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Disbandment Ceremony of MNBG-N



COM JLSG KFOR PERSPECTIVE

I take this opportunity to express my satisfaction for serving in KFOR, as one more soldier among the thousands that daily accomplish their mission with professionalism, determination and goodwill.

I am also honoured to be the Commander of the Joint Logistics Support Group (JLSG) of KFOR, a force designed to put in practice the NATO multinational logistics concept.

The first engagement of a JLSG in a theatre of operations was in KFOR. With the manning of its headquarters (HQ) mainly granted by NATO Force Command HQ Madrid since December 2009, JLSG KFOR has been integrating logistics units provided by nations, in order to perform the assigned tasks.

The mission of JLSG KFOR is to provide theatre level logistics support in areas such as the reception, staging and onward movement (RSOM) of forces in theatre, movement and transportation of personnel and equipment, engineer works, explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) and medical. All the related tasks must be performed while reducing the logistics footprint of KFOR forces, which means identifying shortfalls, eliminating redundancies and creating synergies, actions that are imperative with regard to the current situation of the global economy.



Two factors demonstrate the importance of the JLSG to KFOR. First, KFOR has a distinct need to accomplish theatre level logistics tasks at the request of KFOR contributing nations. These tasks are accomplished by the JLSG. This relationship confirms the validity of the NATO multinational logistics concept. Second, the existence of logistics units assigned to JLSG KFOR, which is only possible by the willingness of nations to make their assets available for a multinational purpose.

KFOR has recently crossed Gate 2. The associated reduction of the number of troops resulted in different logistics capabilities in the theatre of operations. Accordingly, JLSG KFOR will play an even more important role, by providing the required logistics support to the remaining troops located throughout Kosovo, and allowing them to keep their mobility and flexibility. That is also one of the reasons for the progressive reinforcement of JLSG KFOR with additional logistics units.

I assure you that all men and women serving in JLSG KFOR are part of a motivated team, guided by the will to provide the best logistics support to all NATO forces operating in Kosovo, and to search for solutions to help nations reduce costs, without jeopardizing the accomplishment of KFOR tasks.

For all the people and entities that interact with JLSG KFOR, and also for the nations that are contributing to the JLSG, my sincere gratitude for making possible the first NATO multinational logistics command in operations. Together with the other units present in the theatre, JLSG KFOR is ready to meet and overcome any logistics challenge. Our force will certainly be recognized as a full and proactive contributor to the effort of KFOR towards the maintenance of a safe and secure environment and the freedom of movement in Kosovo or, let me say in other words, for the progress of this region.

Brigadier General José Fonseca
Portuguese Army
Commander of JLSG KFOR

Goodbye to our Hungarian comrades

On 05 January 2006, 5th Infantry Brigade of the Hungarian Defence Forces joined Multinational Battle Group West (MNBG W). They have been heavily involved in maintaining a safe and secure environment (SASE), and in ensuring freedom of movement (FOM) in the western area with particular attention to Gjakova / Dakovica municipality. Moreover a dozen Hungarian Officers and NCOs have been employed in HQ MNBG W, holding key positions in the staff. As Commander of MNBG W since 08 November 2010, I can honestly affirm that I have been honoured to command Hungarian personnel both as manoeuvre forces, (Golf Company), led by Lieutenant Peter Csonge assigned to the Italian-led multinational manoeuvre battalion; and as staff elements led by Lieutenant Colonel Lajos Peszt, the Battle Group Chief of Staff who steered the staff into Gate 2.

I really appreciated the professionalism and the high level of military skill of Hungarian Officers, NCOs and Soldiers. Only a few Hungarian Officers and NCOs remain in Camp Villaggio Italia while the main part of the Hungarian contingent have been deployed to Camp Slim Lines in Pristina since 01 March 2011 as an element of the Portuguese-led manoeuvre battalion directly under COMKFOR's responsibility.

I learned a lot from the Hungarian Defence Forces, my soldiers learned a lot from them and we will not forget. Italy won't forget the good cooperation and collaboration established with Hungary under the NATO "star" in Kosovo. Comrades, do not forget that our base will remain open to you. To all of you and to your families, every best wish for a successful mission and good luck. God bless you.



Colonel Carlo EMILIANI Multinational Battle Group West Commander

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*Photos by Master Sergeant Steffen Maluche, German Army
and Mr. Naim Shala*



On the occasion of the Transfer of Authority for the Hungarian contingent at Camp Slim Lines on 01 March 2011, the Hungarian chaplain, Lieutenant Istva'n Ra'cz, blesses the regimental colours.

On 02 March 2011, Kosovo Force Commander (COM KFOR), Major General Erhard Bühler, met the Deputy Prime Minister of Kosovo, Mrs Edita Tahiri, at Government Building in Pristina.



COM KFOR is welcomed by Prime Minister Hashim Thaci at Government Buildings on 02 March 2011.

Commander Allied Joint Force Command Naples, Admiral Samuel J. Locklear III, accompanied by COM KFOR, meets members of the Swedish Liaison Monitoring Team in Pristina during his visit to Kosovo on 15 March 2011.





An Irish piper plays the bagpipes at the commencement of the Saint Patricks National day ceremony in Camp Film City on 17 March 2011.

COM KFOR, Mr Bajram Rexhepi, Minister of Internal Affairs of Kosovo and Mr Udo Moeller, Head of European Union Rule of Law Mission (EULEX) police component join hands following the ceremony of the hand over – take over of the second part of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia* (FYROM) border in the vicinity of Hani I Elezit/General Jankovic on 19 March 2011.

*Turkey recognizes the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name



COM KFOR meets members of the Dervish community in Prizren on 22 March 2011.

The Pristina Childrens' Choir visited Camp Film City on 24 March 2011 where they sang a number of songs in order to say "thank you" for the contribution KFOR has made to all people living in Kosovo.



Disbandment Cere

*Story by Lieutenant Anouar Abdelhalim El Hayani,
Moroccan Army*

Photos by Mr. Afrim Hajrullahu

On Monday 28 February 2011, Kosovo Force Commander (COM KFOR), Major General Erhard Bühler, presided over the disbandment ceremony of Multinational Battle Group North (MNBG N) in Camp Maréchal de Lattre de Tassigny near Novo Selo. Several distinguished guests, local and international, were invited to share this event with the KFOR family closing another chapter of KFOR history.

The ceremony started at 1000 hours. French,

Moroccan, Greek and German Companies were joined on parade by an MNBG N HQ Company, a Danish platoon and a Liaison Monitoring Team (LMT) detachment. On his arrival, COM KFOR was escorted by Colonel Benoit Roux, COM MNBG N, to inspect the formation. In his speech, Colonel Roux said that it was an honor for him to have commanded MNBG N adding that France has led the Battle Group in the north since 1999. In accordance with UN resolution 1244 and together with the other contingents, they have brought stability and security to the population living in Kosovo. Colonel Roux highlighted the professionalism and good behavior every single



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soldier has shown during this mission. He pointed out that MNBG N could be proud of what has been achieved in this part of Kosovo.

COM KFOR, in his speech, thanked, on behalf of NATO, Colonel Roux and all his predecessors for the successful work accomplished and he stressed that KFOR is grateful for what France and its allies has done in the north of Kosovo. COM KFOR talked also about the reorganization of the force, for instance he shed light on the fact that from 01 March 2011, KFOR would reduce its force to some 5,000 soldiers deployed within two MNBGs, able to conduct operations Kosovo wide, and five Joint Regional Detachments (JRDs) will be the point of contact for all people in Kosovo. COM KFOR concluded that this

new structure of KFOR reflected the improvement of the overall situation in Kosovo. He promised that KFOR would continue to contribute to safety and security in order to facilitate social, economic and political stability in Kosovo.

The speech of COM KFOR was followed by the most decisive moment of the ceremony, when Colonel Roux handed over the flag of MNBG N to COM KFOR which symbolized the end of a long history of KFOR in the north. The ceremony reached its end, and the guests were invited to a reception held in the "Millennium" facility where they shared their unforgettable memories with the KFOR family.



Hungarian soldiers

Story by Captain Eszter Szeri, Hungarian Army

Photos by Captain Eszter Szeri, Hungarian Army and Sergeant First Class Carlos Alberto Teixeira Pontes, Portuguese Army

The soldiers of Hungarian Defence Forces (HDF) have contributed to KFOR since 1999. Until 2006 Hungarian soldiers fulfilled guard duties and carried out protection tasks at HQ KFOR. Since then, the Hungarian contingent has acted under the command of Multinational Battle Group West (MNBG W) in Pejë/Pec until 2011, with important changes thereafter. The Hungarian contingent finished their mission in MNBG W and have started a new mission as part of the KFOR Tactical Reserve Manoeuvre Battalion (KTM), located in Camp Slim Lines. The new Hungarian contingent consists of three different sections. First is a tactical manoeuvre company attached to KTM. Second is the National Contingent Command (NCC), working under national command and the third is the National Support Element (NSE),

taking care of national logistical support.

The Hungarian tactical manoeuvre company underwent a two week period of intensive training on 11 February 2011 and closed with a final exercise at Camp Vrelo. During the training the Portuguese and Hungarian elements have accomplished mutual co-operation. The Hungarian soldiers bonded with the Portuguese soldiers, which is very important for the next six months. During the training, all the participants received technical instruction on GPS and radio, and underwent tactical CRC exercises led by the Portuguese. The Hungarian company, led by Captain Zsolt Bolla, proved its competence in realistic conditions - dealing with beaches of road blocks and conducting CRC operations while under molotov cocktail attack. Opposing Forces were constituted by KTM Portuguese soldiers who made the Hungarian soldiers work hard. The final exercise was assessed as "very good" by COM KTM Lieutenant Colonel Amaral Lopes. The NSE element have relocated all staff and devices from Pejë/Pec to Prishtinë/Prishtina.



in KTM Battalion

All soldiers of KTM hosted the new Hungarian elements with remarkable enthusiasm.

A Transfer of Authority (TOA) ceremony was held on 01 March 2011 at Camp Slim Lines. The ceremony, conducted by Commander Kosovo Force (COM KFOR) Major General Erhard Bühler, was attended by distinguished guests as follows: Mr. Lóránt Balla, Ambassador of Hungary; Lieutenant General Amaral Viera, Portuguese Land Forces Commander; Brigadier General János Huszár, Hungarian Land Force Commander and Colonel Carlo Emiliáni, MNBG West Commander. A ribbon awarded by the Hungarian Chief of Defence was conferred on the contingent flag. The flag was decorated by Brigadier General Huszár during the ceremony. Following the

Hungarian contingent's TOA ceremony, Lieutenant Colonel László Kanyó, the outgoing Contingent Commander, handed over the contingent's colours to Lieutenant Colonel Sándor Szabó, the incoming Contingent Commander, before the Portuguese forces marched onto the parade ground in order to start the integration ceremony. Major Imre Frankó, KTM Deputy Commander handed over the parade to Lieutenant Colonel Paulo Abreu, KTM Commander. Following the Portuguese National Anthem, the Hungarian flag was raised to the accompaniment of the Hungarian National Anthem. Portuguese and Hungarian forces began their common mission activities as KTM, under direct subordination to COM KFOR.



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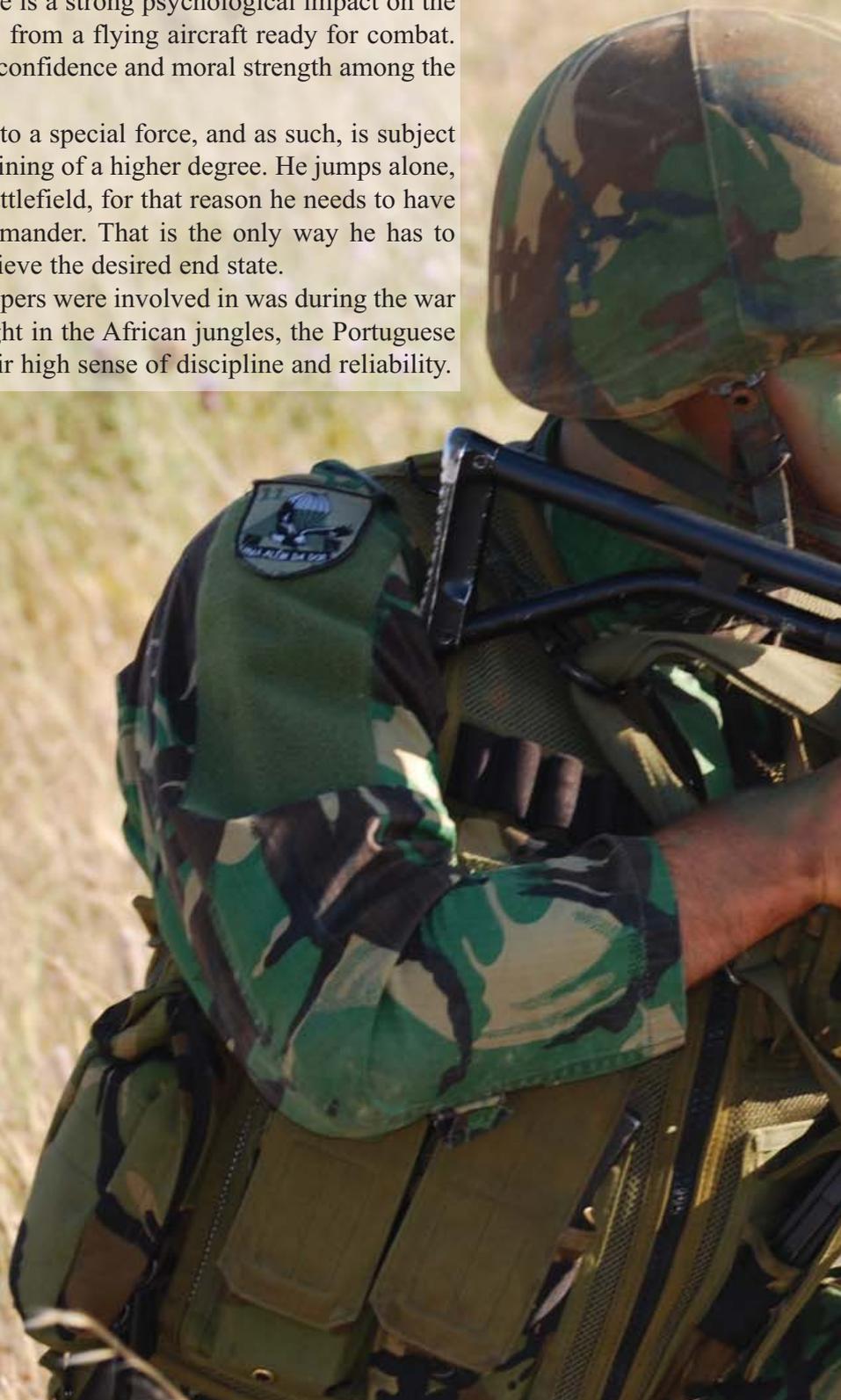
Story by Lieutenant Hugo Filipe Matias de Atouguia de Alvarenga, Portuguese Army

Photos by Privates First Class Rodrigues and Peres, Portuguese Army

In French they are known as “Paras”, in German “Fallschirmjäger”, in Spanish “Paracaidistas” and in Portuguese as “Pára-quedistas”. Whatever the language used it is always connected with an elite soldier, respected by their fellow citizens and feared by their opponents. The airborne deployment and their combat skills have changed the ways of war because of its flexibility and surprise effect. In addition to the strategic and tactical outcome, there is a strong psychological impact on the opponent who fears someone who jumps from a flying aircraft ready for combat. On the other hand it generates enormous confidence and moral strength among the Paratroopers as they attack from above.

The parachutist is a soldier who belongs to a special force, and as such, is subject to physical, tactical and psychological training of a higher degree. He jumps alone, so he may find himself isolated on the battlefield, for that reason he needs to have the same tactical knowledge as his commander. That is the only way he has to follow the commanders intent and to achieve the desired end state.

The first war that the Portuguese Paratroopers were involved in was during the war in Africa. Created for this purpose, to fight in the African jungles, the Portuguese Paratroopers were quickly known for their high sense of discipline and reliability.

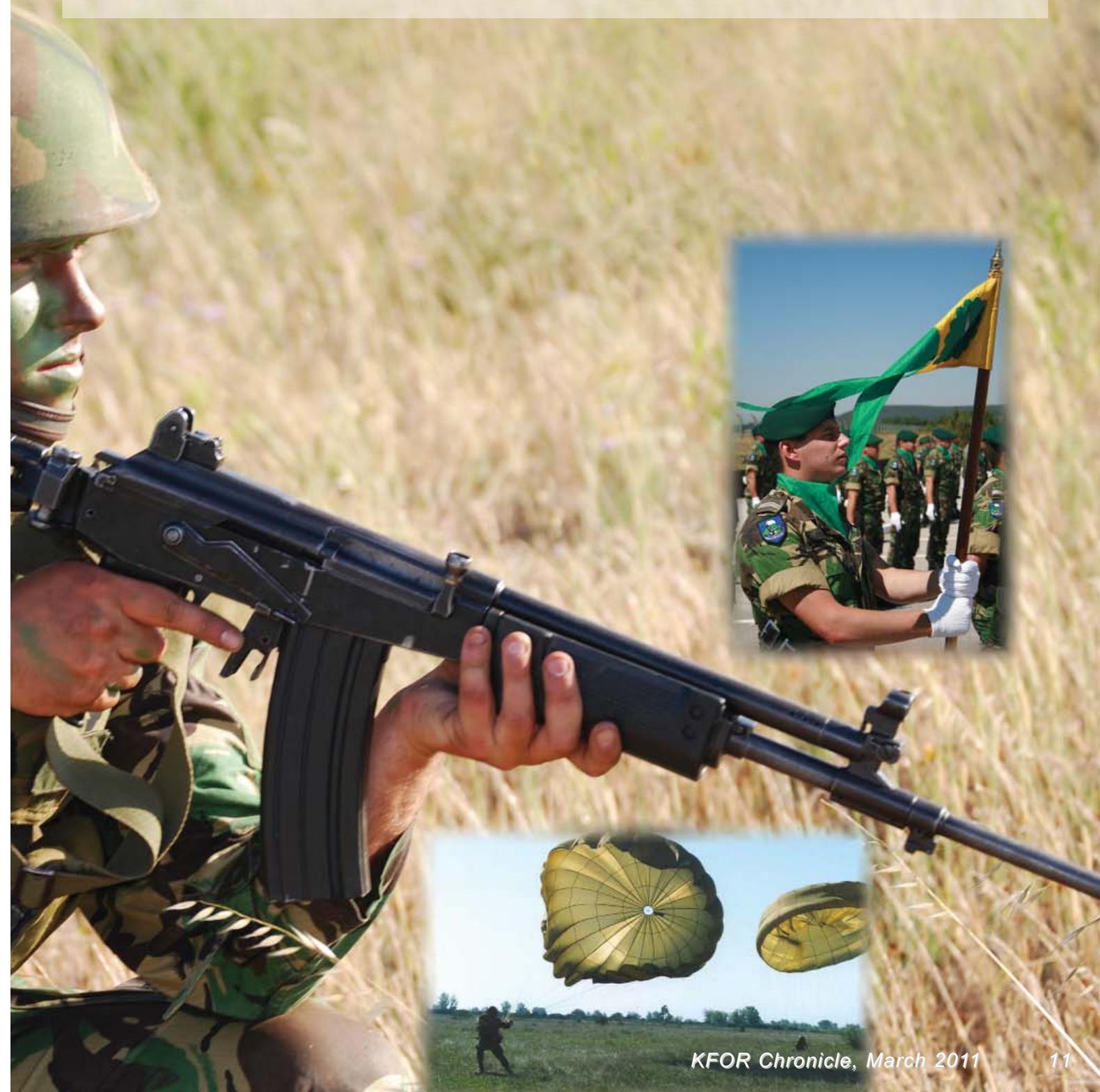


troopers in KTM

The brotherhood that the Portuguese Paratroopers felt and shared among themselves was the key to success. The fact that their course is the same since 1952 and has the same traditions, makes all who have served in this Corp feel unusually linked. The rituals of the Paratroopers course, the physical demand, the feeling of the first jump, the Paratrooper's prayer and finally, the ceremony in which the green beret is finally awarded, are elements that promote the unquestionable brotherhood of the Portuguese

Paratroopers.

In Portugal the main symbol of the Paratrooper is the Green Beret. For their past achievements and in memory of all who perished during training or on operations, the Portuguese Paratroopers are obliged to, above all else, honour the green beret as a symbol and tribute to their common tradition.



1st Regiment "Grenadiers of Sardinia"

Story and Photos by Lieutenant Raffaele Perna, Italian Army

Since the last Transfer of Authority (ToA) in Multinational Battle Group West (MNBG W), many activities have been carried out. From 08 November 2010, Italian soldiers of the 1st Regiment "Grenadiers of Sardinia" worked closely together with all other

contingents operating in the west, contributing to the same goal: to ensure a Safe and Secure Environment (SASE) and Freedom of Movement (FOM). During this period many operations have been carried out, like joint and synchronized patrols or Civil/Military Cooperation (CIMIC) activities. Through the Regional Liaison Monitoring Team (LMT), contact has been maintained with local people, and there was a huge



"Grenadiers" in MNBG W

amount of coordination and liaison with HQ KFOR and the other Battle Groups in order to implement Gate 2.

Keeping this in mind, many training activities were conducted with a focus on familiarization with the various operating environments of likely scenarios. Among these activities, Papa Company from the Multinational Battalion of MNBG W led Crowd Riot Control (CRC) exercises at the Holy Archangels Monastery.

The company deployed using helicopters and had to deal with a hypothetical emergency that occurred at the Holy Archangels Monastery. These exercises, along with all others conducted by KFOR units, ensure that units operating in the field are flexible, and can be deployed fast so that action is taken quickly and

effectively.

For more than 200 years, every 18 February the Corps of the "Grenadiers of Sardinia" celebrate, with a solemn ceremony, the anniversary of the death of Sir Alberto Genovese, Duke of San Pietro, a great benefactor of the Regiment. This year's celebration in Camp Villaggio Italia was particularly joyful for the Grenadiers because it represents a solid and strong link with the tradition of the Regiment, which this year celebrates 352 years of history.

Whatever the challenges and problems are that need to be tackled and solved, the Grenadiers will cooperate with all other contingents of MNBG W, in accordance with the inscription at the entrance of Camp Villaggio Italia which is our motto: "United for Peace."



Children of “

Story and photos by Captain Giovanni Pacitto, Italian Army

"Thank you for what have you done from all the children of Casa Umbra." Those words were said by Massimo, who welcomed me when he learned about the donation we collected in Film City. Massimo and Cristina Mazzali, who, since 1999 have been running the "Caritas Umbria" Hospitality House of Kline, give accommodation and help to 40 children and teens from all over Kosovo, as well as giving help to around 250 families in the Kline Municipality. The story of Massimo and Cristina began 12 years ago, when they, together with other volunteers of Caritas Umbria, for the first time set foot in Kosovo at Kline and created a

welcoming home with the aim of providing first aid to the families and youngsters of the small town. "From the beginning we were familiar with the inhabitants of Kline. We rolled up our sleeves and with the funds from Italy, we rebuilt 400 homes, two schools and two hospitals brick by brick. We organized family meetings and have become, bit by bit, part of the social life of Kline. Soon we discovered cases of acute suffering. That was the initial idea, to set up a Hospitality House. The guests come through social services, families, friends, but also alone, and they are all part of a big family", said Massimo. Massimo and Cristina's three sons live in the house and attend the local school in the same way as the other children in the house. Some of the older ones attend workshops



Casa Umbra”

that will enable them to have a job. So it is that Pietr is a baker in Montenegro and now he lives again with his father, 6 other guys attend the Engineer or Economic Faculty in different Italian Universities, others are lumberjacks, and others have remained in the community. Also some children have received medical treatment in Italy that would not be available locally.

Massimo does not only believe in aid from donations, but also by cultivating the land which helps local families and facilitates self-sustainment. The community has a plot of about 20 hectares that allows them to produce fruit, vegetables, barley, and potatoes. In this way it also supports the logistic needs of the community in Kline. From the beginning KFOR helped with road building, digging wells, and still continues to do so. Massimo told us that Kosovo Security Force also give assistance.

A special thanks to everyone who has helped to raise funds to a total of 640 euro, at the Bruschetta Party at Casa Italia on Saturday 26 February 2011. Bruschetta and pizza prepared by the Italian chefs, pecorino cheese, good wine, in short, all the best products, for which Italian food is so popular in the world, were available on the night.

The purpose of the party was to help the “Caritas Umbria” Hospitality House of Kline. All who came to the party were generous as money was collected to buy food, especially milk, oil, clothes, and nappies, for the little guests of “Caritas Umbria”.



CIMIC Health

Story by Lieutenant Colonel Michele Di Marco, Italian Army

Photos by Lieutenant Raffaele Perna, Italian Army

Inside the Civil Military Cooperation (CIMIC) cell of Multinational Battle Group West (MNBG W), a component called “CIMIC Health” is in operation which is coordinated by Lieutenant Colonel Michele Di Marco. This cell is run by Corporal Natale Cosenza and Private Arcangeli Azzurra, assisted by two interpreters, Aina Agovic and Cavaia Berisha. Together they welcome the distraught children of

Kosovo with serious diseases who come to Camp Villaggio Italia. The faces of these children reveal the signs of poverty, malnutrition and especially the signs of ineffective treatment that has made their future dark and their life expectancy very short.

When these small children, accompanied by their parents, come to CIMIC Health, it means that the national health system of Kosovo, despite its best efforts, has not succeeded in this instance and has been obliged to issue a certificate of “non-curability”.

This certificate of “non-curability”, together with the health documents are uploaded by Corporal Cosenza



an Italian asset

or Private Arcangeli into an information network.

Based on the digital platform, the Italian humanitarian organizations, within the parameters of the funds available and the pathology of the patient, evaluate the usefulness of intervention. On "Guariamoli", the name of the digital platform, all relevant information is exchanged on the case, allowing the interaction of all associations working in the field, also informing them on the status of the case and the patient's condition. At the same time this system allows for the optimization of resources, as it avoids the same case being dealt with simultaneously by two or more associations.

Therefore, if the evaluation of the disease allows for surgery or the initiation of specific treatments that can heal or significantly improve the life expectancy of the patient, a "green light" is turned on. Now it is a race

against time, in which the CIMIC Health soldiers, together with personnel of the Italian Embassy, prepare documentation for relocation of the patient to Italy.

On authorization of a military flight, the patient is accompanied on the airplane to Italy, assisted by that association who lit the "green light". Once the child with one parent or the family is in Italy, CIMIC Health continues to monitor the case maintaining a link between the relatives who remained in Kosovo and the child who is in Italy. In 2010, CIMIC Health examined almost 200 cases and 50 of these children were sent to Italy. Not every case can be closed successfully, but we do the best that we can.



KFOR hands over border control

Story and photos by Specialist Brian J. Holloran,
130th Public Affairs Detachment

During a ceremony held at the Kosovo Border and Boundary Police Headquarters in Hani Elezit/ General Jankovic, on 19 March 2011, Kosovo Force officially handed over responsibility of border protection for the second part of the borderline between Kosovo and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)* to the Kosovo Police Border and Boundary Police (KP BBP).

The brief ceremony began with short speeches from Kosovo Force Commander (COM KFOR), Major General Erhard Bühler, Mr Bajran Rexhepi, Minister of Internal Affairs of Kosovo, and Mr Udo Moeller,

Head of the European Union Rule of Law Mission (EULEX) police component. During his remarks, Minister Rexhepi thanked KFOR and stated KP BBP's readiness to take control: "General Erhard Bühler, thank you for your support and your trust," he said "By the end of June we will take over full responsibility for the border with FYROM."

Following the remarks, the three officials sat down and signed the official order placing the second stretches of the FYROM border under the control of KP BBP.

"This is a historic day for the people of Kosovo," said Bühler. "Taking over the patrolling of their borders is a huge step in the right direction for everyone involved."

After the signing, a press conference was held so the



Control responsibility to KP BBP

media could have a chance to learn more about this historic event and what it means to the people of Kosovo.

“With KP BBP in control we will reinforce the need to put an end to smuggling,” said Rexhepi. “Smuggling is harmful to the economies of both nations and their budgets. We are determined to counter organized crime and put an end to the smuggling of illicit goods into and through Kosovo.”

The panel went on to explain how EULEX will still be assisting if the KP BBP need any assistance.

“Even though the KP BBP will be taking the lead in border protection, they will not be alone,” said

Moeller. “If they need help, EULEX police will be there to help, as will KFOR.”

The assumption of responsibility for border security is another step forward for the Institutions in Kosovo, as KFOR continues to restructure its presence in order to maintain maximum flexibility in the region. KFOR remains committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment and freedom of movement for all the people in Kosovo.

“We want nothing more than for the people of Kosovo to stand on their own,” said Bühler. “However, until that time we are more than willing to do everything we can to help.”

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Polar Bear Club

Story by Commandant Eugene Doyle, Irish Defence Forces

Photos by Lieutenant Linette Palladino, U.S. Army

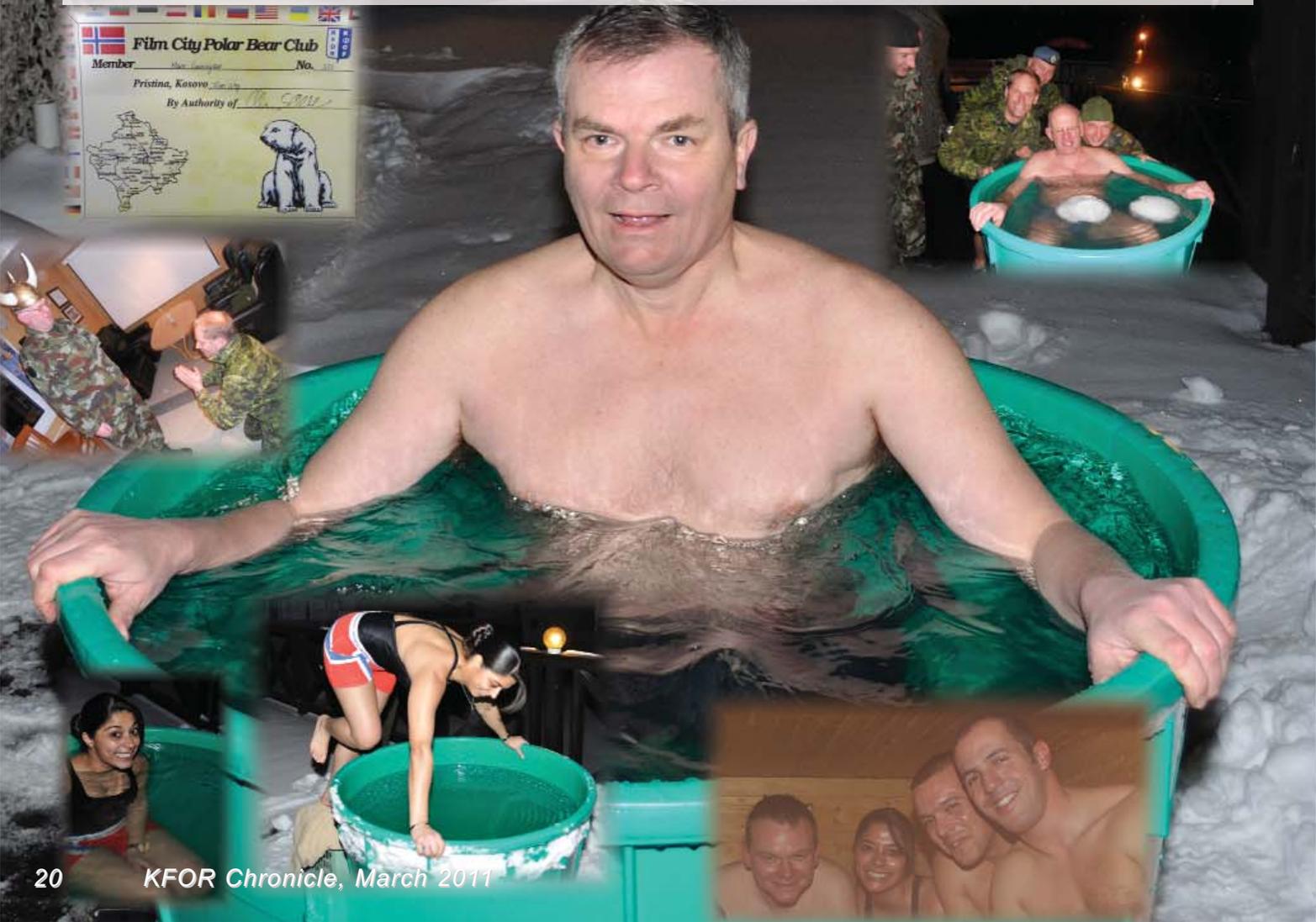
The Film City Polar Bear Club (PBC) was established in the Norwegian National Intelligence Cell on 01 January 2003. This august and mysterious club has connections going back to the time of the Vikings. Ancient rituals and traditions still hold great powers of intrigue, particularly in a world where the internet supposedly can provide answers to everything in an instant. When members of this club pass each other, they exchange a knowing glance and a nod, no words are necessary. Mere words cannot encompass the parameters of the PBC.

After some months in KFOR, one heard quiet whispers about the PBC, and it was spellbinding. Apparently, on certain Saturday nights, the Norwegian NSE was the place where all would be revealed. So it came to pass that on a recent Saturday night I challenged a colleague to join me in undergoing the test for entry to the PBC. You see, one could not possibly go to that dark place alone. What met our gaze on arrival was a silent multinational

circle staring into a large tub of water with ominous lumps of ice hiding the black depths below.

The time arrived all too quickly and it was into the tub (the Order of the Bath) wearing only swimwear. Immersed up to the neck, the first thought was to remember to continue breathing. Then there was the mandatory glass of refreshment that one had to drink with dignity, a word which in this context has only one meaning – slowly. Trying to show no fear or pain, and after what seemed like an eternity, a less than graceful exit from the cold hell allowed access to the sanctuary of the nearby sauna.

The Grand Master of Film City PBC, Colonel Christian Schonfeldt, Norwegian Air Force, dressed in his robes of office, conducted the initiation ceremony afterwards with great formality and detail. People sometimes ask is ice bathing healthy? Apparently it releases endorphins in the body which usually have a pain-reducing effect that can last for 2 to 4 hours. Furthermore, this endorphin release allegedly acts like an anti-depressant and improves your mood. It's not recommended if you have a heart condition. In any case it was great fun and the PBC now has over 350 members.



St. Patrick's Day in Camp Film City

Story by Commandant Eugene Doyle, Irish Defence Forces

Photos by Mr Naim Shala

On 17 March 2011, Saint Patrick's Day, the Irish National Day, was celebrated in Camp Film City. According to history, Saint Patrick is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland who is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland. He died on 17 March 461 AD, although he is one of Christianity's most widely known figures. But for all his celebrity, his life remains somewhat of a mystery. There are many stories traditionally associated with St. Patrick, including the famous account, telling of him standing upon a hill, using a wooden staff to drive the serpents into the sea, banishing them forever from Ireland. However, the snake is a pagan symbol and perhaps this is a figurative tale explaining that he drove paganism out of Ireland.

St. Patrick's Day has come to be associated with everything Irish around the world: anything green and gold, shamrocks and luck. The shamrock is a summer plant made up of 3 equally sized leaves. St. Patrick used the 3 leaved shamrock to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Ghost. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over a thousand years, although in recent times it is more of an event that represents Irish culture and heritage.

The celebration in Camp Film City started with the traditional shamrock parade to the accompaniment of a lone piper at 0745 hrs. That evening, the Senior National Representative, Colonel Jim Long, hosted a reception in Irish house. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated worldwide by those of Irish descent and the ever-growing crowds of people with no Irish connections but who may proclaim themselves "Irish for a day", usually by wearing green, attending parades and consuming traditional Irish beverages.



Peacekeeper's Profiles

Name: Alexandra Nilsson
Rank: Corporal
Nationality: Swedish
Home unit: Civilian back home, basic training in the air force F10 in 1999
Unit in KFOR: Joint Regional Detachment (JRD)

About the mission: This is my third mission in Kosovo. In 2003 I served as Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) and in 2007 as an Arms Explosive Search (AES) dog handler. This time I work behind the scene as Liaison Assistant (LAS) making sure the colleagues in JRD-C have what they need to do their job. We started by relocating from Camp Ville to Film City on 25 October 2010. It has been a lot of work both with the move and to change from Regional Liaison Monitoring Team Centre (RLMT-C) to JRD-C. I have the best colleagues ever and it is very rewarding to work in a multinational environment. We are two LAS at JRD-C and we handle all issues with the unit's cars, personnel reports, equipment, safety and communication and information system (CIS).



Family reaction: My family and friends are used to my being abroad by now. My dog that was here with me in 2007 is with close friends back home.

After the mission: I will finish school and get my degree in Environmental Engineering, only three exams left. Hopefully it will be a nice summer in Sweden so I can enjoy swimming and hiking.

Name: Hennadii Herasymenko
Rank: Major
Nationality: Ukrainian
Unit in KFOR: Site Commander of Camp Nothing Hill (CNH)
Military education: Military school (1994-1997), Military Academy of Land Forces (1997-2002)

About the mission: This is my first mission. This is a perfect opportunity to improve my own knowledge, to learn how to work in an international NATO led HQ. I am here for a total period of nine months. Since I arrived in this Mission, I have been working with different nations. It was sometimes difficult and sometimes easy. Anyway, we always had great cooperation. It is a great opportunity to see the contingents of different countries working together in harmony towards a common goal and I am delighted to have this fantastic opportunity of such a wonderful experience. The appointment which I am holding demands that I be very strict with the rotations through CNH. Notwithstanding that, there is potential for flexibility in my job. The scenery around CNH can be quite breathtaking, depending on visibility. During the recent snow, the mountains looked magnificent. It is rewarding and refreshing to see the colour of the natural landscape change with the seasons. The one great constant is that the air is always fresh and pure.

Family reaction: I am married and have a 2 year old son. My family always support me.

Hobbies: I like to play volleyball, to watch movies and to read books.



Civilian's Profile

Name: Auror Llapi
Job Title: Interpreter
Position: Public Affairs office (HQ MNBG W)
Experience: I have been doing this job since January 2005
Language: Albanian, Italian, Serbian and English



Job in progress: I started working with KFOR in the "Villaggio Italia" base in January 2005. From the beginning I worked in the Public Affairs Office and, since about 4 months ago, I'm the official interpreter of the MNBG W Commander. I have worked for these 6 years at the "Villaggio Italia" certainly with more contingents besides the Italians, so I was always able to collaborate with the contingents of all other countries who took turns in MNBG W. I speak fluent Italian, Albanian, Serbian and English and now my boss is Lieutenant Raffaele Perna with whom I get on very well and the work we do together is very rewarding.

Hobbies: Football because I'm a former football goalkeeper

Family reaction: I'm married with Linda and we have 2 children. Eliot is 12 years of age and Elda is 5 years. My sister Amella lives with me and my family.

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Amateur

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Solution
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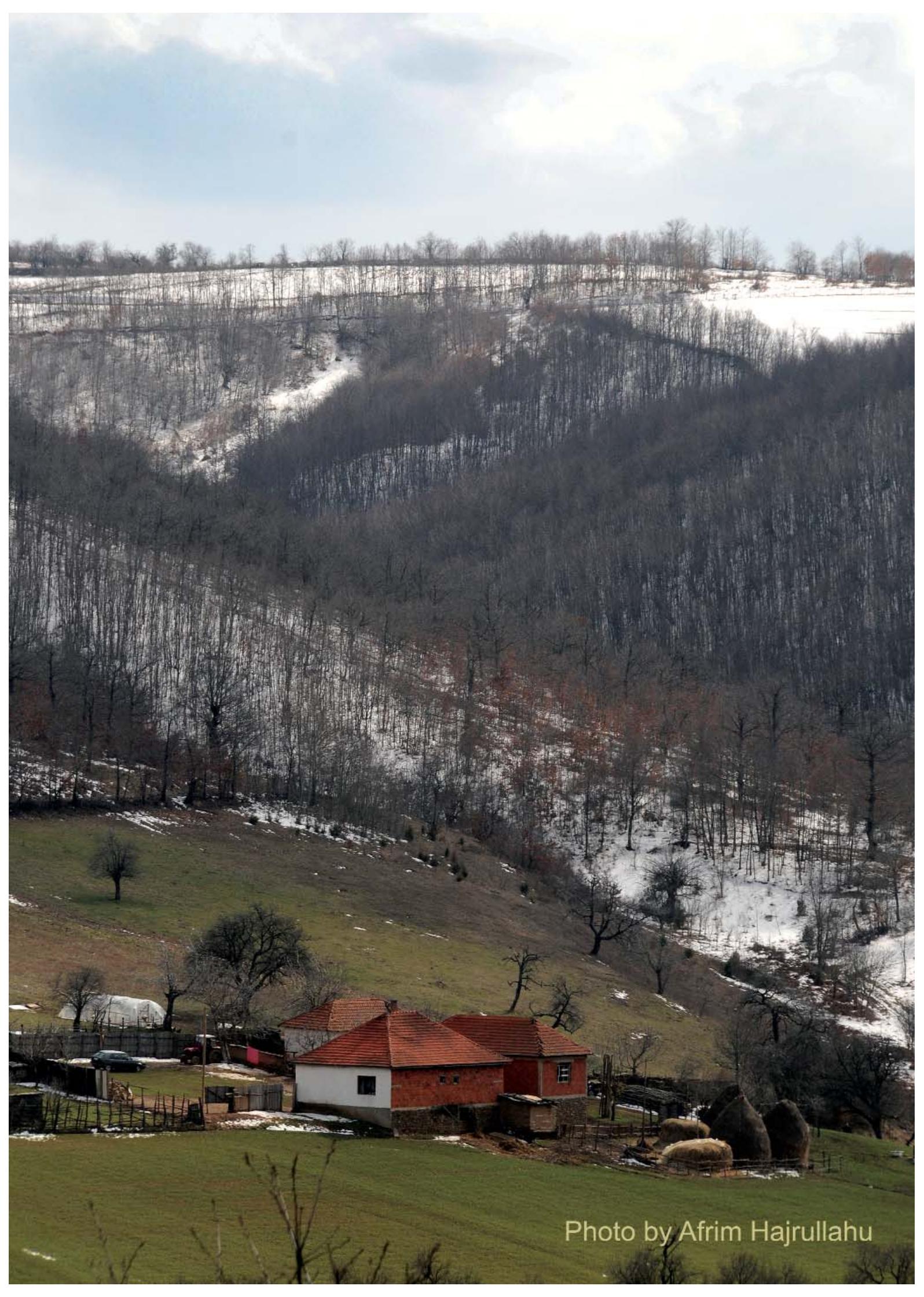


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