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Around the Army





Guten Tag, Team Ready!

Defender-Europe 20 is rapidly approaching and the 7th MSC has a big role in supporting United States Army Europe in demonstrating the United States military's ability to rapidly deploy a large combat-credible force of Soldiers and equipment from the United States to Europe in support of the U.S. National Defense Strategy and objectives defined by NATO to build readiness within the alliance and deter potential adversaries.

The 7th MSC headquarters will lead the Joint Security Coordination Center. A lesson learned from Exercise Austere Challenge 19 identified a critical gap in the protection of forces within the Joint Security Area. This led NATO to create the Joint Support and Enabling Command, which established initial operating capability this past October and who the 7th MSC, as the JSCC, will work with in the future to mitigate and eliminate this critical gap.

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Nineteen of twenty-two units from the 7th MSC will also be participating in Defender-Europe 20, providing digital liaison capabilities to Multinational Corps North East (MNC-NE) and Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC) in order to develop solutions to identified gaps and limitations within the theater level fires system; in-transit visibility of APD-2 equipment from Mannheim to Bergen-Hohne for the 116th ABCT equipment draw; civil-affairs liaisons, CBRN threat assessment capability as well as engineer vulnerability assessment of APS locations.

Every one of our units play an integral part in demonstrating not only the 7th MSC's ability, but the United States Army Reserve's ability to enhance the interoperability, lethality and readiness by supplying fully mission capable forces for joint missions within the European theater.

Remember "Zusammen erreicht jeder mehr". Together, everyone achieves more!

See you on the trail, Ready 6

Brig. Gen. Michael Harvey Commanding General



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COMMAND

Team,

I hope everyone has gotten off to a great start in 2020. We as the 7th Mission Support Command (MSC) are off and running with the momentum building quickly. With DEFENDER Europe 20 already in motion we will have many Soldiers spread across three countries for the next several months.

This is when Leaders are tested and need to be at their best. Platoon Sergeants, Section Sergeants, Squad Leaders, and Team Leaders are critical to mission success and need to make sure their Soldiers are well trained and ready to perform their duties.

Physically fit and healthy (Resilient) Soldiers are also key to our success. Ensuring they have the right equipment, gear, and support are direct Leader responsibilities. Command Sergeants Major and First



Sergeants need to be the driving force behind making sure all levels of NCO Leadership know "What Right Looks Like".

It may take getting involved in levels lower than you normally would, but that's what we need to do in order to maximize the effectiveness of our Junior Leaders. Let's develop our Junior NCOs into the Senior Leaders of the future.

"THIS IS MY SQUAD"

And always,

Remember Who You Are, Where You Come From, and Who You Represent

Command Sgt. Maj. Paul Yingst Command Sergeant Major

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FROM THE CXO



Team,

There are a number of important milestones in the next couple of months:

DPMAP Performance Appraisal – all employees who arrived prior to 1 January 2020 and performed at least 90 days will receive a performance appraisal for 2020. New employees who enter on duty between 1 January 2020 and 31 March 2020 will receive a 2021 performance plan (not a 2020 one – employees need at least 90 days on an approve plan to receive an appraisal).

Employees can add input prior to 31 March, but the approval process cannot be initiated until after 1 April. The suspense for completing all appraisals (including signatures from the Rating Official, Higher Level Reviewer, and the Employee) will be 8 April.

2021 Performance Plans will have to be completed NLT 24 April. There will be standardized performance plans for many of our positions (including ARA's, SOTS, LMS, etc.). I will work standardized performance plans with supervisors in the near future.

In February we will have our first monthly Program Manager Budget Brief (PMBB). The PMBB is designed to look at previous month's execution and provides a forum for units to discuss execution and budget issues and concerns. We will also look at unliquidated obligations (ULO's), un-submitted vouchers, GTCC delinquency, etc. Supervisors are responsible for briefing their section or organization.

I need all units to input RFO's and DTS for approved missions, to include Defender Europe 20. The Command must be 55% obligated by 31 March. If you have RFO's in the queue that are ready to be approved reach out to me and let me know so we can help get you the money to approve the RFO's/DTS.

Continue to pound individual readiness. We need all units to not be singularly focused on our overdue populations. You need to also look at your 30/60/90 coming due populations. The only way to stay ahead of individual readiness is to do both. The G-1 will continue sending out a 30/60/90 report the first week of every month.

7th Strong!

Forward and Ready!

Mr. William Huggins Command Executive Officer

HHC BA Schedule

7-9 February	MUTA 6	APACS/PCC/PCI/JSCC StaffTRNG
28-29 March	MUTA 4	Section TRNG/Prep for JSCC
17-19 April	MUTA 6	UTP-UTC/MR2/SRPLVL2/APFT/DEF 20 Prep
25 April - 20 May	AT	DEFENDER 20
May	MUTA 0	NO BA
6-7 June	MUTA 4	APFT/AT Recovery
18-19 July	MUTA 4	Family Day
August	MUTA 0	NO BA
12-13 September	MUTA 4	Mandatory TRNG Make-up/SRP Level 1



Team,

As we have begun the new year and the new decade, recent world events have reinforced the importance of maintaining a high state of unit and personal readiness in the United States Army Reserve. And we got off to a good start during our first BA of the year, engaging in common Soldier task training and tackling readiness metrics while at the same time preparing for Defender Europe 20.

February will be a MUTA 6, from 7-9 February, and will entail medical classes taught by members of the OSURG, a continuation of this month's drivers training, and an in-depth threat overview briefing to be presented by the G2.

There is also a block of time set aside for JSCC training at Panzer Kaserne. In the meantime, stay safe, remain vigilant, and remember to practice good OPSEC. I look forward to seeing you all next month. Forward and Ready!



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ROC Drill helps leaders prep for Defender-Europe 20

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany – Members of the 7th Mission Support Command Joint Security Coordination Center team, briefed U.S. Army Europe and 21st Theater Sustainment Command leaders on the mission of the JSCC during upcoming exercise Defender-Europe 20, at a Rehearsal of Concept Drill on Rhine Ordnance Barracks, Jan. 15. The JSCC's area of responsibility for this mission includes the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany.

To accomplish this mission, the 7th MSC will establish an integrated and layered security and protection posture in the JSA and will co-locate with the RMCC to provide unity of effort in coordination with NATO allies to maintain a secure environment enabling the Joint Force Land Component forces to quickly build combat power.

A lesson learned from Exercise Austere Challenge 2019 identified a critical gap in the protection of forces within the Joint Security Area.

(Top and Right) Planners from the 7th Mission Support Command, 21st Theater Sustainment Command and U.S. Army Europe take part in a Rehearsal of Concept Drill for upcoming exercise Defender-Europe 20, on Rhine Ordnance Barracks in Kaiserslautern, Germany, January 15, 2020.





2500th DLD Soldiers summit Monte Specie during training with Italy's 6th Alpine Regiment

Story and photos by Sgt. Daniel Friedberg *7th MSC Public Affairs*

TOBLACH, Italy—U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers from the 2500th Digital Liaison Detachment, 7th Mission Support Command, used snowshoes to summit Monte Specie while conducting search, rescue and recovery training with three alpine instructors from the Italian Army's 6th Alpine Regiment (6th Regimento Alpini), here, Jan. 10-12, 2020.

The compact survival course emphasized winter survival and small-unit tactical interoperability.

"This was a challenging activity, a very rigorous activity and it included every level of the unit," said U.S. Army Reserve Capt. Michael Benjamin, operations officer for the 2500th. "It was another outstanding training experience."

The 2500 DLD has conducted cold weather training with the 6th Alpine Regiment for more than five years and it has provided a platform for partnership and team building within the unit and with its Italian partners, Benjamin added.

The 2500th mainly functions to connect coalition divisions and corps with U.S. maneuver forces utilizing the full suite of mis-

sion command systems across the spectrums of field artillery, air defense, operations, logistics and intelligence.

"The planning and execution phase of the event allowed the U.S. Army Reserve and Italian Army partnership relationship to strengthen and build an understanding of capabilities, communication, and culture," said Benjamin. "Because of joint training events like these, NATO partners will have a clearer understanding towards interoperability."

Italian Army Luogotenente Ewald Beikircher, commander of the Ski and Climbing Platoon, 79th Company, 6th Alpine Regiment, kicked off the training on Friday evening with a physics lesson on snow for the 15 Soldiers of the 2500th who made the trip from their home base in Vicenza, Italy.

He concluded the classroom training by teaching avalanche risk mitigation in support of tactical military operations at high altitude. The Soldiers were then fitted with snowshoes, avalanche locator equipment and entrenching tools in preparation for the next two days of outdoor training. On Saturday morning, Beikircher, along with Caporal Maggiore Capo Thomas De Toni and Caporal Maggiore Capo Matteo Lovat, also with the Ski and Climbing Platoon, 79th Company, 6th Alpine Regiment, checked that all climbers' personal avalanche beacons were functioning properly and led the Troops in snowshoes across the Prato Piazzo plain on the ascent to the mountain.

Beikircher, an experienced special operations Paratrooper, used rest breaks during the hike to conduct short training sessions and to point out areas on the mountain that were high-risk for an avalanche.

"As I told you yesterday, 50% of the avalanche victims die of injury, broken bones and punctured lungs and not suffocation," said Beikircher, emphasizing that avalanche avoidance, and not rescue, was key to survival.

After 90 minutes of continuous climbing up the slope in stark sunlight and a cloudless blue sky, the Soldiers of the 2500th DLD arrived at a wooden cross marking the peak of Monte Specie at more than 7,545 feet.

At the top, they caught their breath and then formed up for a promotion ceremony to pin new rank on two of their own.

Beikircher explained that Monte Specie continues to be deeply historic for the South Tyrolean region as it was a highly contested battle site for more than three years between Italy and Austria-Hungary during World War I.

"This Cime (mountain ridge) used to be the border between Austria and Italy," said Beikircher pointing towards the jagged Dolomite mountain peaks visible to the south.



TOBLACH, Italy—Italian Army Luogotenente Ewald Beikircher, commander of the Ski and Climbing Platoon, 79th Company, 6th Alpine Regiment, points out the former border between Austria and Italy while leading U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers from the 2500th Digital Liaison Detachment, 7th Mission Support Command, on a summit of Monte Specie during search, rescue and recovery training, January 11, 2020.

He explained that during the war, mountain units such as the 6th Alpine Regiment needed to develop, under combat, the same skills the Soldiers of the 2500th DLD were training to learn.

Beikircher then led the Soldiers on a descent of the peak towards the Refugio Vallandro (the hikers lodge at the bottom) stopping occasionally to explain how weather and snow measurement stations along the path give information and data to predict avalanche danger and reduce mortality.

(Top Left) TOBLACH, Italy—U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers from the 2500th Digital Liaison Detachment, 7th Mission Support Command, use snowshoes to summit Monte Specie while conducting search, rescue and recovery training with three alpine instructors from the Italian Army's 6th Alpine Regiment during exercise Alpine Rock, January 11, 2020.



(Left) TOBLACH, Italy—U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers from the 2500th Digital Liaison Detachment, 7th Mission Support Command, pose for a photo at the peak of Monte Specie while conducting search, rescue and recovery training with three alpine instructors from the Italian Army's 6th Alpine Regiment during exercise Alpine Rock, January 11, 2020. He also explained that skilled, socially-active volunteers today work on many local ski patrols and fire departments in the region much like the Citizen-Soldiers who also serve in the U.S. Army Reserve, balancing active civilian careers and responsibilities.

Descent complete, the U.S. and Italian Soldiers enjoyed a meal together at the Refugio Vallandro restaurant before beginning their survival snow training.

The instructors concluded Saturday's training by building a snow bivouac using only snow, ski poles and light fabric. They showed, that with proper construction, the shelter could provide comfortable warmth even in sub-zero temperatures.

"It was really rough training but we really got up to speed about what was out there and what to watch out for," said Spc. Benito Kayenge, a medic with the 2500th DLD.

"I actually went in there and I think it was pretty fun," said Kayenge of the snow bivouac.

On Sunday after breakfast, the Soldiers rode the cable cars up the ski slopes near the barracks at San Candido for the last bit of winter survival training in avalanche rescue techniques before being greeted by the commander of the 6th Alpine Regiment, Tenente Colonello Stefano Bertinotti.

U.S. Army Reserve Col. Gregory E. Gimenez, commander of the 2500th DLD, presented Bertinotti, Beikircher, De Toni and Lovat a memorial plaque to thank the Italian Soldiers for their hospitality, instruction and knowledge.



TOBLACH, Italy—U.S. Army Reserve Master Sgt. Carlos Garcia, 2500th Digital Liaison Detachment, 7th Mission Support Command, pins rank on Staff Sgt. Wesley Cyrus, 2500th DLD, 7th MSC, in a mountain-top promotion ceremony after his unit used snowshoes to summit Monte Specie during winter survival training with the Italian Army's 6th Alpine Regiment during exercise Alpine Rock, January 11, 2020.

Bertinotti presented the 6th Alpine Regiment eagle plaque to Gimenez along with a Panettone cake; a traditional gift in Italy during the holiday seasons.

"Training with an allied partner during peacetime, will lay the stage for execution during wartime operations," said Benjamin. "That is what this event is all about - strong partnerships. Everyone departed San Candido feeling a sense of pride in themselves, the unit, and NATO partnerships."



SAN CANDIDO, Italy—U.S. Army Reserve Col. Gregory E. Gimenez (right), commander of the 2500th Digital Liaison Detachment, 7th Mission Support Command, presents a unit friendship plaque (from left) to Tenente Colonello Stefano Bertinotti, commander of the Italian Army's 6th Alpine Regiment, Caporal Maggiore Capo Thomas De Toni, Caporal Maggiore Capo Matteo Lovat, and Luogotenente Ewald Beikircher, of the Ski and Climbing Platoon, 79th Company, 6th Alpine Regiment, in appreciation after the conclusion of exercise Alpine Rock, January 12, 2020.

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7th MSC Chaplain trailblazes candidate program in Europe

Story and photos by Sgt. 1st Class Joy Dulen 7th MSC Public Affairs

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany – Across Army ranks in the United States, the Chaplain Candidate Program helps U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers train to become an Army Chaplain while simultaneously training for the ministry. But the program never existed in Europe, until recently.

U.S. Army Reserve Chaplain (1st Lt.) Gabriel Pech, 7th Mission Support Command, became the first officer to pin Chaplain after completing the Chaplain Candidate Program in Europe, and received the Army Chaplain cross during a pinning ceremony held at the Daenner Kaserne Chapel, here, Jan. 22.

"In the history of the 7th or the U.S. Army Reserve, we've never had anyone do this here in Europe," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Robert Crawford, command Chaplain for the 7th MSC.

U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains, Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Thomas L. Solhjem, officiated the ceremony, leading a prayer for the newest Chaplain to pin on the cross.

"It was a really big deal to have him here," said Pech. "Along with my family and amongst other Chaplains I respect and who've gone through this journey, I felt really honored."

All Chaplain candidates are commissioned officers assigned to the Army Reserve, or Army National Guard in the Chaplain branch. Pech was in the Chaplain Candidate Program stateside while completing his Seminary and reached out to Crawford about continuing the program with his move to Germany, as the 7th MSC is the only Army Reserve unit in Europe. "(Pech) reached out to me and said, I want to continue the program over here and we said ok, we haven't done this before, let's see what it takes," said Crawford.

Crawford reached out for help and found out what it took to pick up and continue the Chaplain Candidate Program under the 7th MSC in Europe.

"Once the program was in place, it just snowballed and other people started picking it up and now we have six people engaged in the program," said Crawford.

A candidate has six years to finish the program once they start, which includes completing Seminary and Chaplain Basic Officer Leader Course.

"While I was in the Chaplain Candidate Program, I was in school full-time," said Pech. "So I would go once a month to do my Reserve time shadowing a Chaplain, and then I was in Seminary the rest of the time."

With the program in place now, the 7th MSC stands to gain Chaplains.

"It's been really hard to fill our billets because normally we depend on the active component to lose people," said Crawford. "So this is a way to feed ourselves."

Pech will now take on the battalion Chaplain role for the



U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains, Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Thomas L. Solhjem, leads a prayer for newly appointed U.S. Army Reserve Chaplain (1st Lt.) Gabriel Pech, 7th Mission Support Command, before he receives the Army Chaplain cross during a pinning ceremony held at the Daenner Kaserne Chapel in Kaiserslautern, Germany on January 22, 2020.

457th Civil Affairs Battalion, 361st Civil Affairs Brigade under the 7th MSC.

"I think it's a big deal to be able to tell the story of how pastors off the street come in as candidates, go through the program and realize this is what I want to do, this is the calling that I have for my life," said Pech. "They get to come in as a full-fledged Chaplain and then go serve our Soldiers and bring God to them and bring them to God and help boost the morale, it's pretty cool."

(Top Left) Newly appointed U.S. Army Reserve Chaplain (1st Lt.) Gabriel Pech, 7th Mission Support Command, receives the Army Chaplain cross from his wife, Hannah, while the U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains, Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Thomas L. Solhjem looks on, during a pinning ceremony held at the Daenner Kaserne Chapel in Kaiserslautern, Germany on January 22, 2020.



U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains, Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Thomas L. Solhjem, speaks to newly appointed U.S. Army Reserve Chaplain (1st Lt.) Gabriel Pech, 7th Mission Support Command, before he receives the Army Chaplain cross during a pinning ceremony held at the Daenner Kaserne Chapel in Kaiserslautern, Germany on January 22, 2020.



Best of the 7th

















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On January 8, the HQDA SHARP team visited the Kaiserslautern SHARP teams to facilitate a Functional Interview with all the SHARP professionals affiliated with the 21st TSC and the 7th MSC. During the interview, we discussed training processes, OIPs/SAVs, best practices, challenges that are specific to the European Theater of Operations, and most importantly, the challenges that Army Reserve Soldiers face

when they are not on an active duty status. HQDA received all concerns

and promised to address them and return their summary and findings to the USAREUR SHARP office.

HQDA visit to KTown

Pictured from left to right are:

Ms. Heather O'Shea, USAREURSHARP Program Manager

Ms. Jennifer Streeter, 21st TSC SHARP Program Manager

SFC Kendall Jackson, 21st TSC Lead SARC

Ms. Tesha Crawford, 7th MSC SARC/SHARP Program Manager

Mr. Patrick Manning, SHARP Academy

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Be a Party MVP: Volunteer to be a designated driver. Let your squad know that you'll be there for them when the party's over with a safe, sober ride home.

If You've Been Drinking, You're Benched: There's no place on the road for anyone who has been drinking. If someone tries to drive after drinking, tell them to ride the bench until you help them find a sober ride home. If you're hosting the party, you're the head coach. Make the right call: take their keys before they drink and drive.

We're all on the same team when it comes to preventing drunk driving. And, however you or your guests travel on Super Bowl Sunday, always buckle up. Your seat belt is your best defense in any vehicle crash.

We hope it's a great game and that you enjoy it — safely — with friends and family. Remember: *Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk*.

From the C8 - Did you know??

Joint Travel Regulation (JTR) Updates effective January 1, 2020

Mileage Rate reduction: 0.575 from 0.58 - TDY 0.17 from 0.20 - IDT-TRP

Daily locality per diem rate went down for Kaiserslautern, GE:

Lodging rate went from \$220 to \$202 M&IE also was lowered from \$228 to \$117.

Meal Rate change:

Government Meal Rate (GMR) was increased 0.15 from \$13.90 to \$14.05. Proportional Meal Rate (PMR) was lowered \$3.00 from \$58 to \$55.

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SUBJECT: Lost ID Card!





Army Special Forces

Schaefer, Alan (Dutch)



SPC Scarlette Bish's wallet was stolen/lost between the December and January Battle Assembly and not recovered. In her wallet was her military ID Card and credit card. She searched her house, her car and her office at work. She even backtracked to the grocery store that she stopped at on the way home but to no avail. SPC Bish filed a police report immediately when she could not find them. SPC Bish contacted the ID card office to see if she can make an appointment to replace her ID Card. The ID card office instructed SPC Bish that she could however; two of the following Federal Issued ID's (that are valid and not expired) must be presented at the appointment: From Department of Homeland Security:

- 1. Form I-766 that contains a photograph
- 2. Employment Authorization Document issued by DHS
- 3. INS Form I-179
- 4. INS Form I-197
- 5. INS Form I-571
- 6. INS Form I-327
- 7. INS Form I-151 or I-551
- 8. INS FormN-550 or N-570
- 9. INS Form N-560 or N561

From Department of Defense (DOD):

- 1. DOD Civilian Retiree ID Card
- 2. DOD or Uniformed Services ID Card (DD Form
- 2/2764/2765
- 3. DOD CAC/PIV ID Card
- 4. Family Member DOD ID Card
- 5. Uniformed Services CAC/PIV ID Card

Other appropriate documents:

- 1. Other Federal Department PIV compliant ID containing a photograph
- 2. U.S. Social Security Card
- 3. Form FS-545 or Form DS 1350
- 4. U.S. Coast Guard, Merchant Marine Card
- 5. Photo ID Card Issued by federal, state or local government
- 6. U.S. Passport Book or Passport Card

SPC Bish appeared at her appointment with her passport book, her Iowa Driver's License and her Social Security Card; all form of ID were valid and not expired. The ID Card office issued her a new CAC Card and she was on her way.



Family Programs

Faschnik in Germany

Even if you've experienced Carnival in New Orleans during Mardi Gras, there's still a lot to learn about how the German-speaking countries do it here.

Carnival (Faschnik) is an annual festival that is celebrated in Western Christian and Greek Orthodox countries. It typically falls during the week prior to Lent, and it is usually observed outdoors with an assortment of festivities, including dancing, music, and processions.



Each region in Germany celebrates Faschnik differently, with a different name and duration. For instance, it is referred to as Karneval in Rheinland, Fasnet in Swabi, and Fasching in Bavaria.

Faschnik culminates the week before Ash Wednesday, and it is a time of parades, elaborate costumes, and masked balls. These events are open for public and street parties and end on Shrove Tuesday, February 25.

Fashink is associated with the Christian church, however, Fasching can be traced back into pagan times. It started as an event to drive out the winter and the ghosts of darkness who had begun to lose their powers as the sun started to warm up in springtime. Rituals in

these areas include processions where people generate lots of noise and masquerade with horrifying face masks in order to scare away the ghosts of winter.

Fasching is famous for its doughnuts (Krapfen). This signature delicacy will be found everywhere. It is a deep fried yeast dough filled with custard, chocolate, or jelly and sprinkled with sugar or honey. Yeast makes it puffy, and it is most delicious fresh out of the hot oil. The tradition of consuming all this salty, yeasty, sweet, fatty food at the end of Carnival time is in order to use up all the food that will be sworn off during Lent.

Lent is the period of six weeks (40 days not including Sundays) leading up to Easter, the most important festival in the Christian calendar and it starts on Ash Wednesday, February 26. The last week of Lent is called Holy Week and ends on April 9.

The biggest Faschnik in Germany takes place in Köln (Cologne). The city celebrates with street and pub parties, with people disguising themselves in all sorts of ways.

Hope you will be able to experience Carnival in Germany...and remember to have fun!



By Danijela Adams