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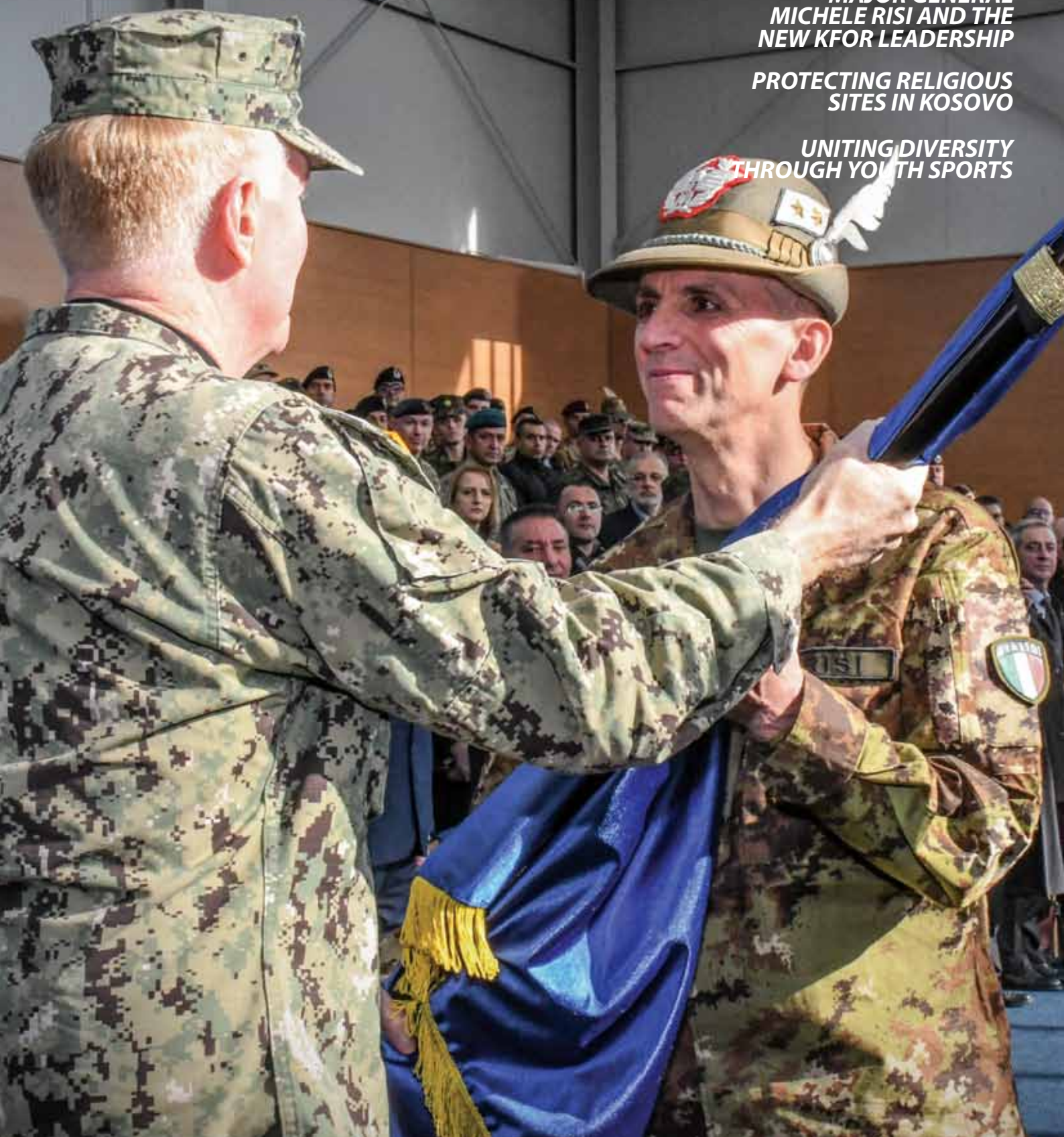
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STORY OF THE MONTH

KFOR HAS A NEW COMMANDER

Fellow soldiers and civilians of KFOR, as we cross the bridge from 2019 into 2020 together, I wish you and your families whether near or far, a wonderful and peaceful holiday season. For most of us, we have endured multiple deployments in support of our individual countries, NATO, the EU or the United Nations to provide stability throughout the world. If you are new or ready to redeploy home remember that your service in KFOR supports the most important multinational presence in the Balkans. KFOR will remain a cohesive and resilient team as we maintain and strengthen the profound ties between both NATO and Kosovo, and NATO and the Western Balkans. “Enduring Stability” is the motto I have chosen to exemplify that our lasting and durable mission is resistant to any blow to the stability and security of Kosovo. KFOR’s lasting presence is the most tangible sign of the great investment that all 28 Allied and Partner nations have made for the people of Kosovo, their future and their prosperity. As our nations have committed and are willing to invest their political capital, we, as soldiers, devote ourselves with our professionalism, our humanity and our values. First and foremost: solidarity. KFORs strength rests on our diversity and the organisation we are proudly part of, NATO. NATO has been the most successful Alliance across the centuries thanks to its culture hardened by decades of complex operations, honed by hundreds of multinational exercises and supported by a distributed command and control structure. On the ground, KFORs resilience and endurance is underpinned by your posture and the profile of our operations. Although they have changed and will change

in the following year, our presence will be a sign, as it has been in the past, of the success that our predecessors have attained across more than twenty years of intense presence alongside the people and the Institutions in Kosovo. Whether it be the men and women in patrol or during a monitoring and liaison activity or as part of KFOR staff we should be aware that we are contributing in placing another keystone in one of the bridges connecting all communities living in Kosovo. Best wishes of a productive 2020 in which KFOR will remain a driver for “Enduring stability”.



Major General Michele Risi

THE CEREMONY



On Tuesday 19 November, at KFOR HQ Film City, Commander Allied Joint Force Command Naples Admiral James G Foggo III presided over the Change of Command Ceremony. After a period of twelve months in command of Kosovo Force, Command and Authority was officially transferred from Major General Lorenzo D'Addario to the new Commander of KFOR XXIV, Major General Michele Risi.

As with tradition, the parade ground was adorned with

an impressive display of soldiers from all the major KFOR units. All those in attendance, including the President of Kosovo Mr. Hashim Thaci, Prime Minister Mr. Ramush Haradinaj, Italian Minister of Defence Mr. Lorenzo Guerini, other ministers, mayors, religious and local leaders and representatives of the institutions in Kosovo looked on in admiration as the ceremony commenced with military precision. The proceedings offered Major General Lorenzo D'Addario the opportunity to give his farewell address to both soldiers and guests after twelve months in command. Major General D'Addario opened his address by reflecting on his own personal emotions when appointed as COM KFOR almost one year ago saying that "it is a most rewarding task for a NATO Officer, but also the culmination of a personal and professional story,

starting in the summer of 1999 as a young Staff Officer here in Pristina and then again in 2004 as Battalion Commander in the West". He then poignantly paid tribute to all the KFOR soldiers who have served under his command remarking that "this is the story of tens of thousands of service men and women, proudly supported by their families and communities...I salute these comrades and I am very grateful to their families for supporting them".

In acknowledging the particular achievements of the KFOR family Major General D'Addario further commented that "in these last twenty years, together with the other International Organisations, the International Community, the Institutions in Kosovo and the neighbouring countries, we have achieved enormous changes, shoulder to shoulder". Major



General D'Addario then thanked Admiral Foggo for his continued and exhaustive guidance, his own personal Senior Staff for their "advice, wisdom and the companionship" before addressing the wider KFOR family by saying that he "intended to ensure that the values of NATO would drive KFOR to achieve the best standards of service, in a formation where each individual is able to provide a valued and worthwhile contribution". Finally, Major General D'Addario offered his best wishes to the incoming COM KFOR Major General Michele Risi commenting that "I am extremely happy to leave KFOR in your capable hands". All those in attendance then listened attentively as Commander Allied Joint Force Naples Admiral James Foggo made his speech. Admiral Foggo offered his appreciation to the outgoing COM

KFOR affirming that "his command was not easy, there have been many challenges. This year again has seen moments of heightened tension, but Lorenzo's calm, collected leadership and resolute vigilance has ensured that NATO continues to provide an environment that allows politicians room to talk, people to vote and engage in dialogue for a better future." The Admiral further commented that Major General D'Addario has "set the conditions for KFOR's continued support for stability and security here in Kosovo despite the complex and dynamic challenges he faced while in command...a consummate professional, he has led this diverse multinational military peacekeeping force with skill and unwavering commitment." The Admiral then welcomed Major General Risi to the command of KFOR remarking that "he knows NATO and he's well

equipped for mission success. He has held key leadership positions at the tactical, operational and strategic levels of the Italian military, NATO and the United Nations. This includes command of the Julia Alpine Brigade, deploying in support of Operation Resolute Support to Herat, Afghanistan...I look forward to working with Michele, as I did with Lorenzo to ensure that NATO and KFOR continue to further progress in Kosovo." Incoming and new COM KFOR Major General Michele Risi then addressed all those present. In his opening remarks, he stated that "It is my great honour to stand before you as the incoming Commander of the NATO-led Kosovo Force and to be the successor of the great lineage of leaders who contributed to the security and stability of Kosovo over the last twenty years." Major General Risi thanked the



Italian Minister of Defence and the Chief of Defence “for their special trust and confidence they have granted in appointing me to this position...I am both honoured and humbled as I consider the immense responsibilities inherent in this command.” With some words of humble appreciation to his close friend and outgoing COM KFOR, Major General Lorenzo D’Addario: “United in Commitment” for an “Enduring Stability” both in Kosovo and in the Western Balkans Region. These are our mottos, this is what we believe in and this is why we are here and my pledge to you... Thanks Lorenzo I wish you and your loved ones all the best.” Major

General Risi also thanked “the twenty allied countries and the eight partner countries, which have been contributing to the security of the entire Kosovo population that, I firmly believe, is still the key driver for the stability of Kosovo, the Western Balkans and the entire Euro Atlantic region...I am looking forward to meeting you soon and working together.” The incoming COM KFOR then concluded his address by acknowledging the wider KFOR family, both soldiers and civilians stating that “my commitment to you and your families is to always set the conditions for a unique human and professional development experience. I promise you that I will do my best every day, and I ask you to do the same...I look forward to be with you in the field, and serving with you.”

In an appropriate conclusion to the ceremony, the Transfer of Authority and Command was then symbolically represented by the NATO Flag being passed from Major General Lorenzo D’Addario to Admiral James Foggo and then on to Major General Michele Risi. Command Sergeant Major Davide Campisi rolled up the flag of KFOR XXIII symbolising the end of Major General D’Addario’s command. Then, the flag of KFOR XXIV was unfurled by Command Sergeant Major Pietro Galeazzi signifying the beginning of Major General Risi’s role as COM KFOR under the new motto “Enduring Stability”.

Alan (Jack) Crowley
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Chief Internal Information



For Switzerland, as one of the Troop Contributing Nations since the beginning, it is a big honour having the post as Deputy Commander of KFOR from 05 October for one year. Over all these years, the country from the middle of Europe, inhabiting itself with almost 200,000 Kosovar expats, has helped to give the mission the support to provide a safe and secure environment in the Western Balkans.. It is a privilege to serve as the DCOM KFOR and to be at the HQ KFOR with the team. After two months in theatre, the DCOM Office does its best in supporting this mission with all the knowledge and experience that we can provide. Being a Partner of NATO and KFOR, it is a special occasion for the Swiss.

During my military career I had the possibility to lead as a Commander the Grenadier and Parascout Schools Command. Afterwards, I took over the Special Forces Command for several years. Having almost thirty years of experience

as a professional soldier and Commander at different levels of operations and training, most recently being Chief of Staff on the Joint Operational Level for many years, it is now a great opportunity to make the experiences as DCOM KFOR in the international environment, to be able to work, lead and conduct in the multinational surroundings and to help the KFOR Mission to go forward.

DCOM has mainly three tasks: first, give advice and recommendations to COM KFOR and assist in any case. Second, conduct and lead the Headquarters Support Group as well the *Camp Marechal De Lattre De Tassigny* as a project and finally to be the second in command and therefore fill the gap, whenever COM KFOR is not available. Beside all these fields, one main task delegated from the COM KFOR to me is to plan and conduct the *Effects Task Order Cycle*, with the main focus on the Commanders Intent. This intent is the basis of all effects and actions to be taken by

KFOR.

My personal motto “RES NON VERBA” has accompanied me for more than thirty years: “Act not just talk!” On the operational level we must never forget that at last our soldiers, the boots on the ground, have to transfer our decisions and I am firmly convinced we have to do everything for the best of our soldiers. With this in focus, it is my intention to visit and meet every Liaison Monitoring Team and other units until the end of the year. During my last visits I met a lot of dedicated and motivated soldiers which made me confident. During the last twenty years, Kosovo has progressed significantly. So let’s all keep up the good work, let’s not just speak about it, but also do it and continue to make this a peaceful Kosovo!

KFOR Deputy Commander
Brigadier General
Laurent Michaud

PROTECTING DECANI MONASTERY

Regional Command West and the KFOR Tactical Reserve Battalion recently took part in a combined field training exercise aimed to improve their interoperability for a synchronised response to a real threat.

KFOR soldiers from Regional Command West along with soldiers from KFOR Tactical Reserve Battalion took part in a joint field training exercise named “Swift Lynx II”. In effect, “Swift Lynx II” was Crowd and Riot Control exercise with the objective of increasing the interoperability among the KFOR units, while maintaining a high level of readiness and reaction. The exercise took place nearby the Decani Monastery and was focused on training the Kosovo Forces to intervene in the event of major disturbance occurring in the area. In order to provide a realistic training scenario for the

KFOR forces that are deployed twenty-four-seven to protect the Visoki Decani Monastery, an escalation of disorder and violence was simulated through a series of carefully planned exercise scenarios which required the KFOR units to implement the necessary security measures around the monastery. The exercise was conducted from 12 to 14 November and was divided into three phases.

The first phase saw the deployment of the Regional Command West units after the initial public disorder started. The main task assigned to the units was to block the main route which leads to Decani Monastery, preventing any further disorder in front of the religious site. Then, due to an escalation in disorder, the exercise entered its second phase with the deployment of the KFOR Tactical Reserve Battalion units in order to relieve the Regional Command West forces on site. As soon as the Tactical Reserve Battalion units were rapidly inserted using two Croatian MI-8

helicopters, they commenced the appropriate crowd control activity, dispersing the riot and regaining effective control of the area. In the third phase, the Freedom of Movement Detachment units were deployed to remove the barricades and to fully restore the freedom of movement in the area.

Throughout the exercise, the reaction and deployment times among KFOR units in addition to the synchronisation of all assets deployed during the different phases was exercised and verified. “Swift Lynx II” confirmed the existing high level of training and good interoperability among the force commanders on the ground in addition to evaluating command and control procedures. During the exercise, three hundred KFOR soldiers, thirty two vehicles and two MI8 helicopters were deployed.

Stefano De Santis
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Realistic exercise scenarios simulating an escalation of civil disorder at Decani Monastery required the rapid deployment of KFOR Unit's to respond to the threat



KFOR Soldiers (Italian, Hungarian, Slovenian) and assets block the main route leading to Decani Monastery in order to prevent any forced entry or damage to the religious site



A further escalation of civil disorder required an additional rapid intervention of KFOR Unit's in order to conduct crowd riot control activity and regain control

FROM THE FIELD

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION COURSE

Crime exists in nations worldwide, and police must work to solve these cases and assist in delivering justice. U.S. Army Soldiers from Regional Command East's Task Force Military Police along with Swiss and Austrian International Military Police attended a Forensic Science and Crime Scene Processing Course from 28 to 29 October at Camp Bondsteel. With the skills and techniques learned in this course, local Military Police can take steps to keep the crime scene secure, while preserving physical evidence.

U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer 3 Sean McEntee who co-instructed on the course, taught the soldiers about basic crime scene response and death investigation information techniques. The class also covered forensic photography and trace and physical evidence response. "Taking the time and effort to process a crime scene competently and with as much effort as possible is really important," he said. The Military Police taking the course have all had basic instruction on many of the topics they covered. Refreshing their skills helps those members who don't handle crime scene investigation on a daily basis contribute to creating a more capable police force. U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Jason Jasinski, an operations Sergeant who took the course, recommends that other Military Police do the same. He further added that "my favorite part of the class was the case studies and hearing the actual stories from the instructors of things that they have done in the past, mistakes that they've made and what they have learned from those mistakes."

Incorporating International Military Police allowed the entire class to compare best practices, in the event of an incident that calls for joint participation. Swiss Army Sergeant Major Nadine Ettlin commented "we are in Kosovo with so many nations...it's possible to have a case with American soldiers involved and if they are taking the lead, we have to adapt."

Providing KFOR soldiers with this type of experience and training works in tandem with ensuring readiness, and contributes to providing a safe and secure environment for the region of Kosovo. Chief Warrant Officer 3 Sean McEntee finally commented that "these Soldiers are beneficiaries of the excellent training that we've been putting out in the past few years...I think everybody got something out of it, and it's never a bad day when we're working with our NATO partners."

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PARTICIPATION, SKILL, ACCURACY ***KFOR 100 SHOOTING COMPETITION***

The KFOR Tactical Reserve Battalion recently organised the multinational 'KFOR 100' Shooting Competition for KFOR soldiers at the Golesh Mountain Area in western Kosovo from 08 to 09 November. The participants who competed in the competition originated from seven different nationalities; Hungarian, Polish, Italian, American, Croatian, Romanian and Austrian. At the start of this event, Lieutenant Colonel Gábor Farkas (HUN-A), Commander of the Tactical Reserve Battalion gave a warm welcome to all the competitors. Throughout this demanding event, KFOR soldiers were required to compete in eight various stages, composed primarily of handgun and rifle shooting practices which had to be completed in the shortest possible time and with extreme accuracy.

Each competitor had to shoot with his/her own personal service firearm throughout the various stages of the competition. It is without doubt that the success of the competition can be attributed to the more than one hundred soldiers who participated. Among the Hungarian soldiers, some top results were achieved by OR-5 Sándor Szőke, OF-1 Imre Szabó, and OR-2 András Martin Kéri. The overall final results were as follows; 1st place, OF-3 Joseph M. Bolcar (USA-A); 2nd place, OF-1 Adam Mirowski (POL-A) and 3rd place, OR-8 Tomasz Krywult (POL FPU EULEX). Well done to all those who participated.

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FROM THE FIELD

EVALUATING SOLDIERING SKILLS

Regional Command East conducted the 'Best Warrior Competition' from 14 to 15 November. The two day competition required soldiers to complete an initial Physical Training test before being put through their paces in a series of demanding scenarios evaluating their basic soldiering skills such as; weapons maintenance, marksmanship, navigation, Explosive Ordnance Demolition, medical training and a twelve mile ruck march before being evaluated by senior NCO's on individual military knowledge. Well done to all who participated!

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CONTINGENT 41 IN TRAINING

SWISSCOY's Contingent 41 has been deployed to Kosovo now for almost two months. This November, a total of one hundred and sixty five contingent members of the Swiss Armed Forces were required to complete a refresher course in the areas of marksmanship, paramedic drills and the handling of explosive ordnance. For a three day period on 16, 23 and 30 November, specific accident scenarios were simulated at the 'Razorback' shooting range near Pristina which both tested and verified SWISSCOY personnel's reaction procedures and tactical drills. Thus, the members of SWISSCOY received the opportunity to complete specific training in the life-saving emergency measures and drills in a variety of weather conditions. All of this was in addition to the demanding Explosive Hazards Awareness Training that all personnel are required to complete.

Kathrin Wyss
Specialist Officer (OF-2)
Press and Information Officer SWISSCOY 41



SITE EXPLOITATION COURSE

During October, a Mobile Training Team from the U.S. Army Europe's 7th Army Training Center Command instructed on a Site Exploitation Course to both U.S. and Polish KFOR soldiers at Camp Bondsteel. The aim of the Site Exploitation Course was to develop the knowledge and skills required to use information gathered from materials and personnel in order to gain success in future operations. Such training improves the readiness for all Regional Command East soldiers who are dedicated to the safety and security of Kosovo.

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KFOR DONATES TO NORTH MITROVICA

On 27 November, KFOR soldiers made a donation to the Fire Brigade of North Mitrovica which consisted of a set of numerous items of fire-fighting equipment that will be sure to enhance their capabilities to provide security in their area of responsibility. Protective gear, ladders, pipes, pumps and a chainsaw were all handed-over by the KFOR team to the crew of North Mitrovica's Fire Brigade, in support of their activities to protect the local population from fire and environmental hazards. The project entitled "Fire Equipment" was developed by the KFOR Civil-Military Cooperation Cell in close coordination with the KFOR Liaison and Monitoring Team K2 and the Mayor of North Mitrovica, and was implemented by KFOR Regional Command East. The Minister of Local Government Administration Adrijana Hodzic, who attended the ceremony along with the Mayor of North Mitrovica Goran Rakic, sincerely thanked KFOR for the support given to all of the Municipalities and highlighted how "KFOR support is in harmony with the efforts in favor of the local Fire Brigade by the North Mitrovica Municipality". Mayor Rakic highly appreciated the donation and expressed his satisfaction saying that "the friendship and mutual respect is continuing" and that "this donation from KFOR will improve daily activities and working conditions of the Fire Brigade in North Mitrovica".

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Chief Internal Information





UNITING DIVERSITY IN KOSOVO ANNUAL GIRLS GOAL EVENT

“Sport has the power to change the world” said Nelson Mandela, “it has the power to unite people in a way that little else does.” More than fifty Kosovar girls came together in Camp Bondsteel for the Play 2 Educate program’s Annual Girl Goals event on 27 October. The event brings Kosovo’s ethnic Serbian and ethnic Albanian girls together to celebrate diversity, inclusion and removal of discrimination in football. Play 2 Educate is a non-profit organisation in Kosovo that aims to foster positive relationships among the youth by promoting tolerance and teaching resilience in the ethnically diverse region.

“The whole day is about what it is like to be a girl in Kosovo and empowerment through football,” said Gena Sturgen, Founder and Director of Play 2 Educate. Volunteers from KFOR’s Regional Command East helped facilitate the event by teaching football skills and speaking with the girls about the similarities among their different communities. The day commenced with a panel discussion from four prominent female leaders. A Regional Command East pilot and lawyer, a Serbian athletics star and an Albanian business leader explained what it is like to be a female in the professional business and sports world. Afterwards, the girls went outside to participate in football drills during which they learned how to

say certain words in English, Serbian and Albanian. Then, the girls sat together in groups to discuss their community’s issues such as gender roles, treatment of females, sports participation and social inclusion or exclusion of males and females. Staff Sergeant Elijah Gutierrez commented that “by bringing together the different ethnic backgrounds, we helped break down barriers and allow the girls to meet each other on an even field.”

After lunch, the girls got a welcomed tour of a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter. Captain Hayley Griffiths and crew chief Sergeant 1st Class Cori Hall explained the aircraft and allowed the girls to sit inside the helicopter. Finally, the day culminated with multiple football games between all of the girls and Regional Command East volunteers. The teams played together for almost an hour, laughing and getting to be girls who like football, without any barriers or separations. The girls departed Camp Bondsteel with certificates from the Play 2 Educate program, special Girl Goals sports bags, and memories of a day where they were able to play football with their new friends

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A PROMISE IS A PROMISE

Italian soldiers from Regional Command West recently delivered A.C. Milan football equipment to junior teams from Western Kosovo. The Italian contingent from Regional Command West delivered fifty official A.C. Milan jerseys, sweaters and track suits to several junior football teams from western Kosovo on 24 November. The world-famous Italian football club donated a rich set of equipment, following the friendly match between A.C. Milan and Feronikeli (a major local team) which was played in Kosovo last summer.

The official jerseys were delivered after a soccer tournament which was organised thanks to the excellent cooperation between both Regional Command West and the municipality of Pejë/Peč, and came at the end of a Basic Life Support campaign named “My life in Your Hands”. The campaign was aimed at teaching the young athletes how to intervene rapidly and with the right procedures in case of necessity. During the activity the participants took part in a theoretical briefing at the end of which they had the opportunity to practice the

standardised protocol in case of sudden cardiac arrest or respiratory failure. The Basic Life Support campaign is not only a way to train young athletes and their instructors, but it is also aimed to spread out the message of the importance of Basic Life Support procedures. The project involved twenty sport associations and more than two hundred adolescents from different ages and ethnicities.

Regional Command West Commander Colonel Daniele Pisani thanked the Italian club for the initiative that will further enhance the “My Life in Your Hands” project in support of two hundred young Kosovar football players. The project is one of the many activities carried out by the Italian contingent during the NATO-KFOR’s mission, which guarantees security and stability in Kosovo and supports, among other things, local institutions in realising several projects in favor of the Kosovar people.

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TROOPS OF KFOR

CARABINIERI, SUPPORTING SECURITY SINCE 1999

This month, the KFOR Chronicle takes the opportunity to take a closer look at the Multinational Specialised Unit, their history and to acknowledge the Unit's achievements to date as an integral part of the Kosovo Force. The Multinational Specialised Unit (MSU) is a KFOR Tactical Reserve, deployed in Kosovo since 1999 in accordance with the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244. Based in the industrial zone of Pristina, at the beginning of the Unit's deployment it was composed primarily by personnel from a number of different nations including Italy, Austria, France, Poland and Estonia. However, since 2013 the MSU is now composed entirely of Italian Carabinieri. The MSU is a military unit composed of police forces with military status. It provides COM KFOR with a capability for security operations including criminal intelligence, crowd and riot control as well as information gathering and assessment. The MSU can also provide advice, training and support to local police forces on a wide range of policing issues if required, including law enforcement, combating organised crime and terrorism, war crime investigation, crime prevention and public security. It may also provide support to local security institutions and international organisations responsible for public security specifically to the Kosovo Police and the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX). The MSU's mission is to conduct operations Kosovo wide in support of COM KFOR in order to

contribute to a Safe and Secure Environment and Freedom of Movement. One of its main tasks is to provide continuous situational awareness through patrolling in the permanently assigned Manoeuvre Box of Mitrovice/Mitrovica. Furthermore, the MSU conducts Military Police tasks in support of KFOR units under the lead of the Force Provost Marshall. The MSU is commanded by Colonel Paolo Pelosi, who is also the National Contingent Commander and advisor to COM KFOR on all civilian police matters. During last 20 years, the Unit has indeed played a leading role with the society of Kosovo, training and assisting the Kosovo Police while also contributing significantly to important Civil and Military Co-operation projects in support of the local population regardless ethnicity and religion.

Luigi Scalingi
OF-2 MSU
S3 Chief / PAO





Colonel Paolo Pelosi commenced his military career in 1978. Since then, he has held a range of command appointments both at home and overseas in the Rank of Lieutenant to Colonel. Colonel Pelosi has also served in several command appointments overseas including Bosnia (2003), Afghanistan (2010) and Somalia (2014). On 16 October, Colonel Pelosi took Command of the Multinational Specialised Unit in KFOR.



On 21 November, the Multinational Specialised Unit Carabinieri Regiment of Pristina celebrated the anniversary of the “Virgo Fidelis” patroness of Carabinieri Corps. At the end of the ceremony, Colonel Paolo Pelosi, thanked all for their significant presence, and recalled the second gold medal to military Valor awarded to the flag of Carabinieri after the Battle of Culqulaber in 1941. He also gave his final thought to the orphans, to whom this day is dedicated.



The Multinational Specialised Unit conducts both Kinetic and Non-Kinetic Operations Kosovo wide. One of its main tasks is to provide continuous situational awareness through patrolling in the permanently assigned Manoeuvre Box of both North and South Mitrovice/Mitrovica. Here, the MSU is engaged on a continuous daily basis with thirty two persons monitoring Austerlitz Bridge and the surrounding area of North and South part of Mitrovice/Mitrovica.

MEDAL PARADE AT KFOR HQ



On 14 November, outgoing COM KFOR Major General Lorenzo D'Addario presided over the KFOR Medal Parade at KFOR HQ, Film City. He personally awarded KFOR military personnel with the non-article 5 NATO medal. Congratulations to all and a job well done!

Welcome to Provost Marshall

On 15 November, Major General Lorenzo D'Addario offered his sincere thanks to the outgoing Force Provost Marshall, Lieutenant Colonel Stephane Theimer, and offered a warm welcome to the KFOR family to Colonel Christophe Schalbetter of the Swiss Army.



Change of the Guard

On 30 October, the Danish Guard Detachment held its Change of Command Ceremony at Camp Novo Selo. Senior National Contingent Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Jan Gade presided over the ceremony and expressed his sincere thanks to Captain Terkel Wolff and his detachment, his gratitude and acknowledgement of the professional and skilled way of carrying out the guard duty at the main gate of Camp Novo Selo as well as the patrolling of the perimeter and internally in the camp. The Guard Detachment also planned and conducted two DANCON Marches with approximately 1,200 participants. Lieutenant Colonel Gade then ordered the outgoing Guard Commander Captain Terkel Wolff to hand over the Danish Guard Detachment Pennant to the ingoing Guard Commander Captain Tobias Machon, who then assumed command over the Danish Guard Detachment for the next three months.



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A PRIVILEGE AND AN HONOUR

Pietro Galeazzi recently took time to talk to the KFOR Chronicle to briefly introduce himself and to offer some personal words and advice to KFOR soldiers. Background: Italian Army NCO School in 1985, Italian Army Mountain School (1986-1987), 144th Alpini Coy of "Trento" Battalion (1987 to 1991), 6th Alpini Regiment as Ski and Mountaineering Course Director, Personal Assistant to DCOM Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (2005-2008), 7th Alpini Regiment as Company Sergeant Major, Battalion Sergeant Major and Company Commander (since 2013). Military course qualifications include Ski Master Instructor, Mountaineering Master Instructor, Rescue Team Leader, Expert in Snow and Avalanches, Long Range and Reconnaissance Patrol, Parachuting Course, Tactical



Shooting Instructor and Fitness Instructor. Overseas Experience: Mozambique (1994), Bosnia (2001), Afghanistan (2006), Iraq (2011) and Lebanon (2018). Family Reaction: "I have two adult children from my previous marriage, Ivan and Stefano. I am engaged with a wonderful woman named Maria and we do our best raise our three years old

boy named Damiano. I miss them all very much. My family know my duty and they totally support me in every matter. Hobbies: Hiking, climbing, skiing, cutting wood and whatever concerns the life in the mountains". Message to KFOR Soldiers: "I feel privileged and honoured to be their Command Sergeant Major. Being a KFOR Soldier is an exciting adventure and a marvellous opportunity for the men and women serving in Kosovo. To our soldiers I recommend that you take this chance and to share as many experiences you can with our comrades. Remain focused on each task because every KFOR Soldier is displaying with his/her behaviour the credibility of the KFOR mission, in a very sensitive moment of this Country history. Be proud of what you have done until now and be motivated and prepared for what is yet to be done".

YOUR PUBLIC AFFAIRS TEAM



During November, the KFOR Public Affairs Office (PAO) will undergo several staff member rotations. In particular, the PAO family would like to sincerely thank Colonel Pio Sabetta (outgoing Chief PAO) for his outstanding resolute support, commitment and guidance throughout and wish him the very best for the future. The PAO family offer a warm welcome to our new Chief PAO Colonel Mario Renna.

KFOR PAO Staff

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

As the warmth of the autumn sun appeared through the clouds, a simple yet very poignant Remembrance Day Ceremony was conducted at the British Memorial in Edith Durham Square, Pristina on 10 November. The ceremony both remembers and pays tribute to all British military personnel, soldiers, sailors and airmen from Commonwealth countries and other nations, who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Great War (1914-1918), and all those that have laid down their lives in the line of duty on military operations to the present day. A gathering of KFOR personnel representing various national contingents, many adorned with the characteristic Red Poppy, dignitaries and guests paraded together. Local families, many with their children who happened to be in the vicinity of the ceremony and general onlookers also observed the proceedings with interest and respect.

Colonel Brendan McGuinness (Irish SNR) brought the parade to attention. The officiating clergy Father Fatmir Koliqi opened the proceedings, followed by the reading of the poem 'In Flanders Fields' by Commander Peter Robichaud (Canadian SNR). Then, in line with the traditional and symbolic act of remembrance, the laying of the wreaths took place in front of the memorial, including among others the laying of the wreath by H.E. Nick Abbott, UK Ambassador to Kosovo, COM KFOR Major General Lorenzo D'Addario and Lieutenant Colonel Alex Harris (UK Armed Forces). As the mid-day sun disappeared for a moment behind the clouds, the

playing of the Last Post sounded and the ceremony concluded. It was a modest yet poignant ceremony which paid tribute to the ultimate sacrifice by so many. One could say that in life, there is nothing as certain as the fact that time will pass with each day. For those fallen soldiers, in the words of H.E. Ambassador Nick Abbott, "they shall grow not old as we that are left grow old...age shall not weary them, nor do the years condemn". They will never be forgotten.

In Flanders Fields by John McCrae

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

Alan (Jack) Crowley
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FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATION

KFOR has once again demonstrated its commitment to the younger generation in Kosovo through its recent CIMIC donation to the Đurđevak Preschool in Graqanica/Gracanice. The donation was delivered by CIMIC KFOR officer Major Sean Hagen who stated “we are here today to donate kitchen equipment and cater to this preschool that supplies food to five other kindergartens and prepares about four hundred meals a day...they really need this equipment to get on with their work”. The director of this institution, Verica Arsic, spoke about the importance of these donations commenting that “this is the result of a great friendship and this donation made us very happy...so we can say that we have excellent cooperation with KFOR.” Major Hagen also had one message for all people living in Kosovo that “wherever



they live, children will always be children and he wants them to live in a peaceful and stable environment”.

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ALL SAINTS DAY COMMEMORATION

On 01 November, at the Austrian-Hungarian cemetery in Pec/Peje, the Hungarian and Austrian KFOR soldiers conducted their annual commemoration to the fallen soldiers in World War I. Soldiers from each contingent in addition to the Hungarian and Austrian Ambassadors to Kosovo were present to commemorate and pay their respects. On invitation, the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kosovo Government, the Ambassador of Slovenia to Kosovo and the Mayor of Peje,/Pec Istog/Istok and Junik also took part. Dr. László Márkusz, Hungarian Ambassador, referred in his speech to the monument which was erected in memory of the fallen soldiers who died in the Balkans as a remarkable place for expressing grace and respect for our fallen heroes.

The ceremony continued with a speech from the Austrian Ambassador and then the Hungarian

contingent's military chaplain who said his prayer. Afterwards, the memorial was blessed by the Austrian contingent's military chaplain. A wreath was then placed in front of the monument by both Ambassadors in addition to Lieutenant Colonel Zsolt Ferenczi, commander of Camp Novo Selo, and Lieutenant Colonel Gábor Farkas, commander of the Hungarian Contingent. On behalf of the Austrian soldiers in Kosovo, Lieutenant Colonel Christoph Lenardt also commemorated the event by laying a wreath. The event concluded with the playing of “Der Gute Kamerad” from the Austrian Contingent and “Takarodó” from the Hungarian Contingent. Hungary and Austria remembers.

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On behalf of the Soldiers of Kosovo Force, a book of condolences was signed in the Albanian Embassy, Pristina on 28 November for all those who lost their lives in the recent earthquake in Albania.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



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