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COM KFOR's NEW YEAR ADDRESS

The beginning of a new year always brings encouragement and hope of improvements in our endeavors. This year will be no different. This is valid in general but also in particular for KFOR, as we are a force that operates in a very dynamic and ever evolving environment.

The period between my arrival in September 2013 and the end of the year saw many developments. These developments included the unfixing of PEC Patriarchate, the stand down of the MCAD mission, the establishment of NLAT, the first time municipal elections were held in all the territories of Kosovo, including the North, the continuation of the dialog between Pristina and Belgrade and the introduction of customs taxes at the crossing points DOG 31 and Gate 1.

The New Year has already seen the introduction of many changes, for example, the integration of the former MUP members from the North into the Kosovo Police structure, which is assessed as a very positive step towards the full establishment of the rule of law in the North.

Since the first days of 2014, KFOR has burst into action conducting many positive developments. The changes taking place right now are related to the withdrawal of the Moroccan and French forces. KFOR is re-aligning our current forces by establishing Forward Operation Post 31 to maintain continuous control as well as mobile forces in the northern Kosovo areas.

KFOR is readjusting our static positions guarding Camp CABRA that are no longer tactically necessary. The overall effect will result in unity of command, greater operational flexibility and improvement of our capacity in the North.

KFOR has also changed the structuring of our JRD's. At the end of 2013, JRD's Center and West were merged into one and just recently, JRD's East and South were merged as well. These new JRD's will maximize availability and usability of information resources in order to provide timely warning of any significant deterioration in Kosovo. It will also optimize the Command and Control procedures and streamline KFOR's territorial organization.

We as a KFOR team stand committed to contribute to a Safe and Secure Environment and provide Freedom of Movement for a better future for the people of Kosovo but



we cannot do this in a stagnant state. As the conditions in Kosovo evolve we must evolve with them.

Our KFOR team consists of a multi-national organization of soldiers from over 30 different countries, all with different traditions, language and skills. We have already commenced 2014 in a very proactive way and we can look forward with strong determination and a commitment to continue to cooperate with all actors and International Organizations who contribute to peace and stability for Kosovo and the whole region.

We should all look forward to this New Year with the same great, strong hope and determination to make a better Kosovo by doing, "More Together".

Happy New Year to You all.

**MAJOR-GENERAL
SALVATORE FARINA
COM KFOR**



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED FOR THE “A.M.I.KO.” AIRPORT

Airport Facility delivered to the Kosovo Authorities



PICTURE: MNBG-W

On 18th December 2013, the Italian military airport at Gjakovë/Dakovica was officially handed over to Kosovo. The handover document was signed by Colonel Antonio Felicissimo, the last Commander of Kosovo Task Force Air and by Mr. Bazmend Mejjini, the Kosovo Government representative.

The ceremony took place in the presence of Major-General Salvatore Farina, KFOR Commander, Major-General Roberto Nordio, Commander of the Italian Air Operational Command as well as a broad range of civil and military dignitaries.

The Italian Air Force operation in Gjakovë/Dakovica began in the summer of 1999 when, in only 52 days and in a tense and dangerous operational environment,

airmen succeeded in equipping an operational airport.

The name of the airport “A.M.I.Ko” (Aeronautica Militare Italiana in Kosovo) was chosen by the Italian Air



PICTURE: GIOVANNI DELLE CAVE

PICTURE: MNBG-W



An aerial view of the airport at Gjakovë/Dakovica.

Force authorities for its similarity to the Italian word “amico”, translated as “friend”, with the intent of pointing out the friendship that links the people of Kosovo with the Italian air force staff.

Thanks to the airports proximity to the Albanian and Montenegrin borders and to the generally favorable climatic conditions, A.M.I.Ko gradually became an alternative to the airport in Pristina and it therefore constitutes a very significant infrastructural asset for Kosovo.

A.M.I.Ko airport was the only military landing field in Kosovo for NATO forces. It provided technical and logistical support to civil and military airplanes flying for KFOR and for the medical evacuation of KFOR personnel. During the period 1999 to 2013 the airport handled 29,000 aircraft, 209,000 passengers and 39,000 tons of freight on behalf of KFOR.

Colonel Felicissimo stated during his handover speech that “the men

and women in blue should be proud of the operation in the Balkan area, for what they did, and above all, for the way they did it. Today we are not celebrating the end of a mission but rather a mission well accomplished”.

The handover of Gjakovë/Dakovica airport represents yet another Italian contribution to growth and development within the Balkan region. The donation increases the potential for economic development and increased employment and therefore it constitutes a very effective method of building greater stability and progress within Kosovo.

OF-2 Gianluca GRECO
Chief PAO
KFOR MNBG-W



The Italian Commander completes the handover with Mr. Bazmend Mejzini.

PICTURE: Giovanni DELLE CAVE

MOROCCAN CONTINGENT BIDS FAREWELL TO KFOR

The ceremony to mark the departure of the Moroccan contingent from KFOR was held on Saturday 18 January at Camp Nevo Selo.



PICTURE: Vittorio SIMONELLI (2)

COM KFOR addresses the parade

A large number of guests, including the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General Mr. Farid Zarif, the Ambassador of France in Kosovo, Ms. Marsye Daviet

and other multinational partners belonging to KFOR HQ and other KFOR units gathered to attend the Moroccan ceremony to mark the withdrawal of the Moroccan

contingent from KFOR in the presence of COM KFOR, Major-General Salvatore Farina.

The ceremony went through all the traditional rituals of Moroccan festivities. The parade was performed by the Moroccan Contingent detachments, French Army personnel and the U.S. Army detachments emphasising the great cooperation between the different military forces within KFOR.

At 1300hrs, guests were assembled and listened attentively to the speech of the Moroccan Contingent Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Hicham Lamrani, who welcomed all the participants and thanked them for participating in the ceremony to mark the end of the commitment of the Moroccan contingent in KFOR.

COM KFOR, Major-General Salvatore Farina, in his speech, praised the work done by the Moroccan Royal





PICTURE: Vittorio SIMONELLI (2)

Armed Forces between 1999 and 2014. Major-General Farina stated that the Moroccan Armed Forces have demonstrated a remarkable level of professionalism in the theatre of operations having perfectly performed their tasks, showing qualities of discipline and professionalism while making a significant contribution to building a better future for the

people of Kosovo. In making this contribution, COM KFOR stated that some have paid the ultimate price, and he remembered OR-9 Yousseff Kadir who died in an unfortunate vehicle accident on 05 December 2013.

COM KFOR added that Morocco is very much part of the KFOR success story of building strong partnerships with the institutions in Kosovo

and now continuing the process of handing over security responsibilities to the local security structures and ensuring that they are able to execute their mission.

The ceremony concluded with COM KFOR decorating Moroccan staff with the NATO Non-Article 5 medal for the Balkans. Following the ceremonial event, and in a typically Moroccan atmosphere of hospitality, all guests enjoyed the outstanding traditional Moroccan cuisine.

The symbolism of this historic event will remain entrenched in the hearts of all Moroccan participants as yet another page of the glory of the Royal Armed Forces is written. The sacrifices, bravery and sense of duty of the Moroccan contingent was remembered whether it was in defending their country's unity and stability, or while performing international security, humanitarian and peace-keeping operations with NATO.

JAMAL ZOUIR
OF-1 MAR-A



KFOR REALIGNS DOG 31 TO A FORWARD OPERATIONS POST

KFOR has commenced the re-alignment of Dog 31 in order to be better able to respond to any threat to the maintenance of a Safe and Secure Environment (SASE) or Freedom of Movement (FOM) in the area.



PICTURE: Afrim Hajrullahu

Swiss heavy lifting equipment in action at Dog 31.

The re-alignment was necessary in order to maintain a high level of operational capability in place and along MSR Hen and its valley after the disengagement of French support.

The re-alignment of Dog 31 will transform the camp into a Forward Operations Post (FOP DOG 31) and will release our soldiers from static security tasks.

FOP DOG 31 provides more flexibility and freedom of movement to KFOR thereby enhancing security and KFOR's ability to respond to any threat to its mandate. The complex re-alignment process has been an operational and logistical challenge, clearly demonstrating the necessity for KFOR contingents and units to cooperate and coordinate in order to accomplish the mission in accordance with the KFOR motto of

“MORE TOGETHER”.

KFOR has been operating at Dog 31 since July 2011. MNBG-E has operational responsibility for Dog 31 where it provides security for EULEX, Kosovo Police, Kosovo Border Police, and Kosovo Customs (KP/KBP/KC) units functioning at the crossing point to Serbia. EULEX operates at the crossing point and they have a team of police officers there to mentor KBP and KC. An Austrian Boat Team also operated from the camp in order to support patrols on the southern side of Gazivode/Gazivodë Lake.

Following the decision of COM KFOR, the planning of the complex logistical and technical operation was conducted jointly by KFOR HQ, JLSG HQ and the French NSE over a 2 month period.

The re-alignment involved the dismantling of most of the static structures in the camp and the restoration of the land. This required the full commitment of the KFOR logistical and specialised capabilities.

The Joint Logistical Support Group (JLSG) was tasked with dismantling the installation of Dog 31 and assisting in the construction of the FOP 31 in its place. The operation is an excellent example of an National Support Element (NSE) consolidating logistical support with the coordination of logistical effort being conducted through the JLSG. The transformation of the area will be conducted in an organised and efficient manner allowing for the stand-up of FOP DOG 31 and the return of the land to its owners in its original state by March 2014.

Through the use of specialised Austrian and Swiss logistics staff, the use of vehicles and assets such as the carpenters, electricians, transportation flatbeds, a crane, dump trucks, and heavy engineer

JLSG ensures theatre (3RD) level logistics support to KFOR forces by coordinating level 1 and level 2 logistics, exercise Logistic Control on National Support Elements, and by employing organic Combat Support (CS) and Combat Service Support (CSS) capabilities in order to facilitate a Safe And Secure Environment (SASE) and Freedom of Movement (FOM).



construction equipment, all coordinated by the JLSG, KFOR has been able to make use of its logistical assets in an agile manner. This project has been an outstanding example of cooperation between nations and effective planning and coordination by the JLSG, KFOR HQ and MNBG-E in order to accomplish key KFOR strategies and goals.

The overall effect will result in greater operational flexibility and improve KFOR's capacity and capability to react in the area.

OF-3 Steven BOYCHYN (CAN-A)
Joint Logistic Support Group



PICTURE: Afrim Hajrullahu (2)

NEW PANDUR II ARMoured VEHICLES ARRIVE IN KTM

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The Portuguese contingent consists of a Battalion Command element and one Manoeuvre Company within the KTM and is stationed at

Camp Slim Lines in Pristina.

The Portuguese contingent supplies several types of vehicles, the most important of which are its armoured vehicles. Up to this point, the main armoured vehicles deployed with the KTM were the M11 Panhard and V200 Chaimite.

The current Portuguese unit in

KFOR is the 2nd Infantry Battalion, drawn from the Portuguese Intervention Brigade. This unit was already trained on and equipped with the new Infantry Carrier Vehicle (ICV), the Pandur II prior to its deployment. It was therefore decided to replace the older V200 Chaimite vehicle, which has been in service with the Portuguese Armed Forces since 1967, with the Pandur II armoured vehicles in the KFOR theatre of operations. This process started back in late September with the arrival of the 2nd Infantry Battalion and it began with the preparation of new vehicle parking and workshop areas in order to receive the vehicles.

The Pandur II 8x8 has a power output of 435 horse power, a maximum road range of 700 km and it has an excellent



The Pandur II 8x8 Infantry Carrying Vehicle on operation in Mitrovica/Mitrovicë

PICTURE: KTM (2)

amphibious capability using double impeller drives. Its main mobility characteristics are the maximum road speed of 105 km/h, the eight drive wheels and the troop capacity of 12 fully-equipped personnel. The main tactical characteristics are its low silhouette and its minimised acoustic and thermal imaging signature. These characteristics are complemented by the ease of

Piraeus in Athens Greece prior to being transported by road to Camp Slim Lines in Pristina, arriving on 26 November. The Portuguese contingent is now equipped with six PANDUR II 8x8's, five of which are Infantry Carrier Vehicles (ICV), and one is an Armoured Recovery Vehicle (ARV).

Following a period of training in Camp Slim Lines the vehicles

are now fully operational in the KFOR theatre of operations and the Portuguese contingent are very proud to be operating some of the most technically advanced armoured equipment in theatre.

Hugo Ferreira
Capt (OF-2) Inf
KTM/S2



PICTURE: KTM

access and egress for the passengers utilising the single-door, double-door or a ramp system. The Pandur II has a modular ballistic protection system and NBC protection using passive overpressure or ventilated face masks.

The Chaimite V-200 APC is still in limited service with the Portuguese armed forces and has provided outstanding service during its time with KFOR.

The new vehicles departed the Port of Setubal on 03 November 2013 and arrived at the Port of



The Chaimite V-200 APC is being replaced in the KTM

JRD MERGING CEREMONY

On the 13 January 2014 the Commander of KFOR (COM KFOR), Major-General Salvatore Farina, presided over the ceremony to mark the merger of two KFOR units.



PICTURE: GIOVANNI DELLE CAVE

COM KFOR salutes the troops during the merging ceremony.

The ceremony, marking the merging of Joint Regional Detachment East (JRD-E) with Joint Regional Detachment South (JRD-S), took place in the Prizren Sports centre and was attended by KFOR, Kosovo Security Forces and Kosovo Police commanders, Mayors from seven local municipalities and a wide variety of political and religious leaders.

The merging of the two units now creates an enlarged Area of Responsibility (AOR) for the newly established JRD South covering 19 municipalities encompassing the entire southern region of Kosovo. The new JRD South will now operate a total of 12 Liaison Monitoring Teams (LMTs). The LMTs 'feel the pulse' of the population in Kosovo and are a critical element in the creation and maintenance of permanent and trusted links between KFOR and the local population. The LMT's main task is to contribute to KFOR's situational awareness through

their liaison with local institutions, international organisations and the local population.

All present saw the casing of the JRD East colours marking the formal and symbolic transfer of authority for its area from Major Jonathan Hartsock, of the United States, to Colonel Zorlu Topaloglu from the Turkish Armed Forces.

COM KFOR, Major-General Salvatore Farina, outlined in his speech that the restructuring demonstrates the progress that is being achieved in Kosovo. Major-General Farina stated that Major Hartsock's performance was exemplary and that he had applied his extensive operational experience to the complex mission thereby ensuring that JRD East maintained excellent situational awareness with the people and institutions in their AOR. COM KFOR also thanked the soldiers on parade for their professionalism in achieving the KFOR mission.

COM KFOR congratulated

Colonel Topaloglu on his increased responsibilities and stated that he had great confidence in his abilities since he has demonstrated great leadership since arriving in the mission.

Major Hartsock thanked COM KFOR for his leadership and guidance. He also thanked the US leaders for their support and mentoring during his 8 months in command of JRD East. He thanked the Kosovo institutions for their cooperation but saved his highest praise for the soldiers of JRD East who were drawn from Poland, Turkey, and the United States.

JRD-East was created in April 2004 and was under the command of Multinational Battle Group East until 2011 but since then it has been under the direct control of COM KFOR.

The merging of KFOR units commenced in October with the merging of JRD-West with JRD-Centre. KFOR has now realigned its forces so that KFOR's AOR is now divided into three JRD's, North, South and Centre.



PICTURE: AFIRM HAJRULIAHU

Colonel Zorlu Topaloglu and Major Hartsock pictured during the ceremony

KFOR ENGINEERS ENSURE FOM

JOINT ENGINEER (JENGR) members are responsible to ensure freedom of movement for KFOR troops. JENGRs responsibility is to establish overall theatre engineer policy, goals, and strategic infrastructure requirements.

The engineering priorities are based on superior guidelines and the operational requirements within KFOR. The main focus during low-level tension is operational planning and common funded infrastructure works to support Freedom of Movement (FOM) and a Safe and Secure Environment (SASE), while during higher levels of tension the branch is involving in the execution of the operational mission.

The Roads & Bridges Staff Officer in JENGR branch, Captain Ahmet Serhat Ungor, is focused on 12 Main Supply Routes (MSR's), 590 km long with 164 bridges and 13 tunnels. He is also responsible for the engineering fund management on the common funded infrastructure projects under the NATO Security Investment Programme (NSIP). NSIP is authorised only for NATO-KFOR operational military minimum requirements. All emergency projects identified by JENGR are coordinated with the Kosovo Ministry of Infrastructure and KFOR will only conduct road or bridge repairs in cases when the Ministry has no plans or funds available and the delay will impact on the KFOR mission. By using this fund KFOR has completed five important projects in the recent past, including road reconstruction, installation of guardrails and minor repairs on bridges. Despite having a short period to finish those projects, JENGR has provided secure road conditions to the KFOR troops and Kosovo people for the winter season in the following areas:



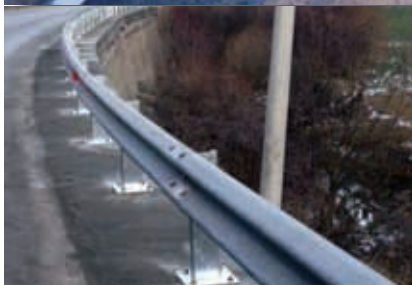
Location: MSR HEN (bypass), near Camp Ca-bra, in the municipality of Zubin Potok. Due to collapse of pathway and bridge handrails it was required to perform engineering works at MSR HEN. A new pathway and new handrails were built and concrete was installed under the bridge. It was completed on 30 September 2013



Location: MSR LION-S, near the village of Vitak, in the Kacanik Municipality. Due to the collapse of a retaining wall and the blockage a pipe it was necessary to perform engineering works at MSR LION-S. A new wall was built and underground pipes and collectors were installed. Work was completed on 25 November 2013.



Location: MSR CAT, near the village of Runik, in the Skenderaj municipality. The road section was heavily damaged due to a weak roadbed. JENGR initiated a project to reconstruct the roadbed and asphalt about 200 meters of this road. Completion day was 18 December 2013.



Location: MSR DUCK, near the village of Crna-leve, in the Shtime municipality. This road section had dangerous sections due to damaged or missing guardrails. There were several accidents during last year on this part of the road. The work was completed on 18 December 2013.



Location: MSR HORSE, near the village of Bishtazhin, in the Gjakova municipality. The road section was heavily damaged due to a weak roadbed. JENGR initiated a project to reconstruct the roadbed and asphalt about 220 meters of this road. The work was completed on 08 January 2014.



KFOR HQ JENGR staff pictured at Camp Film City.

PICTURE: JLSG (6)

OF-2 AHMET SERHAT UNGOR,
TUR ARMY

WINTER WATER SHORTAGE IN KOSOVO

The extremely mild winter is causing a water crisis which means that half a million people in Kosovo are facing water shortages.

The effects of unusual weather patterns are being felt all around the globe with extreme flooding and coastal damage across Western Europe, unprecedented cold weather in North America, and unbearable heat in Australia. Heavy snow caused widespread difficulties in Kosovo in 2012, but the lack of snow is causing a drought in the winter of 2013/14.

Water levels in the five Kosovo reservoirs are dangerously low and all this is occurring in January following a summer of careful water management and water rationing. The rationing has continued through the winter months as have the prosecutions for the misuse of water with fines of up to 300 euro being imposed, according to the Pristina Regional Water Company (RWCP).

The cracked bed of the Batllavë/Batlava reservoir, in the north-east of Kosovo, is a telling sign that the expected snow and rain simply hasn't come. The chairman of the Prishtinë/Priština Regional Water Company stated that the situation is urgent and if there is no rainfall there will only be water reserves for 4 months.

In an interview with the KFOR Chronicle, Ms. Arieta Mjeku Azizi, spokesperson for the Prishtinë/Priština

additional water restrictions if the Batllavë/Batlava and Badovac/Badovc basins, which feed into the city, are not replenished in the next few weeks.

Chief Executive Officer of RWCP Gjelosh Vataj and the Mayor of Prishtinë/Priština, Shpend Ahmeti, called on the citizens not to abuse the water, saying that they will take proper measures to maintain the current level.

The Water Department of the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning is in charge of developing policies for the management of water resources in Kosovo. There is also a "Water Task Force" comprising of the relevant Government Ministers who have drawn up plans to deal with the problem.

Long-term infrastructural upgrades have been approved and funding is being provided for a new water treatment and supply facility. Work is due to commence in June of 2014 and due to finish in September 2016. It is envisaged that this will supply the needs of Prishtinë/



PICTURE: Afrim Hajrullahu (2)

Regional Water Company stated that the water levels in the Batllavë/Batlava reservoir are perilously low. At this time of year the levels could be expected to be up to 48 cubic metres (48 m³) but they are now at 7 cubic metres (7m³).

RWCP said Kosovo's capital, home to some 400,000 out of Kosovo's 1.8 million residents, would face



Batllavë/Batlava Lake



Priština and other nearby municipalities for the next 30 years, drawing water from Gazivode/Gazivodë lake in the North of Kosovo. In the short term, raising public awareness of the need to conserve water and increased water rationing is the strategy being adopted by the Prishtinë/Priština water company.

Gazivode/Gazivodë reservoir, in the north of Kosovo, is one of the biggest water reservoirs of its kind in Europe and it is one of the most important assets for the Kosovo economy. It provides cooling water for the Kosovo Energy Corporation's (KEK) power station, Kosovo B in Obiliq/Obilić, and was in the past vital for the Trepça/Trepča mines.

KFOR personnel are reminded that they can play their part and lead by example. Reminders are hanging in our accommodation telling us not to waste water and commanders at all levels are encouraged to ensure that their personnel and their procedures encourage the careful use of this scarce resource.

The five main reservoirs in Kosovo are:

- *Gazivode/Gazivodë located in the northwest close to Zubin Potok,*
- *Batllavë/Batlava located in the north east near Podujevë/Podujevo,*
- *Badovac/Badovc located close to Graçanicë/Gracanica,*
- *Përlepnice/Prilepnica located between Kamenicë/Kamenica and Gjilan/Gnjilane, and*
- *Radoniq/Radonjić located in the west near Gjakovë/Đakovica.*



Story: Commandant Charlie Dineen

NATO MSM MEDAL RECEIVED BY MNBG-E SOLDIER

U.S. Army Sergeant Paul Flores, from MNBG-E received the NATO Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) for his life saving actions performed on July 7 2013.

Sergeant Flores is a soldier with the 1st Squadron, 38th Cavalry Regiment from Fort Bragg, North Carolina and he is a native of Los Angeles California. He received the NATO MSM from Admiral Bruce W. Clingan, Commander Joint Force Command Naples, in a presentation at KFOR Headquarters in Pristina on 13 January 2014.

"I was just doing my job," Flores said. "That is what I told them, I don't deserve this. You wouldn't thank a chef or a cook for doing their job. I just don't think that I deserved it, and I still feel that way."



At the time, Flores was a member of the personal security detail for the Multinational Battle Group-East commander. The commander and escort vehicle were on mission to Prizren.

Flores said the convoy was heading westbound when they encountered an accident on the road.

"We saw that there was a car and a bus that collided [head-on]," Flores said. "The car was destroyed. It was a miracle that no one was seriously injured and that everyone walked off the bus."

According to U.S. Army Sergeant 1st Class Derreck Fischer, the command team's personal security



Admiral Clingan presents Sgt Flores with the NATO MSM.

PICTURE: Gianni CAREDDU (2)

detachment and others in their two vehicle convoy stopped to assist.

"[We] contained the engine fire from the sedan that hit the bus head on, after the fire was out [another soldier] controlled traffic, while I cleared the bus to make sure there were no more injured personnel on the bus," said Sergeant Fischer describing the scene.

Sergeant Fischer said during that time, "Flores was providing first aid to the fee collector from the bus". According to the accident report, the individual had sustained a deep laceration to the head which was bleeding heavily.

"It was a team effort for the most part," Flores said. "I couldn't have done this without everybody. Colonel Woods was the one who decided to stop and help, and Sergeant Fisher was the one directing traffic. I was just doing what I was supposed to be doing."

The NATO Meritorious Service Medal is awarded to military and civilian personnel who have been commended for providing exceptional or remarkable service to NATO.

Eligible personnel are individuals

serving permanently or temporarily within NATO's operational chain of command or in those forces under NATO command or control, or in a NATO Body, who are commended personally by a Commander or a Head of a NATO Body for:

- Performing acts of courage in difficult or dangerous circumstances; or
- Showing exceptional leadership or personal example; or
- Making an outstanding individual contribution in any activity or program; or
- Enduring particular hardship or deprivation in the interest of NATO

Sgt. Samantha Parks
MNBG-E, Public Affairs Office



KFOR NCOs CONDUCT VISIT TO PRIZREN

In order to increase situational awareness and familiarisation within KFOR, on 9 January the Command Sergeant Major organised a trip to Prizren Camp incorporating a visit to the hospital and to the city of Prizren.



PICTURE: VITTORIO SIMONELLI (2)

KFOR NCOs are briefed by hospital staff at Camp Prizren.

At 0900hrs in the morning we started from Camp Film City. Having arrived at Camp Prizren, our first stop was in front of the HQ where Sergeant-Major Bradkart gave us a briefing about the camp. We then made our way to the KFOR hospital, in Camp Prizren, where we were welcomed by Dr. Klinger and Dr. Hellermann, who in turn explained how the hospital works.

The hospital staff explained the in-patient procedures starting from when the patient arrives for treatment. We were shown the treatment rooms, the two surgery theatres, the intensive care unit and the wards within the hospital. Other services available within the hospital include dental care, uterine care and it also has a well-equipped radiology section.

We were also shown the analysis section of the hospital which is responsible for analysing water

and food for all KFOR military installations in Kosovo.

Having gained a full appreciation for the facilities provided by the hospital we left Camp Prizren and drove to the city centre.

Mr. Arben Gunga, our guide, gave us a full explanation of the town's history and then we conducted our tour, which included a walk up to the remains of Prizren's Fortress. While the weather was a little foggy we still managed to admire the city from above.

It was a great day and the participants gained a full and complete understanding of the capabilities of Prizren Camp, its hospital and the historical significance of the city itself.

The NCOs were fully satisfied and in conclusion, as every successful individual knows, our achievements depend on a community of people working together, "More Together".

KFOR CSM
Francesco CASCELLA



KFOR CONTINUES COOPERATION WITH KOSOVO NGOs

COM KFOR conducted two important visits to Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) in Kosovo during January



COM KFOR accompanied by the GENAD meets the staff of Medica Kosova NGO.

On the 10th of January COM KFOR visited Medica Kosova, an NGO located in Gjakovë/Dakovica. This organisation was founded in 1999 with the aim of helping Kosovar women who were traumatised by the war. It provides assistance regardless of ethnicity or religion. They offer psychological, medical and legal services and they conduct pro-

grams to generate income for the women who have been traumatised by war crimes. Since its establishment, Medica Kosova, have provided assistance to over 8,500 women from 35 different villages in the Gjakovë/Dakovica, Dacani and Prizren regions.

KFOR has had a long running relationship with the organisation and its director, Ms. Vepror

Shehu. They provide lectures for KFOR personnel in order to enhance the understanding of the difficulties experienced by women in their area of operational interest and to raise situational awareness. It is especially important for KFOR personnel to understand the difficulties of those who faced gender based violence during the war, and to appreciate the difficulties of those who lost almost all their male family members or have family members still missing as a result of the conflict.

The second NGO visit by COM KFOR was conducted on 15 January to “Majka de-vet Jugovica”, translated as “Mother of nine Jugovic brothers”, in Novobërdë /Novo Brdo. This NGO runs 6 soup kitchens located in Viti/Vitina, Novobërdë /Novo Brdo, Gjilan/Gnjilane, Klinë/Klina, Kamenicë/Kamenica and most recently in Shtërpçë/Štrpce. They provide warm soup and bread for over 2,000 people



PICTURE: GIOVANNI DELLE CAVE (2)



COM KFOR meets the staff of Majka devet Jugovica NGO.

from all communities on a daily basis and are also engaged in the provision of humanitarian aid to the poor throughout Kosovo in the form of childrens clothing, medicine, and the reconstruction of homes.

COM KFOR met with, Ms. Svetlana Stevic, the founder and Executive Director of the organisation. She introduced him to the newest project which started in October 2013. This project is a sheep and goat farm concentrating on the production of milk, cheese and meat products and provides additional food and

employment for local workers. The meeting was very productive as COM KFOR had the opportunity to build on the strong relationship that has existed between KFOR and this NGO over many years.

Both visits were coordinated by the KFOR Gender Advisor (GENAD), Major Claire Wohlschak from the Austrian army. The GENAD is an advisor to COM KFOR and is primarily responsible for the provision of assessments about gender dimensions in military operations. The GENAD supports the im-

plementation of United Nations Security Council Resolutions (UNSCRs) on Women Peace and Security and the implementation of NATO BI SC directive 40-1 on Integrating UNSCR 1325 and gender perspective into the NATO Command structure. Major Wohlschak continues to highlight the obligation to ensure that gender perspectives are integrated in all military decision making processes when planning, conducting and evaluating operations.



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LOGISTICS TRAINING COURSE AT CAMP FILM CITY

For five days, from 9 Dec to 13 Dec 2013, LOGFAS Training was held again at KFOR HQ in Camp Film City.

This training was led by J4 HQ KFOR and the instruction was conducted by Mr. Ian Garnett from the NATO Communications & Information System School (NCISS) located at Latina in Italy.

The training course was attended by 9 personnel from a range of KFOR units, including KFOR Headquarters, Headquarter Support Group, Multinational Battle Group East and West, Multinational Specialised Unit, the Croatian and the Moroccan National Support Elements.

The purpose of the training was to provide logistics officers with the skills required to manage their assets, using the Logistics Functional Areas Services (LOGFAS), and to enable them to provide their higher command with an accurate logistics picture.

LOGFAS is a tool that combines and clearly arranges a large amount of data provided by the logistics officers,

the individual units and the NSEs. The logistics officer, as a coordinating staff member, always needs to have accurate data for his inputs. The commander can then easily access and use the information provided to make logistically sound decisions.

During the closing ceremony, the Chief of Logistics Operations presented the Training Diplomas to the attendees on behalf of the J4 Chief and stressed the importance of using the LOGFAS correctly to support the commanders and the command staff.

In conclusion, this training took the logistics community another step forward towards the J4 motto "SUPPORT TOGETHER" derived from COM KFOR's motto "MORE TOGETHER".

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Students on the LOGFAS training course at KFOR HQ

PICTURE: Gianni CAREDDU



Name: Christian Graber
Rank: OR-8
Nationality: Switzerland
KFOR Unit: 2nd PIO SWISS-COY 29

MILITARY EDUCATION: Unlike most other countries every member of the Swiss army, in addition to his service in uniform, is a citizen with a civilian job. I started my military service in 2006 as a soldier of the Swiss rescue troops. After successfully passing the basic training I decided to do a further education to become a team leader (sergeant). A year later I successfully completed a logistics course and I now act as a logistic platoon leader (warrant officer) within the Swiss rescue troops.

ABOUT THE MISSION: This is my first mission abroad. I especially love the overall international team spirit within KFOR and I am especially proud to be serving with SWISSCOY. Although I am part of the Swiss rescue troops I hold the position of Press and Information Officer within SWISSCOY. That is possible because I have a BA in media research.

FAMILY REACTIONS: Basically my family respects and supports every decision that I make. But when I confronted them for the first time with my plans to serve in Kosovo, they felt a bit skeptical due to a lack of knowledge about the KFOR mission. After sharing detailed information about the whole situation they agreed that this is a great opportunity for me which I should seize. They support me as much as they can.

HOBBIES: During my leisure time I like different kinds of water sports, such as swimming or wakeboarding. I enjoy watching movies in the cinema and spending my time with friends.



Name: Jamal Zouir
Rank: OF-1
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KFOR Unit: PAO/JRDN

MILITARY EDUCATION: At the age of 18, I joined the Moroccan Royal Military Academy. During my 4 years there I received the basic training of an officer which included all military disciplines based on the fundamental military pillars to serve in the battlefield with professionalism and efficiency.

ABOUT THE MISSION: This is my second mission in Kosovo, the first was as a platoon leader and now I am serving as a Public Affairs Officer with JRD-N. I consider myself privileged to live and work in a multinational environment because it is an opportunity to learn more about the nations serving within FOR, their mentality and their military doctrines. Through my deployment in Kosovo, I have learned more about the NATO basic Rules of Engagement, and I have learned more details about each nation's culture and history.

FAMILY REACTION: Prior to my deployment in Kosovo, my family was just getting reconnected after I returned from a previous deployment. As you can imagine, they were a little disappointed. However, they are very excited when I phone home and they look forward even more to my return.

HOBBIES: Reading books, travelling, and spending time with friends.

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Rules:

The standard consists of a grid Sudoku field with 3×3 blocks, which are each divided into 3×3 fields, a total of 81 fields in 9 rows and 9 columns. In some of these fields at the beginning digits 1 to 9 are registered ("targets").

The task is to fill in the blanks of the puzzle so that in each of nine rows, columns and blocks of each digit from 1 to 9 appears only once.

The three areas (row, column, block) are equally units or groups.

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VERY DIFFICULT



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A playground in winter,
Peja / Pec .

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