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Commanders are encouraged to take advantage of the many training resources available here. As a result, JMTC will produce this quarterly news letter to highlight new and emerging technologies and course updates, which are all available to U.S. and multinational forces, and just a phone call away.

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JMTC fields first Multi-cultural Mobile Counter IED Interactive Trainer (McMCIT)

The one-of-a-kind trainer debuts in Europe with 4-language capability

By Denver Makle, JMTC Public Affairs

In mid-December the U.S. Army in Europe received the first Multi-cultural Mobile Counter Improvised Explosive Device (McMCIT) Interactive Trainer, a cognitive training system designed to teach Soldiers to identify visual indicators of an IED; react to a suspected IED, and perform the necessary reporting after an IED incident.

The McMCIT located at Grafenwoehr's Motor park 7 on main post features four trailers. Each trailer has a different theme designed to educate Soldiers on the dangers of the IED.

"The Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO) funded the new system for use at Grafenwoehr," said Dan Feazelle, chief of the Regional Training Support Center-Grafenwoehr. "It teaches Soldiers how to think like an insurgent. The premise is that it helps a Soldier understand where an insurgent might put them [IEDs] and why."

Units stationed in the region have already integrated the training into their training schedule, Feazelle said.

The McMCIT provides training in four basic languages, English, Polish, Bulgarian and Romanian.

The additional language capabilities allow multinational Soldiers from those countries to train on the device.



Photo (above): The Multi-cultural Mobile Counter IED Interactive Trainer, located at Grafenwoehr's Motor park 7 on main post features four trailers. During the past year, 25,000 service men and women have received IED training in the MCIT Department of Defense-wide. Europe's McMCIT is a variation of the initial trainer built specifically for U.S. and multinational Soldiers in Europe.

On March 18, 2010, U.S. Secretary Robert M. Gates outlined plans for combatant commanders to support partnered nations with resources that counter IEDs. Feazelle said this system supports the Secretary's directive.

To schedule usage of the McMCIT, range schedulers should use the Local Training Area (LTA) Range Facility Management Support System (RFMSS) to check for availability. For more information about the McMCIT see <http://www.hqjmtc.army.mil/TSAE.html>.

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Georgian Bn, OMLT and Police train at HTA for Afghanistan deployments

By Denver Makle, JMTC Public Affairs

The Republic of Georgia's 33rd Light Infantry Battalion (LIB) trains at Hohenfels Training Area Feb. 7-March 4, while the Joint Multinational Readiness Center (JMRC) also supports NATO Police Operational Mentor and Liaison Teams (POMLT) and Operational Mentor and Liaison Teams (OMLT) at the same time. The Army's largest OCONUS training installation continues to train U.S. and multinational troops for Afghanistan.

The Georgians regularly train at Hohenfels, about twice a year, in month-long Mission Rehearsal Exercises (MRE), which serve as the final mission evaluation before deployment to Afghanistan in support of International Security Assistance Forces (ISAF) there.

The Georgians began training with the Marine Corps Training and Advisory Group from Virginia Beach in Georgia, said Maj. Nick Sternberg, public affairs officer and observer, controller, trainer at the JMRC.

There are more than 837 Georgian troops involved in the overall training exercise which also includes 120 Bulgarian soldiers.

"We have replicated a realistic training environment for the 33rd LIB, and they are training with the Marines they are partnered with downrange, said Capt. Cheryl N. Sparks, plans officer at the JMRC.

The Hohenfels Training Area is broken-up in a way that allows three events, the OMLT, POMLT and MRE to happen simultaneously, said Sparks.

Prior to the final exercise of the MRE the 33rd LIB will conduct situational Training Exercise. The lane training focuses on tactics, techniques and procedures for negotiating the improvised explosive device, sensitive site exploitation, mounted and dismounted patrolling, and key leader engagements.

The Soldiers also have an opportunity to finish the MRAP Driver's Training Course, training that demonstrates safe-driving tactics, while anticipating the potentially deadly impacts of an IED attack (see page 3).



A Georgian Army Soldier returns fire as insurgents attempt to attack their convoy. The Georgian's 33rd Infantry Battalion conducts pre-deployment training at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center (JMRC) in Hohenfels, Germany. The JMRC is also hosting NATO Police Operational Mentor and Liaison Teams and Operational Mentor and Liaison Teams this month. Photo courtesy of JMRC Public Affairs.

"There are three countries, Romania, Poland and Georgia that regularly train for support to NATO and ISAF at our facilities and installations, said Michael J. McLean, International Military Student Officer at the Joint Multinational Training Command (JMTC) in Grafenwoehr, Germany. "These countries provide support to ISAF and we give them the same level of support and training we provide our U.S. forces."

The Romanian Land Forces and the Republic of Georgia provide an infantry Battalion in Afghanistan, said McLean.

Sparks said schedulers pay special attention to what training happens and when to ensure the training events don't conflict.

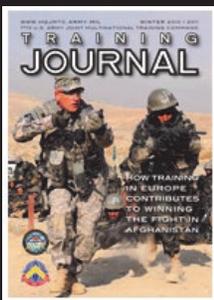
"By the time the OMLT wraps-up the Georgians get into the force-on-force training," she said. The OMLT and POMLT training can be combined into one training scenario or condensed based on the needs of the unit.



Soldiers learn to visually identify indicators of an IED and react to the threat in the Multicultural Mobile Counter Improvised Explosive Device (McMCIT). The newest Mobile Counter-IED trainer, which is offered by the JMTC's Training Support Activity Europe. The McMCIT provides an immersive counter-IED specific training experience for Soldiers preparing for deployment.



To schedule training on the McMCIT unit S3s should use the Range Facility Management Support System to check for availability. For more information about the McMCIT see <http://www.hqjmtc.army.mil/TSAE.html>.



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18-Day Warrior Leader Course available for junior enlisted

The 7th Army Noncommissioned Officer Academy in Grafenwoehr, Germany provides Warrior Leaders Course (WLC) for junior enlisted Soldiers that need the base course for NCO promotion.

Redeploying Soldiers receive priority on available seats. Upon returning to their USAREUR-based unit, Soldiers have seven days of reintegration training then a maximum leave period is scheduled. Following the mandated 45-days of leave these Soldiers may attend professional military training and receive 90-days of priority over non-deployed USAREUR-based Soldiers to attend the course.

Prerequisites to attending the training are day-and-night land navigation, weapons qualification and the Army Physical fitness test, which should be conducted by the unit prior to registration.

For more information go to http://www.hqjmtc.army.mil/Organization/NCO_Academy/WLC.html, or register for WLC through the Army Training Requirements and Resources System. Ask your unit Training clerk about the 18-day WLC.

Combined Arms Training Center offers Counter-IED training

By Maj. Keith E. Matiskella, Chief Combined Arms Training Center

Since Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) are a major threat to U.S. and International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Soldiers operating in Afghanistan and Iraq, the Combined Arms Training Center (CATC) at Rose Barracks introduced two new courses to support Counter-IED (C-IED) training for deploying units.

The first course, the MRAP Master Driver course certifies a unit's NCOs to train and license Soldiers on the maintenance and operation of a specific Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle.

The second is the CIED Master Trainer course for mid-grade NCOs and junior officers. This course develops subject-matter-experts to advise commanders of the assets available to support the C-IED training of their units, at the company and battalion levels.

"The train-the-trainer aspect of both these courses is effective for U.S. Forces because it allows us to get the training to more Soldiers by creating instructors in every unit," said Sgt. Major Lance Dyckman, CATC. "By developing leaders in our partner nations, who are able to provide high-quality training on relevant subjects, we are building the capacities of these Armies to train autonomously not just providing training to a few of their Soldiers."

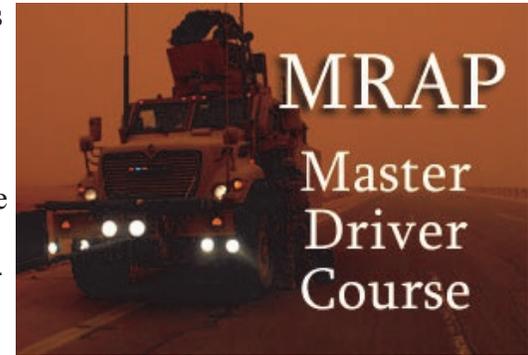
The MRAP drivers training program started in May 2010, shortly after the Joint Multinational Training Command (JMTC) received a significant number of MRAP vehicles, the MaxxPro and MRAP All Terrain vehicles for their Mission Rehearsal Exercise training fleet.

"These vehicles gave us the capability to train students at JMTC, which was an opportunity usually only received in theater, from a New Equipment Training team, or from a few training locations in CONUS," said Sgt. 1st Class Brandon Fairchild, CATC Master Driver. "Poland was the first to take advantage of this opportunity and 15 Polish Soldiers from a Brigade deploying to Afghanistan successfully trained at Rose Barracks." Since then, 232 Soldiers from Poland, Georgia, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Bulgaria graduated from the course with more than 150 already scheduled to complete the course by the end of the year.

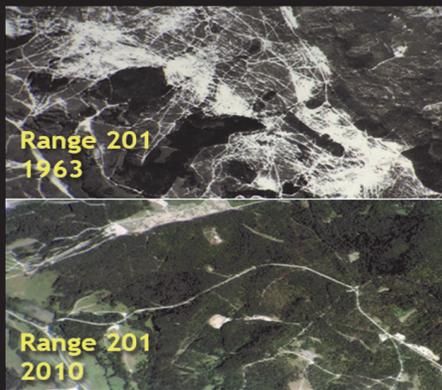
"The course promotes the same standards used to certify U.S. Soldiers, and those Soldiers trained can return to their countries confident that they can train Soldiers to use safe-driving tactics, while defeating the potentially deadly impacts of an IED attack," said Fairchild.

Although high-tech resources may not be available to all the countries, trainers say it is important that the Soldiers learn basic C-IED operations, and develop an awareness of the devices, while learning battle drills and techniques that can be executed by small unit patrols, he said.

"The CATC can't train every Soldier in U.S. Army Europe or every multinational Soldier, but we try to train enough leaders to conduct training within their units," said Dyckman.



The MRAP Master Driver course certifies a unit's NCOs to train and license Soldier on the maintenance and operation of the MRAP vehicle. For more information contact the Combined Arms Training Center at Rose Barracks at DSN 476-2892.



The ITAM Viewer is now available with historical imagery

This is a dramatic comparison of Grafenwoehr Training Area's Range 201, provided by the Training Support Activity Europe's (TSAE) Geographic Information Systems (GIS) office in Grafenwoehr, Germany. GIS maintains geographic imagery and data as part of the U.S. Army Europe's Sustainable Range Program (SRP). The data is used to update maps of all Army training lands in Europe, and provides baseline spatial information used by various U.S. and local national stakeholders to determine the most sustainable uses for those lands.

For the first time, the SRP's Integrated Training Land Management (ITAM) program will include historical aerial imagery of Grafenwoehr and other U.S. Army Europe training areas on its ITAM Viewer DVD library. The maps are a combination of aerial and satellite photography from 1945 to the present.

"This is imagery that really shows how the training lands in Grafenwoehr have evolved over the years as a result of focused planning and management," said Nate Whelan, ITAM Program Manager.

The ITAM Viewer is a DVD-based software collection of vector and raster geospatial data for all U.S. Army Europe training areas and ranges. It also includes maps of host nation-controlled training areas located throughout Europe and Africa which are used by U.S. forces.

The ITAM Viewer is free, Army-network approved software and data DVDs that can be requested by authorized users on the USAREUR SRP website: <https://srp.usareur.army.mil> or by contacting the ITAM office in Grafenwoehr at DSN 475-ITAM.

Out and About: the 172nd preps for deployment



GRAFENWOEHR, Germany —

The 172nd Infantry Brigade is U.S. Army Europe's ready and deployable combat force. Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 77th Field Artillery test the capabilities of their new 155mm howitzers on a Grafenwoehr range during preparation for their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan in the summer of 2011.

(U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. Charles D. Crail)



BOHINJSKA BELA, Slovenia —

Sgt. Todd Baker with U.S. Army Europe's 172nd Infantry Brigade hands a pair of dry boots to Sgt. John Beelow during mountain warfare training at the Slovenian Armed Forces Mountain Training Center Dec. 3. Soldiers from the 172nd Infantry Brigade participated in the training to familiarize with the difficulties faced during mountain operations. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Joel Salgado)



BOHINJSKA BELA, Slovenia —

As night falls, Soldiers with the 172nd Infantry Brigade use ropes and helmet lights to travel through the dark forest at the Slovenian Armed Forces Mountain Training Center. Soldiers from the 172nd Infantry Brigade are participating in the mountain warfare training to familiarize themselves with the difficulties faced during mountain operations.

(U.S. Army Europe photo by Rick Bumgardner)

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For these countries not to have their own MRAP fleets to train on is a challenge. However, the foundation is there to give them a self-sustaining capability once the material resources are available, he said.

"There is confidence that comes from knowing you have a piece of equipment that will protect you from attack," said Dyckman. "This course can only increase the effectiveness of our ISAF partners conducting operations side-by-side with U.S. Soldiers in Afghanistan."

Likewise, the CIED Master Trainer course was introduced last January to help U.S. units integrate C-IED training requirements and resources into their unit's deployment training. In October 2010 students of several partner-nations participated in the first course. The students received instruction on IED composition and emplacement tactics, NATO C-IED doctrine, and how to combat the threat. The students also learn to plan C-IED training lanes, while also becoming familiar with other resources and courses available at JMTC to support multinational C-IED training. "These students and those that have already signed-up for future courses, will take-back the latest in enemy IED tactics and an understanding of NATO doctrine," said Sgt. 1st Class Ernest Hudson, CATC senior C-IED instructor. "They will be prepared to plan C-IED training events for themselves."

For more information on the JMTC Counter-IED Training contact JMTC Training at DSN 314-475-6617 or from CONUS 011-49-9641-83-6617. Learn more about the Joint Multinational Training Command via the Internet at www.hqjmtc.army.mil.