

EUFOR forum



**I Want To Be A
EUFOR Parachutist!**

196th Anniversary of the Italian Carabinieri Corps



OR 4 Roberto Sorrentino reads the prayer for Carabinieri in the presence of Italian Ambassador and COM EUFOR



Italian Ambassador, His Excellency Raimondo de Cardona decorates a Carabinieri member.

On 21st June 2010 in Camp Butmir 2, Carabinieri celebrated the 196th anniversary of the Italian Carabinieri Corps. An official ceremony to mark the occasion was held in Camp Butmir II, Sarajevo and presided over by the Italian Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, His Excellency Raimondo de Cardona. COM EUFOR, Major General Bernhard Bair represented EUFOR.



The event was co-organized by the Deputy Head of European Union Police Mission Colonel Domenico Paterna and by the Commander of the Carabinieri National Contingent in BiH Colonel Paolo Coletta.

After an address by the Carabinieri General Commander Lieutenant General Leonardo Galitelli, a medal parade took place for the Carabinieri who are about to complete their tour of duty in BiH.

At the parade, COM EUFOR

stated: "The importance of the contribution to OPERATION ALTHEA is very significant."

Col. Paolo Coletta added by explaining to the press office: "It is a pleasure for me to celebrate the 196th anniversary of the Carabinieri Corps. The ancient Corps of the Royal Carabinieri was instituted in Turin by the King of Sardinia, Vittorio Emanuel I by Royal Warrant on 13 July, 1814". The Corps joined the armed forces of Italy on 31st March 2000 but members have had a tradition of deploying internationally. Its main role is as a professional military force with expertise in



Commander of the Carabinieri Contingent in BiH and Logistics Support Unit
Cdr, Colonel Paolo Coletta

civil policing functions. In particular, the Corps has been involved in overseas peacekeeping missions both autonomously and with multinational partners. Typical overseas missions include building-up the forces of law and order and the training foreign police officers. Currently there are over 1000 Carabinieri serving overseas.

A Carabinieri Force has served in Bosnia-Herzegovina since 1994 and this is the second tour of duty for Colonel Paolo Coletta. When asked what makes the Carabinieri so successful he remarked: "Professionalism, empathy with the population and team work. I include all the civilian staff of Butmir II in that team. Their support to my officers has been superb and it allows the Carabinieri to simply get on with their job when they are a long way from home. I and my men would like to pay tribute to their help and commitment to their support duties, Mille volte grazie!"

By Captain Giuseppe Saponaro

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EUFOR Hungarian Parachutist gets a thumb up from the children of Sarajevo

Dear all,

“Never change a winning team” was a slogan that I mentioned in the previous EUFORUM-edition; I saw some wonderful winning teams during the Kids’ Festival in the Sarajevo Olympic Centre, ZETRA which took place from 11 to 16 June 2010. One such team was the Hungarian parachutists doing a brilliant show jumping out of the EUFOR Black Hawk helicopter and landing with the flags of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary and the European Union in the middle of thousands of children. The other winning teams were the children, the organisers and the volunteers of the Kids Festival who helped to bring the event to a success. I witnessed hundreds of smiling faces, saying:” Thank you for the job you are doing.”

The Kids’ Festival was promoted as an attractive combination of entertainment, fun, and educational opportunities for the youth in BiH. The festival campaigns on issues of common interest such as tolerance, the environment, human rights, gender equality, drugs and mine awareness. I would say that it lived up to the publicity delivered even more. The Kids’ Festival has shown that you can stay together despite your religion or community background. What really matters is the person that you are.

Hundreds of smiling faces represents much more than simply saying thank you. It is like the thumb’s up on the front cover meaning “that’s it.” Finally, for all of the newcomers to Bosnia and Herzegovina “Welcome aboard the EUFOR-family.”

Lt Col Knut Scheutz, Chief Press Office



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Festival for Every Child



EUFOR volunteers at this year's Kid's Festival were busy from 11th to 16th June, presenting EUFOR activities to children from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina. According to official statistics, more than 40 thousand children visited the 7th Kid's Festival held in Olympic Hall "Juan Antonio Samaranch".

"Kid's Festival is a much needed concept and a very functional one as I can see, and it makes us very happy as one of the partners", said COM EUFOR, Major General Bernhard Bair during his visit on Sunday, 13th of June.

The children had the opportunity to take part in 70 workshops, one of them being the Mine Awareness organized by MICC. Soldiers of the AF BiH talked to children about the dangers of landmines and unexploded ordnance and introduced them to mine detecting dogs – a German Shepherd Tango and a Black Labrador Zigi.

Members of the Integrated Police Unit also received a lot of



Local youngster dressed up in Riot Gear during the Kids' Festival.

the attention from the visitors.

"Festival is the carrier of the European spirit in BiH and I am pleased to see children who come here year after year and adopt that spirit more every time. I wish to congratulate all contributors on the best festival so far.

I can proudly say that this was the festival for every child", said the Director of the Festival Mrs. Susanne Prahl at the closing ceremony.

For more information visit website at www.kidsfest.ba.

By Mima Stankovic



COM EUFOR with Lt Col Dr. Murinko who organized the parachute display.

Sandi Beganović is Pecigrad Celebrity



Sandi Beganović is presented with his certificate and first prize by COM EUFOR and French Ambassador.



A star for the European Union.

On 15th June 2010 COM EUFOR Major General Bernhard Bair together with the French Ambassador flew into Pecigrad by EUFOR helicopter to present Sandi Berganovic with his first prize for the EUFOR Schools' Competition.

A pupil of Elementary School Pecigrad, Sandi was congratulated by COM EUFOR for his vision in illustrating the theme of

'My European Neighbour' stating that: "It is wonderful to see children from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina working together on a single project." The French Ambassador Her Excellency Mrs Maryse Berniau presented Sandi with a notebook computer that was donated by the French Embassy.

Sandi's fellow pupils welcomed the party from Sarajevo

with warm smiles, dancing and the flags of Bosnia and Herzegovina, France and the European Union. On completion of the prize giving, HE Madame Berniau and COM EUFOR called on the office of the Mayor of Cazin Mr Ogrješević where they discussed the security and stability of the locality together with opportunities for educational and economic development.

By Major Bruce Foster

EUFOR Launches New Information Commercial "Peacekeepers of the Future"

On 18th June 2010 in Camp Butmir Sarajevo COM EUFOR, Major General Bernhard Bair launched the new EUFOR Info commercial "Peacekeepers of the Future". The video features pupils from Tomislavgrad whose school has won trips to Germany and Hungary as part of the EUFOR Schools' Competition and boys from Brcko District whose school won first prize in the EUFOR Cup 2009.

Said Major General Bair: "The youth of Bosnia and Herzegovina will be tomorrow's peacekeepers and they have the future of this wonderful



country in their hands".

Copies of the video can be obtained via the press office.

By Major Bruce Foster

Visits to COM EUFOR



COM EUFOR and COS EUFOR with German Chief of Staff, Bundeswehr, General Volker Wierer.



COM EUFOR with Brigadier General John Bullard Jr. and Brigadier General David Enyeart.



COM EUFOR with Mr. Veljko Golijanin, Mr. Radojica Ćosović, Mr. Bojan Lopatić, Mr. Petar Golijanin - all members of the team rescued from the avalanche on the Zelengora Mountain by an Austrian Black Hawk crew - and Ms. Maja Golijanin and Pale Mayor, Mr. Slobodan Savić.



COM EUFOR with Major General Alojz Steiner, Chief of General Staff of Slovenian Armed Forces.



COM EUFOR with Brigadier General Norbert Gehart.



COM EUFOR with the Ambassador of Norway to Bosnia and Herzegovina, His Excellency Mr. Jan Braathu.



COM EUFOR with Chief of General Staff of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Lt Gen Miroslav Stojanovski.

COM EUFOR and RS Interior Minister Meet in Banja Luka



COM EUFOR together with IPU Commander, Colonel Jose Santiago Martin and the RCC 1 Chief Lt Col Christianne Vermue discussed development opportunities with the mayor of Banja Luka, Mr. Dragoljub Davidovic.

On 16th June 2010, COM EUFOR Major General Bernhard Bair, together with the Head of the EUPM Mr Stephan Feller, met with the Republika Srpska Interior Minister, Mr Stanislav Cadjo in Banja Luka. Together with their respective staff, the interior Minister, Head of EUPM and COM EUFOR discussed a range of topics that focused on

the close cooperation between the police forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina, EUFOR and the EUPM. They noted that liaison between their personnel was routine and developing and that preparations for ensuring a safe a secure run up to the general elections were well in hand.

On completion of the meeting with Mr Cadjo, COM EUFOR

called on the Mayor of Banja Luka, Mr Dragoljub Davidovic who briefed the General on the success of the Dutch Liaison and Observation Team together with development plans for the city.

By Major Bruce Foster



Sargeant 1st Class Van Der Zee is presented with his new rank slides by COM EUFOR, Major General Bernhard Bair and RCC 1 Chief, Lt Col Christianne Vermue.



Republika Srpska Interior Minister, Mr Stanislav Cadjo and COM EUFOR, Major General Bernhard Bair.

Mines Risk Education Instructors Awarded at Camp Butmir



On 11th June 2010, 37 Bosnian Mines Risk Education, (MRE) Instructors were awarded certificates at an official ceremony for completing their 5 day training course at Camp Butmir, Sarajevo. The new instructors are now fully qualified to visit schools and community organizations in order to explain how to stay safe from the menace of mines and unexploded munitions. This takes the total number of EUFOR MRE instructors to 48.

Said COM EUFOR Major General Bernhard Bair who presided at the ceremony: "Our EUFOR mission is to contribute to a

safe and secure Bosnia and Herzegovina. This means that all its people should be able to conduct their lawful business free from threats to life or liberty. Removing the mine and unexploded munitions threat is a very important part of this.

I would therefore like to take this opportunity to congratulate you all for successfully completing your Mine Risk Education Instructors course. If I may I would also like to pay tribute on your behalf to the professionalism of your instructors and mentors from EUFOR Joint Military Affairs, the Bosnian and Herzegovinan Mine Action Centre,

(BHMIC) and the STOP MINES Non Governmental Organisation. The knowledge that you are now able to pass on will be invaluable to keeping your fellow citizens safe.

I know that you are all busy working in support of EUFOR and I commend you for volunteering to educate the people of BiH on how to deal safely with mines and unexploded munitions. As you go out and visit kindergartens, schools, and community centres to pass on your knowledge be assured that you have the complete backing of my Headquarters and I wish you good luck in all your endeavours".

EUFOR MRE instructors are not the only BHMIC accredited trainers but they provided MRE training to more than 7300 people in 2009 making them the largest contributor to mines awareness in Bosnia and Herzegovina. For the latest MRE news and numbers of BiH trainees see the EUFOR website www.eufor-bih.org and look for the danger mines button.

By Major Bruce Foster



The Future in **Our Hands**



Directors of two schools "flying" together with EUFOR.

On 1st June 2010, a joint party of directors, teachers and pupils from schools in the Republika Srpska (Elementary school "Saint Sava" Lukavica) and the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (The Eight primary school Ilidza) visited together EUFOR Camp Butmir, Sarajevo.

The highlight of the visit was a tour of the Austrian Black Hawk and Alouette III helicopters that are used for air transportation and medevac operations.

Said Irfan Bajrovic, (13) from Primary school Ilidza: "The dis-



Irfan Bajrovic in the cockpit of EUFOR Helicopter

play was absolutely great. My favourite bit was when the soldier was winched up into the rescue helicopter. I would like to be a soldier and peacekeeper someday if I could serve in Bosnia and Herzegovina".

At a reception for the pupils COM EUFOR, Major General Bernhard Bair remarked: "The children from both schools which are close to Camp Butmir, worked very well together today and impressed my crews with their excellent manners and super questions. Today's youth will be the peace keepers of the future and it was good to see them having some fun with their teachers in Camp Butmir. My staff is keen to help schools where they can and for example they have conducted mine risk awareness training in a number of primary schools recently. We will do this again with more combined schools parties from across BiH." On 1st July schools from Parsovic and Konjic will visit camp Butmir.

By Major Bruce Foster

Czech Republic Armed Forces Re-Join EUFOR



On 9th June 2010, the return of soldiers from the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic was marked at an official flag raising ceremony at HQ of EUFOR, Camp Butmir, Sarajevo. The Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Bosnia and Herzegovina, His Excellency Tomáš Szunyog accompanied by Brigadier General Jan Kase Chief of NATO Military Liaison Office in Belgrade, attended to mark the occasion.

COM EUFOR, Major General Bernhard Bair, warmly welcomed the return of the Czech personnel under his command and noted that the total number of nations contributing to Operation ALTHEA now stands at 26. The two personnel from the Czech Republic will focus initially on providing training and capacity building support to the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

COM EUFOR and the Ambassador concluded their day by laying a wreath to fallen comrades from the Czech Republic in the Operation ALTHEA Memorial Garden at Camp Butmir.

By Major Bruce Foster

Fit for EUFOR

The best way to get fit:
circuit training

We are all soldiers first whilst serving on operations and it is our duty to be physically fit. Perhaps the easiest and most thorough approach for strengthening and conditioning your body is with balanced and structured circuit training. The good news is that circuit training is available in Camp Butmir gym on Mon, Wed and Fri evenings between 18.00 and 19.00.

All routines are suitable for all participants regardless of sex, age or initial fitness levels. You work and get fit at your own pace! The circuits start with a thorough warm-up and end with a comprehensive warm down so you will leave the gym smiling and feeling good! If you need any further excuse to join-in the proven benefits of circuit training include; improved strength, agility and coordination together with a high rate of burning fat. If you want to build team spirit bring your colleagues along for a time efficient and all over workout.

Circuits are led by professional and qualified staff so get down to the gym for the next training session!

Finding the time and equipment to stay fighting fit can be an uphill struggle – particularly if you are deployed away from the main operating bases. As we are soldiers first whilst serving together in EUFOR, the Irish contingent's paramedic Sgt Willie Mahony and the Butmir gym's supervisor Mr Zeljko Puljic have teamed-up to give you some challenges and ideas to keep you and

your colleagues fighting fit. In the forthcoming editions our fitness instructors will offer you some insights to help you keep fit as efficiently and effectively as possible. The focus will be on simple, common sense things that you can incorporate into your daily routines without the need for complicated machinery or expensive equipment.

Zeljko's first challenge is the ton-up. 6 weeks to knocking-out 100 press-ups. The routine is progressive and you should burn a minimum of 17 000 calories. Says Zeljko: "This is challenge cheeky but doable. Make sure that you warm up and down properly with plenty of sensible stretching. I cannot emphasize this enough, the goal is to get fitter, leaner and stronger and you will not achieve this if you are in-





Make sure you warm up properly before doing any exercises!

Week 1. Do sets of 11, 12, 9 and 9 press-ups, followed by at least 13 press-ups.

Week 2. Do sets of 16, 17, 14 and 14 press-ups, followed by at least 20 press-ups.

Week 3. Do sets of 22, 30, 20 and 20 press-ups, followed by at least 28 press-ups.

Week 4. Do sets of 29, 33, 29 and 29 press-ups, followed by at least 40 press-ups.

Week 5. Do sets of 20, 20, 24, 24, 20, 20 and 22 press-ups, followed by at least 50 press-ups.

Week 6. Do sets of 26, 26, 33, 33, 26, 26, 22 and 22 press-ups, followed by at least 60 press-ups.

jured. The press-up challenge needs to be part of a balanced series of exercises that works your core strength and mobility. Call me on Camp Butmir 4318 or better still come down to the gym for some face-to-face advice.”

This programme is based on research by Steve Spiers who has taken the best from various military routines and made this one that is progressive and easy to track. For more information on the original work out look up www.hundredpushups.com.

Between each set rest for 45 seconds and then complete your maximum. You should aim for at least 3 workouts per week and make sure that you rest 24 hours between each workout.

The Test. In the last 6 weeks you will have completed at least 2 676 press-ups; hoofing! And the calorie count should be at least 17 000. No warm-up sets just get down and bang out your 100.

If at any time you cannot quite make the numbers go back a week and repeat.

Good luck and enjoy your fitness training.

By Major Bruce Foster

Mine Risk Education in RCC5 Area



From 17 May to 11 June 2010, Mine Risk Education (MRE) had been executed in Petrova, Vi-soko, Maglaj, Olovo, Tesanj, Doboj, Doboj Istok, Teslic, Vares and Zenica by Munira Mujikic, MRE Instructor of the RCC5. During this period, 3007 pupils from 31 schools were given MRE. The aim of the MRE was making the students, from the age of 6 to 18, conscious of the danger about mines and unexploded ordinance.

All the students were happy to see the EUFOR LOT Personnel in their schools. They were very in-



terested in the MRE, answered the question with enthusiasm. The Directors and the teachers of the schools were happy to see EUFOR Personnel, as well. They said that kind of activities is useful for the students and looking forward to see that kind of activities in upcoming years.

By Lt/Alti Kilicdogan

HR/EUSR Mr. Valentin Inzko Praises EUFOR Soldiers



COM EUFOR together with the HR Mr Valentin Inzko and the Mayor of Mostar Mr Ljubo Bešić



COM EUFOR briefed on his arrival to Mostar by his RCC2 Chief, Lt Col Manuel Flores Ruiz, together with his Military Assistant, Lt Col Marcus Nann

On 10th June 2010 in Mostar, following a speech to mark the closure of the OHR office in Mostar, the High Representative Mr Valentine Inzko praised the contribution of EUFOR BiH soldiers to Bosnia and Herzegovina's safe and secure environment stating that: "they had and continue to do a great job." The High Representative congratulated the assembled VIPs on their progress in

moving towards a unified City administration and encouraged them to seize opportunities for future developments. He concluded by inviting them to take the future into their own hands.

COM EUFOR, Major General Bernhard Bair, attended the ceremony and took the opportunity to walk through the city with his Regional Command Centre 2 Chief, Lt Col Manuel Flores Ruiz. Said COM

EUFOR: "Mostar is a safe and secure municipality and it is encouraging to see the thriving businesses and reconstruction projects. My 2 Liaison and Observation Teams are an integral part of building confidence for the future and my staff will continue to work seamlessly with organisations such as the OHR, EUSR, OSCE and local administrators."

By Major Bruce Foster

MNBN Squads Competition

During the morning of Saturday 29th May, teams from the Multi National Battalion (MNBN) Units competed in a Military Squad Competition. Teams included soldiers from the Polish, Turkish, Hungarian and Spanish infantry companies together with representatives from the Recce platoon and the multinational Staff.

The competition consisted of five different stations, where every squad member had to complete different military activities:

First of all, the squad had to run a four kilometers in camouflage uniform and carrying their rifles. The second station was a distance estimation test where the soldiers had to work

out the distance from the observation point to five different targets. Afterwards, the squad was tested in its accuracy in throwing inert hand grenades. The competition went on with a target observation station, where the squad members had to identify military equipment camouflaged and hidden in the undergrowth. Finally, each soldier had their marksmanship assessed with air rifle shooting, from the standing alert position.

After more than two hours, of an often hard and intense competition, it was apparent to all the spectators that the competitors had prepared well and that MNBN cohesion was strong.

The results were close but in the end the Spanish Recce



Platoon proved victorious followed by the Polish and Turkish teams.

The MNBN Commander, Lt Col José M. Estévez Payeras, in a simple awards ceremony, congratulated all the competitors and encouraged the rest of soldiers, to keep on working for improving the MNBN performance.

By Captain Emilio López Ruiz

MNBN Live Exercise “Rook Thrust”



During the 1st week of June, the EUFOR Multinational Battalion (MNBN) commanded by Lt Col José M. Estévez Payeras, conducted EXERCISE ROOK THRUST across locations that included Manjaca, Travnik, Tuzla and Sarajevo.

EX ROOK THRUST tested the ability of the MNBN Spanish, Hungarian, Polish and Turkish maneuver companies together with the Spanish Reconnaissance Platoon to put into practice their rules of engagement for a wide variety of different scenarios. The battalion conducted MEDEVAC

procedures, evacuation of personnel, Command Post redeployment, and Crowd Riot Control techniques whilst ably supported by other EUFOR units, such as helicopters and the AGRS system.

During the Travnik deployment, the Command Post was visited by EUFOR DCOM, General Tibor Nagy where he observed the Spanish company operating in a non urban riot situation.

Said General Nagy: “The MNBN units performed the roles professionally and practiced their proper ROEs, well done.”

By Captain Emilio López Ruiz

EUFOR Spanish Contingent Complete Community Projects in Capljina and Stolac

Spanish EUFOR soldiers in Bosnia and Herzegovina have recently completed two quick-impact projects in the towns of Capljina and Stolac. Both projects were prompted by contacts made by the Spanish Liaison and Observation Team, (LOT) from Capljina, under the command of Regional Coordination Centre in Mostar (RCC2).

Both projects are aimed at promoting co-operation between the local communities. The first project saw computer equipment and technical teaching support provided for an Association that provides help to young people with disabilities.

In the second case, materials



were donated to a cultural association that offers teenagers creative outlets for their talents through educational workshops.

The Head of the Social Affairs Department of the City thanked the EUFOR soldiers for their

continued vision and practical help stating that the war had hit the area hard and that the projects would promote ethnic cohesion amongst a vulnerable section of the local population.

By Captain Emilio López Ruiz

Youth and Sports Day Concert

On 19th May 2010, a concert was organized in Camp Butmir on behalf of Republic of Turkey, by the BIH Turkish Senior Representative, to celebrate 19th May - Youth and Sports Day. 19th May 1919 is the day of the actual foundations and the Republic of Turkey and marks the beginning of its modern history.

This concert was arranged for improving brotherhood and friendship between young people in SARAJEVO. Approximately, 1500 young people of all nationalities attended the concert in Dom Mladih Skenđerija Culture Center on 22th May 2010.



Hari Mata Hari was the star. He was the representative of BIH at 2006 Eurovision Song Concert and was pronounced the third best singer with "Le-

yla" song. Neno Muriç, B-Croat and B-Serp singers and dance groups also took place at the concert.

By Lt Murtaza Durmazucar

EUFOR LOT Konjic Inspires Run and Concert for Amra



Captain Friedrich Schröder, LOT Konjic Chief, was the driving force behind the event.



EUFOR Commander Major General Bair starts the junior race.

On 12th June 2010 in Konjic, COM EUFOR Major General Bernhard Bair started the race which saw communities from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina coming together to raise money to help Miss Amra Hodzic recover from cancer. Inspired by the EUFOR Liaison and Observation Team (LOT) commander Captain Friedrich Schroeder the town organised a series of races through the streets followed by a

charity concert in a packed sports stadium. Said Friedrich the LOT is very much part of the local community and we do our best to bring people together. Amra is a brave little girl battling against cancer and my soldiers were very happy to work hard organising and running the events.

COM EUFOR Major General Bair started the races and saluted all those who took part to raise funds for Amra's care: "It is

wonderfully encouraging to see that all communities are pulling together so that a citizen of Bosnia and Herzegovina can enjoy a better quality of life. Our collective faith in the future will see us through to better times and by choosing to work together towards common goals we can ensure that Bosnia and Herzegovina remains a peaceful and multi ethnic nation."

By Major Bruce Foster



“Mostar 2010” Race

On 22nd May 2010, personnel from Regional Coordination Center 2 (RCC2) ran in the Mostar 2010 race that was organized by the Sport Association of the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton. The Liaison and Observation Team (LOT) Mostar 1 had recently collaborated with this association having been able to donate EUFOR sport material from INFO OPS.



In the first series of races, students of primary and secondary schools from across the Canton competed at 800m and 1400m divided by gender and age.

11 Spanish and Turkish soldiers from LOT Mo-

star 1, Mostar 2 and RCC 2 took part in the later series of adult races over a distance of 5.5km. The results were not as important as taking part and the event generated a lot of good will.

By Captain Jeronimo Villalon

Lecture by Mr Hasan Nuhanovic – Srebrenica Survivor

In war all communities suffer and as professional soldiers it is imperative to discuss lessons that can be learned from individual incidents and campaigns. On 10 June, a Srebrenica survivor, Mr Hasan Nuhanovic was invited to Camp Butmir as part of the ongoing education of EUFOR and NATO personnel by the EUFOR Historical Department.

Welcomed to EUFOR by the Chief of Staff Brigadier General Gerd Bischof, Mr Nuhanovic delivered an informative presentation to a packed auditorium on his personal experiences as a UN interpreter in Srebrenica during its fall as a UN Safe Area in July 1995. He explained how rapidly the peacekeeping mission descended into stark decisions about life and death for individual soldiers and urged



COS EUFOR, Brigadier general Gerd Bischof, with Mr Nuhanovic. COS EUFOR reminded the audience of “the vital importance of factual reporting up the chain of command and presenting decision makers with the art of the possible”.

all those present to think about their preparedness.

The multi-national audience appreciated Mr Nuhanovic’s candour and the subsequent question and answer session enlightened the participants on a range of important issues. COS EUFOR thanked Mr Nuhanovic for his professional delivery and

reminded those present on key lessons such as “the vital importance of factual reporting up the chain of command and presenting decision makers with the art of the possible”.

On completion of the evening Mr Nuhanovic signed copies of his book “Under the UN Flag”.

By Major Bruce Foster

Bosnia and Herzegovina - short travel guide

BiH is a naturally beautiful country with a diverse and interesting past. For centuries BiH stood on the crossroads of different cultures, religions and influences. This nexus of history has shaped the country that is BiH today.

The capital and most populated city is **Sarajevo** (where EUFOR has its HQ in Butmir). In Sarajevo you can see remains of Roman culture (particularly in the Ilidza area), influences of the Ottoman culture in the Old part of the town (Bascarsija) together with echoes of the relatively short lived but influential Austro-Hungarian Empire. Of course, many things still exist from the former Yugoslav days and the city is proud of its 1984 XIV Winter Olympic Games heritage. Sarajevo is often referred to as the “Jerusalem of the Europe” because of its mixed cultural, religious and different influences. For example, the oldest orthodox church in BiH (Church of the Holy Archangels Michael and Gabriel), the famous Ghazi Husref Bey mosque” and the Catholic Cathedral of the “Jesus’ Heart” all share the city. On the outskirts of the town there is the area of Ildza with its spas, the spring of the River Bosnia and “Tree alley” where the well to do used to ride their carriages.



the numerous administrative offices for the RS and Banja Luka town. The Cathedral of “Christ the Savior” in the middle of the town is “eye catching” with its beauty and decoration. The Vrbas River is popular due to its natural beauty, numerous picnic places and restaurants. Banja Luka is a centre for boat and diving sports and is often referred to as a “Green city” because of its many parks and trees in the city.

Mostar is focus for the Southern part of BiH. It is widely recognized due to the iconic “Old Bridge” of Mostar. In the vicinity to the “Old Bridge” is Old part of the city which is a busy tourist attraction. 10 km South of Mostar there is a place called Blagaj where a spring of the Buna river and an old Muslim religious object know as “Tekija”. This is one of the most visited places in the area. Further South, there is Medjugorje which is the second largest Catholic pilgrimage site out with the Vatican. In the immediate vicinity of Medjugorje there are beautiful waterfalls and other places to consider visiting are Pocitelj (an old town from the Ottomans days); Zitomislici with its orthodox monastery and the “Herzeg- Ethno village” in nearby Medjugorje.



Please try to explore and travel around BiH. The historical office is always available for advise and as part of the EUFOR family you will always be made to feel very welcome out and about in the country.

Banja Luka is the capital of the Republika Srpska entity and the second largest town in BiH. It is the centre of the NW “Krajina” region of BiH and strides the Vrbas River. - The “Kastel” in the center of the town testifies to former glories and it is one of the best known monuments from the Ottoman days. The center of night life is located around the “Gospodska Street” as well as



By Historical Office

Lt. Jetnor Marke graduated in Law studies in 2006 (International Law), followed by military academy (legal branch) for 6 months which he finished with excellent results (First cadet by rank). After the military academy he joined the Macedonian Armed Forces as a Legal Advisor. He works in General Staff in Skopje.

This is his first mission abroad. He likes to work in international environment and it is for him here in BiH. In fact he is familiar with the culture and speaks very well the local language.

He told the press office: “To work as a legal advisor here in the EUFOR mission in Bosnia



and Herzegovina was at the same time a challenge and an opportunity to get involved in different law cases and to look at the law problems from a different perspective. Great time was also to work with officers from others

goes in the Gym.

Lieutenant Jetnor Marke concluded the interview with these words :“The time here was really a great life experience”.

By Captain Giuseppe Saponaro

Captain Marlies van Wingerde is the Budget Officer on Camp Butmir. She was born on the 8th of March 1983 and when she started high school she already knew that she wanted to join the Royal Dutch Navy. In 2003 she was accepted at the Royal Netherlands Naval College where she studied for 3 years as a midshipman. After 3 years of being in college it was time to explore the oceans and she joined the crew of HNLMS Zuiderkruis for six months. While being on board of this Fast Combat Support Ship, she sailed to the Caribbean Sea to join the counter-drugs operations there. After this, she went to the Free University in Amsterdam and there she studied Law for 1,5 years. After graduation, she was stationed at a naval base on the Dutch island ‘Texel’. There she has been the Facility Manager for 1,5 years. This function was that she was responsible for all the financial, logistic and administrative services that were provided there. When



she got the opportunity to go to Bosnia for six months, she didn’t have to think twice and at the 9th of April 2010 she arrived in Sarajevo. Marlies likes a lot to work in international environment but It is important to underline that she really misses her family and friend.

In her free time she likes sailing, rowing, swimming and diving.. In the weekends she tries to see as much as possible of the country but she also likes it a lot to spend time at the shopping areas in Sarajevo. “It is very nice to be

in theatre”, she says. “Every day I meet new people and I get to learn a lot here. I also like the atmosphere here; you get to have a lot of fun and that is important because as we say in Holland: If you’ve spent a day without having a laugh, you haven’t lived for that day.”

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