

Coalition Bulletin

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Half a world away....

The holiday season is approaching for the Enduring Freedom Coalition. For many of our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines their service takes them far away from their families and friends.

Many of us have celebrated Thanksgiving and will soon be celebrating Christmas. Others are concluding Ramadan, and the Eid celebration is just around the corner. During these times, our thoughts are focused more on loved one's back home, reminding us why we are here and the importance of our mission.

Together, regardless of religion, race or backgrounds, we will defeat terrorism. Our victory ensures that we may safely celebrate our holidays with our families and friends for many years to come.

I wish the Coalition happy holidays and Eid Mubarak!

Sincerely,

Tommy R. Franks
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We can't appreciate what we don't know !

By Brigadier General Arthur F. "Chip" Diehl III

Everyday our Coalition nations, collectively and individually, are at the forefront of military and humanitarian operations in the war against terrorism. 43 Coalition nations are teamed with us here in Tampa and they are the *cornerstones of our success* in our fight against terrorism.

Lest we forget, over 80 nations lost family, friends, and countrymen on September 11th. This shared tragedy has galvanized and united us in the largest Coalition ever created. We have all gained strength because it is a *"Coalition of the Willing"*.

From the very outset, nations have employed forces and offered contributions far beyond everyone's expectations -- and the success in Afghanistan and elsewhere has been phenomenal.

To appreciate our Coalition, let's take a *short quiz*:

1. Which nations have deployed their "only Carrier Battle Group" or have made their first deployment to the Arabian Sea since WW II ?

- a. Italy
- b. Germany
- c. France
- d. Japan
- e. All of the above

2. Which nations are contributing demining units/equipment/bomb dogs to Afghanistan?

- a. Estonia
- b. Norway
- c. Jordan
- d. Denmark
- e. All the above

3. Which nations have lost members in Afghanistan ?

- a. Australia
- b. Denmark
- c. Canada
- d. Germany
- e. Pakistan
- f. All the above

**The answers are easy --
"All the above" for each!**

As General Franks has continually stated with great pride -- this Coalition represents to the world our strength and sustaining this strength is critical to the success of this campaign.

We truly appreciate the contributions of each of our Coalition partners -- we need to *"tell the story"* of their many contributions. We've seen the pictures, heard the stories, read of the successes -- please join us in getting this news, these stories out to our nations, to our leaders, to our publics for their appreciation and recognition.

A wonderful chapter in the history of Operation Enduring Freedom will be the contributions of this great Coalition -- **lets not wait for history to be written, let us tell the stories now.**

Dutch CIMIC project completed in Afghanistan



draw a large crowd of local people and was attended by both the Dutch CIMIC representative and a representative of the Afghan Ministry of Rural Development. The village of Myakel and surrounding villages in the “Sahak area” had a good water supply for years, but during the Taliban regime the pump and housing were destroyed. As the region lacked potable water and because this region is in the Dutch part of the CIMIC co-ordination, the Dutch government in co-operation with the Ministry of Rural Development decided to support this project.

In the village of Myakel, in the Bagrami district south of Kabul (Afghanistan), a Dutch CIMIC (Civil-Military Cooperation) project was concluded in early November. The project involve the reconstruction of a drinking water supply system, funded by the Dutch government. The opening of the water pump

The new pump installation consisted of a heavy turbine pump with diesel generator in a new housing. Furthermore the project supplied new piping and fittings and a new water reservoir.

Dutch soldier undergoes surgery at Manas

In the Korean mobile hospital in Manas (Kirchisitan) a Dutch woman soldier underwent an operation on 14 November as she suffered from appendicitis. The surgical team consisted of a Korean and a US doctor. The Dutch air medical doctor of the Dutch F16 detachment was present. If recovery goes well the patient will be back to her duty soon.

Korea is part of the international coalition housed in “tenticity” on the US part of the Ganci airbase in Kyrgyzstan. On the base a mix of US, Korean, Dutch, Norwegian, Danish, Spanish and Italian military work close together. Some 40 Koreans man the mobile hospital consisting of modern special medical containerized rooms.

The Dutch soldier is part of the combined Dutch-Norwegian-Danish F-16 detachment that started operating

from Manas on the first of October 2002 supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. The Dutch detachment consists of 176 people. (foto courtesy Royal Dutch airforce)



French-trained 4th Afghan Army Battalion graduates

By Staff Sgt. Rhonda M. Lawson
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KABUL, Aghanistan – After nearly 10 weeks of intense training, the Afghan National Army adds a fourth battalion to its ranks.

The battalion graduated from the Kabul Military Training Center Nov. 14, as the second unit trained by the French army. A new rotation of French soldiers will soon come in to train the 6th BANA, for which new soldiers are already being fielded.

The 5th BANA, trained by U.S. special operations forces, is approaching the mid-point of their training.

Although the French and U.S. soldiers alternate battalions, Capt. Jean-Marc Lefevre, an operations officer with the French army, said the training is similar.

“We teach from the same lesson plan,” he said. “It’s differently organized, but the same lesson plan.”

That lesson plan includes both classroom and hands-on instruction, much like individual basic combat training. Soldiers practice weapons instruction and basic infantry tactics, as well learning ethics and laws of war.

Both French and U.S. soldiers, with the help of an interpreter, lead instruction during the first few weeks of training, but give command to the Afghan NCOs and officers for the latter part of the program. During this time, the French and Americans act as advisors.

“Obviously, there are different techniques that are used to teach, but the endstate is benchmarked, in that it’s a light infantry program of instruction,” said Maj. Bruce, the KMTC French

Liason officer. Bruce is identified only by rank and first name for security reasons.

The French soldiers are part of a task force of more than 50 NCOs and officers specially created to train soldiers from other countries. Many of them, according to Stillman, come from an artillery unit that has trained African soldiers.

“They’re very familiar with working with host nations,” he said.

Lefevre said the training has gone well, but he admitted that some of the challenges they’ve encountered were the same as those found with trainees in his own army.

“Even through 20 years of war, they still flinch when they fire,” he said.

Another challenge, teamwork, has improved greatly throughout the program, according to Lefevre.



“They are individualists, and we tried to make them a squad and platoon,” he said. This was accomplished, he said, through squad training and sports.

However, Lefevre said training the Afghan army has been a unique experience. “They are very good soldiers and we enjoyed working with them,” Lefevre said. “It’s been plenty of fun training the Afghans.”

Stillman added that he’d like to see the U.S.’s relationship with the French grow from this experience.

They’re extremely professional, well-trained and present a positive image for the Coalition,” he said. “We consider them neighbors, and hopefully they consider us neighbors.



That's positive interaction not only to benefit the Afghans, it's positive for U.S.-French relations for future operations."

Medical personnel from the Republic of Korea assist with medical care for Afghan trainees at

the center. Nearly 30 nations have contributed weapons, clothing, field gear, vehicles and equipment in the training effort.

Coalition makes donation to Shiners

By Marine Sgt. Barry Melton



As the war on terror rages, military servicemembers from all corners of the globe have come together in Tampa to give their all to the fight. Now they've given even more.

Nearly 20 members representing the 43 nations currently serving at MacDill Air Force Base presented a check of \$824 to Lewis Molnar, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Shiners Hospitals for Children Nov. 13 at the Shiners International Headquarters at Rocky Point. "We are thrilled and honored," said Molnar. "It was nice that

they recognized the Shiners and the work we are doing."

The contributions were raised in 3 weeks in conjunction with the Combined Federal Campaign, a program allowing Americans to set up allotments or make one-time donations to charities of their choice. The international guests here took this opportunity to make a contribution of their own and impact the local community.

British Wing Commander Bunny James said after he found out that the Shiners operated 22 hospitals in the United States, Mexico and Canada that offer free treatment for disabled and burned children, he knew it was the right cause.

"It wasn't very hard to sell to the other members of the coalition," James said. "Every country has children that suffer."

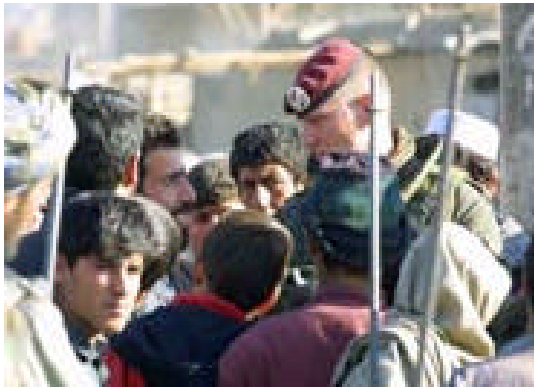
Molnar said that children for overseas, specifically Afghanistan and Iraq, have been treated in Shiners Hospitals and he hopes, given the number of countries that were involved with this donation, that the word is spread throughout all nations about the Shiners mission.

Not only will the coalition spread the word, James said they will continue to raise more money for the Shiners. "We plan to carry on outside of the CFC," he said. "We already have more money here to give.

Germany and the Netherlands plan to assume leadership of ISAF in Afghanistan

By LTC Dieter Kinne, J5 GE LnTm HQ US CENTCOM

The governments of both nations have agreed to take over joint leadership of ISAF, International Security Assistance Force, taking over the responsibility from Turkey.



Great Britain was the first to lead the ISAF forces, which have assisted the government of the Afghan President Karsai in maintaining security in Kabul and the surrounding area since December 2001. Turkey assumed this responsibility in June 2002 following the first meeting of the Grand Council (Loya Jirga).

The current mandate of ISAF will end on 20 December 2002; the UNSC is expected to extend the current mandate without any changes.

ISAF – more than security



Besides the main effort of providing security as mentioned above ISAF also plays and will continue to play a significant role in the reconstruction of Afghanistan. These efforts are conducted by the various CIMIC-detachments of the contributing nations. CIMIC – meaning Civil-Military-Cooperation – is the main tool of ISAF to gain the confidence of the Afghan population, by demonstrating the visible progress of nation-building.

Concentrating on the Kabul area a huge number of projects have already been finished, often conducted in combined operations by ISAF troops and Afghan workers, supported by donations from the home-nations of ISAF.

A typical example for the great results is the reopening of the Sawary-Sangary-High school for girls in Kabul. More than 3 months of reconstruction were necessary, conducted by local firms and supported by the Austrian-German CIMIC-Platoon. The most important part of the construction was not the 40meter deep well, but “was the wall around the building”, German Sergeant Major Karl-Heinz Maier, the project manager said, “to ensure a safe learning environment”.

With Germany and the Netherlands to be the next lead-nations the Afghan population can be sure the CIMIC-efforts will be continued in the same way ISAF has done so far.

Plans

The German Bundeswehr and the Defence Forces of the Netherlands already have the mission to form, prepare and train a German/Dutch Contingent to provide core military capabilities for the ISAF III Lead Function to be ready to take over the responsibilities in February 2003. They will be supported by other nations contributing troop. The 1 (GE/NL) Corps is to form the bulk of the Contingent.

The 1 (GE/NL) Corps

Both Netherlands and Germany will provide the framework the 1 (GE/NL) Corps on an equal basis.

Veterans Day, November 8th 2002

Operation Enduring Freedom coalition countries were saluted during Veterans Day in Florida. The ceremony took place at Lykes Gaslight Park, downtown, Tampa.

This year's keynote speaker was Brigadier General Diehl, who in addition to speaking about past year's wars, also brought the audience's attention to the ongoing war on terrorism, and the Coalition standing by the US in this fight.



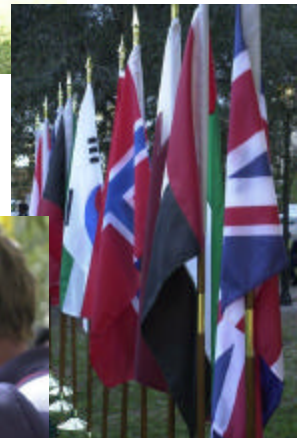
The Headquarters of the Corps is located in Münster, Germany.

The Corps has transformed into a NATO High Readiness Forces Headquarters. Apart from German and Dutch soldiers, also soldiers from Denmark, Italy, Norway, Spain, United Kingdom and from the United States are working together here.

Since 23 September 2002 the 1 (GE/NL) Corps has been officially designated as an International Military Headquarter to NATO. Its first test in this role comes with ISAF.



The Commanding General of the 1 (GE/NL) Corps is German LtGen Norbert van Heyst.



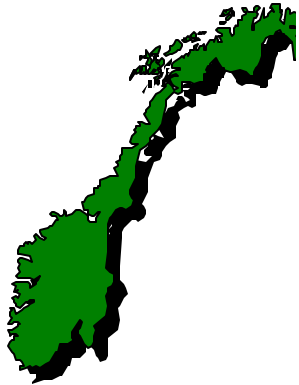
The War on Terrorism, a Norwegian's perspective



**By Brig. Gen. Roar Sundseth,
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US CENTCOM**

Why is Norway, a small nation on top of the world, actively involved in the ongoing Global War on Terrorism and Operation Enduring Freedom? Why is this fight also our fight?

Normally, the only time when Norway is making international headlines is when we annually on October 11 announce the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. In this light it may seem rather contradictory that a nation known for its



work for international peace participates with combat forces in operations far from its own borders. I will argue that the fact that we as a nation strive for international peace and harmony is exactly why we take part in this war.

I believe we are facing a new form of terrorism. Terrorism has become increasingly international and more violent. Terrorists use the Internet to exchange information on torture, explosives and recruitment. Not necessarily fighting for the same cause, and operating in different parts of the world. Inspired by the uncontrollable and independent organization of the Internet, the terrorists are organized in unknown forms. The modern terrorists have virtual connections that can create ad hoc groups. These groups do not need a "go ahead" from a central leader. Terrorist networks have become self-organized, rapid, efficient and flexible.

The United States considers itself at war with this new form of evil and has taken the lead in what we call the global war on terror. In this war Norway, too, plays its part. As a member of NATO and a long-time partner and friend of the US, we have offered substantial contributions to our joint fight.

What caused the September 11 attacks?

The attacks on September 11, last year, were directed at the United States. But the threat is aimed at the world community, and the consequences are affecting us all. This is

inevitable in a world characterized by growing interdependence.

Largely young, well-educated, and wealthy fanatics committed the September 11 acts. A powerful international network financed them. Terrorist groups, such as Al Qaeda, tend to voice an extreme ideology or religious fundamentalism. Their acts are the result of deep-seated intolerance and extremism.

Norway contributes in many ways

Norway has after 9/11 given full support to the fight against terror. We immediately supported the NATO declaration that the attacks on the United States were to be considered an attack on all Member States. This is in accordance with Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty. In late November last year Norway sent a Liaison Team to CENTCOM in Tampa.

Norway has also made several force contributions to the US-led Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

- We have participated with units for the clearing of landmines
- We have donated 21 light armored vehicles that are being used by US Special Forces
- We have operated with a C-130 Intra-Theater Airlift aircraft out of Manas in Kyrgyzstan that supported forces in theater.
- Norwegian Special Forces have participated in the operation up until last summer
- We have now deployed six F-16 fighters to Manas in Kyrgyzstan for air to ground support of the ground forces in Afghanistan.

I believe the success of the international coalition is vital in the campaign against terrorism. The campaign will be prolonged and intense. The fight is not limited to Afghanistan. Terrorists must be fought wherever they are.

While the terrorist acts exposed the vulnerability of our civil society and thousands of innocent lives were lost, the terrible acts of 9/11 created a new basis for international cooperation.

A broad and diverse international coalition stands together across political, ethnic and religious differences. Never before has the international community been so united in fighting a common security threat.

The fight against terrorism is a fight for the international order. It is a struggle for cooperation between peoples. It has to do with achieving free and open societies. We are striving for tolerance – for human dignity itself.

We, the Coalition, will win this fight!