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Track vehicles from 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, are staged and ready to move out, during an Initial Ready Task Force (IRTF) exercise, at Johanna Range, Poland, May 20, 2019.

The Devil Brigade proves fit to fight, right now

ZAGAN, Poland -- At 3 a.m. on Monday morning, Soldiers from 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, took part in an Initial Ready Task Force (IRTF)

exercise, at Johanna Range, Poland, May 20, 2019.

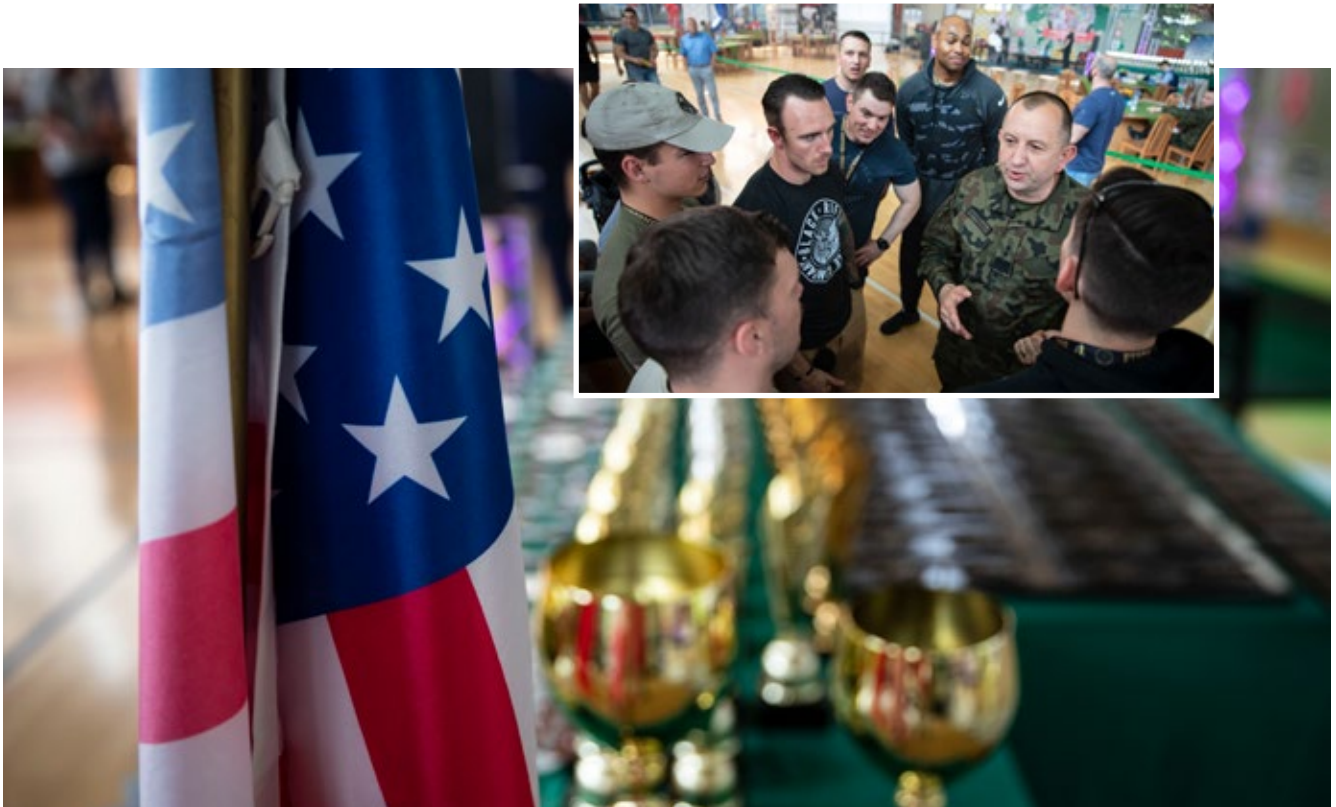
“This morning we received an alert to prepare us for deployment operations,” said 1st Sgt. Andrew Macvey, Delta Troop, 1st Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div.

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(right) An M1A2 Abrams Tank from 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division rolls out, during an IRTF exercise.

(far right) Trucks from 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division roll out.



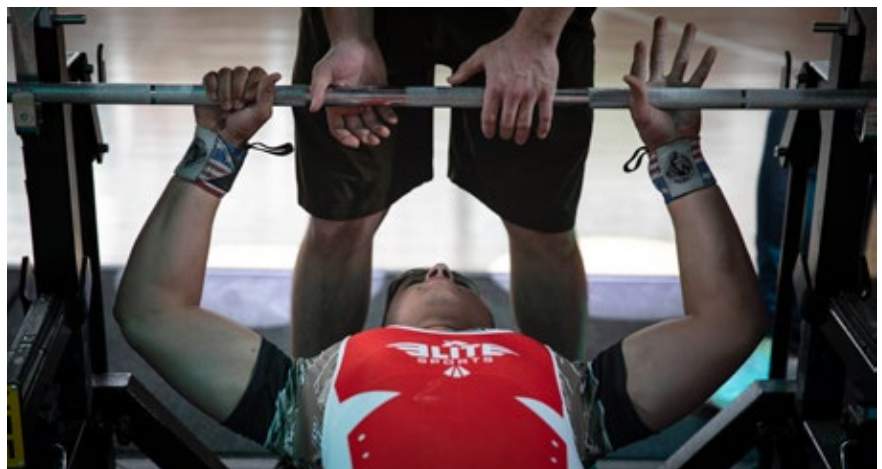


U.S. service members compete with Polish in Bench Press Competition

WROCLAW, Poland -- Eight service members with 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, competed in the 1st World Bench Press Championships of the Uniformed Services, here, May 24 - 26, 2019.

“This weekend Poland hosted the first world’s bench press competition of uniformed service members, a one lift event, bench press only,” said Ohio Army National Guard Sgt. Christopher Shulz, a combat medic from Charlie Battery, 1st Battalion, 174th Air Defense Regiment, attached to the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. “I loved being a part of it, I’m glad that the Polish were so inviting.”

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Liberty Soldiers hone their skills during MASCAL



(top) Spc. Marshall and Spc. Eric Powell, with the 101st BSB, transport a patient out of the trauma bay for evacuation during a battalion level MASCAL.

(middle) Medical personnel from 101st BSB, assess and treat a simulated patient in the trauma bay during a battalion level MASCAL.

ZAGAN, Poland, -- Four Soldiers from 101st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, scurry toward a medical triage area carrying a litter, indicating the start of an internal battalion level Mass Casualty exercise (MASCAL) at Skwierzyna, Poland, May 15, 2019.

Soldiers throughout the battalion participated in the MASCAL training exercise in order to hone their skills and ensure they are prepared for future missions and exercises.

“Our focus as a battalion was to see how that would look with all the brand new people that we have, to be prepared for the brigade exercise [Combined Resolve] coming up,” said Capt. Danielle Macfarland, charlie company commander, 101st BSB, 1st ABCT, 1st Inf. Div.

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A Soldier from the 101st BSB, guides a medical humvee ready to evacuate patients, during an internal battalion level MASCAL.

(cover) Pvt. Destiny Vinson, treats a simulated patient inside the trauma bay tent, during an internal battalion level MASCAL.





(top) A Soldier assigned to the 101st BSB, crawls through obstacles in a best warrior competition during an Organizational Day at Skwierzyna, Poland, May 10, 2018.

101st BSB participates in Organization Day in Poland

ZAGAN, Poland – Soldiers with the 101st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, participate in Organizational Day at Skwierzyna, Poland, May 10, 2019.

The battalion competed in sporting events such as football and volleyball. They also participated in fun competitions such as relay races and a best warrior competition.

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(top middle) Soldiers assigned to the 101st BSB, compete in the best warrior competition during an Organizational Day at Skwierzyna, Poland, May 10, 2018.

(right) Soldiers assigned to the 101st BSB, pull a Humvee in a best warrior competition during an Organizational Day at Skwierzyna, Poland, May 10, 2018.





1st Brigade Soldiers Visit Bilingual Kindergarten

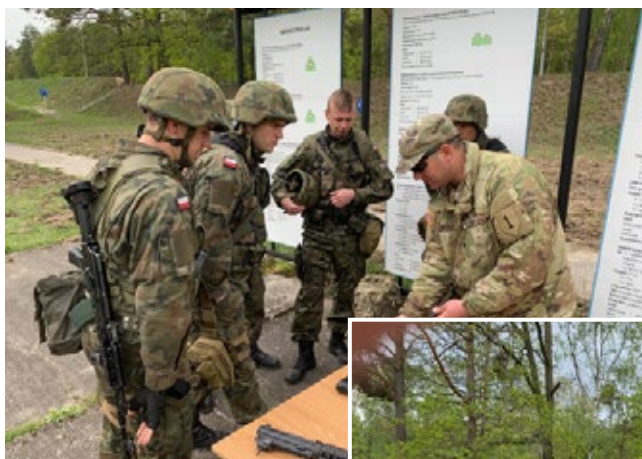
ZIELONA GÓRA Poland -- As part of a community relations opportunity, Soldiers from the Judge Advocate General's office of the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, visited the students of Lingualand, a bilingual kindergarten school in Zielona Góra, Poland on May 8, 2019.

The school, which conducts classes in both Polish and English,

invited the JAG Soldiers to attend a day of class. This gave the Soldiers an opportunity to interact with the students in English and talk about the role of U.S. Soldiers overseas. It also gave the students an opportunity to converse with native English speakers. [See More](#)



HHC, 1st Eng., conduct a weapons day with Polish partners



Hamilton's Own Qualifies on Table XVIII



TORUN, Poland, 1-5 FA conducted their table XVIII Qualification on May 18, 2019 in order to prepare themselves for their rotation to Hohenfels, Germany for Combined Resolve. After their table XV, each battery was prepared to go back to the field to qualify as part of a Battalion and after 3 days of intensive training, Hamilton's Own was qualified. Table XVIII culminated with a live fire exercise that tested the lethality and flexibility of each Battery.



‘Die Hard’ battalion conducts UAS training in Poland



Pfc. Cody L. Rouse (left), a maintenance crew member, and Sgt. Madeliene R. Biltz (right), maintenance chief, and, both assigned to D-Co, 1st Eng., push an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle onto a launching ramp during UAV training.

ZAGAN, Poland – U.S. Army Soldiers with Delta Company, 1st Engineers Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, conduct training with Unmanned Aircraft Systems at Trzebien, Poland, May 7, 2019.

Unmanned Aircraft Systems operators and repairers are two separate jobs in the army, and in Delta Company, they both work and train together to accomplish their mission.

“Today we are training the operators (15W) and at the same time the maintainers (15E) because they are both partners,” said U.S. Army Sgt. Madeliene R. Biltz, a maintenance chief from San Diego, California, assigned to Delta Company, 1st Eng. BN, 1ABCT, 1ID. “We launch and they operate once the UAV goes up.”

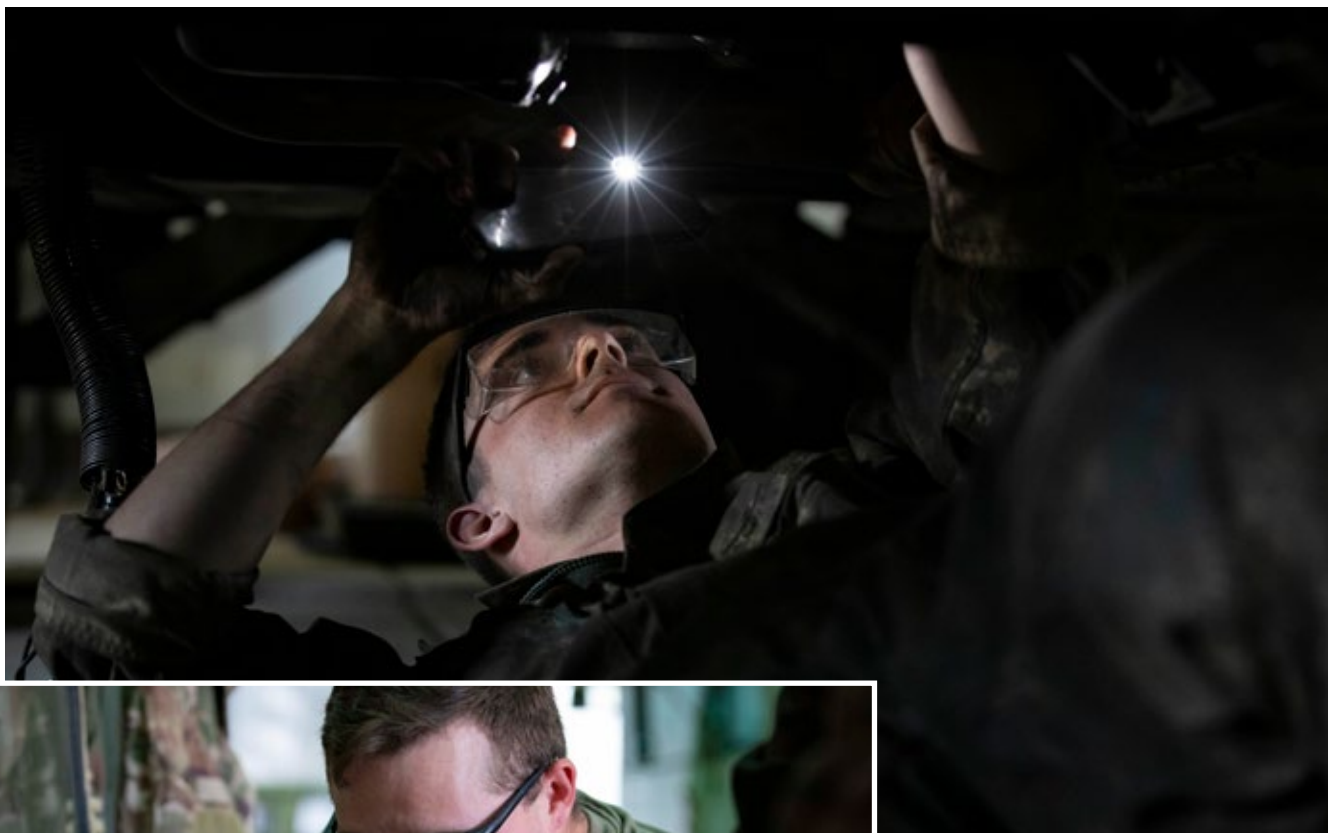
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(left) Staff Sgt. Cork MK Nystorm, a production control noncommissioned officer in charge assigned to D-Co, 1st Eng., waits for the clearance to launch an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle during UAV training.

(right) Sgt. Madeliene R. Biltz, a maintenance chief from D-Co, 1st Eng., prepares an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle for launch during UAV training.



Mechanics keep Diehard engineers moving forward



(top) Pvt. Justin Travis, a construction equipment repairer from E-Co, 1st Eng, with the aid of a smartphone light, re-attaches cabling under a humvee as part of a complete engine swap.

(left) Spc. Dylann Farley, a wheeled vehicle mechanic from E-Co, 1st Eng, works on attaching a wire harness as part of a humvee engine swap.

CAMP KARLIKI, Poland - Soldiers from Echo Company, 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, perform crucial maintenance on a unit humvee, May 9, 2019 in Camp Karliki, Poland.

“Today we’re finishing up an engine swap that we did on a humvee,” said Spc. Mitchell Whiteside, a wheeled vehicle mechanic from Echo Company, 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Infantry Division. “We’re reconnecting everything and getting setup so we can get ready to start it. Usually it’s about a two day job, we disconnect the old one, use the crane to lift it out and then put the new one in.”

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Devil 6 visits Camp Destroyer with 1-5 FA



3-66 Soldiers gather to review a terrain model prior to STX lane training



Scout PLT gathers to conduct a back-brief prior to Live Fire.



Soldiers from G FSC conduct a check on rounds to ensure platoons recieved the right amount of ammunition.



Scouts conduct their OPORD Brief on a terrain model prior to conducting their STX lanes.

Iron Rangers prepare for Justice Eagle 19

The 1-16th Infantry recently railheaded their vehicles from Bulgaria to Romania and are establishing a Tactical Operations Center (TOC) to operate out of. A TOC consists of multiple platforms including vehicles or tents, comprised of integrated communications combining data, video, and voice communications networks, information management, and computing equipment designed for the tactical environment.

“We are setting up the TOC so that we can have command and control of our operations for Justice Eagle, said U.S. Army Staff Sgt. William Woods, operations noncommissioned officer with 1st Bn, 16th Inf. Reg. “It allows us to communicate to our higher headquarter.”

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(top) A crane offloads an M1068 Standard Integrated Command Post System (SICPS) Carrier assigned to the 1-16th.



(middle) Spc. Luis Santa with 1-16th and Sgt. 1st Class Estes, with 1-5th, pulls a camouflage net over the tactical operation center.

(bottom) Pfc. Noah Segear an intelligence analyst assigned to the 1-16th, guides a Humvee off a truck.



Dreadnaught Soldiers participate in 22 mile March



Twenty eight Soldiers from 2-34 AR participated in a 22 mile “Flower March” around Europe. For centuries the march, that was named after the edelweiss flower, has drawn the attention of Soldiers, hikers and other adventurers to the slopes of the highest mountains of Europe. It is understood that embarking on a quest to find the edelweiss requires bravery, determination, and grit; all qualities that our Soldiers displayed during the march and throughout the rotation.



18 Soldiers devote the next few years to the Army



Friday, May 17 2019, 2-34 AR held a ceremony for 18 Soldiers in the battalion who are choosing to devote the next few years of service to the United States Army. This ceremony allowed the Battalion Commander the chance to not only recognize the dedication and commitment of these 18 Soldiers, but also the importance of our continued efforts as Soldiers throughout this deployment and for our country. Fear God, Dreadnaught!



Soldiers participate in Force on Force Training Exercise

NOVO SELO TRAINING AREA, Bulgaria – Soldiers from Alpha and Bravo Companies, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment recently participated in a Force-on-Force training exercise at Novo Selo Training Area.

The Force-on-Force training was a very important event of the three week field training exercise. Alpha, Bravo, India and Headquarters & Headquarter Companies of 1-16 Infantry Regiment took part in this training exercise. The Force on Force event was conducted in the second week of the field training exercise and consisted of Alpha and Bravo companies playing the roles of attacking and defending force and switching the roles by turn.

The 1-16 Infantry Regiment, along with other battalions with the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, are conducting joint training exercises with allied and NATO partners in Europe to build readiness, increase interoperability and enhance the bond between nations.

The Soldiers taking part in the training exercise enjoyed the experience and played their respective roles in attacking and defensive capacity. These types of exercises are

necessary to assess and identify the strengths and weaknesses of the units while fighting in a realistic scenario against a tough and determined opponent. The event was carefully planned and managed by the chain of command and graders were present to observe and grade.



Soldiers conduct Vehicle Maintenance



NOVO SELO TRAINING AREA, Bulgaria – Soldiers from Bravo Company, 16th Infantry Regiment, conducted Company-wide Vehicle maintenance in the motor pool area in NSTA.

This was a consolidated Company maintenance event which is necessary to ensure readiness of all vehicles including the Bradley fighting vehicles. All the Bradley vehicles are meant to be in perfect condition at the same required standard to ensure uniformity.

Moreover, Soldiers check and diagnose areas which require maintenance and then follow the maintenance procedure which can vary from fixing the vehicles themselves for small issues and taking the vehicles to the mechanics for any complex issues. Layouts of equipment

were also part of the whole maintenance effort to ensure accountability.

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The maintenance of the vehicles is an ongoing process which is necessary to ensure vehicle availability for operations and training exercises as and when needed. The maintenance includes preventative maintenance and repair activities.

Corporal Edward Rios from Houston Texas, with Bravo Company, 1-16 Infantry Regiment took part in the vehicle maintenance.

