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News Briefs

'Blessed are the peace-makers'

The Tuzla Main Chapel and its flock have found a new home. The grand opening of the new chapel is Sunday in Building No. 14 near the laundry facility. On Sunday, Protestant services will be held at 9 and 11 a.m., and Catholic Mass will be at 10 a.m. For personnel working in the Task Force Eagle Headquarters building, an ecumenical service will be held at noon.

New laundry hours

Brown and Root Inc. is now in charge of the laundry facility, located next to the mess hall on Eagle Base, Tuzla. The facility is open every day, and the service is free. Drop off laundry between 7 to 8 a.m.; however, the facility has limited space and may stop accepting laundry before 8 a.m. Pick up clean laundry between noon and 6:30 p.m. the following day. Patrons are advised to pick up their clean laundry no later than 48 hours after drop-off to make room for the next morning's laundry.

Dining facility changes

The Eagle Base dining facility will be under new management soon when Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Division, takes over from the 3rd Battalion, 325th Infantry (Airborne Combat Team).

There may be no noticeable difference because T-rations will continue to be served to the troops, said Staff Sgt. Anthony Maiore, mess sergeant. Breakfast now starts a half-hour earlier, running from 6 to 9 a.m. Dinner is from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. MREs will be eaten for lunch.



Photo by Spc. Kyle Davis

President Clinton visits with U.S. troops during a stopover at Eagle Base, Tuzla.

President visits troops in Tuzla

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President Bill Clinton visited U.S. soldiers of the IFOR Jan. 13 during a one-day visit to Europe.

The President began his visit with a stopover at Taszar, Hungary, the initial

staging base for U.S. forces about to enter Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina. He then flew to Tuzla where he spoke to about 2,000 troops who represented almost every nation in the U.S. sector.

"Around the world, people look to America not just because of our size and
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AAFES PX coming to Eagle Base

By Spc. Cesar G. Soriano
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The Army Air Force Exchange Service is coming to Bosnia. Lt. Col. Ty Lagerberg, AAFES Europe chief of staff, said the post exchange is scheduled to open the first of February at Eagle Base, Tuzla.

The Post Exchange, which will be located in the warehouse behind Building No. 21, will stock more than 400 line items including toiletries, stationary, military clothing, current books and magazines, pre-paid calling cards and even compact discs and tapes of the top 100 music hits. Hours are to be determined, but the PX will be open seven days a week.

"We want to get these products out to the troops as quick as possible," Lagerberg said. "If that means selling items out of boxes on pallets, we'll do it and worry about building shelves when we close."

Additional AAFES sites will also be

opening "temper tent" stores at Tuzla West, Tuzla East, Lukavac, 1st Brigade headquarters, 2nd Brigade headquarters and a fifth Tuzla location to be determined.

The PX will be open to "anybody in support of the mission, including local contractors," excluding local civilians, except those working in the store. The PX will accept U.S. currency and checks. Foreign currency, Deferred Payment Plan (DPP) and credit cards will NOT be accepted.

The store will be managed by John McGhee. Servicemen and women are encouraged to make item suggestions to McGhee so they can be stocked. McGhee also notes that deployed personnel can order items straight from the AAFES catalog but items cannot exceed 70 pounds.

Although the AAFES PX hasn't come to the Tuzla Main area yet, there is a shopping alternative. The Nordic PX is open to all personnel Tuesday from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday from 2:30 to 5 p.m.

Planning prevents injuries, saves lives

A few weeks ago, I wrote about risk assessments and soldier and leader situation awareness.

Recent incidents that have occurred and the continued build-up of military personnel and vehicles in Bosnia-Herzegovina have created the need to re-emphasize a few points.

First, a few weeks ago an unarmored HMMWV hit an anti-tank mine. Fortunately, no one was killed and only one soldier was injured and is expected to fully recover. At the time, the crew had become disoriented and had driven down a road known to be mined. They also failed to realize that they were being signalled by Bosnian soldiers who were trying to warn them of the minefield.

On Jan. 14, six Swedish soldiers were injured when their Pbv 302 armored personnel carrier struck a mine. Sadly, two of the soldiers lost a foot each in the incident.

The next day, a U.S. combat engineer vehicle also hit a mine. The crew used good judgment, checking each other for injuries (there were none) and then examining the vehicle for damage.

With the number of personnel and vehicles in Bosnia-Herzegovina increasing daily, the probability of Task Force Eagle soldiers encountering mines also increases.

It is going to take a conscious, concerted effort on the part of all soldiers, and especially the leaders, to be aware



From the Top

Command Sgt. Maj. Jack L. Tilley

of the many hazards that exist around them. Conducting risk assessments prior to beginning a mission or task is essential to the safety of the soldiers and the integrity of the task force.

Remaining aware of the situation, especially out in the sector, is imperative to avoiding tragedy.

Map reading skills must be honed to perfection. Positions must be cross-checked against Global Positioning System data,

when possible. And, all personnel must keep alert for signs of marked and unmarked minefields.

It takes only a split second of indecision or of being unaware for tragedy to strike. Soldiers and leaders must stay focused. We can not afford to become complacent at any time during our duty here in Bosnia-Herzegovina. If we do, we fail ourselves and we fail our fellow soldiers.

Traveling around base becomes painful

About three weeks ago, the Eagle Base, Tuzla mayor's office put out a policy that vehicle traffic on base should be limited to essential travel only.

This is a great policy because as anyone on Eagle Base can see, traffic here has become a living nightmare.

The other day, I tried to drive from Bldg. 1 to the post office to pick up several bags of mail. It took me about 40 minutes to negotiate the three-quarter mile distance because of having to weave through convoys and avoid pedestrians and the military policemen who were trying their best to direct it all.

I've had other experiences of long traffic lines here in Eagle Base, Tuzla, but one

Viewpoint

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example is enough to make my point.

My point is that getting around Eagle Base would be made easier if:

-Pedestrians had a greater appreciation of the difficulty of driving past other vehicles and pedestrians on the base's narrow streets.

-Pedestrians would walk on the side of the road, or better yet on walkways in single file.

Unfortunately, it seems that many pedestrians think they have the right of way.

Maybe they think they are invincible and the vehicle will suffer greater damage if they bump or collide.

-And, people would drive only when they absolutely had to, instead of driving because they prefer not to walk.

How many people remember how easy it was to get around Eagle Base when almost all traffic was brought to a standstill Jan. 13 during President Clinton's visit?

This will probably not happen again, but it does show how much easier traveling, whether walking or driving, from one place to another would be if everyone drove only when absolutely necessary and if pedestrians walked single file on one side of the road.

Why not try it?

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Quick Takes

AT&T rate information

Last week, AT&T installed 70 USADirect telephones throughout Eagle Base Tuzla, and more are on the way. The company released a list of their current rates per minute to the United States and Europe.

AT&T strongly recommends that soldiers utilize the Military Saver Plus (MSP) program while stationed in the deployment area. MSP per-minute calls to the United States are \$1.14 on weekdays and \$.99 on weekends. MSP has a monthly charge of \$8.50, but rates are as much as 35 percent less than regular AT&T calling rates and there are no service charges per call. To enroll in MSP, call the AT&T USADirect Operator and ask for Military Customer Services.

Making USADirect calls with a normal calling card costs \$1.75 the first minute, \$1.50 each additional minute plus a \$2.50 service charge. USADirect collect calls are the same cost, but with a \$5 service charge.

Calls made using the Global PrePaid Cards are \$1.30 per minute to the United States and \$2.50 a minute to Germany. Global PrePaid Cards will be available at the new AAFES sites throughout Bosnia

Contractors take over Eagle Base services

One of the largest civilian contracting companies in the world, Brown and Root Inc., is in the process of taking over from the United Nations many caretaker services around Tuzla East, West and Eagle Base.

The Houston-based contractor is providing shower facilities (and their maintenance), laundry service, garbage pickup and disposal, latrine pumping service, physical maintenance of the Eagle Base, airfield, as well as fuel points for tent heaters at each tent city. The company also augments the Army's dining facility work force with hired civilians.

These services are expected to be fully operational for Eagle Base by the end of January. Tuzla East and West will follow once construction is completed, said John Mullins, Brown and Root's camp director for Tuzla East, West and Eagle Base.

Army Chief of Staff Reimer visits soldiers during tour of Bosnia

By Staff Sgt. Joseph Garrison
29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

U.S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Dennis J. Reimer enthusiastically praised the work of Task Force Eagle soldiers during a visit to Eagle Base, Tuzla, Jan. 18. He congratulated them for enduring in a tough environment.

Meeting soldiers of the 1st Armored Division and other units was a priority for the general as he headed straight to checkpoint bunkers to talk with the troops.

"I'm pleased with their work and progress under these harsh conditions," Reimer said.

During his visit, Reimer viewed the Sava River pontoon bridges and the devastated

Bosnian countryside from a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter.

Sgt. Naamon Grimmett said Reimer expressed concern for the soldiers. "I explained that we continue to keep our feet clean, and are well fed," said Grimmett, an infantryman with 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon, B Co., 3rd Battalion, 325th Infantry (Airborne Combat Team).

"The most challenging aspect of this mission is keeping my soldiers warm," Grimmett said. "It gets very cold here on perimeter guard at night."

"I'm proud of these soldiers," Reimer said at an Eagle Base check point. "They represent America's finest, and are a gift to the people of this country."

Public affairs units cover Bosnia

Several Reserve Component public affairs units have been called to active duty to augment the coverage of the nearly 20,000 soldiers who make up Task Force Eagle in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The units, which include print and broadcast journalists, will help produce print and video packages to be used by *The Talon* and American Forces Network. Stories also will be released to hometown newspapers and television stations.

This week's *Talon* marks the transition of the command newspaper's production from the 49th Public Affairs Detachment (Airborne), an active duty unit from Fort Bragg, N.C., to the Baltimore-based 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, the first Army National Guard unit to be deployed into Bosnia.

The 15 soldiers of the 29th MPAD arrived at Eagle Base, Tuzla, Jan. 13. Many of the unit's journalists are professional reporters in their civilian occupations for such organizations as FOX news, Gannett and Army Times Publishing Co.

"Our unit will play one of the most critical roles in this mission — to provide information to the troops about Task Force Eagle, as well as news from outside Bosnia," said Maj. Robert Gould, unit commander. "For some soldiers, we are the only means of communication to the outside world."

Other public affairs units that will contribute to the team coverage of Task Force Eagle soldiers include the 358th MPAD from Fort Douglas, Utah; the 203rd MPAD from Wichita, Kan.; and the 209th Broad-

cast PAD from Rome, Ga., which will run the AFN radio and television stations.

The 361st Press Camp Headquarters from Fort Totten, N.Y., has taken over the running of the Joint Information Bureau.

While the deployment is the first for many of the reservists, others have served lengthy overseas tours. Staff Sgt. Joseph Garrison, a 29th MPAD broadcaster from Dale City, Va., was deployed to Operation DESERT STORM as a photographer with the 82nd Airborne Division. Garrison said the biggest challenge of Operation JOINT ENDEAVOR will be "performing public affairs in a cold-weather environment."

Sgt. 1st Class Ruben Maestas, a native of Taos, N.M., and the former editor of *The Talon* stressed the importance of actually getting to perform his public affairs job during a deployment. "Back home, every day we train and practice and finally the home team gets a schedule and we get to play, go to someplace and do something meaningful by producing a product the soldiers appreciate."

The Talon's new editor is Sgt. 1st Class Bettina E. Tilson, a Harrisonburg, Va., resident who joined the 29th MPAD just prior to deployment. "Our goal is to provide a variety of local news and features for the Task Force Eagle troops," she said. "They are hard-working soldiers who deserve the best."

Many of the public affairs troops will be rotating in and out of Eagle Base, Tuzla, to cover the 1st Armored Division and the multitude of units supporting Operation JOINT ENDEAVOR.

Thousands of land mines pose menace

By Pfc. Robert W. Bishop

29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

More than 3,400 minefields have been charted in the U.S.-sector of operations of Bosnia-Herzegovina, and more are being discovered every day.

"The most dangerous thing about mines is that they don't discriminate; they sit there and wait to kill," said Master Sgt. Stephen Keating, who helps run the Mine Awareness Center at Eagle Base, Tuzla. Keating is assigned to the Division Engineer Section. The soldiers who work in the center compile a variety of information about minefields from local people and other sources.

Although the formerly warring factions are in the process of marking and clearing minefields, mine strikes occur. Keating offered some tips to help soldiers avoid minefields:

- Watch where the locals walk; if they avoid an area, you should too.
- Look for vehicle tracks in mud or snow; if it appears that no one has driven there in a long time, there may be mines.
- Check with Military Police or Division Engineers to find out if there are known minefields in the area you'll be traveling.
- Look for surface-laid mines; there may be others you don't see.
- Look for patches of recently disturbed dirt; mines may have been planted there.

- In the summer, there may be dead grass spots where mines are located.

- If there is packing material where none should be, it may be left over from when the mines were unpacked and placed in the ground.

- Look for loose wire or strings that may be trip wires for mines.

Places where minefields are most likely to appear are along confrontation lines and where battles have been fought, Keating said. But mines are also placed around high-tension power lines or bridges to prevent others from destroying them, he said.

If a soldier is involved in a mine strike while in a vehicle, he should not get out. He should check the soldiers with him for injuries, get on the radio and report the mine strike. Then he should let the other troops in the convoy find a clear path to get him out. "Simply don't panic. You're not going to set any mines off by staying where you are," Keating said.

If a person is on foot and finds he is in a minefield, he should try to walk back out the way he came in his own footsteps, Keating said.

Mines don't have to cause casualties. Many minefield locations are known and those that are a surprise can be detected before injuring or killing a person. Keating summed it up by saying, "If you don't keep on thinking, you'll become a casualty."

IFOR cards required for all troops

By Spc. Rick Roth

29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Soldiers finding themselves stationed in the former Yugoslavia need to obtain an Implementation Force (IFOR) card. The card, required for any Task Force Eagle member, including members of other nations and civilians under IFOR command, is supplemental to the military and military dependent ID card and is not meant to replace it.

"The ID card clearly identifies us as members of IFOR and grants us movement through checkpoints," said Maj. David Ellis, Deputy G-1 for Task Force Eagle.

When in theater, soldiers are required to carry both the IFOR and military ID card, Ellis said.

If you haven't been issued an IFOR card, one can be obtained through the Personnel Services Battalion at the Mayor's Office seven days a week between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. In the near future, the Personnel Services Battalion will be coordinating with field units to bring ID cards issued to units that cannot make it to Eagle Base, Tuzla. In the meantime, your military ID card can substitute the IFOR card.

Anyone without a U.S. military or dependents ID card must obtain a letter from the Chief of Staff, Col. John Brown, to obtain an IFOR card. This includes contractors and local civilians.

Ellis also said there is no correlation between the IFOR card expiration date and tour lengths or IFOR deployments.



U.S. Army photo

Russian troops recently began arriving at Eagle Base, Tuzla, for their role in Operation Joint Endeavor.

Civil Affairs bridges civilian/military gap

By Spc. George Roache
29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Winning the peace requires as much cooperation from local civilians as it does from the former warring factions in Bosnia.

Gaining that cooperation is the job of Civil Affairs elements carrying out mission planning done by the G-5 staff at Task Force Eagle headquarters.

"Civil Affairs is the link between civilians on the battlefield and the military command," said Maj. Scott A. Dick, G-5 officer for 1st Armored Division. "The G-5 is responsible for advising the commander about his responsibilities, both legal and moral, to civilians on the battlefield."

"We tell (civilians) our mission and try to get them to accept why our being here is good for them," said Army Sgt. Kevin McKinney, operations sergeant for Delta Company, 96th Civil Affairs Battalion from Fort Bragg, N.C. "We want to get the community on our side so they don't interfere with military operations and we minimize the impact on them."

Establishing and maintaining a good rapport with the local populace and authorities can be critical to finding needed logistical

support in the early stages of a deployment.

"The biggest aspect of the mission is looking for real estate for units moving down from Staging Area Harmon — finding places to stay for 1st and 2nd Brigade and the Russians as well," said Maj. Jim Neal of the 96th. "After reconnoitering the site, Civil Affairs teams will contact the 'mayor,' set up meetings, get contractors and negotiate agreements."

Early combat units arrive with support packages too small to sustain the mission because certain items are too bulky to deploy, explained Hans Inks, G-5 planning officer for 1st Armored. Civil Affairs helps find local supplies like fuel and gravel to fill the gap, he said.

Other tasks include inspecting the local bakery with the help of a veterinarian and preventive medicine specialist, looking for battery acid and acetylene oxygen for maintenance shops and engineers, coordinating with Tuzla Hospital for the disposal of infectious medical waste and getting indirectly involved with selecting interpreters.

Good civil-military relations allows information to flow in two directions, Inks said.

In one case, Civil Affairs soldiers as-

sisted in making a claim when a low-flying helicopter took off part of a resident's roof. In another, they helped a driver who had a vehicular accident in the British sector identify the unit that caused the accident, retrieve documents from his vehicle and obtain statements.

When it completes its cultural assessment of the area, the 96th will return to Fort Bragg to be replaced by reservists of the 432nd Civil Affairs Battalion from Green Bay, Wis., Inks said. Reservists make up the bulk of Civil Affairs assets, and have specialists like bankers, lawyers and engineers who have a role in a mature theater, he said.

"They will be dealing with civilians," said Inks, who retired from a 24-year Army career and is now a civilian government employee. "Who better to deal with civilians than civilians themselves?"

"Civil Affairs is the link between civilians on the battlefield and the military command."

-Maj. Scott A. Dick

Joint Military Commission enhances peace efforts

By Spc. George Roache
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Ongoing discussions among the former warring parties in Bosnia and Herzegovina could provide the means to a lasting peace, according to one high-ranking officer familiar with the region.

To ensure parties conduct those discussions, the Dayton Peace Agreement mandated the creation of a body unique to U.S. military history — the Joint Military Commission.

"It is a forum and an organization with which the parties which signed the peace agreement gather together to discuss military issues related to the peace," said Maj. Eugene Maggioncalda, a Yugoslavian foreign area officer for the past 7-1/2 years and deputy of the Military Commission Office. "It (concerns) strictly those tasks from the peace agreement for the formerly warring parties to perform."

Those issues include clearing the zone of separation, meeting the timetable and monitoring the actions; marking, removing, dismantling and destroying mines; and allowing the freedom of movement for IFOR personnel.

The real work is in bringing the formerly warring factions

together, selecting a location and coordinating the meeting. They are called on an as-needed basis to address issues and problems.

Coordinating the work of the JMC is the responsibility of the Military Commission Office of the Task Force Eagle staff. However, the concept is unique because it is something new to the U.S. military, Maggioncalda said.

"There's no U.S. manual on JMC that I'm aware of," he said. "There have been a lot of studies and research and on-the-ground experience but no compilation of it into one coherent pattern."

"We are developing doctrine as we go," said Maj. Samuel Guthrie, operations officer in the Military Commission Office. "These are non-doctrinal functions associated with peace-making, peace-enforcing and peace-keeping."

Nevertheless, articles in the peace agreement authorize the JMC's existence and mission, Maggioncalda said.

"It's a carryover from the UNPROFOR (U.N. Protection Force) experience as a way of maintaining dialogue amongst the signatories to the peace agreement," he said. "Ongoing discussions are important. They are following the flow of compliance with the peace treaty, and the dialogue is creating the conditions for peace."

While it is too early to assess the JMC's effectiveness, Maggioncalda is optimistic about its contribution to a lasting solution to the Balkan crisis.

Teams treat stress fatigue casualties

By Sgt. 1st Class Bettina E. Tilson
29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Some soldiers may try to act like "superman" during deployments such as Operation JOINT ENDEAVOR, but trying to exist on little sleep, an improper diet and poor hygiene can quickly turn a superman into a stress fatigue casualty.

"Every soldier has a limit on the stress he can handle and it doesn't have to be a singular event," said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Virgil Patterson, chief of Mental Health for the 30th Medical Brigade from Heidelberg, Germany. "It can be cumulative. Stress is cumulative."

Mental health professionals refer to "stress control" rather than stress management. "The attempt is to control the stress; you can't eliminate it," Patterson said. "We attempt to get soldiers to handle it better, to increase their tolerance to stress through tough, realistic training and we also work with the unit commanders to alleviate unnecessary stressors."

Every Army division has a division mental health section that includes a psychiatrist, a psychologist, a social work officer and six or seven 91Gs, or behavioral science specialists.

The 1st Armored Division is deploying to the former Yugoslavia with its entire

mental health section, as well as the 84th Medical Detachment (Combat Stress Control) from Fort Carson, Colo., commanded by Maj. (Dr.) Simon Pincus. The 84th has three four-person prevention teams and a restoration consisting of 11 people.

If consultations with the soldier's commander and the soldier are not adequate, a restoration team goes into action. The teams have the capability of holding a soldier for up to a week and then returning him to duty.

Army mental health professionals strive to treat soldiers suffering from stress fatigue promptly and as close to their units as possible. "We treat soldiers with the expectancy that they will return to duty, and that this is the normal reaction to stress conditions in a crazy environment, (that is) war or a very intense environment," he said.

Some Task Force Eagle soldiers may suffer sleep deprivation, which can lead to fatigue. "They don't eat well," Patterson said. "They don't hydrate themselves. They don't take showers so they start to feel really rundown and haggard."

Fatigued soldiers need to replenish themselves with good hygiene and diet, but they also need to participate in activities that boost their self-confidence. "One of the symptoms (of stress fatigue) is they start to have doubts in themselves and their

leadership, and we restore confidence through work details," he said.

Once a soldier starts to show signs of improvement through a treatment regimen, he often can then be returned to his unit. "Following this (regimen), we've found, historically, that we've been able to return about 95 percent of the soldiers showing stress fatigue to their unit, so it's a very high turnaround rate."

With stress fatigue, prevention is best, and early treatment is next. "Our intent is to provide intervention as early as possible," Patterson said.

Tips to help control stress

- Tight unit cohesion and unit activities — excellent preventive measures for stress.
- The homefront. Leaders need to ensure soldiers communicate with family members.
- The buddy system. Watch out for one another, looking for stress fatigue symptoms, including anxiety, upset stomach, inability to eat and insomnia. Stress lowers the body's threshold for illness.
- Find a friend. Just sitting and talking with someone is a great stress reliever.
- Physical Training. Running in formation may be impossible, but soldiers can run in place and do pushups and situps.

Rub a dub scrub...



Photo by Sgt. Mark Faram

Sgt. Shane Woodall performs his daily morning ritual of washing the mud off his combat boots behind his tent at Eagle Base, Tuzla. Woodall is a member of the 130th Military History Detachment of the North Carolina National Guard.

*Personality of the week***For Newell, poetry is just good chemistry****By Spc. George Roache***29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment*

One Army chemical officer has found the right formula for turning the foibles of life into verses of poetry.

Maj. Terry L. Newell started writing poetry in high school, after expressing himself by singing in the gospel choir. His works consist mostly of love poetry given to the women who have inspired them.

He majored in chemistry in college, and entered the U.S. Army Chemical Corps when he came on active duty in 1981. He began writing prolifically during his first tour in Germany, but gave no thought to getting published.

That changed, however, when he was inspired by fellow soldiers of the 69th Air Defense Artillery during Atlantic Resolve '94 in Grafenwoehr.

"I was listening to the soldiers around me," said the 37-year-old native of Laurel, Miss. "They gave me food for thought for a book — their pain, their sorrow, their joy, their conflict, their confusion."

Writing purely by inspiration and reflex, Newell composed 31 commentaries on the human condition he titled "Thoughts Of The Struggle... Rhymes and Reasons," copyrighted and self-published in April 1995.

He drew from what others shared with him about themselves. His congenial manner shows the Southern charm that is his heritage, making it easy for those around him to let down their guard and offer him glimpses into their souls.

"My poetry looks through the eyes of other people," said Newell, currently chief of the Joint Visitors Bureau at Task Force Eagle headquarters. "It actualizes their feelings and emotions."

For the specialist who experienced no greater joy than the birth of his daughter, Newell wrote "Moment of Happiness:" "When you were born/I touched your hand/And from my eyes the tears ran/I felt the joy swell within/For within my hand/A new life began."

"When I Speak" portrays a sergeant major thanking his wife for standing by him through the hard times. "Keep Hope Alive" and "Role Model" were penned after Newell saw the Rev. Jesse Jackson on television. And "Daddy" was about his own father.

But not all the poems are nice, Newell said.

"They are about life, love, happiness and the world in which we live — the pain, misery, suffering and overcoming the struggle," he said.

He personally witnessed the Los Angeles riots and was

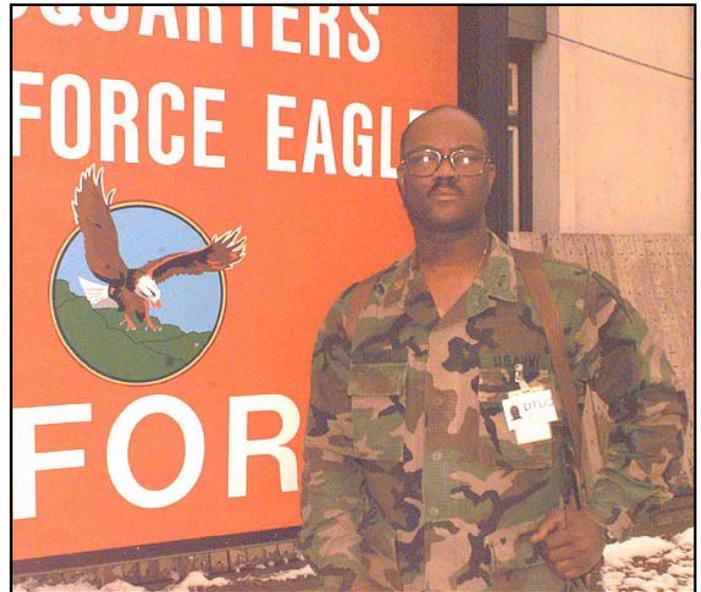


Photo by Sgt. Mark Faram

Chemical Corps officer Maj. Terry L. Newell shares the emotions of soldiers through his poetry. Newell recently published his first compilation of poems.

moved to write "No Retreat, No Surrender." Layoffs by the thousands, serial killers roaming the streets and fathers deserting their families were all "Signs of the Times."

In one of his most poignant and powerful pieces, "I Don't Care," he vents his rage to his ex-wife for betraying his love and trust, revealing his vulnerability: "I don't care if you

leave me/I'd rather be alone/But I want you to know before you go/In spite of the things/You've said and done/If you ever come back, you'll have a home."

Poetry for him just happens, Newell said.

He estimates he's written about 5,000 pieces, and wishes he could find

them all now.

"Five to 10 poems may happen in a day," he said. "One poem may happen in three days." He finished the first book in two weeks and already has several poems written for his second.

He compares writing poetry to "pulling a trigger," he said. "It should have an effect on you when you read it. It's supposed to mess with your emotions (and) you can be wounded by it because it's something that can go counter to your beliefs."

Reaction to his work has ranged from anger to sorrow, Newell said. Some who find his poetry doesn't fit their initial impressions of him have called him a radical and a militant while only half-way through reading his book, he said.

"It should make you think about your life, your struggles, what you went through to get where you are," he said. "I don't write to make people mad, but it just works out that way."

"My poetry looks through the eyes of other people."

-Maj. Terry L. Newell



Photo by Spc. Kyle Davis

U.S. President Bill Clinton shakes hands with paratroopers from 3rd Battalion, 325th Infantry (Airborne Combat Team), Jan. 13 at Eagle Base, Tuzla. Clinton met with members of the Implementation Force at Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Taszar, Hungary, during his one-day trip to Europe.

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strength, but because of what we stand for and what we're willing to stand against," Clinton said. "No one is forcing these burdens on us; people trust us to help them share the blessing of peace.

"Where we can make a difference is where our values and interests are at stake. Here our values and interests are so clearly at stake. Here we can make a difference between a war that starts again and a peace that takes hold. From the highest commander to the newest recruit, that difference lies in your hands."

The president also acknowledged the more than 20 other nations who are participating in the peace implementation mis-

sion, many former Cold War enemies.

"There has never been anything quite like this before," Clinton said. "The Bosnian people have chosen peace, but they can not do it alone. You and our allies must give them the confidence they need to follow the rules they have agreed to. The Bosnian people are exhausted by war. You can give them the strength they need for peace."

Clinton also spoke of the executive order authorizing the creation and wear of the Armed Forces Service Medal. The medal will be awarded for significant, non-combat military missions. Each service member serving in Operation Joint Endeavor will be awarded the medal.

Stage set for Super Bowl XXX Sunday

In the history of the Super Bowl, there haven't been many memorable games. But if history is an indicator, Super Bowl XXX should be fantastic. The Pittsburgh Steelers and Dallas Cowboys have met in two previous Super Bowls, both of them legendary contests. Following the 1973 season, the Steelers won their first of four Super Bowls by defeating the Cowboys in a 21-17 thriller at Miami's Orange Bowl.

The pair met again after the 1978 season, where the Steelers edged the defending world champion Cowboys 31-28 at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif. After more than a decade, the Cowboys seem poised to enact revenge on the Steelers, as they come into the contest 13-point favorites.

The Steelers, with an upset victory could end the AFC's 12-year Super Bowl drought. Super Bowl XXX, from Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Ariz. is Sunday.

AFN will carry the broadcast live early Monday morning. Stay tuned to AFN for details.

Eagle Briefs

New traffic regulations

The Provost Marshal's Office has asked for everyone's help in alleviating the traffic and parking problems on Eagle Base, Tuzla.

The staging area off Washington Blvd. (across the road from Tent City No. 1) is now open. Convoys that are staging to leave post will be granted access into the area 30 minutes prior to their staging point time by an MP on duty at the location. Convoys will no longer be permitted to stage on Eagle Way or Washington Blvd. The staging area will eventually be widened to include a parking area which will be open to all units.

The speed limit on Eagle Base, Tuzla, is 20 mph. Signs are being made to reflect new

traffic rules. The office is also working on "No Parking" and "One Way Street" signs.

Another issue of great concern is pedestrian safety. There is a walkway between Tent City No. 1 and 1st Armored Division Headquarters that pedestrians are advised to use. A similar walkway is scheduled for construction between Tent City #2 and Division Headquarters. Until the walkway is complete, pedestrians traveling at night are encouraged to wear reflective vests or carry chem-lights or flashlights.

The Provost Marshal is also aware of several instances of items being stolen from vehicles. Drivers and TC's need to ensure that vehicles are locked and all items are secure.

For more information, contact the MP

Station at Ext. 7010.

AFN radio schedule

American Forces Network, Europe radio broadcasts can be heard locally on FM 100.1.

The five-minute JE (JOINT ENDEAVOR) Update, produced at Eagle Base, Tuzla, airs Monday through Friday at 8:05 a.m. and 3:05 p.m. and Saturday at 8:05 a.m.

Live local shows consist of military information, entertainment and music. They air Monday through Friday from 5 to 9 a.m., 3 to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

Programming at all other hours comes from Headquarters, AFN-Frankfurt, Germany.