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The photograph shows the American War Cemetery Margraten. It is Europe's third largest war cemetery for unidentified soldiers who died in World War II. 8,301 soldiers are buried there under long rows of white crosses and stars of David. All graves are adopted by locals, who attend the graves and lay flowers not only during the month of November – the month of Remembrance.

Command Group Corner

Next month the curtain will fall on my 42-year military career. But what a climax these past two years have been.

We have addressed so many things during my time here but one of the most important is probably the development of a Brunssum Campaign Plan. This document continues to develop such that it clearly articulates our key tasks and guides our actions. Importantly, it serves to focus the work undertaken here and helps in prioritizing the many issues competing for attention. Look at it this way – if you are in doubt about attending a course, writing a report or providing a briefing, use the Campaign Plan to identify linkages to HQs objectives. If you cannot identify a link the likelihood is you do not need to complete the task; in these circumstances you should discuss the requirement with your boss. My thanks to all of those who have been involved in this work; I am certain this plan will more than prove its worth as the role and tasking of Brunssum evolves over the coming years.

A common criticism of NATO is that its multi-nationality prevents it from operating at the pace required to address modern-day security issues. I do not agree with this. It may be correct to say that routine issues take a little longer to resolve in an Alliance context but, where missions are concerned, NATO has repeatedly proven its ability to react in a timely fashion. To me, the number of nations that comprise the Alliance should be viewed as a strength, not a weakness. Drawing on my own experience as your Commander, I have come to welcome the often distinctly opposing views offered by individuals drawn from diverse cultural, education and training backgrounds. This gives NATO a truly balanced outlook that is

strengthened further by the underlying principle of consensus. Whilst serving at Brunssum you should, quite rightly, promote your own country but, at the same time, take the opportunity to learn about other cultures and develop broad networks that reach beyond the workplace.

Many challenges lie in your path: some driven by the economic downturn that the West continues to find it difficult to recover from; some as a result of the emergence of an unstable geostrategic environment where populations continue to grow and competition for natural resources spreads. Security threats are increasingly unlikely to lead to conventional State-on-State warfare but more likely to generate instability via disputes over energy, food and water.

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*General Wolf Langheld
Commander Allied Joint Force
Command Brunssum*

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General Langheld during his situational awareness trip to Afghanistan.

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For the foreseeable future I would conclude, that together with an ongoing remit to assist in cases of natural disaster, you will be occupied with countering threats arising from the scarcity of natural resources, terrorism and the vulnerability of Western computer networks to cyber attack.

As I embark on the next chapter of my life I will maintain a keen interest in NATO's ISAF mission. From now until the end of 2014 there remains much to be accomplished in Afghanistan but our strategy is sound, security transition is proving a success and, critically, the ANSF are becoming more competent every day. December 2014 will not be the end of NATO's engagement in Afghanistan. The Alliance is committed to an Enduring Partnership throughout what has become known as the post-ISAF 'Transformation Decade'. The exact shape, duration and size of the Alliance's 2015 (and beyond) footprint has yet to be finalized. However, the

recently published NAC Initiating Directive reveals it will focus on training and mentoring tasks. I anticipate Brunssum will have a central role in this follow-on mission.

Alliance policies will continue to evolve and provide significant challenges to ACO as the Joint Force Commands set about operationalising them. However, the bottom line is that, like a chameleon, NATO has once again adapted to the new security environment it finds itself in. This successful adaptation has continued to underline the Alliance's ongoing utility and purpose into the 21st Century. For the foreseeable future NATO remains a serious multi-national security actor on the international stage. By adopting a deployable posture, developing/implementing lessons learned from our recent Bold Dragon exercise, and moving forward with the Regional Focus initiative, Brunssum is set to play its part in ensuring the continued relevance of the Alliance.

My best wishes to you and your families as you prepare for the Christmas

festivities. Spare a thought for comrades and colleagues deployed, particularly to Afghanistan, over this period and do what you can to support their loved ones.

It is a privilege to be given military command and I have been fortunate to enjoy that privilege on a number of occasions. My two years as your Commander has demanded extensive travel as I have developed networks for you to exploit. Time will tell how successful I have been in doing this but, I think, for the time being, you are well placed to confront the challenges before you. I have only been able to do this because of your professionalism, reliability and unwavering support. A last request is that you continue to provide those levels of support to my successor.

Thank you all. Goodbye and Happy Christmas.

45 Years of NATO in Brunssum: a Mutual Friendship

Story by Mayor Clemens Brocken

This year, NATO and Brunssum celebrate 45 years of coexistence. It has been an enjoyable and sometimes tense time together, one that I have experienced at close hand as mayor of this town for the last ten years. Last year – in June 2011 – a decision was taken to keep the headquarters in Brunssum. That was a fantastic boost for the local community, for me personally, and I suspect for many of those who work on the base and who live in this delightful region.

The relationship between HQ JFCBS and Brunssum has always had an edge to it. That was certainly the case in the beginning when Brunssum had to accustom itself to having a military base on its doorstep in what had previously been a coalmining town. This was also true whenever discussions surrounding its continued existence were raised. And then there was always the ‘tension’ that came from the melting pot of cultures that were represented on the base. Tense times perhaps, but also enjoyable and – in many respects – enriching.

150 million euros

Let me – just for a moment – take a fleeting look back at our collective history. It all started in 1967 when the headquarters opened here. At the time, it went by the name of ‘Afcent’. Feelings of friendship weren’t always there from the very beginning. These were the nineteen-sixties after all, when Flower Power was in full bloom, and manifestations of militarism were frowned upon, even in Brunssum. But the headquarters came, settled on the site of the old Hendrik mine, and survived ten years of distrust and demonstrations. After a decade, the tide began to turn. Slowly but surely, a process of integration evolved with the headquarters finding a foothold in Brunssum’s community. Many locals suddenly found themselves living next to Brits, Germans or Americans. Many became aware of the significant economic benefits provided by the proximity of a business with thousands of employees and their families.

A study was carried out recently into the economic impact of the base. This showed that an annual sum of 150 million euros was being ploughed back into the economy of the Meuse-Rhine region. A fantastic sum, especially in a region which – since the closure of the mines in the sixties and seventies



Mr. Clemens Brocken, Mayor of Brunssum.

– experienced a bumpy economic ride with above-average rates of unemployment. The base therefore represented an economic impulse which was comparable to that of the mining industry (1915-1963).

Bearing these figures in mind, it’s no wonder that Brunssum began to get nervous, when – after the fall of the Iron Curtain – the structure of NATO was placed under scrutiny and all the talk was about the headquarters leaving Brunssum. The same discussions resurfaced in 2011. Likewise, the existing structure was re-examined and the headquarters’ continued existence in Brunssum hung in the balance. Later, it became clear that a withdrawal was simply not on the cards. In fact, the base was eventually to take on additional, more ambitious roles, and greater responsibility for the peace and security of Europe and regions beyond.

Identity boost

In my opinion, Brunssum has grown as a result of the presence of JFC

Headquarters. I don’t just mean in terms of population or a stronger social or economic structure. The presence of over 20 different nationalities on the base has boosted the town’s identity.

Traditionally, Brunssum has always been an internationally minded place. The town is located close to the German border and in the past was even part of the French Republic and the Austrian empire. From the beginning of the twentieth century, Brunssum became the home of immigrant communities from all over the world, attracted by the prosperity of our mining industry. In the space of one hundred years, the population grew from around one thousand to 30,000 inhabitants. “Pluriformity” accompanied this growth. Amongst the 30,000 citizens, no fewer than 60 nationalities are represented, from Danes to Germans, from Mexicans to Pakistanis, from Canadians to Chinese. This international orientation was originally born of economic motives, but it soon became more: it turned into a cultural experience.



Celebration of the Queen's Day in Brunssum.

If you were to characterise the people that live and work in Brunssum, you could say that they are particularly receptive to outside influences. Brunssum is an open community that has developed a taste for all the best things that the world has to offer. For example, once every four years, Brunssum stages the "Parade", a folkloristic dance festival in which many hundreds of participants from countless different countries take part. The Parade may be one big party, but it is a party which has a clear message: only by meeting each other and celebrating, talking and working together, do you create a bond between people and countries.

In some respects, the JFC Headquarters has experienced the same growth in international ambition. This ambition

is that a safer and more stable world can be achieved through international cooperation. As far as that is concerned, the figures speak volumes. In 1967, seven different nationalities worked at the base. Now, more than 20 nations are represented.

Brunssum and NATO: you could say that in the last 50 years we have each become wiser and more mature. JFC in Brunssum has enriched us.

An effective cooperation

In the ten years that I have been mayor of Brunssum, I can only say that the cooperation I have had with the staff and troops at the headquarters has been especially satisfying and constructive. In particular, I would like to name the four commanders who I have had the honour to work with: Sir Jack Deverell,

Gerhard W. Back, Egon Ramms and the current commander, Wolf-Dieter Langheld.

Both General Langheld and myself shall take our leave of Brunssum in December this year. I would like to wish his successor, General Hans-Lothar Domröse, all the very best in taking charge of the base. I do that in the knowledge that he will lead a community of servicemen and women and support personnel which is deeply rooted in mutual friendship, respect and gratefulness in the Brunssum community.

Clemens Brocken
Mayor



Afghan Scouts Reach Out to Wounded Police Officers in Kabul

Story by Jeff Miller, ISAF Headquarters

Twenty-four Afghan Girl Scouts and 22 Afghan Boy Scouts from Scout Troop 2 in Kabul brought bouquets and gifts to wounded Afghan police during a visit to the Central Police Hospital, which cares for police wounded in action.

The scouts and their leaders, from the Marastoon Orphanage and Women's Shelter, are part of a growing scouting program in provinces across Afghanistan. As part of the visit, doctors provided the children with lessons in first aid, complete with hands-on demonstrations of how to apply a sling and splint an injured bone and how to use pressure points to stop bleeding.

ISAF supports the scouting program through liaison with strategic partners in the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan ministry offices such as the Deputy Ministry for Youth Affairs. Military, civilian, and contractor personnel from ISAF and the United States Embassy also support the Afghan scouting program directly through the Scouts for Afghan Scouts, an organization of volunteers committed to the furtherance of scouting in Afghanistan. Members work with local scout leaders to plan the expansion of Afghan scouting, raise funds for new scout troops, work toward the establishment of a National Afghan scouting organization, and carry out activity events with local scouts.

Afghan scouting has a long history. Founded by King Mohammed Nader



An Afghan girl scout from Scout Troop 2

Khan in 1931, the number of participants nationwide reached 36,000 by 1977. Scouting was disbanded by the Soviets in 1978, and subsequent years of warfare and political upheaval all but eliminated the program. In 2003 Afghan scouting rebounded with the formation of "Da Afghanistan Sarandoy Tolanah," or the Afghanistan Scout Association, administered by the Sports and Scouting branch of the Afghan Ministry of Education. Today Afghanistan has more than 2,000 active scouts nationwide.

US-based, non-governmental organizations have been working closely with the Afghan

Ministry of Education to help establish and spread scouting throughout the country. In 2009, the Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Support for Afghanistan (PARSA) started Boys Troop 001 at Tai Maskan orphanage and Girls Troop 001 at Allahoddin orphanage in Kabul. The intention is to expand the program by training Scoutmasters and establishing strong Scout troops throughout the country. Efforts are underway to improve the scouting program to gain official recognition by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM).

Baby Saved by Polish Troops Finds New Family

Story and photo by Polish 2nd Lt. Katarzyna Szal, TF White Eagle PIO



Mohammad Zaher Rahimi and his wife Nahid hold Aria, an Afghan baby girl saved by Polish soldiers in Waghez District, Afghanistan, after being abandoned by her biological parents.

An Afghan baby, Polish soldiers found in September in Waghez District and named Pola after their home country, has found a new family.

After she was discovered abandoned on the side of the road, she was given immediate care by the Polish before she was transferred to the pediatric department at the Ghazni Public Hospital. Pola wasn't there long before her future parents appeared at the hospital the next

day after seeing the story of her rescue on television.

"We are so happy, this baby is like a gift from the God," said Mohammad Zaher Rahimi and his wife Nahid, the baby's new parents. They have been waiting to adopt a child for more than 10 years. Zaher runs a private business and Nahid is a housekeeper.

"There are many families visiting my hospital and asking about babies given up by their biological parents," said Baz Mohammad Eamat, Ghazni Public

Hospital director. "Mr. and Mrs. Zaher were staying in touch with me for a long time. They used to call us expressing their interest in that case. In fact they had found out about Pola from TV broadcasting as this news had been widely publicized. So the next day they had appeared in my hospital. They seem to be a very loving couple."

They have given the baby a new Afghan name, Aria, as a symbolic association with the former designation of Afghanistan, Zaher explained.

"I want to underline that our child belongs to the entire country as she was found on our soil," Zaher said.

The Afghan family has been given donations of baby care and personal hygiene items to help start their lives together, and the Polish soldiers haven't forgotten them either. The proud parents were given an opportunity to talk with a Polish midwife working in the Polish field hospital in Forward Operating Base Ghazni.

"We discussed baby care practices and issues that could affect Aria as she responds to mother's milk substitute," said Polish Sgt. Elizabeth Grodzka, a nurse and midwife. "We also talked about what to do if exanthema appears and how Aria will get used to her new family and mother in particular."

"Furthermore, her umbilical cord fell away during medical examination so the father recognized this as a sign that Aria had been waiting for them," Grodzka said. "The child will be well cared for by her parents."

ANA Holds Senior Security Shura on Logistics

Story by Capt. Monika Comeaux, 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary)

Senior military and logistics leaders from the Afghan National Army, with some help from Regional Support Command-Capital and Deputy Command of Support Operations mentors, gathered for a logistics shura at one of the national-level logistics warehouses known as “Depot 0” in Kabul.



Afghan Minister of Defense Bismillah Khan Muhammadi addressing participants of the Afghan National Army Senior Security Shura in Kabul.

The purpose of the shura was to inform ANA commanders on the capabilities of the national level logistics system and to provide a forum for discussion on national logistics processes and priorities.

Among the invitees were all ANA corps commanders and senior logistics managers as well as the Afghan interior minister and senior leaders from the International Security Assistance Forces headquarters.

“The message we are trying to get across here is all the progress we have made in logistics for the ANA,” said U.S. Navy Capt. William B. Mattimore, logistics command adviser from RSC-Capital. “They have come a long way. This is an opportunity to show the rest of the ANA, the chain of command and the ministers, how far we have come, and how efficient these warehouses are.”

Mattimore sees clear progress in ANA logistics development and thought it was very important to bring Afghan leaders together and organize this senior logistics conference.

“We have been building the ANA, increasing our numbers, it is now time that we focus on quality, not quantity,” said the Assistant Defense Minister for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Lt. Gen. Abdul Hamid Mohebullah through an interpreter during his opening remarks.

“In order to provide security and peace for our people, we have to get the right logistics at the right place, at the right time,” he said.

The 203rd Afghan National Army Corps commander Maj. Gen. Mohammed Yaffali provided an update on their maintenance readiness, stating that 80 percent of their Ford Rangers are operational. Several things are going well within his corps, he said; however there is a shortage of some Class II (clothing) items, more specifically boots. They have 21,000 personnel assigned, but only have 3000 boots to issue to his soldiers; therefore, his corps needs more boots.

Other commanders raised the issue of the lack of Tashkil (authorization table for personnel and equipment)-authorized transportation assets, the need for more living areas or containers, or not receiving an annual logistics plan from higher headquarters.

Afghan National Army Maj. Gen. Hotak, Army Support Command commander, briefed about the roles and responsibilities of ASC. Some of the subordinate ANA commanders are still not fully aware of this relatively new department in the Ministry of Defense, said Hotak. He further explained about the Regional Logistics Support Commands, which provide support to the ANA corps in their individual areas of operation, however fall under ASC command. Hotak also explained how the RLSCs support the ANA corps focusing on three major areas, which are materiel management, supply distribution and maintenance support.

One of the updates provided during the conference came from the Logistics and Materiel Readiness chief Maj. Gen.

Abdullah, who explained in detail about how the MOD14 ordering form process will be expedited and simplified in the near future. The main change being that the form will require the signatures of fewer managers between the unit where the order is placed and the regional or national depots where the order is filled. This topic attracted quite a few questions from the Afghan invitees, and it also attracted the interest of Afghan Defense Minister Bismillah Khan Muhammadi, who supported making the process shorter and more effective.

Attendees left the conference with plenty of handout materials and laminated smart cards that contained quick reference charts on logistics processes, to include the simplified MOD14 processing.

Upon completion of the conference, organizers took the participants on a walking tour of one of the national-level warehouses, to show them the Class IX (spare and repair parts) warehouse, explain the shipping process and allow the ANA leaders an opportunity to ask questions. The MOI plans to organize follow on conferences at least once a quarter, as it was stated during the event. Because of the discussions during the conference, Lt. Gen. Sher Mohammad Karimi, the chief of staff of the Afghan army called a second session on the following day for all commanders and logistics chiefs (G4s) to further discuss the logistics issues of the ANA.

Heidelberg's Current and Former Members Contributed to Successful ARRC CREVAL

Story by Lt. Col. Randy Martin, photos by Staff Sgt. Dwight Chaney

At Royal Air Force base St. Mawgan, four kilometres from Cornwall England's rocky Atlantic coastline, hundreds of military members listened carefully to Lt. Gen. James Bucknall, commander of the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps Oct. 6 during a morning brief on the eve of an operation.



LTG Morgan is briefed on ARRC operations at Exercise Control during the Combat Readiness Evaluation.

His guidance sounds like what he might say if he were deployed on foreign soil but it is part of an exercise called Noble Ledger that ran until Oct. 12th. It was the ARRC's Field Inspection for the Combat Readiness Evaluation or CREVAL. He knew that within a week his unit would be deemed Combat Ready or Not Ready by LTG John W. Morgan III, the CREVAL Team Leader and Commander of Allied Force Command Heidelberg (FCHD) along with Maj.Gen. Michel Stollsteiner, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE's) Senior Monitor.

Lt. Gen. Bucknall's staff had to first pass NATO's criteria for all the tasks the headquarters might perform. Among those listening were dozens of current and former members of Allied Force Command Heidelberg who deployed to the U.K. to evaluate or participate in training.

For a few, like Maj. Gen. Richard Rossmanith, the Chief of Staff, it was

a return trip to England and follow-on from an earlier, In Barracks phase. Maj. Gen. Rossmanith summarized a change in viewpoint characteristic of the more tactical setting at an address to the ARRC's senior leaders. "Before, everything centred on the evaluation team but now everything is centred on you. As we observe, we are invisible," Maj. Gen. Rossmanith said.

When that meeting ended, the ARRC's leadership went back to work. Fatigue already showed from long days of wrestling with difficult issues.

The training scenario presented a crisis in the Baltic region and required the ARRC to simulate deployment to a NATO country. It's a situation the ARRC could see again for real after it begins yearlong duty as NATO's Response Force in January. In the exercise the crisis could easily go from bad to worse if the ARRC wasn't careful in response.

Riots were portrayed on the simulated television news. There were limited supplies that slowed the movement of

digital soldiers in the computer model. There were threats from a hostile neighbour requiring defensive measures. And there was an ever-present risk of foreign sponsored terrorists and other difficulties.

One logistician from FCHD's Joint Logistics Support Group, Maj. Pavlina Cebakova monitored the ARRC's status in a grand control room less than a kilometre from the ARRC's own tented headquarters. She was one of seven Allied Force Command Heidelberg members who were participating in the higher control or HICON.

Her role was to check the ARRC's supply status reports continuously as she might do for a real deployment. She also contributed to the training events in the exercise. She said that she inserted an experience from her service with the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan so she could help train the ARRC's own JLSCG.

"A contractor was prohibited from entering the host country and the JLSCG

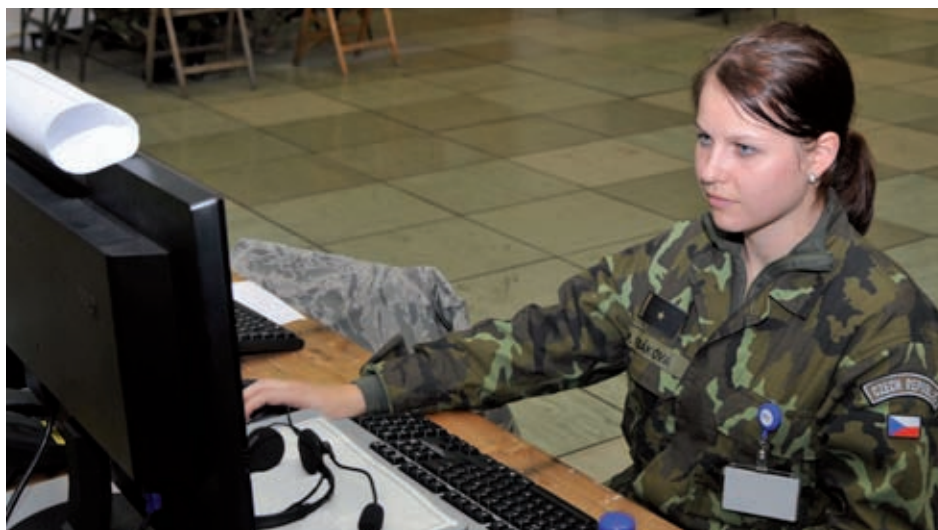
had to use their lawyer and resolve the problem.” Maj. Cebakova said. She had an opportunity to visit the ARRC’s newly organized logistics unit and talk to its multinational members. “Communication was difficult but we worked it out,” Maj. Cebakova said.

Allied Force Command Heidelberg evaluators like Maj. Andreas Birkhoff were positioned to check the reaction of ARRC counterparts. When the ARRC demonstrated proficiency for one of NATO’s Performance Measures (PM), evaluators acknowledged the success.

“They have good working processes and if a problem comes along, they will be able to deal with it,” Maj. Birkhoff said. As one of 27 evaluators he focused on Information Operations, his specialty in FCHD, while the others looked at administration, operations, logistics and civil/military operations to name a few.

Lt. Col. Rick Somers, the ARRC’s Civil Military Cooperation planner was hurrying through the command post’s maze of tents midway through the exercise. The CREVAL was a reunion for him with colleagues he’d served with during five previous years assigned to Allied Force Command Heidelberg.

He said that the CREVAL was an opportunity to display competencies,



Maj. Pavlina Cebakova, one of seven members assigned to HICON from Allied Force Command Heidelberg checks the ARRC’s daily supply status reports.

check systems and processes and bond with his new unit. “I’m surrounded by sharp people that expect the best from you,” Lt. Col. Somers said. “It’s a great experience coming to the ARRC to apply some of the things I learned in Heidelberg.”

Another former member of FCHD was visiting England from Izmir, Turkey. Lt. Col. Martin Schultz is now a Staff Officer on the Stand-Up Team for the future Land Command. As part of a larger group of Student Evaluators, he was at the core of a team that may execute CREVAL next

year after FCHD is inactivated.

“We are here to observe the CREVAL process and learn from it,” said Lt. Col. Schultz. “It will become one of the main tasks of the Land Command.”

Finally, after months of preparation by both the ARRC and the CREVAL team from Heidelberg, LTG Morgan was satisfied that the ARRC had demonstrated that it met NATO’s standards.

Noble Ledger ended and members of the ARRC and Allied Force Command Heidelberg turned their attention to their next missions.

Operation Ocean Shield Hosts Royal Visitor

Story by HQ MC Northwood, Photo by The Netherlands Ministry of Defence



Crown Prince Willem-Alexander was impressed by Rotterdam’s capabilities

Operation Ocean Shield, NATO’s counter piracy mission welcomed the Crown Prince of the Netherlands, his Royal Highness Prince Willem-Alexander.

Crown Prince Willem-Alexander spent two days onboard HNLMS Rotterdam, NATO’s counter piracy flagship where

he met staff and crew and where he was updated on the current piracy effort. He was accompanied by the Netherlands Chief of Defense, General Tom Middendorp, and the Chief of the Military Household, Major General Henk Morsink.

During his stay, the Prince not only met with and talked to many of the crew, he

also participated in a number of activities. The crew demonstrated the use of their military means and explained the manner in which piracy is handled. Most of all, he acquired firsthand experience of counter piracy operations from Rotterdam’s crew. In addition, he had the opportunity to talk to the international task force staffs that are embarked on the flagship. They come from seven different nations and are a very practical example of the co-operation and co-ordination which exists within NATO. The visitors were impressed by Rotterdam’s capabilities and the achievements of the crew in counter piracy to date. “This mission is essential for a trading nation like the Netherlands” said the Dutch Crown Prince.

The Task Force is NATO’s contribution to the international counter piracy effort and is led by Dutch Commodore Ben Bekkering. In order to create a lasting solution in the first against piracy, the mission is also aimed at building regional maritime capacity.

The Task Force currently consist of ships from the Netherlands and the United States and a patrol aircraft from Denmark. In the next months, more ships from other NATO nations will join this task force adding to its capability.

NATO Parliamentarians Visit HQ Allied Air Command Ramstein

Story and Photos by HQ AC Ramstein Public Affairs Office

On Wednesday, 26 September, some fifty members of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly (NPA) from 11 NATO member countries and 2 Partner nations arrived at HQ Allied Air Command Ramstein (HQ AC Ramstein) to receive first-hand information of topical issues for the Alliance.

After welcoming the group to the HQ, Lieutenant General Friedrich Wilhelm Ploeger, Deputy Commander of Allied Air Command Ramstein, briefed the parliamentarians about the reform of the NATO Command Structure and NATO's Ballistic Missile Defence.

On a tour of the Ramstein Air Base flight line the NPA members had an opportunity for a closer look at the USAF C-130s transport aircraft operated by the base host, the 86th Airlift Wing.

Back in the NATO Air Headquarters, the parliamentarians received briefings about the other operational tasks of the HQ, for example NATO Air Policing - protecting and maintaining air supremacy of NATO Member nations' skies.

Later in the afternoon, the Supreme Allied Commander Europe, US Admiral James Stavridis, and the Commander of AC Ramstein, US General Philip M. Breedlove, joined the NPA at HQ Allied Air Command Ramstein for a presentation and final discussion.

Two of the Assembly's five committees, the Subcommittee members of the defence and security committee and the political committee, visited NATO's Air Headquarters at Ramstein. Founded in 1955 as the "Conference of Members of Parliament from the NATO Countries", the Assembly was renamed "NATO Parliamentary Assembly" - or NATO-PA in short - in 1999 to take into



Members of NPA from 11 NATO countries and 2 Partner Nations arrived to Ramstein.



They had an opportunity for a closer look at the USAF C-130s transport aircraft.

account the profound transformation it had undergone since its creation.

The NATO-PA is made up of 257 delegates from the 28 NATO member countries. Each delegation is based on the country's size and reflects the political composition of the parliament, therefore representing a broad spectrum of political opinion. Delegates

are nominated by their parliaments according to their national procedures.

In addition to NATO-country delegates, observers and delegates from associate countries as well as delegations from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the Council of Europe take part in the NATO-PA's activities.

Headquarters Allied Joint Force Command Brunssum - Visits and Activities

Prepared by MSgt Jan Hecht, photos by PAO JFCBS

Headquarters Allied Joint Force Command (HQ JFC) Brunssum major activities are depicted along six lines of effort within the Brunssum campaign plan. Each of these activities requires an ambitious level of constant attention and effort. Beside the Staff routine work we plan and conduct special activities like visits, trainings as well as social events on a regular basis. We would like to give you an overview about those activities by looking at a few selected events.

September 2012



19 - 20 September, Brunssum runs 10th Senior Logistic Conference
Deputy Chief of Staff Support, Major General Hans-Erich Antoni welcomed 57 participants of the 10th Senior Logistic Conference. Subject matter experts from 24 ISAF troop contributing nations, NATO and ISAF headquarters

and several agencies came to HQ JFC Brunssum to discuss key logistic issues related to ISAF mission. Topics such as redeployment, transition or continuity and sustainment formed a part of the program. Participants received an update on planning and operational requirements for the way ahead towards a Post ISAF mission.



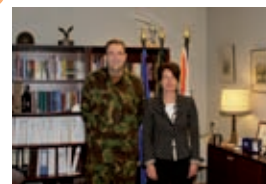
1 - 5 October, ISAF Pre Deployment Training
HQ JFC Brunssum organised a Mission Specific Training as part of the ISAF Pre-Deployment training for more than 60 participants in Brunssum. The intensive program for HQ JFCBS' members and

colleagues from Joint Force Command Naples and NATO Rapid Deployable Corps in Italy, embraced briefings about Afghan history, anthropology, culture and religion as well as military topics related to Afghan National Security Forces development or ISAF planning and logistics.



8 - 9 October, Medical Key Leader Training
Twice a year the JFCBS Joint Medical Division provides specific medical training focused on ISAF Medical Key Leaders preparing to go into ISAF billets. All Key Medical Staff involved in ISAF HQ, ISAF Joint Command (IJC) HQ, Regional Commands

and NATO Trainings Mission - Afghanistan (NTM-A) HQ are provided with a comprehensive overview and the current information on the medical situation in Afghanistan. This includes the latest ISAF Medical Plans; Operations; logistical support as well as the latest epidemiological information useful for ISAF Force Health protection. The training included a Video Tele-Conference with the ISAF Medical Advisor (MEDAD); IJC MEDAD and NTM-A for briefings on current issues and operational discussions. Representative of Dutch Armed Forces visits Brunssum



17 October - visit by Mrs. Johanna Wilhelmina Schuiling, Chief Financial Officer from the Dutch Ministry of Defence
Mrs. J.W. Schuiling, who was interested in receiving information about HQ JFCBS and its relationship with the Dutch Armed Forces, was

welcomed by Chief of Staff HQ JFCBS Lieutenant General Richard G. Tieskens. During her visit she was briefed by subject matter experts on a variety of topics related to ISAF and NRF as well as Host Nation Support policy and standards or financial processes in NATO. The programme also included an open discussion on common funding and the future challenges for HQ JFCBS at the main location Brunssum and deployed.

24 September, Brunssum hosts European Seminar



HQ JFC Brunssum hosted 27 young leaders from member countries of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe. Participants of the 2nd European Seminar 2012, working for national ministries of defence and other institutions in politics and business environment, paid a visit to Brunssum to learn more about NATO Joint headquarters, its mission and roles in ISAF and NATO Response Force. The European Seminar is carried out for the second time to enable young leaders from different countries an interdisciplinary dialogue across borders and to have a closer look on Transatlantic and European Security policy institutions.

2 October, German National Celebration



The German National Delegation celebrated the 22nd anniversary of the German Unity Day with a reception at the International Conference Centre. In his opening speech Dr Colonel Sarholz, head of the German delegation highlighted the importance of the German National Day as one of the most important historical milestones of the European history after 1945. Following his speech Dr Colonel Sarholz opened the buffet. All guests enjoyed a delicious dinner with traditional German food and drinks. The German reunification was the process in 1990 in which the German Democratic Republic joined the Federal Republic of Germany and when Berlin reunited into a single city. The end of the unification process is officially referred to as German unity celebrated on 3 October.

15 - 18 October Commander JFCBS visits the Baltic States



Commander Allied Joint Force Command Brunssum visited Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania to discuss matters related to future activities of Allied Joint Force Command Brunssum. During his trip General Wolf Langheld met Latvian State Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Janis Sarts, Lithuanian Minister of National Defence Rasa Juknevičienė and Estonian Minister of Defence Urmas Reinsalu. Commander JFCBS discussed with his NATO partners topics related to the NATO's mission to Afghanistan with focus on the process of transition of authority from the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) to the Afghan government and its National Security Forces. Issues such as NATO military training activities which are to be organized in the region in 2013 were also included in the open and productive discussions. Photo by Lithuanian MOD.

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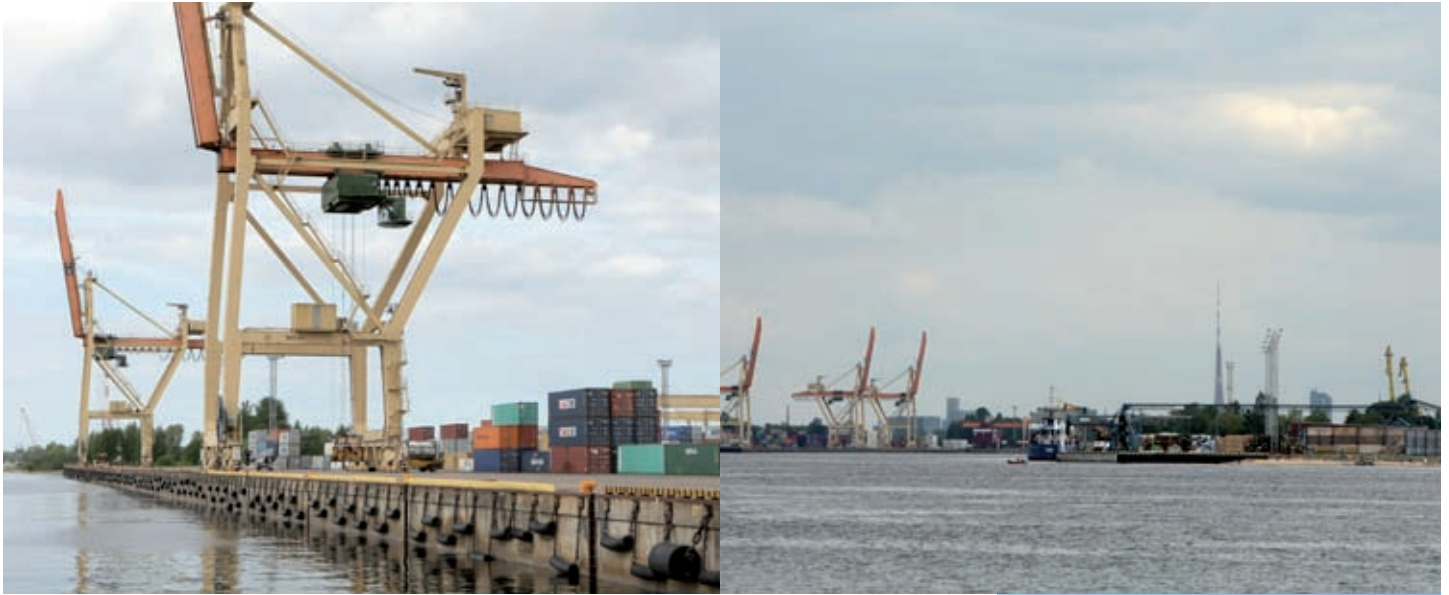


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Latvia Leading on Northern Distribution Network

Story by LtCol. Aigars Liepins, LVA Ministry of Defense

In year 2010 Latvia assumed the role of “Lead Nation” forwarding non-military cargo to Afghanistan in support of the ISAF mission. Since then more than 1100 TEU, Twenty-foot equivalent unit, a measure used for capacity in container transportation, have already been successfully carried out through Northern Line of Communication (NLOC).



This is door to door service. Cargo usually is gathered by freight forwarder at the sending nation's harbor and travel by sea to Riga. After consolidation at Riga Port all the containers are moved by rail to Hairaton and at the end are delivered by trucks to the final destinations in Afghanistan.

The NLOC is coordinated and managed by Latvia's Ministry of Defence, Movement Coordination Centre Europe and Latvian National Movement coordination center and supported by Allied Movement Coordination Center (SHAPE).

Currently NLOC service is used by our European ISAF partners, NATO and non-NATO countries – United Kingdom, Sweden, Norway, Spain, Czech Republic, Finland, Estonia, Italy, France, Netherlands, Belgium. The nations have highly rated the efficiency of this route and it is considered a safe, cost-effective alternative to the other supply routes.

Latvia is making it ready as soon as possible to welcome all the NATO ISAF partners move their cargo (including military cargo) back from Afghanistan

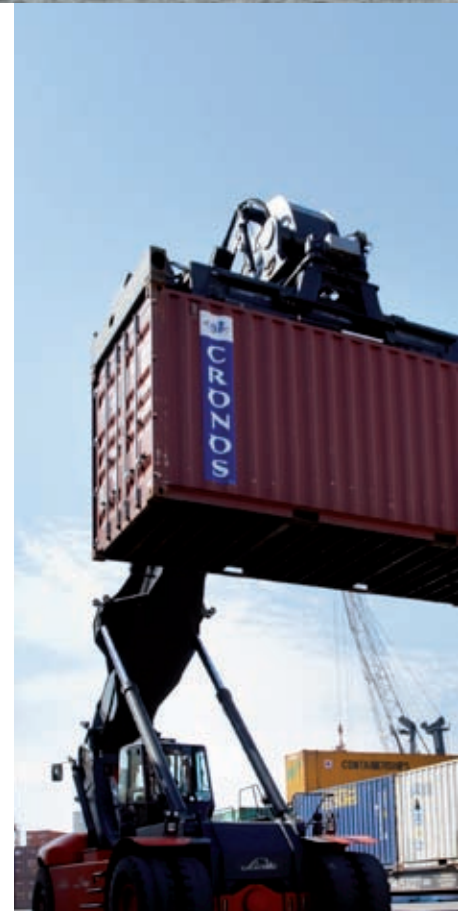
through Latvia. The capabilities are strong enough to manage any volumes out of the theatre when it is necessary. Riga Freeport capacity allows transship of over 400 Containers per day.

The first multi-modal shipment from Afghanistan to Europe is being yet organized for delivery of goods for United Kingdom through a Russian Airport in Uljanovsk from Afghanistan by air and then to UK via Riga by rail and sea.

Along the NLOC even more freights are made by U.S. through so called Northern Distribution Line, what counts more than 46,000 TEU since 2009 (12,000 TEU this year) via Latvia.

Transportation services could also be supported with other multi-modal logistic solutions, depending on NATO partner's interest. For instance, some ISAF nations had recently expressed interest to have their logistic sites (staging, maintenance and onward movement) in Latvia supported by our military infrastructure.

Upon the interest to use NLOC, the first step for the nation is to make transportation request through Movement Coordination Centre Europe.



Non-military cargo to Afghanistan has been carried out through Northern Line of Communication.

Brunssum Runs ISAF Pre-Deployment Training

Story and photo by Jaroslava Augustinova

Headquarters Allied Joint Command Brunssum (HQ JFCBS) organised the first phase of ISAF Pre-Deployment training for more than sixty participants in Brunssum, 1-5 October.

During the 5-day training event, called Mission Specific Training, the HQ JFCBS' members together with several colleagues from Joint Force Command Naples and NATO Rapid Deployable Corps in Italy undertook Phase 1 training for their future mission to Afghanistan next year. The intensive program embraced briefings about Afghan history, anthropology, culture and religion as well as military topics related to Afghan National Security Forces development or ISAF planning and logistics. A Real Life Support update together with many other important issues related to living and working in ISAF, were also included in the agenda. Briefings were delivered by Subject Matter Experts from across the NATO family, with a focus on Security Force Assistance to Afghan National Security Forces and to prepare



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personal for the next stage of their Pre-Deployment training. This will take place at the Joint Multi-National Simulation Centre at Grafenwoehr, Germany, 28 Nov – 14 Dec 2012.

HQ JFCBS, as the Out of Theatre Operational HQ, has deployed individuals to ISAF for many years. However, from next year HQ JFCBS will also assume

significant responsibility in augmenting HQ ISAF with a sustained commitment of 50 ISAF posts throughout 2013. Pre-Deployment training consists of three phases. Mission Specific Training belongs to the first phase, followed by Phase 2 NATO collective training and Phase 3 In-Theatre Training.

New Rules for Tax Free Shopping!



Personnel who is entitled to purchase, free of value-added tax (VAT/BTW), an extensive range of goods from traders within EU community, should get familiarized with a new tax free system. The new procedure with the HQ JFCBS certificate 15-10 has been used since 1 September 2012.

General Wolf Langheld, who recently The goods purchased through the JFCBS tax-free system must be for personal use by the authorised purchaser. These tax-free items may not be sold or otherwise transferred to person not entitled, nor used for commercial purposes. Durable consumer goods need to be in the

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of both the purchase invoice and the HQ JFCBS certificate 15-10 will be stored by the HQ JFCBS Tax Office. The entitled person returns one stamped copy of the form to the shop who should refund the VAT. Only one certificate can be used per purchase invoice. The Morale Welfare Activities Policy Committee will levy a charge of 3 euros per form. This revenue directly benefits the JFCBS community. The NLD Tax authorities may request that the entitled person proves that he/she holds the goods, the form and the purchase invoice. Should you have any questions, please, contact the HQ JFC Brunssum Tax-Registration Office.

“In Flanders Fields the Poppies Blow ...”

Story by Marc Segers, BEL A, Intelligence and Knowledge Analysis and Production Branch



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

Red poppies and blue cornflowers

During this month of November, most of us in the headquarters will, according to the yearly tradition, pin the red poppy on our jackets again. When Canadian surgeon LTC John McCrae wrote his war poem “In Flanders Fields” he had no idea that the red-flowered corn poppy would become one of the world’s most recognized memorial symbols. John wrote the touching words in May 1915, after the funeral of his friend and fellow soldier Alexis Helmer, who died during the second battle of Ypres. John’s impressive war poem lasts forever but its author did not survive the Great War.

Most of us rightfully associate Ypres, Belgium with Great Britain, Ireland and the larger Commonwealth since approximately 240, 000 of their soldiers died or went missing in Flanders fields. However, the French army was also present at all major battles of Ypres. Approximately 10 000 French and French Colonial troops would die during the second battle of Ypres in 1915 when a greenish-yellow chlorine gas cloud slowly rose through their positions at Steenstrate, north of Ypres, hence the commonly known mustard gas is often called ‘Yperite’. During the Great War, at least 50 000 French and French Colonial soldiers died or were fatally wounded on this front. While most were repatriated at the request of the families, there remain 11,827 known French graves in Belgium, besides some 6,000 anonymous graves spread

over 36 cemeteries. To remember these and approximately 1,350,000 others fallen for France during the Great War, some members of our headquarters will wear the blue cornflower, “le Bleuet de France”. The origin for this symbol goes back to 1916, when two French nurses, moved by the sufferings of the wounded during the war, intended to re-integrate these in society. As of 1925, workshops were established where the cornflowers were produced. Whilst multiple hypotheses with regards to the origin are being put forward, the red

poppy as well as the blue cornflower is the common European weed able to survive the harsh conditions of battlefield “between the crosses, row on row”.

In Flanders Fields Museum

They will be thousands again in November, the schoolchildren and relatives from all over the world, many from Great Britain and Ireland or from across the ocean, visiting more than 120 war cemeteries of the Ypres Salient in Flanders fields. The ‘Great War’ that started in August 1914 on the western



The Cloth Hall, home of the In Flanders Fields Museum



The Tyne Cot Cemetery with 11,953 burials.

front and that was supposed to be over by Christmas got stuck in the mud in Flanders and northern France. The war that would last another four very long years lies almost one century behind us. Whilst Belgium and Ypres in particular are in full swing to prepare the commemoration of 100th Anniversary of the start of the 'Great War', the In Flanders Fields museum in Ypres' Cloth Hall is ready for the 2014 events after a complete year of renovation finished in June 2012. The museum has considerably increased in size and its ambitions are far reaching. "Fourteen years ago 65 percent of the visitors had a direct link with people who lived the war. Meanwhile a complete new generation arose. The Great War is now truly history. Hence the story of the war zone in this corner of Flanders had to be retold," said Piet Chielens, the museum coordinator. The symbol of the mirror is used to invite visitors to examine how we look at the past; how and why we remember, and how we look at the many other nations involved in the Great War. Upon entry each visitor receives a "Poppy Bracelet". The bracelet contains a microchip which activates the chosen language for the visitor. As the visitor makes his or her way around the exhibitions, the microchip activates the personal stories of individuals and how the First World War affected the lives of thousands. The scenography excels in its technological innovation. One of the highlights is "Flanders Earth". By analogy with "Google Earth" visitors can look for famous and notorious

spots in the landscape. To enable this, 3,500 aerial pictures dated back to the World War One were brought together with current imagery. This application marks the way to more than 350 sites across the former battlefield which can be visited today. As such the museum updates the story of the Great War for a younger audience and stimulates visitors to visit the broader area of the Ypres Salient, the former battlefield around Ypres.

Menin Gate Memorial

In walking distance from the Cloth Hall, visitors will find the famous Menin Gate Memorial. Originally this was the location of the old city gate leading to the Ypres Salient battlefields and the Menin Road, through which many thousands British and Commonwealth troops passed on their way to the front line. After the inauguration of the Menin Gate Memorial in 1928 a number of prominent citizens of Ypres decided to express gratitude of the Belgian nation to those who died for its freedom and independence. The idea of the daily sounding of the traditional salute to the fallen warrior - the Last Post - was that of the Superintendent of the Ypres Police, Pierre Vandenbraambussche. The privilege of playing the Last Post was given to the buglers of the local volunteer Fire Brigade. On 1st July 1928 the Last Post sounded for the first time and since 11th November 1929 it has echoed at the Menin Gate Memorial every night at 8 p.m. under all circumstances. The only exception

was during the German occupation of Ypres from May 1940 till September 1944. The daily ceremony continued in England instead. The very evening when Polish forces liberated Ypres in September 1944, the Last Post ceremony resumed at the Menin Gate, in spite of heavy fighting still going on in other parts of the town. Bullet marks can still be seen on the memorial on which plaques are the names of the 55,000 soldiers whose bodies have never been found or identified. Many of these unknown lost their lives during the third battle of Ypres equally called the Battle of Passchendaele. This year we commemorate the 95th Anniversary of the battle that raged across Flanders fields from June till November 1917.



The Last Post has echoed at the Menin Gate Memorial every night at 8 p.m.

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Who Dares Wins

Story by OR-9 Patrick Potlout, Chairman ORA, NCIA

Neither rain drops nor could cold weather deter the teams from the participation in the 2nd Other Ranks Association Sports-Challenge, WHO DARES WINS competition, which took place in the HQ JFCBS swimming pool and around the base, 5 October.

Our main goal was to have fun and to foster comradeship within the ORA Community. Eleven teams signed up and were willing to compete against each other. Each team consisted of three members and all participants were in fairly good physical condition and of high spirit. Some of the teams were mixed, men and women together.

The competition was officially open by the ORA Chairman OR-9 Patrick Potlout at 8 a.m. After that, the first team, the Brunssum NATO Triathlon Team from the German Delegation, jumped into the water. The first mission was to swim 50 meters dressed up in uniform with a rifle and a pair of combat boots on the back. Every seven minutes one team had to jump in the water. After leaving the swimming pool the teams had to rush to join the second activity located in the Brunssumheide. Each team member had to throw 3 grenades in a marked square to gain a maximum of points. After execution all athletes had to orientate the next location and be ready



Brigadier General Indrek Sirel, Assistant Chief of Staff Training & Exercise together with members of the winning team.

to fulfill the surprise activity. Staying in the Brunssumheide the shortest way had to be found to the "sandy beach" of Brunssum where a sack race had to be done. Last but not least a shooting activity was organized at the sports field of Slagheep. To finalize the total time of the orientation part, all teams had to join up in Club 13 as soon as possible.

After the competition, all participants were invited to join the pasta party inside Club 13 and to have an "after competition chat" with the other participants. Brigadier General Indrek Sirel, Assistant Chief of Staff Training & Exercise, gave us the honor to present the medals to the winning

teams. The "Who Dares Wins" cup was handed over to the overall winner, a team from NCIA. Congratulations!

For the second time the ORA committee organized an extremely successful sports event. It was a great, enjoyable day for everybody and everyone who took part was a winner. Never Surrender!

Ranking:

1. B.I.T.E. team from NCIA
2. Angry Birds team from HQ JFCBS
3. Triathlon Team from DEU Delegation

22nd International SATCOM Cross Run Bad Bergzabern

Story and photo by MSgt Jan Hecht, PAO

AJFC Brunssum team from the Other Ranks Association (ORA) took part in the Annual International SATCOM Run organized by the Satellite Ground Terminal F20 at Bad Bergzabern, Germany 20 September. A team in fairly good condition was needed as the running track's profile was very hilly. However, the team was well prepared and boasted some finely tuned thoroughbreds.

After a trip of more than four hours, a check of the track and a warming up session, all athletes were ready to battle. As soon as the Station Commander, Lieutenant Dufner, got all the runners under way OR-8 Markus Voelp, OR-8 Gilles Devaux and OR-9 Patrick Potlout stamped their class on the race and followed a few leaders just to stay in front of the competition. A few meters behind the first group of runners OR-8 Ann Denduyver followed within sight of the first female runner.

As announced at the start, the impact of climbing was visible on the rhythm of all runners, their speed decreased soon after reaching the "famous hill" of Bad Bergzabern; a real challenge for all competitors to arrive at the top! Three



The team: Lieutenant Dufner, OR-8 Markus Voelp, OR-8 Gilles Devaux and OR-9 Patrick Potlout

kilometers before reaching the finish line all runners increased their speed after recovering for a few meters. The ranking became visible. Markus Voelp ran home as first in the JFC Brunssum team, followed by Patrick Potlout and Gilles Devaux. Ann Denduyver completed the line-up that completed the course for the team.

After the competition, they were kindly invited to join the SATCOM personnel for a small barbeque and to have a chat with the other athletes.

The Station Commander took again the lead to hand over the certificates,

medals and trophy. Two gold medals (Markus and Patrick) and two silver medals (Gilles and Ann) were handed over to the JFC Brunssum team. Above all our ORA team was the winning NATO team and brought the Challenge Cup to HQ JFC Brunssum.

This was an extremely successful result from our team and a just reward for the effort expended, but above all a great day was had by all, and everyone who took part was a winner as this was an extremely enjoyable day away from work.

AFNORTH School Supports Dutch Children's Cancer Society

Story by Nicole Wawli, AFNORTH School



The staff and students ran or walked on the AIS track from 2 to 3pm on a beautiful fall afternoon.

According to those who knew Terry, they say that he described himself as an ordinary young man, but this ordinary young man became a national hero when he embarked on his Marathon of Hope — a cross-country run to raise money for cancer research. His goal was to persuade every Canadian to donate one dollar for cancer research.

Terry ran approximately 42 kilometers each day for 143 days, through 6 provinces. He ran despite the weather and his own fatigue. On September 1, 1980, chest pains and breathing problems forced Terry to stop running. Terry's run was cut short when the cancer he thought he had fought off three years earlier returned. While the dream to run across the country died, Terry's dream to raise money and awareness thrived with the birth of the annual Terry Fox Run.

This year, to celebrate the 32nd Anniversary of the Terry Fox Run, the children of AFNORTH School learned through class lessons, videos, discussion and presentations by Ms. Manchen and Ms. Dorsey's ESL students how one person can make a difference. They learned about the life and hardships that Terry faced each day and how through determination and strength of character they too can make a difference. Terry's journey inspired the children of AFNORTH to write stories, poetry and biographies to celebrate his life and dream. Many students also decorated a running shoe and dedicated it to someone in their lives that has been affected by cancer. The running shoes were displayed near the entrance to the school.

The staff and students ran or walked on the AIS track from 2 to 3pm on a beautiful fall afternoon, 27 September. Donations and pledges continue to come in and they are close to reaching their goal of 4,000 Euros which will be given to the Dutch Children's Cancer Society. Many thanks to the generous support of parents and friends that helped make this year's Terry Fox run/walk a success.

Autumn Highlights at AFNORTH

Story by Birgit Schiller, AFNORTH School / German Section, Photo by AFNORTH School, German Section

The students and teachers of the German Section celebrated their Unification Day in a very special manner, 3 October.

In the morning, students, parents and teachers gathered in one of the big corridors of the German Section to commemorate this day. The principal opened the event with some words of remembrance of the events of autumn 1989, which finally led to the reunification of the two German states in 1990. The very personal stories of the Principal and Vice Principal, who back then came from the opposing sides of Germany, were able to make even the smaller ones understand what it meant to live in a divided Germany. A short excerpt/extract from a documentary about this turbulent time led to many memories and some tears. Everyone present was moved by the impressive images from the film. Then the children pinned self-made posters with slogans of the former GDR opposition to the Brandenburg Gate, which, as the symbol of the reunification, had been

created out of paper and cardboard by some students and their teachers. After the gate has been decorated, students, staff and guests sang the German National Anthem accompanied by violin and piano and the solemnity of the moment was evident to everyone. After this impressive start of the day, the National Youth Games (Bundesjugendspiele) began. Though the weather forecast for the day had been bleak, everyone was greeted by a pleasant mix of sunshine and clouds. The athletes competed in running, throwing and jumping and were closely observed and supported by their parents. The positive atmosphere and the perfect planning caused the children to give their very best. Whenever one of the competitors ran out of energy there were many, who, by their applause or cheering, "carried" them over the finishing line.

The BBQ organized by friends of the school had to be cut short as rain and wind set in. But the unpleasant weather was not able to spoil this beautiful autumn day.



The children pinned self-made posters with slogans of the former GDR opposition to the Brandenburg Gate.

There is Always Something Going On at the International Club

Story by Nathalie Lhermenie, International Club, Photo by MSgt Jan Hecht

The International Club is made up for members from all JFC Brunssum / NATO nations. It seeks to offer activities, trips and social events throughout the year.

Every month one of the national delegations hosts a "Coffee Morning" at the International Conference Centre. Those events are organised to meet each other, make new friends, enjoy funny entertainment and win terrific raffle prizes. The Club not only aims at amusing its members, it also raises money for deserving charities (registered charitable organizations that do not receive any major government sponsorship nor have professional fund raising support). Last year some 30,000 Euros were given to selected charities. On 12 April 2013, the Club Charity Committee is scheduled to host their peak event of the year, a party called "Charity Night" with the theme "A Real Wild Night".

The next charity event is a Christmas craft fair on November 20th. Christmas items, jellies, biscuits, jewellery and decorations will be on sale as well as hot and cold food.

Information about the International Club can also be found on the Facebook group "JFC Brunssum International Club".



The last Coffee Morning, held by the Italian Delegation, was a great opportunity for club members to meet in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

2012-2013 events:

November 20	<i>Craft Fair</i>	March 12	<i>Coffee Morning (Scandinavian countries delegations)</i>
November 28	<i>Trip to Cologne</i>	April 12	<i>Charity Night</i>
December 4	<i>Tour of Christmas decorated Homes</i>	April 16	<i>Coffee Morning (US Delegation)</i>
December 11	<i>Coffee Morning (Canadian Delegation)</i>	May 28	<i>Coffee Morning (Polish and Czech Delegations)</i>
January 15	<i>Coffee Morning (Turkish Delegation)</i>	June 11	<i>Coffee Morning (UK Delegation)</i>
February 19	<i>Coffee Morning (French Delegation)</i>		

*Craft Fair, Coffee Mornings and Charity Night are held at the International Conference Centre, Ouvebergstraat 1, 6445PC, Brunssum
Coffee Mornings are from 10:00 till 12:00, Craft fair is from 10:00 till 14:00*

Tops in Blue Perform at the Base

Story by Captain Roland Gelb, Family support Morale and Welfare Branch

More than 300 members from Headquarters Joint Force Command Brunssum crowded the Alliance Theatre to see Tops in Blue (TIB), September 30.

TIB is group of USAir Force Airmen composed of 35 to 40 vocalists, dancers, musicians, and technicians whose primary purpose is to perform and raise moral for military personnel and their families throughout the world, explained Lt Col Michael Lamb, Family Support Morale and Welfare Branch's Head.

The group's tour for this year is entitled "Listen" and showcased the music of life through the sounds people hear every day. The show featured vocal and instrumental songs from pop music, jazz, rock, county, rhythm and blues, to include an interpretive dance.

"It was simply amazing," said Lt Col Petraq Ciko - Albanian Army, Head of the Base support Management Branch, who attended the event with his daughter and

his wife. "We enjoyed the whole show but loved the mime skit."

In addition to mastering their showmanship, performers must also become accomplished in the technical skills needed to support their tour.

Under the guidance of their technical personnel, the performing team is responsible for setting up more than 64,000 pounds of staging, lighting, audio, video and special effects equipment required for each performance.

"It's really quite mind-boggling to see how they set everything up," said SMSgt Adonis Santos USAF from the Morale and Welfare Section, involved in the coordination of the event.

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"It was great having them perform at Brunssum, It was an awesome show," expressed Petraq's daughter. "It was one of the best shows I've ever seen; I definitely want to see them again."

At the end of the show Major General Joseph Reynes, US Senior National Representative, expressed on behalf of the whole Tri-border community his warm congratulations to the artists for their outstanding performance.





Family Support, Moral and Welfare Programs and Events for HQ JFC Brunssum Personnel

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PARANORMAN

Kodi Smit-McPhee
Jeff Garlin

Sat. 10 Nov / 19:00

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Sylvester Stallone
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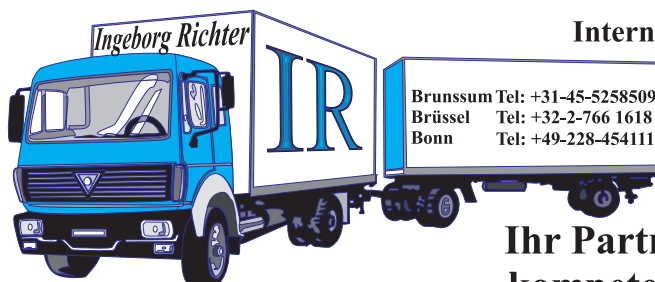
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Capital: Riga

Government: Parliamentary republic

President: Andris Bērziņš

Prime Minister: Valdis Dombrovskis

Flag: The national flag of Latvia red-white-red was first mentioned in the chapters of Ditleb von Alnpeke's Rhymed Chronicle of Livonia. This historical evidence places the Latvian flag among the oldest flags in the world. The chronicle tells about a battle that took place around 1280, in which ancient Latvian tribes went to war, bearing a red flag with a white stripe.

Population: With 2,070,371 inhabitants and a territory of 64,589 km² Latvia is one of the least populous and least densely populated countries of the European Union.

Language: The official language is Latvian. Latvian is an Indo-European language and along with Lithuanian the only two surviving members of the Baltic branch. Latvian considered being among the oldest and least changed of all living Indo-European languages in the world.

Economy: Latvia's economy is one of the fastest growing economies of the EU GDP annual growth increased to 6.8%. The United Nations lists Latvia as a country with a Human Development Index (HDI) of "Very High".

Currency: Latvian Lats – LVL. LVL 0,7 = EUR 1

Landscape: Latvia has the 4th highest proportion of land covered by forest in the European Union. Forests account for 56% of the total land area.

Most of Latvia's territory is less than 100 m (330 ft) above sea level. The highest point in Latvia – 311,6m above sea level.

Latvia has over 12,500 rivers and 2,256 lakes that are bigger than 1 ha.

Climate: Latvia has four pronounced seasons of near-equal length. Average temperature in winters around – 6°C and are characterized by stable snow cover, bright sunshine and short days. Severe spells of winter weather with cold winds, extreme temperatures of around – 30°C and heavy snowfalls are common. Summers are usually warm and sunny with cool evenings and nights temperatures of around +19°C with extremes of +35°C. The weather in spring and autumn is fairly mild.

Armed forces: The National Armed Forces of Latvia consists of the Land Forces, Naval Forces, Air Force, National Guard, Special Tasks Unit, Military Police, NAF Staff Battalion, Training and Doctrine Command and Logistics Command. Latvia's defence concept is based on a rapid response force composed of a mobilization base and a small group of career professionals. From January 1, 2007 Latvia has switched to a professional fully contract-based army.

Latvia participates in international peacekeeping and security operations. Per capita, Latvia is one of the largest contributors to international military operations.



The Republic of Latvia

When did you arrive to The Netherlands and which position have you taken?

I arrived to The Netherlands 1 August 2011 and I've been the Staff assistant in Plans J7 TREX (training and exercises) since that time.

Is your family here with you?

My family moved here with me and that is our first experience serving and living abroad. I have daughter (15) and son (10) and both are attending AFNORTH International School in Brunssum. It wasn't that easy for them the first months as everything is thought in English there. In the meanwhile they are almost fluent in English and they enjoy the school.

What are your hobbies?

I like to hike and one of my favorite physical activities is orienteering. I also like to read scientific journals.

Tell us about your military career?

I joined the Latvian Army as a conscript in 1994. Conscripts service lasted 18 months at that time. It was interesting time as there were two armies on Latvian territory – Latvian and Russian Federation Armed Forces and the political situation was uncertain.

After my conscript service I joined the 1st Latvian professional company. It was the Land Force Battalion, Infantry Company. During my professional service in the Infantry Company I had been deployed to the Balkans in 1997, 1999, 2001 and to Iraq in 2004 and 2007. I served on mission as a private, as Deputy Squad Leader, Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant, Company 1st Sergeant. I was appointed to National Armed Forces Headquarters Battalion, S3 (Plans) section the last two years.

Tell us about your job and what kind of challenges you have to face?

As being infantry soldier whole my military carrier, it was challenging for me to start my duties here on the operational level in HQ JFCBS. Initially it wasn't easy to get grip on all the procedures and activities as well as to work within an international environment. I am still learning every day and I'm still gaining experience of my colleagues as everybody has his own knowledge and understanding how everyday tasks must be solved. I am sure that it is a give and take and I can share my experience as well.

Your future plans?

I am going to return to my country in the middle of 2014 and at that time I will exceed 20 years in military service. I do plan to extend my military contract for another five years with Latvian Armed Forces. I am absolutely convinced that the experience and knowledge gained here at HQ JFCBS will be valuable for my country. Proud to be a Latvian soldier and proud to serve here!

What do you like in your job?

I am happy to be here. It is great opportunity for me to learn new ways of doing things, to get experience of working in an international environment. It gives me the opportunity to pass on my knowledge when I will return to my country.

Did you know? The Cuban Missile Crisis and NATO

Story by Ed Frieser

In October 1962 the Cuban Missile Crisis took place, this year exactly 50 years ago. During 1962 US U-2 reconnaissance aircraft discovered Soviet nuclear systems based on Cuba and additional Soviet missiles were on their way on board Soviet vessels. A situation unacceptable for the US and which would have far reaching consequences for NATO.



Kennedy crisis meeting

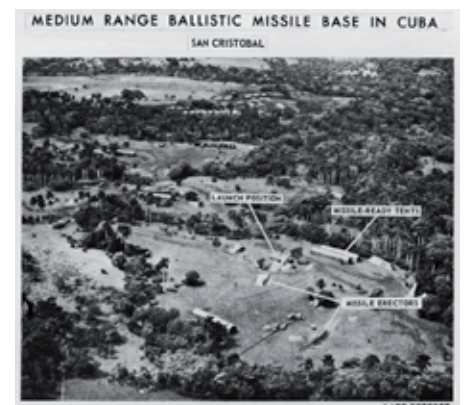
The crisis showed that the world was very close to a direct military confrontation between the US and the former Soviet Union. In his speech President Kennedy declared: "...It shall be the policy of this Nation to regard any nuclear missile launched from Cuba against any nation in the Western Hemisphere as an attack by the Soviet Union on the United States, requiring a full retaliatory response upon the Soviet Union..." Such a direct confrontation could have resulted in the early release of nuclear weapons on either side. The world held its breath. The so called Second Strike Capability on both sides though made the use of strategic nuclear weapons a very risky undertaking that could easily lead to Mutual Assured Destruction. In the first decades of NATO's existence, the use of nuclear weapons in an early stage of a military conflict with the former Soviet Union was based on a strategy called Massive Retaliation under a so called Trip wire concept. A concept that initially was successful in deterring a full scale conventional war in Europe. But since the development of a similar Soviet nuclear capability during the beginning of the sixties and the reliance on mutual assured destruction for deterrence reasons, it became a risk full strategy. This situation in conjunction with the overall discussion on a European Defence strategy, made NATO to rethink its defence strategy. In particular the role of the US, who owned

and controlled tactical nuclear weapons deployed to Europe, especially in the aftermath of the Cuba Missile Crises, was heavily debated.

But in this discussion President de Gaulle of France disagreed to this US role and consequently refused to accept the military integrated command structure and the 1967 decided Flexible Response Strategy. France rather relied on in its own nuclear capabilities. As a consequence France announced in 1966 that it would no longer assign its forces to NATO and that it would withdraw from the integrated military structure. NATO were to leave France and needed to find new locations for its military commands. It was decided that NATO headquarters in Paris should be set up in Brussels, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) located at Roquencourt, near Paris, was relocated to a location near Mons in Belgium, and Headquarters Allied Forces Central Europe, HQ AFCENT, was set up in Brunssum. As we all know this situation has been reversed and France again takes an important role also in the JF-headquarters structure in Brunssum. And as Admiral Giampaolo di Paola, former Chairman of the Military Committee stated in 2010 in Moscow:

"Russia is not our adversary, Russia is not our enemy, Russia is not our threat". Russia is a very important, potential partner..." For more than 6 decades, NATO has always been able to overcome

security challenges and adapt itself and its strategy. Thereby sticking to its principles of political consultation at the NATO Council level, seeking political consensus and at the same time respecting the Sovereignty of our Alliance Members. Today, NATO is again putting new structures in place. New political, economic, resources, climate, terrorist, cyber, and technical realities have again made NATO to implement new structures and strategy. As NATO wrote in its 2010 new strategic concept: We, the political leaders of NATO, are determined to continue renewal of our Alliance so that it is fit for purpose in addressing the 21st Century security challenges.



Place to visit: SCHUNCK
 Distance: 8,5 km
 Opening hours:
 Museum (-1), Expo Area (+1), Aad de Haas Hall (+4)
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 Tuesday - Sunday 11:00 - 17:00

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Restaurant 5.0
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 Tuesday - Wednesday 12:00 - 23:00
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Attention! The kitchen closes 1 hour before closing.

further information: www.schunck.nl



What is SCHUNCK?

Story by MSgt Jan Hecht, PAO

When searching the internet to find something interesting for our Circle 100, my eyes were caught by colourful and cool design of the SCHUNCK website. 'What a great name' was my first thought...But what does it mean? I went to the 'about-us-page' and read: "SCHUNCK is a new kind of cultural institution that is specialised in Modernity and Urban Culture within international contemporary art and culture, and that aspires to act as a dynamo for an artistic and cultural encounter between local districts and the world at large, within the context of the southern Dutch Euro region." ... Ahhh!

I immediately decided to visit this very special building which hosts a museum and a public library, dancing and music school, a research and presentation centre for architecture and town planning, coffee bar, a movie theatre and last but not least a cosy restaurant run by the taste artist Jeffrey Kuckelkorn whose culinary concept cuts edge between art and food. SCHUNCK is located in the centre of Heerlen next to the Pancratius church and housed in the so called Glass Palace. The 'palace' is a unique edifice built by the architect Frits Peutz in 1935 and declared one of the 1000 most important buildings of the 20th century by the Union of International Architects. The unique name SCHUNCK comes from the building owner of the Glass Palace, Peter Schunck, whose family run the fashion house and department store Schunk for more than a century.

I met Carine Jamin from Schunk who guided me to the 'Restaurant 5.0' on the top of the palace. The restaurant offers a very special atmosphere and a beautiful view over Heerlen and the surroundings. The culinary policy of the restaurant is carried in an artistic way. Flavours, aromas and colours are assembled, with

passion and an open attitude to the world, in international dishes and menus whose unique form and composition have never before been seen on a menu. While eating 'The Mothership', a salade I can highly recommend, Jamin explained, that the idea of SCHUNCK as a cultural centre for Heerlen was born in 2003. "SCHUNCK is the place to be for everyone who likes to read, enjoys music or dance, who likes to visit exhibitions of the visual arts or is concerned about architecture and the way our surroundings look like," she said.

"SCHUNCK in its new form is still a public library and a music school, the centre of art education. Thanks to the unique combination of these various characteristics SCHUNCK is, in comparison to more traditional cultural institutions, a new and innovative form of institution: a 'newseum'." I can recognise the passion in Carine's words. SCHUNCK seems to be a very traditional place where people follow non- traditional ideas. SCHUNCK offers a wide range of events. From concerts and public book readings to exhibitions of contemporary art. Quality and originality go hand in hand. The old and yet very modern building plays its new role as the cultural centre of Heerlen. I can say now, SCHUNCK is worth a visit. Enjoy it!

You will find all necessary information, the current program, the schedule of dancing classes and many other activities on the well maintained SCHUNCK-website.

Dance classes for beginners and advanced dancers:

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The restaurant 5.0 offers a special atmosphere (photo by MSgt Jan Hecht).





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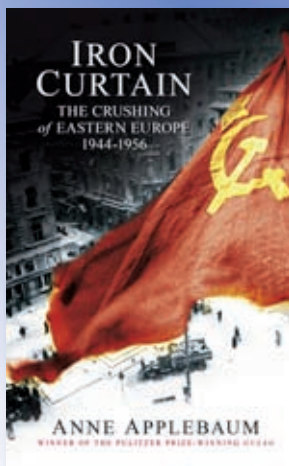
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Book Review



Iron Curtain

by Anne Applebaum

Prepared by Jaroslava Augustinova



“So much effort is spent trying to understand democratization these days, and so little is spent trying to understand the opposite processes. Anne Applebaum corrects that imbalance, explaining how and why societies succumb to totalitarian rule.” says Fareed Zakaria, author of *The Post-American World*. Anne Applebaum is an American journalist based in London and Warsaw who has written extensively about communism and the development of civil society in Central and Eastern Europe. She is a columnist for the *Washington Post* and several British newspapers, the Director of Political Studies at the Legatum Institute in London and the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Gulag*. Her remarkably objective and brilliantly researched book tells the story of life behind the Iron Curtain and describes how the Communist regimes of Eastern Europe were created and what daily life was like once they were complete. Political

parties, the church, the media, young people's organizations were eviscerated, ethnic cleansing was carried out and some people were forced to collaborate while others managed to resist. Anne Applebaum draws on newly opened East European archives, interviews, and personal accounts translated for the first time to portray in devastating detail the dilemmas faced by millions of individuals trying to adjust to a way of life that challenged their every belief and took away everything they had accumulated.

“This dramatic book gives us the testimony of dozens of men and women who found themselves in the middle of one of the most traumatic periods of European history. Anne Applebaum conveys the impact of politics and ideology on individual lives with extraordinary immediacy.” concludes Amanda Foreman, historian and writer, author of *Georgiana: Duchess of Devonshire*.



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