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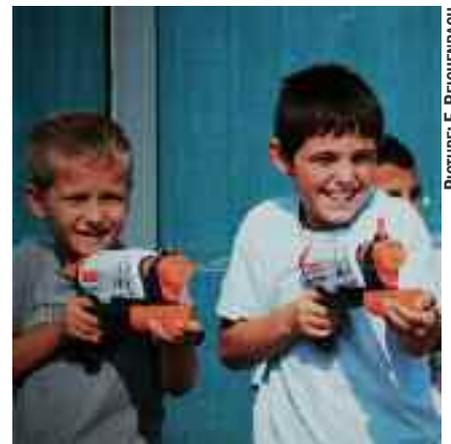
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At the beginning of my second tour in KOSOVO, I was impressed by the positive development I could see all around in comparison to the middle of 2000 when I left the area the first time. The region is developing continuously, infrastructure was and is being improved every day, industry and services are starting to flourish and one can feel the will of the populace to act for a better future.

Apart from the people's will, however, this improvement has also been based on the "umbrella of security" provided by KFOR and other international organisations. We are truly "TOGETHER AS ONE" providing a SAFE AND SECURE ENVIRONMENT (SASE).

Just this contribution for peace and stability has allowed people to get more focused on the development of education, infrastructure and all other issues necessary for shaping a successful and peaceful future.

Today 6 150 troops serve in the multi-ethnic KFOR provided by 29 countries – 21 NATO and 8 Non- NATO members with the task to maintain SASE and FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT (FOM) for all inhabitants of KOSOVO. In most of the municipalities there are a lot of efforts visible. Most of the religious sites were handed over to the KP's responsibility, most of the ethnic enclaves were integrated in the normal way of life, and even a priest seminary from the SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH was reopened in PRIZREN. These integrations were accomplished not only by pulling down barbed wires;

but also in the hearts, minds, and changing opinions of the living population there. This must also be done in the north to support a stable, democratic, multi-ethnic and peaceful KOSOVO. As a professional soldier I look forward, and from this perspective the question arises: "Can we do our mission even with less people and means?"

In regards to the situation in the north and with the necessary deployment of the ORF BN I have to say: first the problem in the north has to be solved before reaching the new phase called "GATE 3".

But nevertheless, the number of forces will shrink again in the future and this is also a clear sign for the local population that the overall situation is improving. Nations will now decide how they can support this future way of KFOR and I understand that it is not an easy choice. But I have seen truly professional soldiers and civilians in this staff, as well in all other branches, the MNBG's, KTM, MSU, ORF and the JRD's which I could visit. In the month to come we will see that every soldier is mission essential and that every soldier keeps vigilant. On the one hand, we all have to be aware that kindness and low profile are appropriate in general. On the other hand, firmness and decisive action might be necessary. I trust in our ability and our will to find a proper balance between those two ways.

KFOR with its NATO and Non-NATO countries has a vital



interest in Balkan's stability. It is our goal and important for all people in this region to create lasting peace. Only then will KFOR have fulfilled its mission "TOGETHER AS ONE".

DCOM KFOR Brigadier General Johann Luif

**02 OCTOBER 2011,  
COM KFOR ON  
WALKING TOUR  
IN PRIZREN**



PICTURE: T. JAKOBS

**COM KFOR VISIT TO  
ORAHOVAC  
MUNICIPALITY ON  
11 OCTOBER 2011**



PICTURE: T. JAKOBS

**COM KFOR VISITED  
TROOPS AT DOG 31  
AND OP 1 ON  
21 OCTOBER 2011**



PICTURE: T. JAKOBS



PICTURE: T. JAKOBS

**COM KFOR VISITED KSF ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2011.  
HE IS ACCOMPANIED BY KOSOVO'S MINISTER FOR KSF MR. AGIM QEKU.**

# FRENCH SOCCER TOURNAMENT



On 24 September 2011, the French contingent in Novo Selo organised a multinational soccer tournament in order to promote a sense of friendship and healthy competition in the area. Teams from a variety of KFOR contributing nations and three local teams from the region of Vusshtri were invited to participate in the tournament. As sponsors of the event, the French contingent naturally entered teams in the competition and, as fellow residents of Camp “Marechal de Lattre De Tassigny” in Novo Selo, the Moroccan and German contingents were also each invited to enter teams. Particular mention and appreciation must be given to a team from the Ukrainian contingent who travelled from Bondsteel just to participate, and brought with them lots of noisy supporters. The competition was held in Vusshtri and was conducted in a spirit of friendship and fun. The well trained and motivated teams displayed high levels of enthusiasm and a clear will to win – the games were hard, but fair. However, all the participants were good natured, disciplined and played in a manner that is sure to enhance relationships and respect in the local area. Of course, as with all hard-fought competitions, there could only be one winner; and this time the prize went to the local Kosovar team by the name of "Extra Shop" who usually play and train at the El Classico gymnasium in Vusshtri. The French contingent would like to thank all the participants and supporters who contributed to a magnificent competition. ■



## DANCON MARCH

This march was started in 1972 by a Danish Contingent in Cypress. Invited are soldiers of all nationalities currently at a deployed location. This Hike extends across 26 kilometers of tarmac, trails, uneven terrain, steep long inclines, and even longer descents, which pushes most participants to their physical limits (or even a little beyond). The requirements to participate in this event are an eight hour time limit, with 10 kilograms in your Rucksack.

DANCON March; after successfully completing this march in April of 2010, I have promised myself: ONCE is enough. – Now it is Sunday the 04th of September 2011, 06:30 in the morning and once again I am standing outside the Danish NSE on Camp Novo Selo at Checkpoint number one. At 08:10 am I am taking my first steps in this 26 kilometer journey, along side 570 other participants. Around me are rucksacks displaying the American, Portugal, Italian, Swedish, Norwegian, Slovenian and Slovakian, and Polish Flags..... The German colors are also represented, just like the Danebrog (Danish Flag). Before we even made it to the first supply point –which was a normal asphalt street with minimal elevation- the group of participants already pulled apart. The sun was showing at half past nine with her 30 degrees, what heat she is about to produce in the course of the day.

Now we are off into the open terrain, over free stretches with a rapid incline, towards checkpoint two. Without ever looking back I



bravely put one foot after another, fighting my way to the front. Sometimes I was alone in the wide open field and sometimes I got passed by a young dynamic soldier with a lit cigarette in his hand.

A small group of Slovenians or Slovaks were singing songs from home under the scorching sun. I easily reached checkpoint two. What a beautiful scenery and in the middle of it is the KEK, with its dark smoke filling the air. I started feeling the first pressure points on my right foot. One apple as snack, an empty bottle of PET

water exchanged for a new one, I carry on my way, still cheerful at this point. On the map it doesn't look THAT far to checkpoint three. Well, I was wrong. All of a sudden there is no more energy going to my legs and feet, and the rucksack seemed to have doubled its weight. The trail leads through an Oak Forrest and that's where I ask

myself: "Jörg, why are you doing this to yourself... what are you doing here and on top of that on a Sunday – not really relaxing to tell you the truth."

It doesn't matter now, I have to carry on. This is when I pass my

young comrade, dressed in camouflage, Kyle. We both didn't know then that we shall be each others shadow along the way. Supply point three is also checkpoint three. The friendly Dane, in his early forties, smiles at me as I show him my participants' card and said with ease:

"Why are you here, aren't you to old for this?" Unfortunately I couldn't think of a similar friendly answer, but it seemed that suddenly all the energy has returned to me. Heavily salted cucumber pieces, one apple and fresh water have the same effect than a chocolate bar, and bring back immediately the energy I was missing at this point. After a straight trail, through a typical rural property, the decline starts, a steep gravel road through a quarry. This part is especially



stuck in my mind, last year I suffered through this the other way around, by rain and with 2 kilograms of mud stuck to my boots.

Kyle passed me when I wasn't looking and now it is my turn to pass him again. Finally the huffing and puffing is done. The French established a supply point at the end of the quarry. Without a break I continue on my ways and only grab some fruit and water for the way. My American shadow is behind me again. The gravel road turns into tarmac again – deadly for those tired feet.

After about 100 feet I realized: Danes don't lie (derived from a German song "tears don't lie"). At this point I am walking on eggs, the straps of the rucksack are digging into my shoulders, the boots are feeling two sizes too small, and the sun burns down on us with its 40 degrees onto this uncovered trail. My partner in crime (and pain) is all of a sudden passing me again, and he carries on displaying the same kind of duck walk as me. Endless seems the road; agonizing seem the mellow hills; painful on the toes are the downward slopes. Shortly after, Kyle and Jörg are walking beside each other like friendly shadows. Before each bend we hope to see the camp behind it. Where are they walking too, where are they walking too... We are alone for a couple of minutes on the road that leads to nowhere.

All of a sudden, out of nowhere comes a group of Portuguese glowing with energy. I have to stop thinking and switch to automatic. "It was checkpoint 5 back at the

quarrel", this thought lets me hope that we are close to the goal. Somehow we make it to supply point 5. Not the Goal. We not only let our rucksacks hit the ground, but also ourselves. There comes the motivating comment: "It is only another five kilometers, turn left, continuing over the three hills and you are there!" even this doesn't motivate me anymore.

One glance at the watch and I it gives me the motivation I need. It's already after High Noon; off you go Jörg, because you set your deadline for under six hours. My shadow is in the front

again, I pass him right before the first hill; we pull ourselves up, but not without pain. Both our batteries are empty after this incline. "I must have a short rest" says my young American march companion. Normally a mistake, but we are a team now. "Come on Kyle", but there is still no Camp Novo Selo in sight. Only five kilometers they said, surely no problem without aching feet and a rucksack that must have weighted 25 kilograms at this point. "Give me a short rest" – "No let's GO" On top of the third hill you can finally see the Sanctuary, Camp Novo Selo. But don't get too excited, it's only the fence and a long ways to the goal.... After a long five hours and 50 minutes, I am back to where I started at 08:10 that morning.

For a moment I seemed to have forgotten all the pain and aches, I forgot how badly my feet ache, how bad my legs and shoulders hurt, and shacked hands – Congratulations – that's when I received my certificate and medal for the DANCON March for a job well done, again.

The Danish might not lie, but they don't always tell the truth either... .



# GERMAN CONTINGENT CELEBRATES GERMAN DAY OF UNITY



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Erhard Drews and the German ambassador in Kosovo his Excellency Dr. Ernst Reiche participated in this event. German reunification was the result of a long process that reached a conclusion in 1990 when the German Democratic Republic

Turning Point” or the “Peaceful revolution” by Germans. “The Turning Point” began with the staging of the Monday-demonstrations, which started on 4 September 1989 in Leipzig. The most symbolic and significant event was the destruction of the Berlin Wall in November 1989. The end of the unification process is officially referred to as German Unity Day and it is celebrated annually on 3 October.



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On 2 October 2011 German soldiers of the 30th German contingent KFOR celebrated German reunification in Camp Prizren. Along with other special guests Kosovo Force Commander (COM KFOR) Major General

joined the Federal Republic of Germany and when Berlin reunited into a single city. This process was possible because of the “Grundgesetz” - Article 23. The beginning of this process is commonly referred to as “The

The celebrations in Prizren started at 1700 hrs with a short muster in front of the Red Staff Building. During this muster Dr. Reiche delivered an address about the German reunification and thanked the German soldiers and all other nations for their service abroad. The muster closed with the German national anthem performed by the Airforce-musiccorps 4. After this short speech all soldiers and guests were invited to take part in the dinner at the dining facility and the subsequent “Evening of Unity” at the German “SanShineBar“. The highlight of this event was the amazing fire-work, which coloured the sky. ■



## JLSG IMPROVES ROAD CONDITIONS



**ROAD CONDITIONS BEFOR STARTING TO WORK**



**SITUATION AFTER IMPROVING ROAD CONDITIONS**

**STORY AND PICTURES: V. SIETTOS**



The village of Zac/Zalle is located in the municipality of Istok and it is a location that the local and international communities have put considerable effort towards supporting the repatriation of displaced ethnic Serbs. KFOR played its part in this effort by carrying out essential engineering work aimed at improving the condition of the roads in this village.

Having assessed the situation as being within the framework of KFOR's main mission, i.e "to provide a safe and secure environment and to maintain the freedom of movement", Multi National Battle Group West (MNBG W)

started the project but due to adverse weather conditions, they had to stop. At this point the Italian contingent's engineering officer who was supervising the project was repatriated as he reached his end of tour (EOT) date.

Consequently, having no suitable engineer officer, MNBG W requested that Joint Logistics Support Group (JLSG) take over this project and see it through to its conclusion. The Greek engineer platoon, which is under the control of JLSG, carried out a detailed assessment of the situation before deploying specific equipment and well trained personnel to carry out

the work.

So, after almost one month of hard work (during June), with the valuable support of KFOR's Tactical Reserve Manoeuvre Battalion (KTM), the Swiss/Austrian transport company assets, and MNBG W's real life support (accommodation, food for the operators, refuelling, guarding of the equipment, etc), the Greek engineer platoon managed to repair and improve more than 4 kilometres of access roads to homes and school in the village. Through this action, KFOR has shown, once again, that the improvement of conditions for the local population does not only come about through military actions but also through humanitarian ones. The project clearly demonstrates KFOR's determination to enhance the living conditions of all citizens of Kosovo and helps to build a strong and lasting relationship between KFOR and the Municipalities. ■

On the 25th of September 2011, took place the Transfer of Authority (TOA) Ceremony of the Portuguese KFOR Tactical Reserve Manoeuvre Battalion (KTM), at Camp Slim Lines.

The Portuguese 2nd Mechanized Infantry Battalion (2BIMec) was replaced by the Cavalry Mobile Gun System Battalion (MGS Bn) (GAM) of the Portuguese Intervention Brigade.

The ceremony was chaired by COM KFOR, Major General Erhard Drews. Also present were his Excellency Mr. Lóránt Balla, Hungarian Ambassador to Kosovo, Major General Xavier Matias representative of the Portuguese Land Forces Command, Commanders of KFOR forces, members of the HQ Staff, and other distinguished guests, both military and civilian.

The ceremony included soldiers from two different nations and started with the traditional salute to address the parade to COM KFOR, after which he inspected. The Land Forces Command Representative delivered some words to Portuguese KTM soldiers just before handed over the Portuguese National Flag to the incoming MGS Bn Commander, LtCol Paulo Marques, symbolizing the Portuguese Transfer of Authority. At this time the Hungarian contingent marched into the parade and joined the Portuguese forces. In his farewell speech, LtCol Amaral Lopes expressed his gratitude to all and wished the best of luck to the MGS Bn.

The new incoming Commander, LtCol Paulo Marques, addressing

to the KTM soldiers, stated his privilege and honor to serve as KFOR Tactical Manoeuvr Battalion (KTM) Commander, a Battalion composed of soldiers from two different countries and cultures, adding that he is fully aware of their value and qualities and his conviction of the highly professional way as all of them will embrace the mission.

To COM KFOR, LtCol Marques assured the reliability of KTM soldiers and the continued commitment and effort of everyone to remain on course to contribute decisively to the maintenance of a Safe and Secure Environment in Kosovo that will benefit the future generations of Kosovo citizens. In his speech, COM KFOR has

to 2BIMec and welcomed MGS Bn soldiers: “LTC Marques, I am confident that you will command the KTM in best manner. I am certain that you, the Soldiers of the Mobile Gun System Battalion, and the Hungarian Coy will support me and KFOR’s efforts Kosovo wide; adopting our motto, “TOGETHER AS ONE”. It is a great pleasure to have you join the KFOR team and I am looking forward working with you on the challenging and demanding missions ahead.”

Following the parade, the evening ended in a friendly atmosphere with a Portuguese traditional dinner enjoyed by all the guests and KTM soldiers.



characterized KTM saying that “The soldiers of my tactical reserve perform one of the most critical missions for KFOR. They must be extremely flexible in their execution of tasks and they must be able to rapidly deploy on a very short notice.” COM KFOR said farewell

Thomas Glöckl, 47 years old, from Bavaria in Germany has been working as a chaplain for nine years. This is his second tour to Kosovo, He was here previously from May to September 2009. This time his responsibilities include the important role as KFOR's Coordinating Chaplain. There are a number of interesting and important aspects to his present participation with KFOR. "I see my role here primarily to visit KFOR soldiers, especially to meet them on the ground as they are performing their various duties and tasks. It is important to speak with them, but significantly , more so to listen to them. I see the human worth in each separate soldier as an individual. It is crucial therefore to communicate both in confidence and without rank, to grant them an alternative line of communication. Secondly, holding a deeply-felt belief in God, I try to foster and spread a nurturing of the virtue of the "Holy Spirit" through prayer and the provision of religious services. A third and new perspective for me is as a coordinator of the KFOR Chaplains throughout Kosovo. The many important aspects of which being mediated through the monthly Chaplains Coordinating Conferences where I strive to focus towards a meeting of minds on an improved understanding of the wider complex historical background to the current situation as it presents itself. These meetings are also about encouraging contact amongst the chaplains themselves to facilitate communication and support between them. Topically, given the time of year, with the

fast approaching "Festive Season" not too far off, I am mindful that planning towards their various preparations for the celebration of "Holy Week" are up-coming and it will be important to achieve that. KFOR chaplains are there for KFOR soldiers and if we can assist in personal problem-solving we are keen to do so. I have very much enjoyed this, my second tour with KFOR to-date and it has left me so far with one lasting impression , that of the privilege it has been to have experienced the trust of the KFOR soldiers and for this I am extremely grateful. I am looking forward to the rest of my time here in Kosovo before my departure in January and wish all of us a safe satisfying and happy tour of duty

and want to end with a prayer that has determined my whole life so far:

“Oh Lord, please give me the calmness to accept things I cannot change; give me the courage to change things which can be changed and please give me the wisdom to know the difference between them.”



The "Rehabilitation Centre of mother and children" at Pristina is situated next to the KFOR Headquarters. The centre was established in 1998 and has been supported by soldiers from Camp Film City since 2008. Now, on 24 September 2011 there was the next event.

Over 25 children visited Camp Film City. A multinational working group organized a party next to the German Ark, with a lot of different open-air activities, like basketball, cryoning, dancing, etc.. At 10 o'clock Major Meyer, chief of the German NSE, welcomed the children and their educators.

After a short welcome speech First Sergeant Rabich handed over a token to Ms Halime Maliqi, also known as Nina, the manager of the Rehabilitation Centre. This token, sponsored by a civilian internet provider named Kujtesa, assured free internet usage for the children during the coming years. Several month ago the Centre was equipped with computers, now they can use the world wide web for free. To a chorus of "Thank you" from the assembled children Ms Maliqi accepted this gift. She thanked all soldiers and civilian companies, who support this centre.

During the next hours everybody enjoyed the party, accompanied by the american DJ. The children's favourite song was „Macarena“ performed by Los del Rio. One special highlight was the possibility to create plaster masks and plaster casts. Together with the soldiers the children created them and after that they painted them very colourful.



Ciano, the civil caterer of Film City's Dinning Facility, sponsored the whole lunch, which contains hamburgers, vegetables and of course softdrinks.

All in all it was a successful and great party. Every single soldier, civilian employee and civilian company, who took part in this event is accountable for the smiling children and as Frank A. Clark used to say: „Most smiles are started by another smile.“





Mother and Child meetings take place every Thursday at 1900 in the German Ark. ■



## MARCHING TO THE PEAK OF LUBOTEN

**K**FOR's Military Civil Advisory Division (MCAD) provides a vital service to the Kosovo Security Force (KSF) by providing the mentoring and guidance necessary to develop the KSF's core capabilities. With this in mind, MCAD's Civil Protection Regiment's (CPR) Senior Advisor, Major Cagatay Celik, the Search and Rescue (SAR) company senior advisor & mentor 1st Lieutenant Direnc Baggeci, SAR coy specialist advisor & mentor Master Sergeant Resul Ozturk, in coordination with the CPR and acting SAR coy Commander, decided to conduct a marching exercise designed to increase the physical strength and endurance of the SAR coy personnel and familiarize them with the tough and demanding conditions of mountainous environment. The Luboten Mountain, which is close to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) border, was selected as an ideal exercise location due to its challenging terrain. The preparation for the exercise started weeks in advance; first of

all, mentors carried out a reconnaissance of the area. During this reconnaissance the starting point of the march and the safest approach to the peak were identified.

Later, with the help of the mentors, the acting SAR coy commander and mountain SAR squad leaders planned their exercise on a map. Meanwhile, the mentors prepared a detailed briefing about what to expect from the mountainous terrain, including tips concerning how to prepare for the expected environmental and physical conditions and advice on the techniques to be used when marching in the mountains. The briefing was conducted in CPR Headquarters and was attended by everyone who was part of the exercise. The coordinates of the critical terrain features were also mentioned in the briefing. On 16 September, the mentors and exercise personnel met at Forester House, before travelling in convoy to the starting point for the march.

The march up the Luboten Mountain was conducted flawlessly - the SAR personnel displaying great diligence and discipline throughout. Considering the rough terrain of the Luboten Mountain and taking into account the steep and stony slopes, the march was a great triumph. In spite of the average age of the SAR personnel being somewhere around 35 years old, the personnel completed the climb to the summit with full equipment comfortably within the time allocated. Throughout the exercise, the MCAD mentors noted the excellent command and control displayed by acting company commander to lead his subordinates over difficult terrain during a very physically demanding route. Overall, it was a successful and highly beneficial undertaking for the personnel SAR coy. Now the SAR squads are looking forward to reaching new summits.



STORY AND PICTURES: MCAD



# ULPIANA

Under the Roman Empire, Ulpiana, present-day Pristina, flourished and merited mentioned as a glorious city "urb splendidissima". Ulpiana suffered numerous attacks from barbarian tribes including those by the Huns and the Goths. It was destroyed in 479 when the Goth King Theodemir sent his son Theodoric the Great with 3,000 soldiers to annihilate the city. A final blow came when an earthquake struck in 518 AD and demolished what remained of Ulpiana.

Procopius writes that "He (Justinian) rebuilt all the falling walls of the city (Ulpiana) and after he decorated them with a splendour, he gave them the beauty of the present day and called them "Justiniana Secunda". In the 6th century during the rule of Justinian the city was rebuilt, after whom it was called Iustiana Secunda.

Remains of this city - destroyed and rebuilt several times throughout history, with basilica, mosaics, and tombstones - have been unearthed west of Gračanica. In the early Christian period, Ulpiana was an important episcopal center. A number of artifacts were discovered here, amongst them coins, ceramics, weapons, and jewellery. The remains of the city, only partially

excavated, are situated approximately 1.3 km (0.81 mi) west of Gračanica, immediately to the north of the road connecting Gračanica with Laplje Selo.





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## ADVICE: DRIVE CAREFULLY

Noticeably falling temperatures tells us winter is on its way. Such change in climate requires we anticipate adverse conditions and adapt our circumstances in order to stay safe on the roads and healthy in camps. Kosovo's roadways will soon become covered with fog, sleet, snow and ice and so present a dangerous and hazardous challenge when moving about. To prevent falling victim to the prevailing weather when driving there are however a number of common-sense approaches to adopt. Ask yourself in the first instance is my journey really necessary and if indeed it does required to be undertaken what do I need to do to lessen the risk of becoming another statistic. Here are a few winter driving tips. If your route requires you to traverse higher regions it is likely tyre snow chains will be required. Before setting out clear all windows and mirrors to ensure visibility; check lights, brakes and battery are in working order; anti-freeze is at the right level and concentration; and windshield



wiper blades are effective. Wear your seat belt and anticipate "Black Ice" (a very thin, unnoticeable sheet of ice covering the road surface). Reduce speed to 30 km maximum, increase distance between you and the vehicle in front and be seen by lighting up. If however you do indeed begin to skid then ease off the accelerator and steer into the direction of the skid. Finally be sure to carry your Driver's Handbook with you. ■



## PEACEKEEPER



**Name:** Sabino Conteduca  
**Rank:** OR - 2  
**Nationality:** Luxembourg  
**Unit in KFOR:** LUX PLT

### Military education:

I enlisted in the Luxembourg Army at the age of 25. Immediately after my primary instruction, I volunteered for my first mission in Lebanon, where I spent five months in the Luxembourg EOD team (BELUFIL 11). After that mission, I posted my candidature for my second mission, which would take me to Kosovo.

### About the Mission:

As this is my second mission, I'm already used to the multinational environment, which I enjoy most here in Kosovo. The contacts I was able to establish with other nations in Kosovo are most interesting and based on a real collaboration and partnership. The professionalism of the different KFOR troops I met was outstanding, and I really enjoy working with all of them.

### Family Reaction:

As this is my second mission abroad, my family understands my motivation and they all support and encourage me as much as they can.

### Hobbies:

I like playing soccer, traveling to different countries, meeting new people and hanging out with friends.

## PEACEKEEPER



**Name:** SOILE SILD  
**Rank:** OF - 2  
**Nationality:** ESTONIAN  
**UNIT IN KFOR:** HQ J3 JOC

### Military Education:

I have 14 years service. I normally work in Estonian Defence Forces Headquarters. This is my first overseas mission.

### About the mission:

I am land desk officer in the Joint Operations Centre (JOC) in KFOR HQ in Pristina. My task is to record events and incidents that have relevance for the on-going operations and overall KFOR mission. I appreciate very much the good working environment amongst my colleagues in the JOC.

### Family reaction:

I am hugely appreciative of the support my family and friends have shown and provided to me during my trip here.

### Hobbies:

A one-time music teacher I enjoy going to concerts, ballet and the opera. I enjoy travelling and like winter sports especially skiing and skating.



Picture: F. Reichenbach