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Deployment health helpline – toll free in Europe

Heidelberg, Germany – Toll free and DSN numbers have recently been activated in Spain, England, Hungary and the Netherlands to assist service members and their families in contacting the Deployment Health Helpline in the United States. The toll free number was activated in Germany, Italy and Belgium in late July. The DSN number works from all US government phones in Europe that support the worldwide DSN.

The helpline is located in Washington, DC, and is manned Monday-Friday:

0730 – 1630 (EST)
1330 – 2230 (CET)
excluding federal and training holidays

Callers may leave a message after duty hours or when the helpline is busy. Calls will be returned the same day or during the following workday.

Any deployment related medical questions or concerns – having to do with physical or mental health care – may be addressed through this venue.

If the question cannot be immediately answered, it will be forwarded to the appropriate health care expert who will contact the caller as soon as possible.

The helpline is for all active duty service members and their families, and DoD contractors and

civilians who have been deployed and have medical questions or concerns. Military retirees may also use this service.

National Guard and Reservists not on active duty who have medical questions or concerns related to a deployment should contact the Veterans Administration helpline at 800-749-8387. This number is not toll free if called from outside the continental United States.

Toll free and DSN numbers from Europe to call the helpline are:

00800-8666-8666
DSN 312-662-3577

When leaving a message with the helpline, callers

should identify themselves, their duty location and provide complete DSN and commercial numbers including country codes so that calls may be successfully returned to Europe.

Example: DSN number
314-371-3317

Commercial number
011-49-6221-17-3317

More information on the Deployment Health Clinical Center may be found at: www.pdhealth.mil/



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OEF/OIF stats:
as of 12 August 2003

- OIF patients
4,719
- OEF patients
1,739
- USAMMCE
158,531+
line items
383+ DoD
customers
\$118.7+million

Army Medical Service Corps officer takes health facility planning award



Capt. Clay Goser

Heidelberg, Germany – Capt. Clay Goser was recently awarded the US Army Health Facility Planning Agency Commander's Award. Goser is the Deputy, Assistant Chief of Staff for Facilities, Europe Regional Medical Command.

Goser's duties include the life cycle management for

more than 3 million square feet of Army healthcare facilities in Europe valued at \$1 billion.

He is responsible for current operations and project execution for fixed and contingency Army medical facilities in Europe, and for the development, design, construc-

tion, outfitting, restoration and modernizations of several health clinics.

Goser distinguished himself on multiple occasions and successfully converted two project proposals for the Army hospital in Tuzla, Hungary into a single project netting \$280,000 in savings. He also redirected project

development and design efforts for clinics in Italy that resulted in \$1 million savings.

Brig. Gen. Elder Granger, Commander, Europe Regional Medical Command, awarded Goser the Army Achievement Medal for his accomplishments and acknowledged him as 'the best of the best.'



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- 5 – 9 Oct
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Sgt. 1st Class Bradley Blose prepares a blood sample in the Schweinfurt Health Clinic lab, where he served as the NCOIC, Hazardous Waste/Material Coordinator, Chemical Hygiene Officer and Environment of Care Program Coordinator.

Wuerzburg Army MEDDAC soldier earns U.S. Army Europe safety award

Wuerzburg, Germany – Sgt. 1st Class Bradley Blose, former laboratory NCOIC for the Schweinfurt Army Health Clinic has been named the 2003 USAREUR Accident Prevention Safety Award winner. Blose wore many hats during his tenure at the Schweinfurt Clinic to include Hazardous Waste/Material Coordinator, Chemical Hygiene Officer, and Environment of Care Program Manager. Blose received this award from Lt. Gen. Michael Dodson, USAREUR deputy commanding general during the recent USAREUR Awards Ceremony held in Heidelberg, Germany. His greatest achievement was his contribution to the Wuerzburg Medi-

cal Activity Department (WMEDDAC) receiving zero type-1 findings in safety during the hospital accreditation survey in May 2002. Blose was the first individual within the WMEDDAC to initiate and implement the Separate or Recycle Trash program for recycling paper, metal, and plastics within the clinic. Along with these accomplishments, he also implemented a successful transition to a 100 percent completely "needle-less" system within the laboratory and entire clinic. As a result of his dedicated work, the clinic had zero needle-stick injuries and recordable accidents for 2002. Blose was also instru-

mental in the transition of the clinic from the old chemical x-ray processing to the digitized method that completely eliminates the requirement for using dangerous chemicals to process x-rays. Blose is leaving Germany and will be assigned to Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

By Carol Fontanese
ERMC Safety



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Business as usual as LARMC changes command

Landstuhl, Germany – A change of command ceremony was held at Landstuhl Army Regional Medical Center (LARMC) July 11 to welcome the incoming commander, Col. Rhonda Cornum, while honoring the outgoing commander, Col. David Rubenstein.

Cornum arrives at LARMC after leaving command of the 28th Combat Support Hospital in Fort Bragg, N.C. and attending the National War College. Cornum is the first female commander of LARMC.

Rubenstein will become the chief of staff for Europe Regional Medical Command, then move on to take command of the 30th Medical Brigade.

“It is truly an honor for me to take command here,” Cornum said. “It isn’t buildings or facilities that make Landstuhl so successful, it is people. It is soldiers and civilians, clinicians and support personnel, Army and Air Force, and Americans and Germans, all working together, that have formed this team and established this reputation for excellence. I look forward to serving with you.”



Col. Rhonda Cornum receives the Landstuhl Army Regional Medical Center guidon from Brig. Gen. Elder Granger, Commanding General, Europe Regional Medical Command.



LARMC change of command formation July 11.

By Sgt. Phillip Breedlove
LARMC Public Affairs

LARMC



“For 21 months, the staff has received, stabilized, treated and returned to home or unit wounded, injured, and sick warriors while being able to keep the doors open to our day-to-day beneficiaries,” Rubenstein said.

“America knows about and is justifiably proud of the efforts of Landstuhl’s men and women, military and civilian, who are providing the very best healthcare to our wounded, injured, and sick warriors from Southwest Asia and the Balkans. I too am proud of them.”

Col. David Rubenstein
Change of Command Ceremony



H-MEDDAC

"I confess to being just as dazzled today as I was two years ago, when I first saw you take the field, and realized how privileged I was to serve our nation and the United States Army—with you."

"Heidelberg MEDDAC led the way in the design and execution of new methods to assess, treat and document individual and unit medical readiness, as we performed more than 59 Soldier Readiness Processing / Pre-Deployment Processing events for thousands of warriors deploying from Germany," said Seipp.

Kevin Robinson was born at 8:23 a.m., less than 45 minutes after Sgt. Robinson entered the clinic!

"I was not worried that I was going to deliver at the Hanau Health Clinic and not at the Stadtkrankenhaus," says Joy Robinson. "The nurses and the other health clinic staff were very professional and helpful. They were real good in doing what needed to be done."

Heidelberg Army MEDDAC changes command



Lt. Gen. Michael L. Dodson, deputy commanding general USAREUR and Seventh Army and chief of staff, passes the Guidon to Col. David D. Krieger, incoming commander of HMEEDAC.

Heidelberg, Germany – Col. Karen A. Seipp turned over command of Heidelberg Army Medical Department Activity (HMEEDAC) to Col. David D. Krieger during a ceremony at Nachrichten Kaserne parade field August 7. Seipp will relocate to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to become the chief nurse at US Army Medical Command.

In his most recent assignment, Krieger served as Commander, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic and Director of Health

Services for Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

In his remarks, Krieger said, "The Heidelberg MEDDAC has a proud and storied history in service to our nation, and my wife and I know there is no better place to command. We pledge our sincere and fullest commitment to this command, and to the provision of quality medical services to the soldiers and family members who serve so faithfully here."

By Tracy Bailey
HMEEDAC Public Affairs

Hanau Army Health Clinic delivers baby—its first!

Hanau, Germany – "We have a well-trained, experienced, professional staff that can react quickly to almost any medical emergency", said Lt. Col. William Humphrey, commander of the Hanau Health Clinic.

When 22-year old Sgt. Joy Robinson, B-Battery, 5/7 Air Defense Artillery came to the Hanau Health Clinic on June 18 at 7:45 a.m. she only wanted to check the laboratory results of her son Kendall (2 ½ years old). Before she left the house that morning, Sgt. Robinson had already experienced two contractions, but she was not particularly worried. "My due date was not until June 29, so I did not think too much about it," says the new mother. However, when she experienced the third contraction during her – what was supposed to be a short – visit to the clinic, the clinic staff insisted that she stay for a pregnancy examination.

The exam revealed that the delivery was already imminent. There was not enough time to transfer Sgt. Robinson to the Hanau Stadtkrankenhaus,

which would have been the normal procedure since the health clinic is not accredited for delivery care. Faced with an unexpected birth that required immediate action, Lt. Col. Humphrey rose to the occasion and did the delivery while being assisted by a team of medics and nurses. Windy Hookness' assistance was also crucial thanks to her vast experience in obstetrics; she was at the right place at the right time and helped coach the mother through the final stages of delivery. Kevin Robinson was born at 8:23 a.m., less than 45 minutes after Sgt. Robinson entered the clinic!

Immediately after Sgt. Rasheen Robinson, HHB, 5/7 Air Defense Artillery found out that his wife was giving birth to their second child, he rushed to the clinic but little Kevin beat him by minutes. Hanau clinic pediatrician Dr. Griselle Sherman joined the mother and her baby at the health clinic to provide newborn care. "I was not worried that I was going to deliver at the Hanau Health Clinic and not at the Stadtkrankenhaus,"

says Joy Robinson. "The nurses and the other health clinic staff were very professional and helpful. They were real good in doing what needed to be done."

While giving credit to his staff and being extremely proud of their professionalism, Lt. Col. Humphrey does not want to create a precedent: "While helping to bring a new life into the world brings us a lot of joy and gratification, we must emphasize that the Hanau Health Clinic is not accredited for labor and delivery care or other emergency care. All members of the community should seek such emergency care by calling for an ambulance or reporting to the Stadtkrankenhaus Emergency Room."

By Christine Kumpel
414th BSB Public Affairs

Wuerzburg leadership passes the guidon

Wuerzburg, Germany – Col. Patricia K. Lillis-Hearne takes the guidon of the U.S. Army Medical Activity, Wuerzburg from Brig. Gen. Elder Granger, Commander, Europe Regional Medical Command during change of command ceremonies June 27 at Victory Park on Wuerzburg's Leighton Barracks.

Outgoing commander, Col. Ray Tomkins (second right) and family are on their way to Great Britain for liaison duty with the British forces.

by Roger Teel
W-MEDDAC Public Affairs



Fitness arrives for soldier/mothers – PPPT

Wuerzburg, Germany – “I want ALL pregnant and postpartum soldiers to participate,” said Lt. Col. Drex Ross, commander of Kitzingen’s 701st Main Support Battalion.

Ross was directing his soldiers to take part in the groundbreaking Pregnancy Postpartum Physical Training, or PPPT, program now being implemented in the 417th BSB. Local physical training follows a standardized PT program for pregnant and postpartum soldiers that the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine (CHPPM) is piloting at sites in the CONUS and U.S. Army, Europe. The 417th BSB is the third USAREUR site to replicate the program.

“Approximately nine percent of the Army’s 74,000 female soldiers (6,660) are pregnant at one time,” states the Defense Medical Epidemiological Database.



Physical exercise during pregnancy is approved by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists.

“They’re working me hard. I can feel myself getting stronger every day,” said Spc. Tarsha Moore, 121st Signal Battalion. The 701st MSB, 121 Signal, and 17th Signal Battalions are all participating in the program.

“Soldiers I’ve talked to like the program and feel the chain of command is concerned about their well being and that of their unborn

baby. The postpartum group likes getting back in shape together, too,” said Ross.

Any unit in the 417th BSB interested in participating in a standardized PPPT program should contact the program manager at:

DSN 350-2202
or
0931-8042202

by Anna Courie
Health Promotion Coordinator

W-MEDDAC



Lifesaver training – Sgt. Carlie Smith, 67th Combat Support Hospital, and Sgt. Traci LaRose, 1st Military Police Company, 1st Infantry Division, demonstrate how to lift an incapacitated soldier out of the water during Emergency Medical Technician lifesaving training in the Giebelstadt swimming pool July 24. Water lifesaving training is an annual requirement for soldiers to earn or keep their standing in the national registry for EMT, and is also a requirement for MOS 91W migration.

“They’re working me hard. I can feel myself getting stronger every day,” said Spc. Tarsha Moore, 121st Signal Battalion.

ERDC



Wuerzburg DENTAC voted best in Bavaria!

The team photo above below was taken at the Wuerzburg DENTAC Junior Enlisted Day, part of the Wuerzburg DENTAC Mentorship Program.

The command inspection program has shown that the quality of care provided by our 13 Wuerzburg Dental Activity Clinics is first class.

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- 9-11 Sep [Land Combat Expo](#)
- 5-10 Oct Garmisch
- 19-24 Oct Bremerhaven
- 26 Oct–7 Nov Vienna Rotterdam

Schedule subject to change

Regional dental fun run yields smiles

Giebelstadt, Germany – The 2003 Annual Europe Regional Dental Command Fun Run took place on Friday May 9th at the Giebelstadt Army Airfield. The Wuerzburg Dental Activity hosted the event, which included dental units from the region (Landstuhl DENTAC, Heidelberg DENTAC, 464th Med Co, 523rd Med Co, 561st Med Co, 67th CSH, 1st ID, and 1st AD). The weather was great and the day began with the Commander's Challenge Run, which included teams from the three DENTACs. Each team had the Com-

mander and five unit participants. The host team came out with the early lead followed closely by Heidelberg but the "young guns (AEGD-1 year residents)" of Landstuhl brought the coveted trophy back to the Landstuhl DENTAC. The day included a 5K fun run, children's run, and other activities.

The turnout was tremendous. 450 participants, attending staff and families enjoyed the camaraderie and fellowship.

by Annalicia R. McIntosh
ERDC Command Section



2003 ERDC Command Fun Run

450 runners took on the 5k course at Giebelstadt Army Airfield May 9.



Dr. Aligna Rodriguez, Hanau Dental Clinic, and Sgt. Cristina Benjamin, Giessen Dental Clinic, provide dental care to an active duty patient in Madrid, Spain

Landstuhl DENTAC supports Special Olympics

More than 600 athletes from all over central Germany participated in the event, hosted by the 415th Base Support Battalion, at the German Police Academy in Enkenbach-Alsenborn.

Seventeen Landstuhl DENTAC soldiers and civilians helped insure the event was a success.





**CHPPMEUR
Change of Command –**

Col. Ralph L. Erickson takes command August 1, 2003, as he passes the organization's guidon to Sgt. Maj. Garfield D. Skyers.

Outgoing commander Col. Brian J. Commons is bound for Central Command Headquarters.

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Civilian fitness—three hours a week

LANDSTUHL, Germany – Like the Army's focus on maintaining physical fitness among its soldiers, the Civilian Fitness Program is designed to improve morale, relieve stress and minimize health risks for Department of the Army (DA) Civilians. The program, which allows civilian employees to be excused from work for three one-hour sessions a week for up to six months, once in a career, is offering open enrollment across USAREUR during September.

The program encourages civilians employed by the Army to engage in a regular program of exercise and other positive health habits. According to Carrie Shult, Program Manager for the Department of Health Promotion and Wellness, "the goal of the program is to encourage civilians to initiate and maintain healthy behavioral changes. We monitor their progress through initial- and post-assessments and provide them with information to help participants develop an exercise and nutrition program appropriate for their lifestyle."

Christopher Staker, Health Promotion Coordinator for the 80th ASG, emphasizes enrollment in the program is based on supervisor approval and completion of the enrollment process. "To enroll in the program, participants must complete the enrollment packet and receive a fitness assessment." A special test is given before and after the program to assess body composition, cardiovascular recovery, and flexibility, said Staker. Exercise activities are designed to enhance aerobic fitness, strength training, and flexibility. Certain recreational activities like badminton, volleyball, bowling, and golf are excluded.

The program does not allow for people to start and stop the program, nor do they get credit for temporary duty assignments or annual leave, said Staker. The clock starts with the pre-assessment and runs for six months.

"Program enrollment is contingent upon supervisor approval and the final assessment, six months later, is

mandatory," said Staker. "Those failing to complete the course by completing the post-assessment are liable to repay the administrative leave with annual leave." "Regular physical activities combined with proper nutrition are the cornerstones of a healthier employee," said Staker. "According to the Cooper Institute for Aerobic Research, we see the greatest percentage reduction in health risk factors by merely moving from no exercise to moderate exercise three times a week.

"Taking care of yourself and staying fit is an investment in the future," Staker said. "For one thing, it makes it more likely you'll be around to enjoy your children and grandchildren." Registration varies at each installation in Europe. For more information, contact your local Health Promotion Coordinator or the Department of Health Promotion and Wellness Headquarters office.

DSN 486-7099 / 8555 or wellness@cpe.amedd.army.mil

By MAJ Shanda Zugner
CHPPMEUR

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USAMMCE Commander Col. Jettaka Signaigo, Capt. Corey Daughtrey, Commander, 418th MEDLOG CO and Johannes Bereswill, Assistant Deputy Commander for USAMMCE Operations flippin' the burgers 'n dogs!

USAMMCE delivers at Nardini Haus

LANDSTUHL, Germany – Americans and food are irrevocably linked for Sister Antonella. When she was a child in 1945, American soldiers moved into her family's house supplying enough food to feed her starving family. Those soldiers gave Sister Antonella her first taste of chocolate, a memory that lights her face even now.

Americans again came to Sister Antonella's aid bearing gifts of food, and more. Soldiers and civilians of the United States Army Medical Materiel Center, Europe (USAMMCE) gave up part of their Fourth of July weekend to volunteer their help at the Nardini Haus Friendship Fest. The 148-year-old Nardini Haus is a group of orphanages operating locally in the Pirmasens and Zweibruecken communities. Sister Antonella belongs to the order of nuns established at the same time the orphanage was founded, and runs one of the two Nardini Haus orphanages in Pirmasens.

On July 5, the Nardini Haus conducted its seventh annual "Nardini Freundschaftsfest," and Team USAMMCE provided enough burgers, hot-dogs, and bratwurst to feed the approximately five hundred attendees. Funds to provide the food were raised at USAMMCE bake sales. A number of USAMMCE personnel manned the food booth and grills while others established a softball field (of sorts) with bases, softballs, bats, and a t-ball stand they had brought along. Several USAMMCE soldiers tossed an American football back and forth with the kids, while still others played half-court basketball.

Nadine Thesen, an orphanage resident, commented, "The hamburgers were good, and I'm glad that they made them. And, the people were really friendly, too." Her friend Jessica Trautmann wanted to know how the hamburgers were made, "They were so good."

Mattias Zimmerman, another

resident teenager, was more interested in the baseball than the food. He said, "The baseball was great. They taught us how to play. Oh yeah, the hamburgers were good, too."

Frau Renate Gerlich, Managing Director for the Nardini Haus Group, explained that the Nadine Haus currently ministers to 300 children in a range of ages from three weeks to age 22. The group has a daycare facility, kindergarten, and a school that encompasses elementary to high school. One hundred and ten children live on the premises, with some going home to foster families on the weekends. A number of the children are handicapped, not so much physically as mentally and emotionally. Additionally, many of the families and the children are extremely poor. The Nardini Freundschaftsfest is a way to integrate the children of the orphanage with the people of the community. Providing food and games at little or no cost is a way to encourage the families to attend, and volunteering organizations, such as USAMMCE, make the Fest possible.

Col. Jettaka Signaigo, USAMMCE Commander, pledged USAMMCE's further assistance to the orphanage saying, "This is the first time Americans have participated in the Fest, but it won't be the last." Sister Antonella can look forward to next year when Americans will again arrive bearing gifts of food.

By Cheryl Navo
USAMMCE

Patient liaisons help assure positive care experience

Sembach, Germany—

Your spouse is deployed and you need medical attention. Your Primary Care Manager refers you to a downtown hospital. You are afraid: you can't speak the language, you're worried about the care you will receive, and you may not understand paperwork that you may be asked to complete.

Imagine having a person who could help you with your host nation medical appointment, translate for you, and check up on you regularly to ensure the care was going well.

Enter your Patient Liaison. Most military Medical Treatment Facilities are staffed with Patient Liaisons who can help you navigate your host nation health care system with ease.

Liaisons speak fluent English as well as your host nation language, and they are skilled at handling host nation medical system procedures. In fact, in most cases, they are already well acquainted with your host nation provider or the people at the host nation facility where you are referred. If you are admitted to a host nation hospital after duty hours or on a weekend, have someone contact your nearest 24-hour military medical treatment facility. They will be able to make sure that a Patient Liaison is notified of your admission.

Here is a synopsis of the key services provided by your host nation Patient Liaison:

1. They will help you coordinate care in your host nation medical system.
2. They will translate for you if your host nation medical staff cannot speak English.
3. They will assist you with scheduling appointments, consultations, tests and follow-up exams.
4. They will help you with your medical bill payment and claim, if needed.

After you receive care from a host nation provider, you will typically receive a handwritten report that lists your diagnosis, treatment, medication instructions and other important information. Your Patient Liaison is available to help you understand this document if it is not in English.

TRICARE Europe's quality monitoring program is your assurance that you will receive the best care possible from our Preferred Provider Network regardless of where you live. Military medical treatment facilities and TRICARE Europe gather data about providers in the network from patient surveys, consultation report reviews, and other feedback tools. That data is used to make decisions about the future development of the PPN program.

This quality monitoring also helps us ensure that each member of our PPN continues to meet our expectations of care. If a military clinic or hospital finds that a host nation provider in their network is not performing to their standards, they have the option to discontinue the PPN agreement with that provider. Patient feedback is overwhelmingly positive about the host nation network providers and matches or exceeds overall satisfaction with providers used by TRICARE beneficiaries in CONUS. Beneficiary feedback forms are one of the most important tools available to help monitor the quality of care that occurs in the host nation. It is particularly important for people who go to host nation medical settings to comment on those forms about cleanliness, language abilities, and their perceptions of quality of care. This information is regularly used by military medical treatment facilities and by TRICARE Europe to make decisions about the host nation networks.

For more information about the Patient Liaison program or TRICARE Europe's network of host nation providers, contact your local TRICARE Service Center or log on to the TRICARE Europe web page

www.europe.tricare.osd.mil

by Troy Kitch
TRICARE Europe Public Affairs

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Army Sgt. Maj. Harry Robinson, senior enlisted advisor for Health Affairs/ TRICARE Management Activity (TMA), displays TRICARE's informational booth designed to attract Military Health System beneficiaries.

TFME



Task Force Medical Eagle (TFME) continues its primary Level III medical support in Multinational Brigade—North (MNB-N), Stabilization Force-XIII (SFOR-XIII) and US Forces deployed throughout Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Hungary and Slovenia.



SFOR Mission

The Stabilization Force will deter hostilities and stabilize the peace, continue to secure environment by providing a continued military presence in the AOR, target and coordinate SFOR support to key areas including primary civil implementation organizations and progress towards a lasting consolidation of peace without further need for NATO-led forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Task Force Med Eagle ready for Stabilization Force XIV

Eagle Base, Bosnia-Herzegovina – As Task Force Eagle prepares for the arrival of Stabilization Force XIV (SFOR-XIV), Task Force Medical Eagle (TFME) will return to home station with a first for Eagle Base.

TFME and many partners from Task Force Eagle will have successfully graduated two 91W classes. The first class, tested in early May, had a 100 percent pass rate on the national registry exam for Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification. The

second class completed Phase II in late July and is awaiting their results. Each Phase I class was given follow-on training in: Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS); Trauma Airway Intravenous Medications Shock (Trauma AIMS); and / or Combat Life Support (CLS). As a part of this effort, TFME presented the commander's coin Staff Sgt. Mark Lewis, Operations NCOIC—TFME, who was instrumental in the success of both training events. He took charge and "made it happen". Medical Eagle lead-

ership also acknowledged its primary class instructors: Sgt. Beth Carrier, 86th Air Ambulance; Sgt. 1st Class Miles Stickler; and Staff Sgt. Paul Oliver.

by Maj. Ora Rawls
Executive Officer, TFME



Task Force Medical Eagle

As part of MNB-N humanitarian assistance program, TFME provided two Medical Civil Assistance Projects (MEDCAP) in July that helped 250 patients.

August events include: two MEDCAPS, a Veterinary Civil Assistance Project (VETCAP) and training for redeployment.

"SISU" team departs

The Danish Medical Team of the Danish Squadron, fondly called the "SISU" team (named for the High Mobility Tactical Vehicle (HMTV) they operate) departed Eagle Base in July. They were integral members of TFME's multi-national team.

The SISU team's medical ground response capability was consistently reliable and is summed up in their motto: "5-minutes ... 1st Up!"

SISU's final words to TFME were, "Pas godt paa jer selv (Take care of yourself) and thanks TFME. We have gained friends for a lifetime."



SISU team—"5-minutes ... 1st Up!"
Left-right: Andreas Hallander, Medic; Thyge "TC" Christian Hansen, Nurse; Dennis Christiansen, SISU commander; Jean "Sean" Norregaard, Nurse; Claus Larsen, SISU commander.

Transitions—name of the game in Kosovo Force

Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo – Task Force Medical Falcon VIII (TFMF) recently rotated its professional services officers. The outgoing and incoming officers were:

- Col. Thomas Kim replaced by Maj. George Jordan
- Lt. Col. Kenneth Locke replaced by Capt. Thomas Bronaugh
- Lt. Col. John Deffenbaugh replaced by Lt. Col. Robert Erlach

- Maj. James Malone replaced by Lt. Col. Timothy Roy
- Capt. Michael Deboisblanc replaced by Lt. Col. Silvino Pazcoguin
- Capt. Teresa Hall replaced by Capt. Rajesh Sondkar
- Capt. William Ross replaced by Capt. Christian Foglar
- 1st Lt. Jacob Bayani replaced by Maj. William Barnhill

TFMF also welcomed Texas National Guard Capt. Joseph Rogalinski and Minnesota National Guard Capt. Cora Courage.

Staff Sgt. Jay Patterson was sanctioned into the active Army on June 30 to report to Germany. Assigned to the 176th Medical Group, stationed in Garden Grove, California, he volunteered for the KFOR assignment and served as one of the TFMF's battle captains.

by Maj. Eric Richardson
S2/S3, TFMF VIII



Task Force Medical Falcon VIII continues to train and educate soldier's with classes like the Emergency Medical Technician Basic (EMT-B), Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) and Trauma Airway Intravenous Medications Shock (Trauma AIMS) courses. These courses are offered to combat medics for their transition to the 91W series.

Left—Cpl. Carrie Firth and Cpl. Keeley Fuller work on PHTLS skills.

Task Force Medical Falcon VIII, is also fulfilling it's mission by going "outside the wire" to assist, educate, comfort and give medical and dental attention to citizens of Kosovo.

Maj. David Doud (standing), Capt. Wendy Linderborg (standing) and their translator (seated) explain TFMF medical support to two Kosovo citizens seated on either side of Lt. Col Timothy Roy.



TFMF



- Provide level III combat health support to Multinational Brigade-East and Multinational Brigade-Central.
- Sustain or improve the training level of all medical MOS soldiers assigned to Task Force Medical Falcon and Task Force Falcon.
- Promote transition of healthcare to civil authorities.



The Kosovo Force is a NATO-led international force responsible for establishing and maintaining security in Kosovo.

This peace-enforcement force entered Kosovo on June 12, 1999 under a United Nations mandate, two days after the adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 1244.

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Legion of Merit

Col. Brian Commons, CHPPMEUR
Col. Roy Harris, LARMC
Col. Karen Seipp, HMEDDAC

Meritorious Service Medal

Lt. Col. Ralph Erickson, LARMC
Lt. Col. Steven Drennan, HMEDDAC
Maj. Sergio Benitez, LARMC
Maj. Marie Cochran, USAMMCE
Maj. Brian Crandall, HMEDDAC
Maj. Louise Johnson, LARMC
Maj. Harry D. Mckinnon, HMEDDAC
Capt. Robert Oh, HMEDDAC
Chief Warrant Officer Michael
Arseneau, LARMC
Master Sgt. George Grace,
HMEDDAC
Master Sgt. Raymond Porritt,
HMEDDAC
Sgt. 1st Class Rafael Rodriguez,
USAMMCE
Sgt. 1st Class Shon Ward,
HMEDDAC
Staff Sgt. William Glenn, USAMMCE

Army Commendation Medal

Lt. Col. Kenneth Locke, TFMF
Lt. Col. Eric Lund, CHPPMEUR
Maj. Charles Downey, HMEDDAC
Maj. Maryann Masone, LARMC
Capt. Clay Gosler, ERMCC
Capt. Omer Ozguc, HMEDDAC
1st Lt. Tony Heinz, HMEDDAC
Chief Warrant Officer
Richard Robinson, HMEDDAC
Staff Sgt. Jay Patterson, TFMF
Sgt. 1st Class Frederick Gates,
418th Medical Logistics Company
Sgt. 1st Class Robert Peacock,
USAMMCE
Staff Sgt. Angel Casiano, LARMC
Sgt. Tisshya Anderson, HMEDDAC
Sgt. Jivonne Gregory, LARMC

Army Achievement Medal

Col. Thomas Kim, TFMF
Lt. Col. John Deffenbaugh, TFMF
Maj. James Malone, TFMF
Capt. Allison Carthy-Ramsey,
HMEDDAC
Capt. Michael Deboisblanc, TFMF
Capt. Teresa Hall, TFMF
Capt. William Ross, TFMF
1st Lt. Jacob Bayani, TFMF
Chief Warrant Officer
Michael Arseneau, LARMC
Master Sgt. Deidre Bailey,
418th Medical Logistics Company
Staff Sgt. Earnest Jackson Jr.,
6th Medical Support Squadron
Staff Sgt. Matthew J. Weber,
6th Medical Support Squadron
Sgt. Benjamin M. Bergman,
418th Medical Logistics Company

Sgt. Gay Gentle,
418th Medical Logistics Company
Spc. Kendell Irving,
418th Medical Logistics Company
Spc. Sandy Louis, HMEDDAC
Spc. Holly Rosenbaum, HMEDDAC
Spc. Nathan Valenti, HMEDDAC
Airman 1st Class Scott A. Jones,
89th Medical Support Squadron

On-the-Spot Cash Award

Karin Ackley, CHPPMEUR
Maria Arnold, LARMC
Jane Chisholm, LARMC
Dieter Franz, LARMC
Levi Hayes, LARMC
Marie Hayes, CHPPMEUR
Christal Hendricks, LARMC
Martin Horan, CHPPMEUR
Stanislaw Luzius, LARMC
Walter Milledge, LARMC
Birgyul Osman, LARMC
Nadeschda Rommel, LARMC
Christel Sievers, LARMC
Ute Stangl, CHPPMEUR
Dr. Charles Statham, CHPPMEUR
Matthew Williams, CHPPMEUR
Petra Zoller, CHPPMEUR

Time Off Award

Lisbeth Rios, LARMC
Angelique Solomon, LARMC

Performance Award

Jean Alfred, LARMC
Tommy Armstrong, LARMC
Monica Austin, LARMC
Hazel Barr, LARMC
Katherine Buck, LARMC
Wayne Burnhauser, LARMC
Sean Cahill, LARMC
Shawn Cone, LARMC
Steven Cook, LARMC
Kenneth Croft, CHPPMEUR
Bernice Dawes, LARMC
Stacey Davidson, CHPPMEUR
Lesley Duggar, LARMC
Georg Fabricius, LARMC
Jacki Gallardo, LARMC
Pedro Gerena-Rosario, LARMC
Catherine Greene, LARMC
Rhonda Gwyn, LARMC
Jonathan Hall, CHPPMEUR
Traci Hefner, LARMC
Wallace Henry, LARMC
Mina Holley, LARMC
Bonnie Jeo, LARMC
Sylvia Jimenez, LARMC
Jodi Johnson, LARMC
Lorna Johnson, LARMC
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Judy O'Donnell, LARMC
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Maria Ortega, LARMC
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Justin Price, LARMC
Ann Richardson, LARMC
Eutopia Rogers, LARMC
Patricia Scharninghausen, LARMC
Christel Schindler, LARMC
Dianne Shelton, LARMC
Pamela Smith, LARMC
Tresha Sterling, LARMC
Ursula Straub, LARMC
Benni Thompson, LARMC
Karen Tinsley, LARMC
Myphuong Tran, LARMC
Conni Turner, LARMC
Dawn Waters, LARMC
Loretta Wood, LARMC
Juanella Wright, LARMC
Diana Yglecias, LARMC
Commander's Service Award
Mercuria Castaneto, HMEDDAC
Rodney Fisher, HMEDDAC
Length of Service over 10 Years
Elvira Denburg, HMEDDAC
Lothar Kolbach, HMEDDAC
Lesley Lehwald-Verron, HMEDDAC
Roy Tannis, HMEDDAC
Dale Weilacher, Jr., HMEDDAC
Length of Service with 5 Years
Tracy Bailey, HMEDDAC
Rebecca Leblanc, HMEDDAC
Official Commendation
Robert Barnes, HMEDDAC
Sarah Bridges, HMEDDAC
Traudel Brummer, HMEDDAC
Joel Carner, HMEDDAC
Ursula Coble, HMEDDAC
Heather Davis, HMEDDAC
Toni Evans, HMEDDAC
Ulrich Glinz, HMEDDAC
Sara Gomez, HMEDDAC
James Jordan, HMEDDAC
Zenouba Knocke, HMEDDAC
Jane E. Mitchell, HMEDDAC
Melanie Mosher, HMEDDAC
Miguel Perez, HMEDDAC
Chandrika Pilapitiya, HMEDDAC
Cary Pugh, HMEDDAC
Heather Robinson, HMEDDAC
Clyde Sincere, HMEDDAC
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To meet the European challenge of the ever changing medical environment and the military force, Europe Regional Medical Command oversees and maintains the successful operation of the Army's 30 healthcare facilities in Germany, Italy and Belgium.