

# THE TALON



OPERATION JOINT ENDEAVOR, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

Serving the soldiers of Task Force Eagle

## Son follows in father's tracks

By Master Sgt. KATHY D. WRIGHT  
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It could be said that when Staff Sgt. Gordon R.A. King considered career options he decided to follow in his father's footsteps; or more appropriately, in his tank tracks. Between the two of them, they have rolled up thousands of miles and more than 36 years in U.S. Army tracked vehicles.

The armor crewman from Company A, 2nd Battalion, 67th Armor, said his early interest in tanks reached a peak when he was 10 years old and his dad, Maurice, was an armor instructor at Fort Benning, Ga.

"It was over 20 years ago but I remember my first ride in a tank like it was yesterday," said the 32-year-old father of two. "I had to ride in someone's lap and you can imagine the surprise when they let me drive that tank up to some people sitting in a bleacher and I popped my head out of the hatch," he added with a smile. "It was a good time, a real good time."

Not that a tank's life is always easy or fun, especially since arriving to Operation JOINT ENDEAVOR's Desolation Boulevard, an area where some of the heaviest fighting had taken place. But according to the junior King, his deployment and 13 years in military uniform have been rewarding and interesting.

"My dad and I have been assigned to the same places, Fort Knox, Ky.; Fort Stewart, Ga., and Friedberg and Kirch-Goens, Germany," said King who was born in Augsburg, Germany but claims Oxford, Miss., as his



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**Spc. Chris J. Brooks (left) and Pfc. David A. Thurston simulate a fire support mission with their M-30 (four-deuce) mortar.**

## WW II vet serves task force

By Spc. AARON R. REED  
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Hosts of World War II have long haunted the political and emotional landscape of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

One legacy of the war, though, is a newcomer to the country's hills and valleys, arriving last January with the U.S. Army in support Operation JOINT ENDEAVOR.

The "four-deuce," as the M-30 mortar is affectionately called (because of its 4.2 inch diameter shell) entered service in 1942.

It is one of the oldest standing weapons in the world and the only rifled mortar left in the U.S. Army. With a range of nearly seven kilo-

meters and high explosive rounds that have a lethal radius of 50 meters, it's still one of the deadliest.

Just days before their base was to be dismantled, soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 12th Infantry, practiced a dry-fire mission at Camp Pat, in the mountains of the Republika Srpska.

With their relocation to Camp Demi just around the corner, two of the section's guns had already moved. But being the last mortar at Camp Pat didn't dampen 3rd Squad's enthusiasm.

"We do this at least once a day,"

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# From the top

## Force protection should be top priority

In the next three weeks we must be focused on the task at hand — force protection and the upcoming local elections on Sept. 14.

Leaders should continually emphasize operational battle drills and countermeasures to first-line supervisors. Perform back briefs to ensure everyone involved understands the mission plan.

The incident earlier this month when an M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tank slid off the road and rolled into a creek is testament to the importance of understanding and executing battle drills. The soldiers were able to escape serious injury by remembering their drill in case of a rollover. By dropping inside



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1st Armored Division

the vehicle and bracing themselves, they executed their training, and escaped harm.

While force protection and the September elections are our primary focus, there is another subject I would like to comment on. Redeployment hovers over the 1st Armored Division's Iron Soldiers as we prepare for what are probably the toughest days of our part in Operation JOINT ENDEAVOR.

There are two aspects of the redeployment phase to which I'd like NCOs to pay close attention. First, soldiers must be safe and cautious in the actual process of redeployment.

With large numbers of vehicles and troops on the road, risk assessments must be completed.

Sergeants have been doing a great job ensuring our soldiers are being safe and performing their duties to standard. However, now is not the time to slow down.

As redeployment gets closer, increased emphasis should be placed on preventative maintenance checks and services. Focus on details, and you will ensure successful completion of the task at hand.

The second phase of the redeployment process is the reunion phase. Reuniting with one's family can be a very joyous occasion but also a very stressful one. Take steps now to prepare for the reunion.

The important thing to remember is don't try to do and have everything immediately. Ease yourself into the transition. Realize that circumstances have changed and it will take a little time getting used to being back home. Be patient with your loved ones. Give yourself and them some time to adjust to being together again.

Remember, Iron Soldiers take care of each other and take care of their families.

### Viewpoint

## Build democracy here, exercise it at home

Voting will soon be on everyone's minds in NATO's Implementation Force as we gear up for our part in Bosnia-Herzegovina's grand experiment in democracy. That experiment kicks off with national elections on Sept. 14.

By helping to enforce the peace, Americans also will help make Bosnian history as the fledgling nation is given the opportunity to choose democracy and a lasting peace.

Americans from IFOR's Task Force Eagle also have the opportunity to make a choice. We can set the example for Bosnians by registering to vote in the Nov. 5 general elections.

The Department of Defense designated Aug. 25-31 as Armed Forces Voter Week.

The week promotes voter registration, encouraging ser-



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vicemembers to take part in the democratic process and vote in the general national elections, as well as state and local elections.

I first voted 24 years ago in the first national elections allowing 18-year-old Americans the right to vote. It was our time to affect the American political system. It was an exciting time. It still is. The idealistic shine of elections hasn't dulled a bit for me since 1972.

This year, I'll be part of another election that will hopefully maintain peace and begin the healing via the democratic pro-

cess in Bosnia-Herzegovina. I look forward to doing my small part in the elections in Bosnia-Herzegovina as much as I cherish the right to vote in America's elections.

Half the time I've voted, it's been through the absentee ballot, as I will this year while serving with Task Force Eagle.

Many soldiers believe as strongly as I do about this issue. Capt. John F. Martin, Task Force Eagle voting assistance officer, hopes that all soldiers will exercise their democratic right to vote.

"Registration booths will be set up throughout the Task Force Eagle area of operations," Martin said.

"This is the final push to get soldiers registered for the Nov. 5 general elections. Our goal is that every soldier completes the

registration process. But if soldiers don't register, we want to ensure they had the opportunity. You can expect to see registration booths set up throughout the unit areas. The booths make the registration process easy and readily available to all soldiers in the task force."

Filling out the Federal Post Card Application for voter registration takes only a few moments to complete, Martin said. All Task Force Eagle units down to detachment level have designated voting assistance officers to help in the registration process.

More information on registration is available from voting assistance officers at battalion or brigade level, or call the Task Force Eagle voting assistance officer at 551-33-82 or 551-3384.

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# IFOR to support elections

**W**arring parties have separated. Troops and heavy weapons are back in cantonment areas. The next step in the Bosnia-Herzegovina peace process is for elections to be held. NATO's peace implementation force, IFOR, is there to help.

IFOR will help ensure free elections are held Sept. 14, said British Lt. Gen. Sir Michael J. W.

Walker, commander of NATO land forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Providing a

secure environment and ensuring people are allowed to vote is part of the force's mission, he said during a press briefing in Bijeljina Aug. 7.

"We are here to deliver the security necessary for democracy to occur, so police can enforce the laws, courts can interpret the laws, and the citizens of Bosnia-Herzegovina can begin to lead decent, productive lives," Walker said.

IFOR troops may help deliver ballot boxes, voting lists and other documents to Sarajevo for tabulation.

"The important bit is the security of the ballot box from its polling station to its counting house," he said.

Conducting the elections will take the combined efforts of the United Nations, the

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and IFOR.

People are being allowed to vote in the place where they used to live, which may now be part of a different political entity. The international organizations will help ensure people are allowed to go where they wish to vote, he said.

Plans are being made to deal with possible public disorder and to prevent crowds from gathering.

Walker is urging local officials to

make a grassroots push for open and free elections throughout the country. Officials need to follow the election rules and "let the voters vote," he said.

IFOR will not become the police. Local police are responsible for providing basic public safety and law and order. IFOR is "the force of last resort, not to be used lightly or inappropriately," he said.

"The troops of IFOR have opened democracy's door here in Bosnia-Herzegovina," Walker said. "I've been telling local officials I sense a willingness at their level to see that the voting goes smoothly and to allow every legitimate voter to come into their communities and cast a ballot, no matter who or which party or ethnic entity they belong to." (ARNEWS)



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## Media to spotlight Sept. 14 voting

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350th MPAD

**A**s Bosnian elections approach next month, and IFOR's mission in Bosnia gets closer to the one-year mark, there will undoubtedly be a surge of media interest in the area.

Now is a good time to consider what options you as a soldier have if confronted by a member of the media.

First of all, no one ever has to talk to the press; but if you're one of the people who don't mind, here are a few pointers to remember.

Sometimes ground rules are established prior to the interview. For instance, it may be necessary to stick to a schedule or restrict what photos can be shot, especially if sensitive materials are in the area.

Talking to a reporter is a great opportunity to explain just exactly what you do and why it is important. People back home are generally interested in what soldiers are doing overseas; this is a chance to tell them.

For some individuals it may also seem like the perfect opportunity to air grievances. Each soldier is still afforded the freedom of speech, but normally the best way to resolve a problem is to through your chain of command. Words which have been spoken cannot be retrieved.

That's why there is no such thing as "off-the-record" comments. Everything you say in the presence of a journalist could end up being on TV or in print.

Speculation can also spell trouble. People have a tendency to believe everything they read in the pa-

per or see on TV.

When you appear in uniform in front of a camera, readers or members of the audience assume you are acting as a spokesperson for the military.

That can be a very big responsibility, one you may not be prepared to undertake.

"I don't know" is an acceptable answer; probably better followed by a "I'll be glad to get back with you on that one." Honesty is always the best policy.

Finally, it's important that you are the one that should be in control during any interview. If you need a few extra moments to collect your thoughts, a good reporter will accept that.

Speaking to the media can be a good experience. Preparation is always a key ingredient to a successful mission, and reacting to the media is no different.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Remember to vote

The Department of Defense has named Aug. 25-31 as Armed Forces Voter Week. Throughout the week, voter registration booths will be set up throughout Task Force Eagle.

This will be a perfect time to register for the Nov. 5 general and state elections. The following are the primary voting assistance officers for Task Force Eagle:

1st Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Lt. Carrier, 551-1010

2nd Brigade Combat Team, Capt. McDougal, 551-2010

4th Brigade, 1st Lt. McChesnie, 551-4010

205th Military Intelligence, Capt. Paquette, 559-4010

22nd Signal Brigade, 1st Lt. Kaminsky, 557-0130

DIVARTY, 2nd Lt. Miller, 551-5010  
DISCOM, Master Sgt. Sinclair, 551-7219

DIVENG, 1st Lt. Wambeke, 558-5836

18th MP Brigade, Staff Sgt. Brunzell, 559-5110

5-3 ADA Battalion, Master Sgt. Reyes, 551-8291

Task Force Medical, 1st Lt. Anderson, 558-4910

HHC 1st Armored Division, Sgt. Schonemaker, 551-3307

### Get out of town

To qualify for R&R, soldiers must serve more than 179 days in the Area of Responsibility. Soldiers may take R&R any time after arriving in the AOR. Commanders will make prioritized lists. USAREUR plans to continue R&R flights as long as they are required.

The only soldiers at risk of not getting R&R are those who arrived late, purposely delayed their R&R dates, or are in an early redeploying unit.

### Weekly weather forecast

	HIGH/LOW	CHANCE
<b>RAIN</b>		
Today	75/61	High
Sat	77/61	Moderate
Sun	83/63	Low
Mon	88/64	Moderate
Tue	81/61	High
Wed	84/61	Low
Thur	84/61	Moderate

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## ■ FORCE PROTECTION

# Guards step-up base security

By Sgt. JANET S. PETERS  
350th MPAD

CAMP DALLAS — Being in Bosnia-Herzegovina is just another vacation for Sgt. Maj. James E. Fields of the 16th Corps Support Group, 485th Corps Support Battalion — not because it's easy and relaxing — but because protecting military personnel is something he loves to do.

"I've been on most deployments the Army's had in the past 20 years," Fields said. "After being there and doing that, I've seen it all. When the phrase 'force protection' was mentioned, I made it my baby."

The 36-year-old sergeant major stands watch at the Camp Dallas gate, making sure his guards are well-informed about their duties. It is his responsibility to make sure the perimeter is set up and the guards are briefed on their daily responsibilities.

On this day, heightened force protection measures had been put into effect to combat complacency.

"Intelligence sources heard that a well-known terrorist group was planning to set a bomb at a camp with a bridge and a stream," said Fields. "I said, oh — that's Dallas!"

To beef up security, three M2 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles from the 1st Battalion, 4th Cavalry out of Camp Alicia were set up at the gate for a formidable show of force, blocking the entrance to Camp Dallas.

Each IFOR vehicle was thoroughly checked by the gate guards, and all privately owned vehicles were searched by a team of military police and military working dogs from the 18th Military Police Brigade.



Sgt. Janet S. Peters

**An M2 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle from 1st Battalion, 4th Cavalry, and 18th Military Police Brigade soldiers provide Camp Dallas with extra force protection during a recent alert.**

If there is any kind of threat, Fields calls out the QRF, or quick reaction force. He is also responsible for sand bags, concertina wire, bunkers and fighting positions. "We're ready for anything," Fields said.

Sergeant of the guard for this day is Sgt. 1st Class Horacio A. Moncada, 39, of Support Operations Maintenance. After giving his guards directions for their shift, he stands ready to assist and roams the camp, checking the perimeter and helping with routine vehicle checks at the gate.

"My greatest challenge is that my soldiers expect me to give them a little guiding light," said Moncada. "Together as a team we ensure that Camp Dallas is safe."

The guard mount at Camp Dallas and Angela is made up of National Guard

members, reservists, and active duty personnel who live in the area. "Force protection is a shared duty," said Staff Sgt. Karen L. Branson of the 3rd Infantry Detachment. The 28-year-old Army National Guard soldier from Fort Stewart, Ga. works as an intelligence analyst, but pulls guard duty at least once a week.

"We maintain security here as much as possible," she said. "But especially now while we're in a state of alert."

As the guards checked over an IFOR vehicle, Fields observed with a look of satisfaction on his face. "Many of these soldiers have never done this type of thing before," Fields said. "It's great to share my knowledge with them and see it in action."

## Chaplains bring 'ministry of presence' to Germany

By Sgt. NEAL SNYDER  
201st PAD

A team of regular Army and Reserve chaplains is providing families and service members in the 53rd Area Support Group with the same community services they had before deployment.

"Most of the chaplains in the area are assigned to tactical units and move with the soldiers," said 53rd's Chap. (Col.) James N. Grace.

When units from the 53rd ASG communities deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina and Hungary to support Operation JOINT ENDEAVOR, they lost

the services of 16 chaplains.

To serve those who stayed behind, the Bad Kreuznach and Dexheim communities each received one Reserve chaplain, Wiesbaden two, and Baumholder three.

Reserve chaplains also served in Freiburg and Kirchgoens.

"Our programs were able to continue to function," Grace said.

"That would have been impossible without the reservists' help."

Lt. Col. Scott J. McChrystal, 1st Armored Division chaplain, said reserve and regular Army chaplains are doing an 'amazing' job. "It's a

lot easier to be in Bosnia knowing our families are being taken care of," McChrystal said.

"We've been seeing the kinds of problems that arise during any extended deployment," Capt. Greg Lewis said.

"The most common have been kids acting out, husbands not communicating with their wives, and wives not communicating with their husbands."

In response, chaplains are doing more "ministry of presence," Lewis said. "We just walk around the community, talk to everybody and see how they are doing. We try to be

involved in everything that's happening around here."

The chapel youth group continues to grow and affect teenagers' lives, said Carolyn Johnson, a secretary for the Directorate of Community Services and one of three adult leaders.

"We average 18 kids every Tuesday night," Johnson said. Word-of-mouth continues to increase the number of participants.

The typical evening includes both recreation and instruction. "It has a great impact on the kids who come," Johnson said.



## Change against the machine

*Spc. Daniel Paschall*

A M72A Combat Engineer Vehicle moves out for a mission in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The 40th Engineer Battalion will retire their CEVs when they return to Smith Barracks, Baumholder, Germany.

## 'War Pig' roots out danger on final mission

By Spc. DANIEL PASCHALL  
100th MPAD

**T**hey named theirs War Pig. In part because of its fat, squatty build, but mostly because of what it does.

It eats dirt like the farm animal and busts bunkers like a wild boar.

The army calls it the M72A Combat Engineer Vehicle, and it will soon be an extinct species.

On July 27, tank commander Staff Sgt. Reginald L. McKnight, gunner Sgt. Craig A. Grooms, loader Spc. James L. Turton, and driver Spc. Theodore R. Hoeckel of Company B, 40th Engineer Battalion set out on a historical run.

They took War Pig on what will probably be the last firing mission for any CEV in the Army.

It was a Saturday drive down Route Delaware in which they

destroyed three bunkers with seven high explosive plastic rounds from the stubby 165mm demolition gun up front.

"First we identified the bunker and made sure the area was clear," McKnight said. "We got the command, set up, buttoned up the hatches, and boom."

It was a fitting final mission for the CEV that took top gun at battalion level competition, and went on to take top honors at brigade level last year.

"We aren't the first ones to win top honors with this vehicle; it has won many times before," said McKnight, who has been TC of War Pig for one-and-a-half years.

The CEV was introduced in the early sixties as an all-terrain vehicle to destroy bunkers and bridges.

The main gun fires a HEP round filled with 37 pounds of C-4. The rubble left by the main gun is pushed out of the way

with the wide blade mounted up front.

At a maximum speed of 35 mph, without the lasers and computers found in newer combat vehicles, the CEV relies on the skills of its crewmembers.

"We have a 98 percent first round hit for bunkers using our eyes as lasers and our brains as computers," said Sgt. 1st Class Terry L. Little, Co. B operations sergeant.

What the War Pig lacks in modern technology it makes up for in brute strength and reliability.

"This CEV went on the first and last CEV bunker-busting missions in Bosnia," McKnight said. "Even though it's old, we have never had it break down on a mission."

Soldiers of Co. B are in the process of tearing down Camp Pat, and are anxious to get home. Upon arriving back in Germany, War Pig will be re-

placed with the Grizzly or another more modern engineer vehicle.

"I like the strength of this vehicle the best — the way you can bust bunkers with the main gun and then plow over them," McKnight said.

"I have worked with the CEV a very long time and have enjoyed it, but it's time for a faster mine-breaching vehicle to take its place," Little said.

McKnight is also ready for anything the Army has in store for him.

"There is some sentimental value with this, but I am ready to move onto something faster," he said.

When Co. B arrives back in Germany, the War Pig will roll its way into the Army graveyard, or be put out to pasture on the division parade field. But not without leaving a final mark in the hills of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

# Turkish artillery ready to rip Glamoc

By Cpl. LEN BUTLER  
100TH MPAD

Communication between multinational IFOR commands is vital to the success of Operation JOINT ENDEAVOR. And in the Turkish Brigade area of operations, responsibility for communication rests on the shoulders of three members of 4th Battalion, 29th Field Artillery who work in the U.S. liaison office here.

In addition to keeping communication lines open with Division Artillery, the liaison team relays information gathered by Turkish patrols to Task Force Eagle and coordinates teamwork between Turkish artillery and 1st Armored Division Artillery.

"We facilitate any type of fire support coordination measures," 2nd Lt. Craig J. Bondra said. "We assist with targeting as well as general assets related to the mission."

The Turkish Brigade has a 155mm howitzer battery, mechanized infantry and tanks.

"The Turks are very capable of performing their mission," said Bondra. "We're here to make sure there is effective communication and overall teamwork with U.S. forces." The liaison team verifies firing zones and eliminates targeting conflicts.

"I recently went with the Turks to con-

duct reconnaissance of the artillery range at Glamoc," Bondra said. "They will be conducting a live-fire exercise in September."

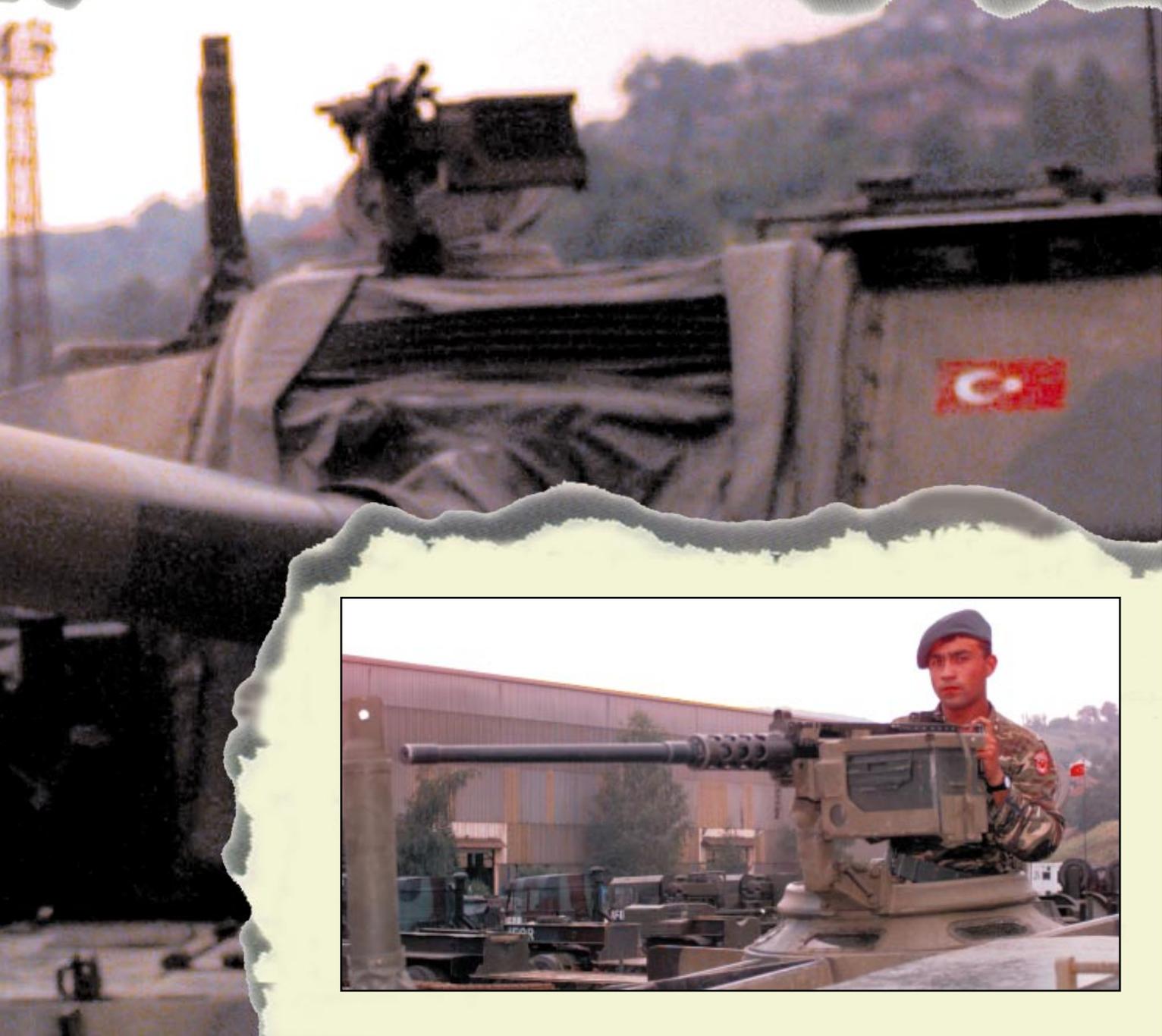
Interaction between Turks and Americans doesn't stop when the day's duty is complete.

"We share activities and play pickup basketball games," Sgt. Johnnie R. Solis, said. "They just keep getting better and better. We used to beat them pretty good, but they're learning how to play."

The soldiers are also starting to learn each other's language. "It's pretty good here," Solis said. "As far as my job is concerned, I'm in a good place."



Photos by Cpl. Len Butler



# Black Knights light up gunnery range

By Sgt. TIM PINKHAM  
350th MPAD

TABORFALVA, Hungary — Three days of gunnery can make a big difference.

“Three days of gunnery builds a crew’s confidence in the weapon system, confidence in each other and confidence in themselves,” said Capt. Thomas D. Boccardi, 29, commander of Company C, 3rd Battalion, 5th Cavalry.

“Gunnery redefines what we are — professional fighting soldiers,” Boccardi said. Boccardi commands a company of M2 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles.

“My soldiers are the Michael Jordans and Steve Youngs of destruction. No one is more professional than my soldiers. I’m very proud of these guys.”

Boccardi brought his company to Hungary to fire on a range originally built by the Soviet Union during the Cold War.

Leaving their own vehicles in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Co. C flew to Hungary and used Bradleys owned by the 7th Army Training Center.

“They’ve been looking forward to this for months, itching to get out of Bosnia-Herzegovina and shoot their weapons and be infantry soldiers,” Boccardi said.

“When you’re

down range (in Bosnia-Herzegovina), you’re always thinking force protection. But when you come out here, you only have to focus on one task, and that is gunnery.”

All Bradley crews qualify twice a year.

During the deployment, every armor unit in Bosnia-Herzegovina is scheduled for a week of gunnery at Taborfalva.

“Most of our operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina have been at the platoon level,” Boccardi said. “Gunnery training provides an opportunity to have the entire company together.”

Platoon missions in Bosnia-Herzegovina included area security, bunker destruction, minefield proofing and checkpoints

“Daily soldier routines and details are not very exciting,” Boccardi said. “But when we get to roll the Bradleys for a mission, we

are full of energy.”

After three days of gunnery, most soldiers spent a couple days of rest and relaxation in either Budapest or Lake Balaton, Hungary.

A handful went to the Intermediate Staging Base at Tazsar, Hungary, while some met their wives in Budapest. It’s been a long separation for the soldiers in Co. C. The company arrived in Bosnia-Herzegovina in January.

Most of 3-5 Cav, known as the Black Knights, is based at Camp McGovern, but Co. C is attached to 4th Battalion, 67th Armor at Camp Colt.

Boccardi said not one of his soldiers has whined about the fact that they will be staying in Bosnia-Herzegovina longer than the armor units.

“They’re infantry. They expect it,” he said.

Deployment is nothing new for Hardrock Company, as Company C is known.

Six months before coming to Bosnia-Herzegovina, the unit returned from a six-month deployment to Macedonia.

“With the Bosnian elections five weeks away, the training in Hungary could not have come at a better time,” Boccardi said.

“We will return to our peace-enforcing duties trained, rested and confident.”



An M2 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle from Company C, 3rd Battalion, 5th Cavalry, stands by during gunnery training at Taborfalva, Hungary.

Sgt. Tom Pinkham



Sgt. Janet S. Peters

During their initial meeting at Bosnia-Herzegovina Police headquarters, Lt. Col. Larry E. Rogers, meets Deputy Minister of Police Pzahnjic Anto, as a translator looks on.

## Soldiers share experiences with local police

By Sgt. JANET S. PETERS  
350th MPAD

Cooperation — a key word for the future of Bosnia-Herzegovina. It was a word mentioned several times during a recent meeting between Bosnian police and the first U.S. Army Civil Affairs team to be assigned to work with them.

While the war-torn country has found a welcome respite thanks to Operation JOINT ENDEAVOR, its people are attempting to put their lives back together.

To make that happen, the United Nations founded the International Police Task Force last fall to familiarize the Bosnian police force with civilian concepts of policing.

Lt. Col. Larry E. Rogers and Maj. Robert Garland Jr., both Army reservists and former civilian policemen, came to Tuzla to share their experience and knowledge with the IPTF and local law enforcement officials.

Rogers, a member of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 360th Civil Affairs Brigade from Columbia, S.C.,

was a police officer for five years. Garland is from the 352nd Civil Affairs Command out of Riverdale, Md. and served for over 10 years in the law enforcement profession. Both hold degrees in criminal justice.

"The Bosnian police have no internal SOP's (standard operating procedures) to tell them how to handle certain situations," said Rogers, now the president of a company which develops programs of instruction for insurance and stock broker courses.

"IPTF is formulating the direction they want to go with that, then we will sit down with them to work on the plan itself."

Every morning the two reservists head to downtown Tuzla where they share an office with Timothy Garille, IPTF operations officer.

Others they work with in the Tuzla region office of IPTF are

assistant directors Jim R. Lyons, a Texas police chief, and Kjell Brandin of Sweden.

"These guys have been a great help to us since they've been here," Lyons said. "As soon as they hit the ground they were offering suggestions and ideas. They will be an additional set of eyes and ears and hands."

One project Rogers and Garland are already working on is cutting down on radio traffic by establishing a more efficient coding system. Another area of focus for the team is threat assessment, or analyzing predictors to evaluate possible future events.

"The region covers about 22,000 square kilometers and it takes up to three hours to drive from regional headquarters to other areas because of the bad roads," Lyons said. "Evacuation is difficult because communications are so bad. The crucial time

will be the weeks before the local elections, to safeguard the IPTF in the field."

The soldiers and IPTF representatives had a chance to become familiar with the local perspective at their initial meeting with Pzahnjic Anto, deputy minister of police for the Tuzla region.

"IFOR stepped in to do the job in January, then IPTF followed," Anto said. "What we have done is provide citizens with good security. With IPTF and IFOR assistance, we could solve any case. I wish we had the same kind of cooperation all over Bosnia-Herzegovina."

The deputy minister reminded those attending the meeting that there is still a lot of work to do and asked for their support to help implement the federal constitution and improve the proficiency of the police.

"We've received a warm reception and outstanding cooperation from IPTF and the Tuzla police," Rogers said. "It works so well because we're all professionals and we want the same thing — safety for the people."

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## ■ ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

# Redlegs work to keep Angela clean

By Spc. CHERYL A. KRANING  
100th MPAD

CAMP ANGELA — Hazardous waste oozes up from the ground where it was improperly buried. Men wearing white synthetic suits, big black rubber boots and gloves and protective face shields, breath through respirators as they dig up earth looking for toxic materials.

For the troops working at the hazardous waste site at Camp Angela, it's a nightmare they hope never sees the light of day.

As worldwide environmental awareness grows, more emphasis is placed on the storage and disposal of hazardous material. The Service Battery of 4th Battalion, 29th Field Artillery, based out of Baumholder, Germany, sets the standard for temporary field storage sites of used petroleum, oil and lubricant products.

"Often referred to as 'hazardous waste,' the products are actually used materials and not hazardous unless they are mixed with a non-compatible material or spilled on the ground," said Sgt. Jeffrey C. Peters, chief of petroleum, oil and lubricants, with Service Battery.

In the event of a spill, Peters is notified. "We review the situation, then instruct the troops on how to correct the action. Once it's cleaned up, they give us the package and we take care of the storing and disposal," he said.

Peters, from Kingman, Kan., has 12 soldiers working for him. "I have fuelers spread out at Lisa, Demi and here. There is a potential hazard whenever you are dealing with oil and fuel, but there have not been any accidents on our part."

Improvements have been ongoing since the waste site was built in March.

"In case something is knocked over, the barriers need to be high enough to stop a 55-gallon drum from flipping out of the area. This way, the tipped barrel will either rest on the sand bag or fall back into the containment area where the ground is covered with plastic and an absorbing material called dry sweep," said Spc. Leroy Troupe Jr., a petroleum handling specialist with the Service Battery.

Two weeks before his deployment to Bosnia-Herzegovina in January, Peters, an artilleryman, became the POL chief. "It's been a long road, and an uphill battle," he said. "Handling hazardous waste was something I didn't know anything about."

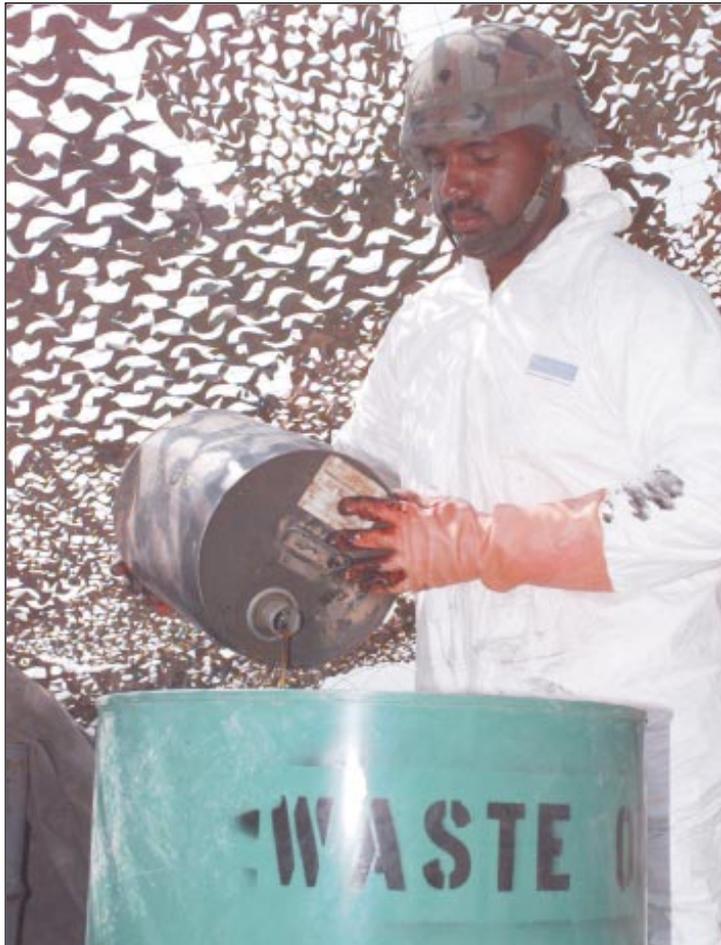
However, it didn't take long for Peters to take to the job. "I was nervous about it at first, but it's been very rewarding. I have learned a lot and my knowledge of petroleum products has vastly expanded," he said.

Troupe enjoys working with Brown & Root Inc. "They are top level professionals, who have really given us good advice on the

handling of petroleum products. They even gave us personal protective equipment which protects us from the contaminants."

Brown & Root Inc. recently

inspected the site. "They were quite impressed with our work. It feels good to know we set the standard for the brigade," Troupe said.



Spc. Cheryl A. Kraning

Spc. Leroy Troupe Jr., Service Battery, 4th Battalion, 29th Field Artillery, pours used motor oil into a properly marked and covered waste container. Troupe is a petroleum handling specialist working at Camp Angela.



## AFN radio plays faves 'round the clock

By Spc. DANIEL PASCHALL  
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American Forces Network Radio is not just for breakfast anymore. The 356th Broadcast Public Affairs Detachment provides listeners with a full day of music and news.

The signal, found at 100.1 FM, is generated in a mobile broadcast van at Eagle Base and sent out to 24 base camps throughout Task Force Eagle.

The broadcast section produces three shows during the week.

First off is Sgt. Scott C. Marvin with Marvin in the Morning. The classic rock show goes from 5-9 a.m.

At 9-11 a.m. Mary Grossich can be heard playing country hits on her show Mary E in Country.

The Late Afternoon Show, hosted by Spc. Pat Garvick, goes from 3-6 p.m. playing a top 40 mix.

There is also an oldies show Saturday morning. Simmons on Saturday, hosted by Maurice Simmons, runs from 8 a.m. to noon.

These shows are live and take requests. The request line is 555-5556.

The radio broadcast team produces

at least one command information spot a day and three to five news stories per day, some of which are sent to AFN Headquarters in Frankfurt, Germany for broadcast over the theater-wide network.

AFN Bosnia works with the 100th and 350th Mobile Public Affairs Detachments in getting their radio and television products aired by AFN HQ.

There is also an engineer section which installs and maintains the Television Receive Only systems. The TVRO systems serve 42 base and work camps across Task Force Eagle.

## ■ PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

# Danish priest one-of-a-kind

By Sgt. ANDREW AQUINO  
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One of the great things about working with soldiers from other countries is seeing how they do things differently.

Danish chaplain Charlotte Berg is a perfect example of the diversity of Task Force Eagle. She is the only female priest in theater. Stationed at Camp Valhalla in the NordPol sector, she is also the only Danish army chaplain assigned to Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Berg said she doesn't feel different being a woman in what's considered a male-dominated field by some. She is accustomed to working side-by-side with male priests in Denmark.

"It is more a novelty to those who are not used to it," she said. "The ratio is almost half and half in my country."

Though Berg carries a weapon, she wears no military rank.

Her salary is paid by the Danish Lutheran Church Ministry, which has close ties with the state's government.

Danish chaplains serve military duty for three weeks out of the year.

She has been in the service of her country for four years.

Berg said she first became interested in the ministry while pursuing general studies at the University of Copenhagen.

"I wanted to see how deeply Christian thinking has reached in our culture," Berg said. Shortly after graduation she joined the seminary.

Berg said she decided to join the priesthood because of her desire to help people.

"As I got older, I wanted to see what I could do for the community," she said.

"You can contribute so much more as a priest, and you are able to put more weight



Photo by Sgt. Andrew Aquino, filtered by Spc. Aaron R. Reed

**Danish Chaplain Charlotte Berg administers communion to Sgt. Robert Swenson at a Lutheran service.**

on the things you're good at."

Berg said she has a special gift for being with people. "I am glad that I can share that with so many people," she said.

Being a priest was not as easy as she expected.

"I like to spend time with many different people and helping children in the street. They are some of my happiest moments and at times my deepest grief," Berg said.

"I got to know this man who was so proud to have just become a dad, and he shared his joy with me," Berg said. "A week later he returned to my office. The child had died."

Though many Danish priests have been educated in psychology, they are priests first and foremost, Berg said.

"I want to be there when people are most vulnerable," Berg said. "Spiritually, to be the one they come to."

One of the things a priest must do is

give all her time to the job. "To have to say to someone 'I haven't got time right now.' That should be like a curse in the mouth of a priest," she said.

On a recent visit to Eagle Base, she held a Lutheran service for American soldiers.

In her sermon she spoke of peace as being an ongoing process that can take years. "It's not a happy ending where there's a big party," she said.

She also warned soldiers that their presence in this war-torn land is no guarantee that peace will take hold.

"Peace cannot be imposed upon a people through a show of power," she said. "Peace must come from the inside."

At the end of the service she chose a jazz recording as the parting musical piece.

"I think it is something the younger people would like," she said of the xylophone-laden tune. "It helps smooth the nerves and relax the spirit."

# Keep mission focus during redeployment

By Capt. TODD D. LYLE  
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We are heading into the redeployment phase of Operation JOINT ENDEAVOR. With this welcome news in mind, we must maintain our professionalism and mission focus.

Every one of us knows, or has heard of someone, who has died accidentally, or been seriously injured, in the final phase of a deployment or field problem.

From this office's point of view, the keystone to this redeployment is the individual servicemember. The first step in ensuring the safe return of each and every servicemember is detailed planning.

This planning should include a unit level and personal risk assessment. These countermeasures should eliminate or reduce the identified hazards and risks.

In addition to your unit's directives and countermeasures,

here are a few personal tips to keep in mind:

- Ensure you are adequately rested (at least six hours of uninterrupted sleep).
- Keeping in mind operational security when communicating with family members.
- Make time for yourself to focus on the task at hand.
- Reduce your personal work load by sending excess luggage and items home now.
- Perform back brief to first-line supervisors to ensure un-

derstanding of your mission.

- Be honest with yourself and practice those tasks in which you are weak.
- Perform preventative maintenance checks and services on your equipment now.
- Think, then act and be patient

We still have a lot of work ahead of us. Continue to do the great job you've been doing.

Don't let your guard down, use the buddy system, and return home in one piece.



Spc. Aaron R. Reed

Mortar crewman Pfc. David A. Thurston prepares nitroglycerine "cheese charges" during a recent call-for-fire exercise at Camp Pat.

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said Sgt. Greg Huggins, leader of 3rd Squad in the company's second section. "The forward observer at Checkpoint W30 will call in a simulated fire mission, and we'll go through all the steps up to actually firing the mortar."

Huggins said that the long deployment had given the mortar sections plenty of opportunity to hone their skills.

If an actual call for fire came down, his soldiers could put steel on target in about two minutes.

"We've got just about everything pre-plotted," said Huggins, a Brooklyn, N.Y. native. "In six months, you've got a lot of time to prepare."

Other members of the squad agreed that their deployment, nearing an end, had been a good opportunity to develop their skills.

"This is my first experience in the Army," said Pfc. David A. Thurston, a driver and ammunition bearer from Stockdale, Texas.

"I got to Germany, and they were, like, 'You're going to Bosnia.' Everyone says I got here at a good time, though. I've learned a lot."

Spc. Chris J. Brooks, a gunner from Rome, Ga., said he thought the mission had gone well.

"It's not what I expected it to be," said Brooks. "I've noticed a lot of the civilians around here want to work with IFOR."

And what does the four-deuce, soon to be retired, think about the mission? No one could say.

But Huggins was upbeat about the mortar section's future.

"This mortar is a good weapon," he said. "But whatever the Army gives us when we transition to something newer, we'll just drive on and keep doing our jobs."

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hometown now. "We get together and talk about how things have changed. I never get tired of hearing his stories."

The pair can also now discuss what it is like to man a tank in a hostile environment, the senior King gaining his experiences from Vietnam with the son's coming from Bosnia.

"It's different being a tanker here," said the platoon sergeant, who like his

father volunteered for his more perilous assignment.

"Since arriving here I've cross-trained with members of the infantry and scouts and learned some things from the military police force. We needed to since we armor guys couldn't afford to just sit around," said King. "As a matter of fact, I've spent more time patrolling on the ground than on top of the tank. We've had to modify our motto — 'death before dismount' — since we got here."

The one thing King hasn't

changed is his opinion about coming to Bosnia. "As far as I'm concerned this is where I ought to be, this is what I'm getting paid for," he said. "This has been a good learning experience. If I found myself without a set of tracks, I would still be able to fit in. I know enough now to take a squad and maneuver them."

King said the whole experience has given him a new-found respect for the infantrymen who fight on foot.

King hopes to earn a little more respect himself when he achieves the final goal in his friendly competition with his father. However, he realizes he has some pretty big boots to fill.

"My dad was designated top tank in his battalion and managed to shoot a perfect score with his tank on the range. I've missed that goal by five points," King said. "But one of these days I'm going to do that. Fortunately I've got at least a few more years left."