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*courtesy photo*

*Vehicles queue up for loading at the port in Bremerhaven, Germany. Soldiers from 66th MI Group detachments provided counterintelligence and force protection support to “fort to port” operations in the months leading up to the war in Iraq.*

## **66th detachments help put USAREUR forces afloat**

### **66th MI Group PAO**

BRUNSSUM, The Netherlands - Counterintelligence support from the 66th MI Group has helped put U.S. Army Europe forces afloat to the Middle East since October.

Soldiers and civilians from the Group’s MI detachments in Benelux, Würzburg and Kaiserslautern safeguarded “fort-to-port” operations with threat assessments on 1,300 km of autobahns, three ports and a convoy support center.

In January two Benelux Military Intelligence Detachment (BMID) agents, Karl Hickson and Lawrence Bowman, set up operations in Antwerp, Belgium, during

USAREUR port operations there.

They served as the “eyes and ears” to ground commanders and USAREUR, according to Chief Warrant Officer 3 Johnnie Cameron, Benelux MI Detachment commander.

“BMID was able to eliminate potential operational disruptions,” he said.

The Antwerp team’s mission included liaison with host-nation intelligence and security, reporting and responding to demonstrations, investigating force-protection incidents and vandalism.

They worked with the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division and local authorities as

a joint response unit, providing timely and accurate information, according to Cameron.

While assigned to the port in Rotterdam, the team of Ken Orrock, Kim Jones and John Musser Jones provided daily threat-assessments and developed a network of host-nation liaison contacts.

In April, agents moved on from the port in Rotterdam to Bremerhaven when USAREUR equipment began returning from Turkey.

“The information the agents provided served to alleviate rumors and establish a common picture of incidents that could affect future port operations,” said Cameron.

## **Happy 228th birthday**

On June 14<sup>th</sup> the Army celebrates its 228<sup>th</sup> birthday. June 14<sup>th</sup> is also Flag Day. How completely appropriate that on the same day we observe both the founding of America's Army and the creation of the great flag under which America's Army serves. One might wonder, "Which came first, the Army or the flag?" The answer is: the Army. Our Army was founded on June 14, 1775, and "the Stars and Stripes" followed two years later on June 14, 1777.

As INSCOM soldiers and civilians do their part to protect and defend the liberty of this great Nation and its allies around the world, they do so under the watchful eye of our "Star Spangled Banner." Throughout the globe, both our Army and our flag represent the best of America. Together, they exemplify an indomitable spirit of determination: the resolve to live free and the courage to fight for that freedom.

From the days of Lewis and Clark to World War II, and from the Korean War to Operation Iraqi Freedom, our flag and our Army have journeyed together across the history of the United States — an unbeatable combination of inspiration and execution.

Happy Birthday, Army. Happy Birthday, "Old Glory," and God Bless America.



*DA photo*

***Maj. Gen. Keith B. Alexander***

## **Fast Facts**

People wishing to show support for troops involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom can do so at the following:

- Donate a calling card to help keep servicemembers in touch with their families at Operation Uplink: <http://www.operationuplink.org/>
- Learn more about the American Red Cross armed forces emergency services at: <http://www.redcross.org/services/afes/>
- Support families whose loved ones are being treated at military and VA hospitals through a donation to the Fisher House <http://www.fisherhouse.org>.

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## 902nd MI Group supports local Special Olympics

**Tina Miles**

902nd MI Group

Personnel from the 902nd MI Group and two subordinate units, the 308th and 310th MI Battalions, volunteered in a unique Navy sponsored "Run, Jump 'n' Throw" Special Olympics event. Featuring over 198 special needs and general education students competing in track and field events, the event was held at Ridgeway Elementary School in Severn, Md. May 15.

In a spin off of the Special Olympics traditional competition, the Ridgeway Invitational paired special needs students with partners who were non-handicapped. Participants came from five Anne Arundel County elementary schools.

One of those schools was Meade Heights Elementary, with which the 902nd MI Group is a Partner in Education.

The event kicked-off with an opening ceremony and consisted of four events: standing long-jump, 50-meter dash, softball throw, and a turbo javelin competition.

Volunteers served as escorts, with two escorts assigned to a heat of eight to 10 athletes. Each escort stayed with their group throughout the entire event, tracking scorecards, keeping the athletes organized, and moving from one venue to the next.

Hugs, high-fives and cheers from spectators were the biggest rewards to both competing and volunteering. Shouts of support and signs



*photo by Tina Miles*

**Maj. Barrett, deputy commander, 902nd MI Group and Zack Bowman, a student at Meade, celebrate as Bowman receives his medal. Bowman was one of 198 special needs and general education students who participated.**

made by the younger elementary students were waved as each athlete took their starting position. The camaraderie and good-sportsmanship between all of the participants was apparent throughout the day.

The competitors also enjoyed lunch with their volun-

teers, comparing strategy and exchanging congratulations. The invitational closed with an awards ceremony.

As the event concluded, one thing was certain - everyone who participated in and supported the Special Olympics walked away a winner.

**902nd MI Group supports local Special Olympics (cont'd)**

photos by Tina Miles

*The participants wave and smile for the camera after the Special Olympics event concluded.*



*All of the 902nd MI Group volunteers who helped to make the "Run, Jump 'n' Throw Ridgeway Invitational" possible gather for a photo after the closing ceremony.*

## Senior Profile: Col. Larry W. Croce, INSCOM inspector general

Everyone knows the quintessential line when the Inspector General arrives: “We’re here to help you.” That is usually put on par with “and the check is in the mail.” In the case of Col. Larry W. Croce, the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command Inspector General, however, the sentiment is his true philosophy.

“My priority is to make INSCOM a better command,” he said in a recent interview. “As we do our field IG inspections, our intent is to enhance operations.”

Enhancing operations is actually done through three branches in the INSCOM IG Office: assistance branch, which handles complaints or other issues; inspections branch, which goes out to the field to monitor and look for any problems there; and investigations branch, which looks into allegations as needed. Croce’s background gives him the perspective to manage all these functions.

A military intelligence officer by profession, Croce knows INSCOM. He has had three previous INSCOM assignments: as a captain, as a major and as a battalion commander. Those assignments, as well as other intelligence positions from counterintelligence platoon commander with the 519<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion to security advisor to the deputy assistant to the president at the White House, have all contributed to a comprehensive intelligence community background that benefits him in his current position. Added to that are two assignments with the U.S. Army Personnel Command, giving him a strong background in working with people - all necessary ingredients for an IG.

“Being an IG, not only do you worry about taking care of the command for the commanding general, but you also worry about the people in the command,” he said. “People in the intelligence community aren’t any different from other communities; if people have issues, we need to address them if they are not getting what they perceive as satisfaction through command channels. It doesn’t matter who you are, you can bring unresolved issues to the attention of the IG.”

In a position which he says gives him a lot of satisfaction through the support provided



photo by Bob Bills

**Croce’s priority is to make INSCOM a better command.**

to soldiers and family members, Croce has a couple of messages for the Command.

“From the standpoint of the commanders in the field, we are a great source of information. To the soldiers, I would say that they should always try to resolve their issues through their chain of command first—the command IG should be their last resort. Give your leadership a chance to take care of problems first.”

During an Army career replete with awards and special schooling, Croce’s assignments have been diverse and have reinforced his leadership roles. They have included company commander, 732<sup>nd</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; branch chief, Measurements and Signatures Intelligence, Army G2; commander, 527<sup>th</sup> MI Battalion, Augsburg, Germany; and assistant chief of staff, M2, Joint Command South Central, Larissa, Greece.

Croce says that he has been blessed with great people in his 24 years in the Army. “I was taught long ago that, if you take care of the people who work with you (not for you), everything else will come together. That has been my leadership philosophy.”



photo by Stacey Taylor

*Stacey Taylor, a ninth grader at Bad Aibling Station High School, earned first place in the photo essay category in the 2003 Overseas ImageMakers National Photography Contest. The photography contest is sponsored by Boys and Girls Clubs of America and Army Youth Services. During the year, Bad Aibling's Youth Services programs — to include School-Age Services and the Middle School Teen Center — run photography programs, exposing youth on Bad Aibling Station from first to twelfth grade to the world of photography. Photographs taken during the year, are then exhibited locally and the best photos are sent to be exhibited for the Overseas Region. That is where Taylor's photo was recently judged best of the Photo Essay category. The photo will now travel to Atlanta, Ga. for the national exhibit held during the National Conference of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.*

## **INSCOM looking for Spirit of Hope**

The U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command is currently accepting nominations for the USO Spirit of Hope award program. Those wishing to submit a nomination must have their paperwork turned in no later than Aug. 22.

The USO Spirit of Hope award program annually recognizes a servicemember who epitomizes the values of the USO in its efforts to support and enhance the quality of life for military servicemembers and their families serving around the world. The winner receives the USO Spirit of Hope award medalion in November at the Soldier Show in Washington D.C.

### **Nominees must meet the following criteria:**

1. must be active duty, reserve or national guard with at least one year retainability/obligated service;
2. must have contributed selflessly to the improvement of the quality of life of our servicemembers, preferably with one transcendent achievement;
3. should epitomize the principles and spirit of the USO, and represent the values of the members of the Armed Forces;
4. finally, the achievement must have improved the morale and welfare of the unit.

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