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A photograph of three US military personnel in camouflage uniforms standing in front of a sign that reads 'T MED' and 'First Sergeant C Osita Ezulike'. The man on the right is identified as First Sergeant C Osita Ezulike. The man in the middle has 'SHIMAMOTO' on his name tag. The man on the left has an American flag patch on his sleeve. They are all smiling and standing in front of a building with a dark roof and a window.

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“Army Reserve Doctors Save a Life”

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backboard and loading him into the vehicle. Two hours had passed since the Soldiers had arrived on the scene, and they were glad to be relieved and see the victim transported to a hospital.

“We are not sure of what happened to him [after that night] or how his injuries fared after receiving medical treatment,” said Perez-Conde. “In the moment, we were so focused on treating him and trying to save his life that we didn’t even notice if people were taking pictures or local media was around.”

The U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers may not have been immediately recognized for their efforts, but they do have the satisfaction of knowing they were able to sustain a young man’s life for nearly two hours after a motorcycle accident almost took it away.

The officers said their field medical tactical training, a course designed to teach the basics of tactical lifesaving skills under realistic conditions, served them well in this situation.

The 345th CSH medics and hospital staff teach Soldiers assigned to MNBG-E to perform emergency trauma care such as inserting airway adjuncts and applying tourniquets. The goal is to instill in the Soldier an ability to instinctively react to combat casualties without freezing up.

“We want to give service members the skills necessary to treat their buddies and save lives when something goes wrong, on or off duty,” said Perez-Conde. “This accident proved just that.”

In a foreign country and without the medical tools or equipment available in their facility, they had the knowledge and the training to respond to a non-military victim’s needs. At the completion of their pass, the trio then returned to their duties as a part of MNBG-E’s Task Force Medical, which serves as the hospital for Camp Bondsteel in Kosovo.

Join MNBG-E in celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day

By Master Sgt. Jenny Whichard

MNBG-E Equal Opportunity Advisor

The Department of Defense (DOD) celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day each year on the third Monday in January. After a long struggle, legislation was finally signed in 1983 with the first official federal holiday observance in January 1986. Dr. King was both the first African American and the first non-U.S. president to have an official legal holiday.

The theme “Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On, Not A Day Off” remains the same each year and marks this holiday as a day of service. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service is the only federal holiday observed as a national day of service, encouraging people to strengthen their communities and create solutions to social problems. It is part of the President’s national call to service initiative, United We Serve. The day represents an opportunity to start the year off right by making a positive impact in one’s community. What impact will you make in your community in 2016?

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



U.S. Army Col. Vernon Simpson, the MNBG-E Commander, presents German 1st Sgt. Greisinger the U.S. Army Marksmanship Badge, Dec. 21, 2015, at Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo, for qualifying on the M9 pistol and M16 rifle alongside U.S. partners. (Photo by Sgt. Gina Russell)



U.S. Army Soldiers race to complete a 4-mile ruck march on the early morning of Jan. 9, at Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo. The two-day competition included an evaluation on each competitor’s physical fitness, weapons knowledge, and ability to evaluate and evacuate a casualty. The competition’s NCOs and junior enlisted Soldiers represent the best of each U.S. Army unit serving as part of NATO’s Kosovo Force peace support mission in the region. (Photo by Sgt. Erick Yates)

The **2015 tax season** is upon us, and the **MNBG-E Legal Center** offers free tax preparation and assistance to all U.S. service members and civilians entitled to legal assistance in Kosovo. The opening of Camp Bondsteel Tax Center is scheduled for January 25, 2016 and will be located at Camp Bondsteel JAG Office, Bldg 1330C Room 4N. Our JAG personnel will make tax assistance trips to CMLT and Film City every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month to provide tax preparation and assistance to the Soldiers at these locations. The Camp Bondsteel Tax center will take walk-ins and will make appointments.

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