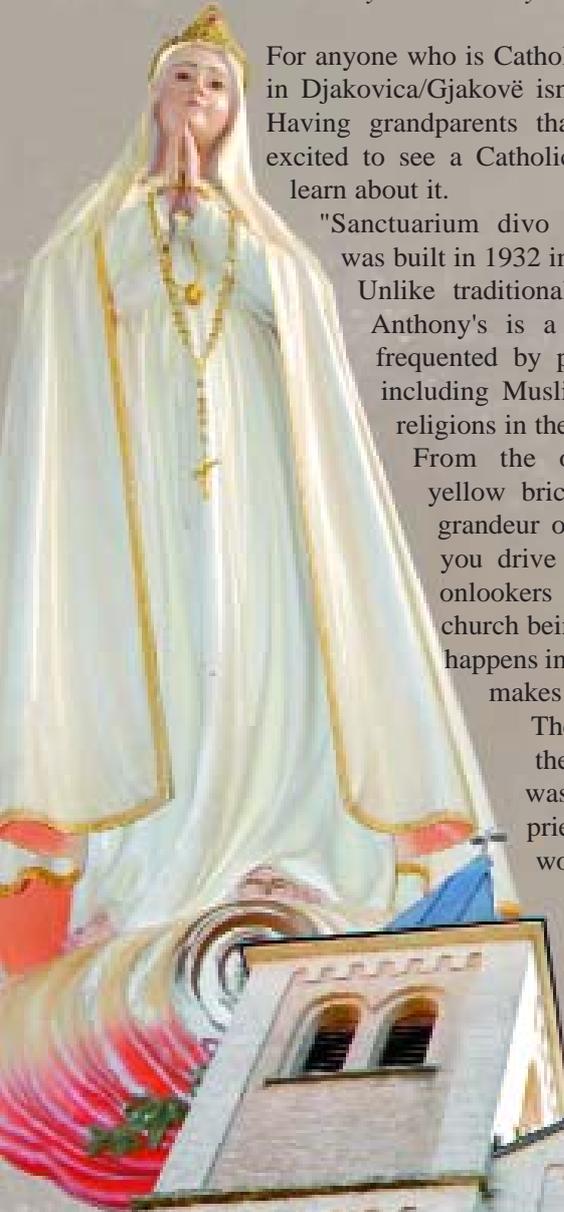
Shortly after his death people began praying through Anthony to find or recover lost and stolen articles. The anthem of St. Anthony composed by his contemporary, Julian of Spires, proclaims, "The sea obeys and fetters break, and lifeless limbs thou dost restore, while treasures lost are found again, when young or old thine aid implore".

"The miracles are what attract people from the different cultures here in Kosovo", explained Father Anton. He told me of one story in which a paralyzed 12-year-old girl who came to mass left walking.

It touches my heart to see that a nation sometimes divided can assemble on the grounds of their beliefs or desire for miracles.

St. Anthony's will celebrate every Tuesday beginning March 20 with a mass in honor of the Saint. It continues for 13 weeks and brings people together from all over to celebrate his name.

Mass is held in the evenings and on Sunday. The sanctuary hosts many weddings in the summer



# miracles

months as well. Inside, churchgoers see the walls lined with Stations of the Cross, as they attend mass and partake in the sacrament.

More than 1,300 elementary school children attend Sunday School at St. Anthony's as they prepare for their first communion.

All over the world, not only those who travel the seas but also other travelers and vacationers pray that they may be kept safe because of Anthony's intercession. Several stories and legends account for associating the saint with travelers and sailors. It hits close to home because we as soldiers from more than 35 nations travel to Kosovo to make a difference in our own way. I hope St. Anthony watches over us all. As we left, Father Anton gave us a key chain with a likeness of St. Anthony on it. It wasn't until then that I remembered once when

I was leaving my grandmother's house with a long drive ahead of me that she gave me a St. Anthony's medallion to travel in safety. My grandmother has since passed away, but it now hangs in my son's bedroom.

It's amazing that faith can bring people together from all over the world and touch their lives. St. Anthony's in Djakovica/Gjakovë does just that. It truly is a sanctuary of miracles.



[Inside KFOR]

Text by 1st Lt. Maksym Klunnyk, Ukrainian Army

Photos by Armend Aqifi



I want to describe for you a few episodes of the MSUs daily routine. But first here some interesting information about this unit:

The Multinational Specialized Unit (MSU) was founded in Bosnia in the 1990s and assigned to SFOR. Ever since, they have played an important role in supporting peacekeeping operations in Albania as well as in Iraq and here in Kosovo.

The MSU consists of 350 policemen with military status. Most of them are Italian Carabinieri, but approximately 85 of

them are French Gendarmerie.

This day started as a regular day for the MSU soldiers. After a short briefing held on the street, teams started their usual foot patrols. Maybe for them this day seemed like any others - but not for me. I joined the first team led by OR-6 Gilles Mazaudon, French Gendarmerie. We moved by the main street of Urosevac/Ferizaj. Our first stop was at the so-named "work market" where I saw several people applying for work. Immediately we were surrounded by a large number of citizens. One of them, Mr. Agim Rexhepi told me: "We are very happy to have MSU policemen here. It's good for us and our welfare", he said. "People in uniform

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are always welcome here and we consider them as family members because they give us a hope on a better future". Our next stop was in front of the public library. I was surprised because immediately a few people surrounded us to talk or find advice or help in their problems. We discussed a lot of things from how to solve problems with corruption to talks about Ramush Haradinaj's imprisonment. I became curious why these people were so open with people they didn't know well. One of the Urosevac/Ferizaj municipality representatives gave me the answer. "Our people are used to having KFOR soldiers and especially MSU policemen on the streets. Because of this they really feel safer and in some cases trust them more than government representatives".

Each place we stopped immediately became like a help centre. A lot of people came to talk with us. I realized that MSU policemen provide especially important work for the Kosovars. Thousands of citizens talked with MSU policemen and every one of them went away with some advice or with help. The people of Kosovo thanked them with their respect, trust and love. I saw it in the eyes of these people.

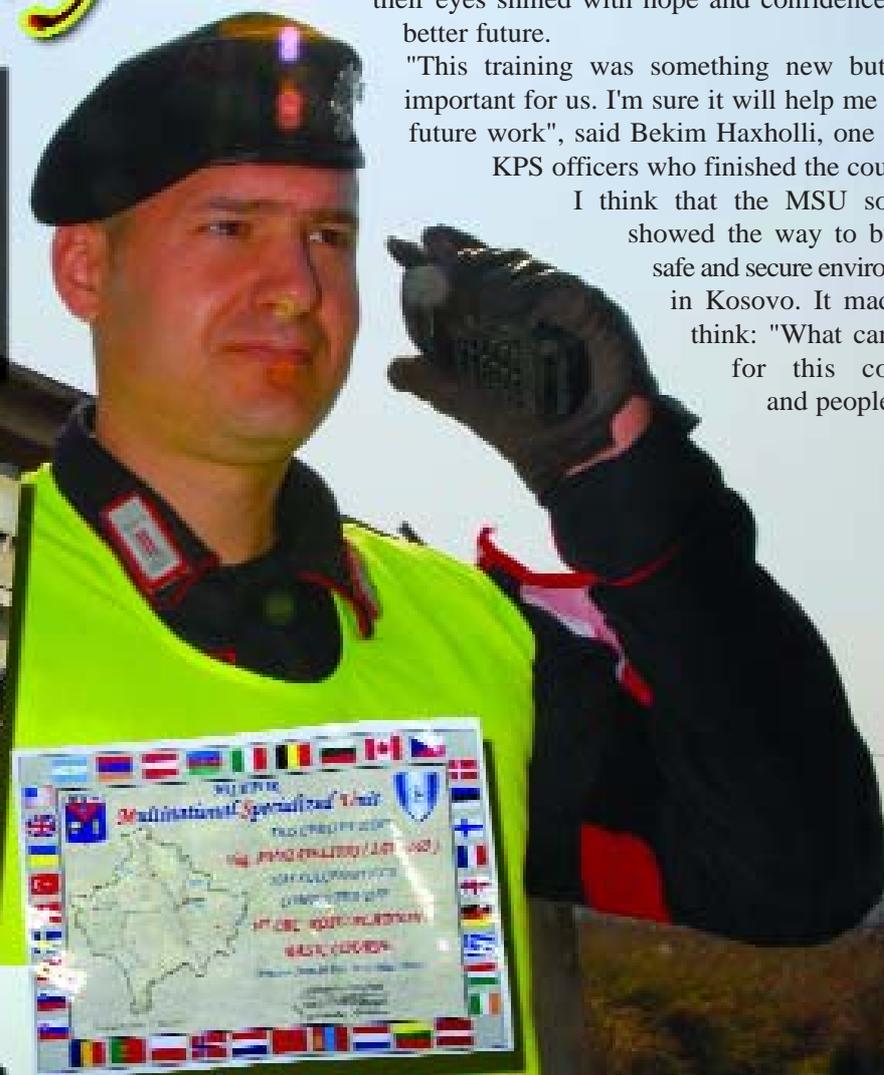
As for them, MSU officers were very glad to help the people and always tried to find a solution to their problems. It's wonderful when you see that someone cares.

The next day we were present at an examination for a course organized by the MSU. The MSU was instrumental in training the Kosovo Police Service (KPS) and giving them a final exam once they completed the Crowd Riot Control (CRC) course. Presentation of the certificates, after the successful examination, was organized in Pristina/Prishtinë central KPS station. The faces of KPS officers who graduated these courses were happy and their eyes shined with hope and confidence for a better future.

"This training was something new but very important for us. I'm sure it will help me in my future work", said Bekim Haxholli, one of the KPS officers who finished the course.

I think that the MSU soldiers showed the way to build a safe and secure environment in Kosovo. It made me think: "What can I do for this country and people"?

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# Body Pump class

*Text and photos by  
Capt. Lars Oscarsson,  
Swedish Army*

It's the last Body Pump class; it's Super Friday. The class has moved from the gym into the Leijona Arena. It looks more like a disco than a work out area before the class begins.

Some from the class have been training Step Up for several months. Before the Body Pump class begins they put up on a display about how Step Up works. It's high tempo, well coordinated movement and demands both strength and stamina. 1st Lt. Ilona Tribe has taken Step Up since her arrival in theatre and it's a form of workout that she really enjoys. "It's like dancing. You just enjoy it", Lt. Tribe said.

The music is loud, disco lights shine green, yellow and red light on the walls and there is also a smoke machine that turns

the Leijona Arena into a veritable night club. Twenty KFOR soldiers and officers have come to this last Body Pump class. Body Pump is a demanding work out that trains all major muscle groups. The tempo is high and everyone strives to keep up with the instructor:

"Next one - biceps", the instructor shouts through the music! "Seven on each side, girls four".

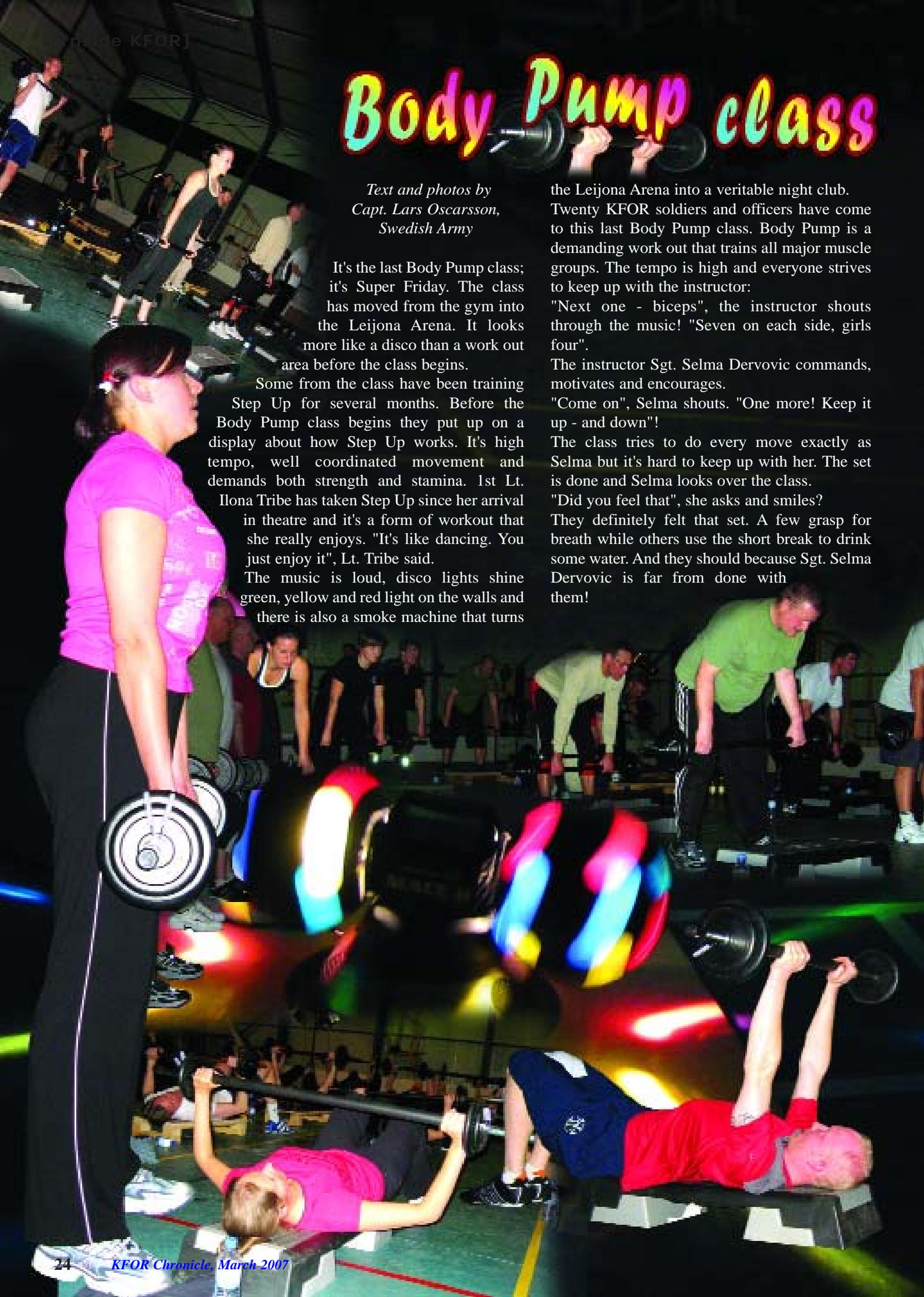
The instructor Sgt. Selma Dervovic commands, motivates and encourages.

"Come on", Selma shouts. "One more! Keep it up - and down"!

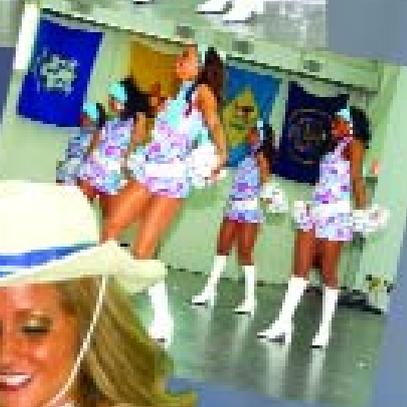
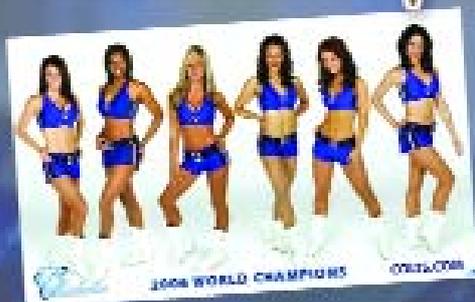
The class tries to do every move exactly as Selma but it's hard to keep up with her. The set is done and Selma looks over the class.

"Did you feel that", she asks and smiles?

They definitely felt that set. A few grasp for breath while others use the short break to drink some water. And they should because Sgt. Selma Dervovic is far from done with them!

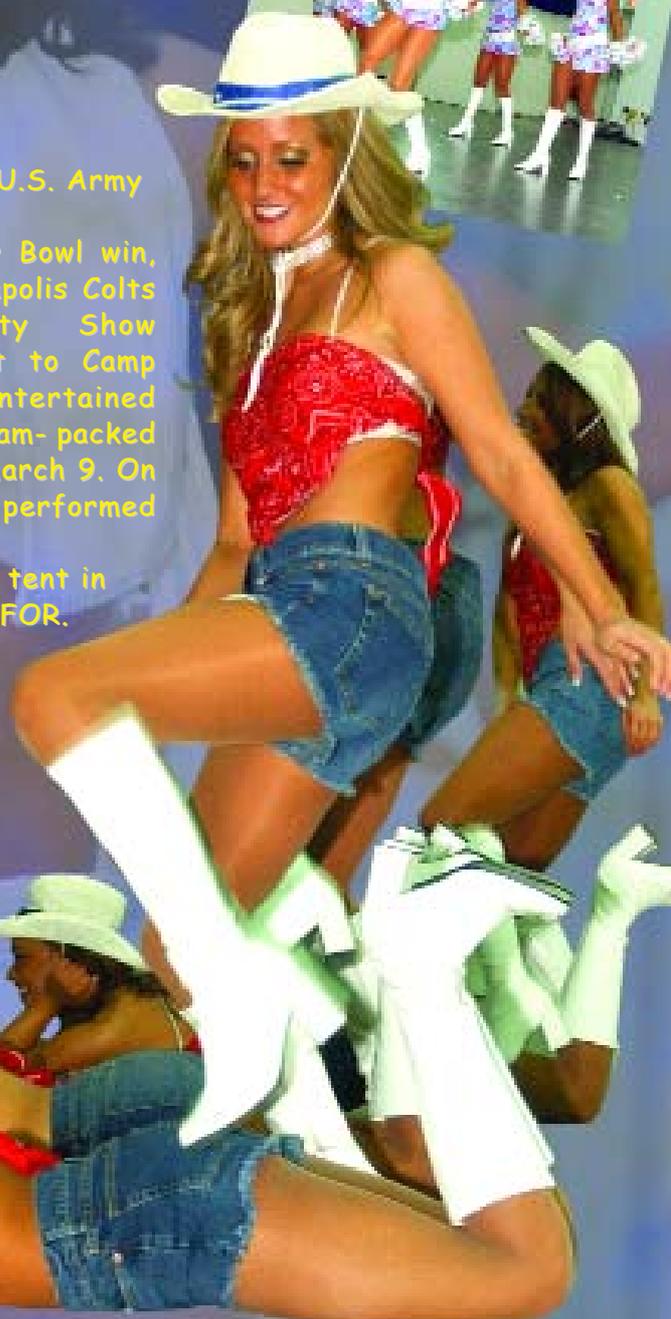


# Indianapolis Colts Cheerleaders



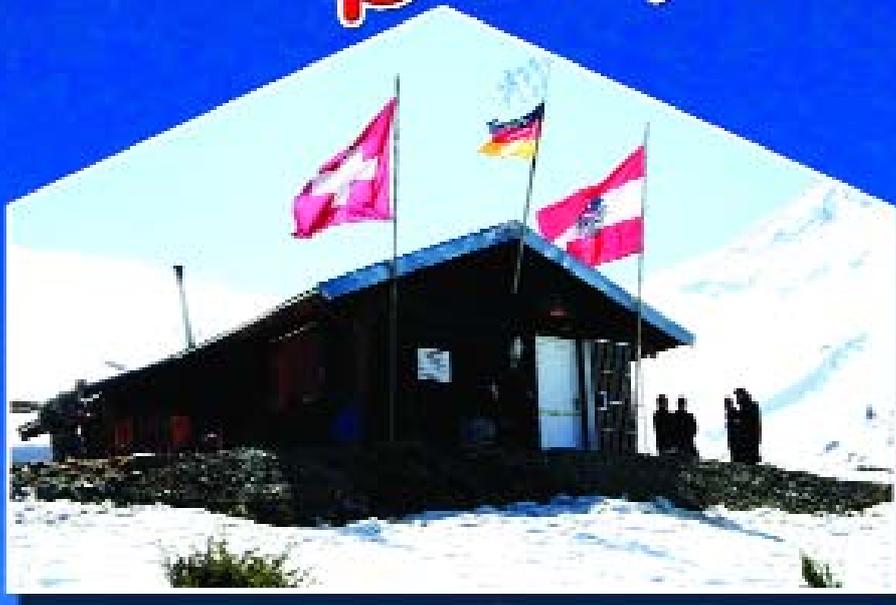
Photos by SPC David House, U.S. Army

Fresh off of their Super Bowl win, members of the Indianapolis Colts Cheerleaders Variety Show Troupe paid a visit to Camp Bondsteel and entertained the troops at a jam-packed Post Theatre March 9. On March 11 they performed in the multifunctional tent in Film City, HQ KFOR.



# Sun, snow and

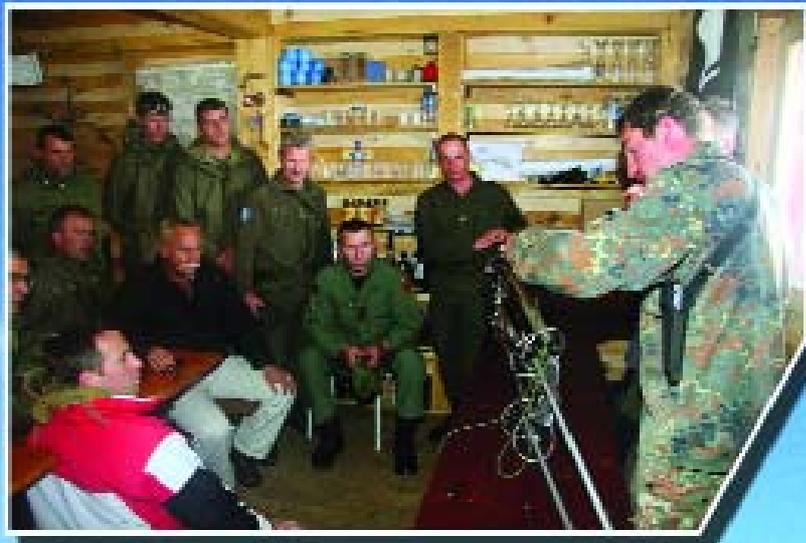
## MNTF South



*Alpine training post "Citadel" reminds us of our home countries*



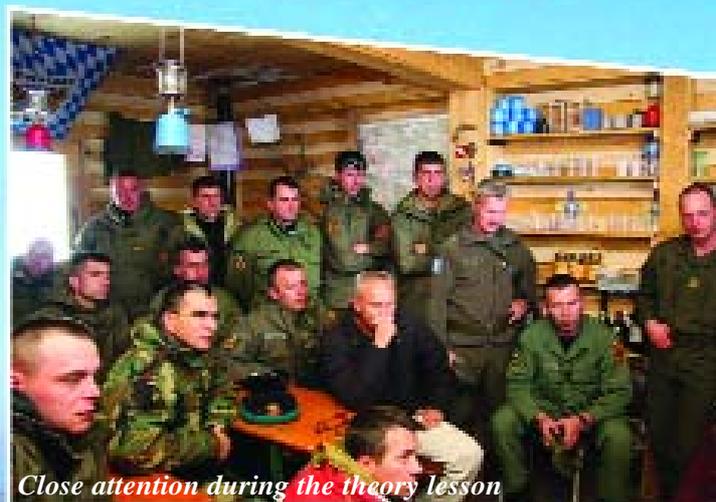
*The competition race proves that the  
All slides*



*How to build an improvised rescue slide out of a pair of  
skis and some cords*



*Deputy Commander of KPC Major General Rrahman  
Rama being interviewed for the MNTF S press release*



*Close attention during the theory lesson*

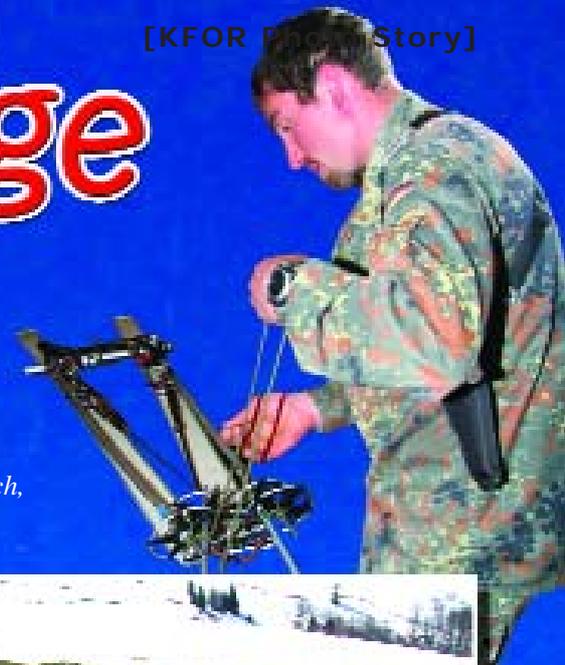
# a rescue sledge

## h trains KPC



trainees did a good work:  
keep stable

Text and photos by Capt. Heinz Nitsch,  
Austrian Army



The practical training clearly shows: Everyone is a winner!



An improvised rescue slide in action, operated by members of KPC Protection Zone 2

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# Until the rest of our lives!

*Text by Vera Gerovac  
interpreted by Svetlana Petrovic  
Photos by Aleksandar Narand ic*

On March 10, the ceremony of the school playground's opening was held in the schoolyard of the primary school in the village of Suvi Do/Suhodoll near Lipljan/Lipjan. Almost all the residents of the village were present at the ceremony, as well as journalists and reporters. The project started in December 2006 on an initiative of the Village Council which submitted a request for the construction of a playground for football, basketball and volleyball to the CIMIC office of Multinational Task Forces Centre. CIMIC approved the project and the construction was finished within two weeks.

The playground was provided with baskets, goals, a volleyball net and a protection fence, at some points four meters high. This project cost more than € 18,000 - donated by the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Ivojin Nastic, representative of the Village Council of Suvi Do/Suhodoll, was very satisfied and pleased with this project. He said that no investment had been made in his village since 1999. "This playground will be for the use of all: both the pupils of the primary school and the residents of the neighboring villages. Furthermore, there are a lot of children in our village who don't have the place where they could spend their free time doing something useful. We are all very happy and cheerful!" said Mr. Nastic.



Captain Juha Saarinen, CIMIC Officer of MNTF Centre was responsible for this project and also for the organization of the entire event. He said that he was really happy that everything went so smoothly, especially the cooperation with the representatives of the village and the building construction company. The Finnish Contingent commander, Colonel Arto-Pekka Nurminen, had the honor to cut the ribbon and open the playground. After the playground's opening, a friendly basketball and soccer match between KFOR soldiers and residents of the village was held. After the matches the players had the chance to recover at a modest cocktail party in the school building organized by the Village



Council.

Reactions of the young people who were present were almost all of the same opinion. Maja Nikolic, a 7th grade pupil of the primary school said: "This is great! We are all very happy, especially young people, and we are thankful to KFOR troops - we won't forget what they did for us the rest of our lives!"



# Give me the chance to breath



*Text by Capt. Borja Garcia-Blanco Castro, Spanish Army  
Photos by OR-9 José Luis Fajardo, Spanish Army*



Isa Arifaj, a teenager from Rakos/Rakosh, Istok/Istog municipality, suffered from a serious disease. 'Estenosis traqueal' lung disease causes severe breathing difficulties, and if not treated by an operation the disease can cause death. Only treatment in a modern hospital could help Isa. Unfortunately, it's impossible to get the needed surgery here in Kosovo. However, the Spanish Army made a wish come true and Isa was operated on in Skopje March 5.



Isa's family was not able to pay the expenses of the operation. The necessary amount of more than €12,000 was provided by

TF Tizona - also located in Istok/Istog municipality. The Spanish CIMIC team made great effort to find the money, and then it was donated to the family to make the operation possible. After his treatment at the Skopje hospital lasting until March 13, he returned to his family. He was welcomed by his family and friends, who turned his return into a real celebration. According to the Spanish military doctors who visited Isa in his home, he is in good condition. His father, Sokol Arifaj, expressed his deepest gratitude to KFOR and the Spanish people.

This extraordinary act of kindness can make us as KFOR soldiers feel proud of our daily work and make us feel more helpful to the Kosovo society.



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Original



Modified





**Name:** Nele Tahon

**Rank:** Lieutenant

**Nationality:** Belgian

**Home Unit:** 2nd / 4th Regiment Lancers (Tank Battalion)

**Unit in KFOR:** 2nd Platoon, 3rd Company (BE), French Battalion, MNTF North

**About the mission:** This is my second mission in Kosovo. The job now is a bit different than the previous one, because this time I am here as a platoon commander. I have thirty people under my command and we have the opportunity to work in a multinational environment which I enjoy very much. I have learned a lot as an officer and as a person the last four months and I hope to benefit from these experiences in the future

**Family reaction:** I am single. I don't really have to worry yet about leaving people behind. My parents and friends are already used to the fact that I am not at home much because of my job. Nevertheless they support me a lot in many ways. They are always there for me when I come home.

**Plans after the mission:** After a good holiday I will return to my unit, where I will become second in command of the Bravo Squadron. After a period full of tank shooting exercises the preparation for the next foreign mission will start. Hopefully I will be a part of that mission as well, because I really like going abroad for my work.

**Name:** Christian Noll

**Rank:** Lieutenant Colonel

**Nationality:** Austrian

**Home Unit:** Reservist in the Expert Pool of the Austrian Joint Armed Forces Command

**Unit in KFOR:** Command Group MNTF S

**About the Mission:** This is my fourth mission and my second one with KFOR. Being Legal Adviser (LEGAD) with KFOR is a special challenge as the aspects of my duties include many fields of law. The tasks as LEGAD for the Commander of MNTF S start with issues of the international humanitarian law and spread out to the Rules of Engagement and up to different elements of the basics of humanitarian law regarding the mission. In this field, I closely work together with a German Lieutenant Colonel who is the Chief LEGAD of MNTF S.

Besides that, I also work on issues of national law, like disciplinary proceedings.

**Family reaction:** My wife is very understanding and supports me a lot during my missions, and also in the sight of some of our private future plans that involve financial investments, thus being one reason for me to go on missions abroad.

**Plans after the mission:** After a break over the summer, I will again go for an international assignment.



**Name:** Hanna Savolainen

**Rank:** OR-4

**Nationality:** Finnish

**Home Unit:** Reservist NCO in the Finnish Army

**Unit in KFOR:** MNTF C, FinCon NSE

**About the mission:** I work as a NCO in the travel office of the Finnish Contingent in Camp Vile. My job is to make all the travel arrangements for the FinCon soldiers; mainly to book and order our scheduled rotation and weekly leave flights. By civilian occupation I am a travel guide, so this work is quite familiar to me. I've also traveled all around the world.

**Family reaction:** My parents were a bit astonished when I told them last summer that I'm going to spend the next year in Kosovo. We don't have any special military traditions in my family, but I had told them many times that this is what I would like to do.

Here in Kosovo it's amazing how easily we can keep contact with

friends and relatives back home: we have cell phones, SMS text messages, Messenger, e-mail etc.

**Plans after the mission:** My tour ends in November, and after that I might settle down in Finland for a while. I've still got an employment in a civilian travel agency. One option is to get to work in Thailand as a guide. So maybe you can some day meet me on the beaches there!

# Sharr Mountains



Photo by Capt. Heinz Nitsch, Austrian Army