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TACTICA Magazine is an online publication dedicated to those working in the Military, Law Enforcement and Emergency Services. TACTICA Magazine appears once every two months and is distributed on a subscription basis.

That's how I started

Compared to the "white paper" on which I have to write my editorial, creating a magazine seems easy.

The truth is that it's not so hard to do something when you do it out of passion and with pleasure. Like in the case of putting together the magazine, where I'm combining my love for journalism and photography and with that for 'the army'. The last one an older dream of mine, from the first years of school when my teacher would ask me what I wanted to be when I grow up. I use to say I would become a militiawoman – Militia was the name of the Police in those days -, and I didn't yet hear or seen girls in the army to tell them that what I really wanted was to be a soldier.

This is how Revista Tactică (what you now know as Tactica Magazine) was born. Out of passion, and because I wanted to create a publication that would include those in the Army, Police, Air Force, Gendarmerie, Firefighters, SMURD (Romanian Emergency Services) and other structures ,in the service of the people'. Not just by presenting their everyday job, but by telling their stories as individuals.

At the same time, I wanted to open, in the magazine's pages, the military world to the enthusiasts outside ,the system' so that they could get to know the men and women who dedicate their whole lives to the country and its people.

You will also find in the pages of the magazine ,practical' things, such as equipment recommendations, product presentations, tests, tips, and other materials that will be useful to you.

But until future issues, you can now browse the pilot issue of Tactica Magazine, in which I tried to write, more or less about each structure and in which you'll find older or newer materials, but always current.

And like that, telling you a little about what you can read 'my white sheet' is white no more.

Enjoy your reading!

Marcella Dragan



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The General Aviation Inspectorate announces the 2013 admission

Young people who want to become military pilots, aviation engineers, or aviation Petty Officer now have this possibility. The General Aviation Inspectorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs is recruiting candidates for admission to 2013 in the following educational institutions of the Ministry of National Defense: „Henri Coandă” Air Force Academy from Brasov; Bucharest Military Technical Academy; „Traian Vuia” Military School Bobocu, Buzau; and „Basarab I” Military School from Pitesti.

In order to qualify for the admission, the candidates must fulfill the following general conditions, specified in the Order of the Minister of Administration and Interior no. 665/2008, regarding human resources management in the MIA units: to have Romanian citizenship and domicile in Romania; to know the Romanian written and spoken language; to have capacity to be declared „fit” from a medical, physical and mental point of view (checks on medical, physical and psychological health are performed by the specialized

structures of the Ministry of Interior); to be at least 18 years old on the year of selection; to be high school graduates with a baccalaureate degree (proof of graduation is made with a diploma or certificate showing that they have taken and passed the baccalaureate exam); to have no criminal record or being prosecuted, unless rehabilitation has taken place; to behave in accordance with the requirements of society; have not carried out political police activities, as defined in law; and have not been dismissed from public office in the last 7 years.

Details on the full conditions of participation, candidate files, as well as other information can be obtained by accessing the website of the General Aviation Inspectorate - www.aviatie.mai.gov.ro or from the Human Resources Management Service within IGAv headquarters in Bucharest, Calea Ion Zăvoi no. 14, sector 1, telephone 021-3.10.43.99 / interior 17.039, e-mail: resurse.ia@mai.gov.ro.

NATO Secretary General visits the Ministry of National Defense

The Minister of National Defense, Mircea Duşa, received at the headquarters of the ministry the Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Anders Fogh Rasmussen, who paid an official visit to Romania on May 23 and 24. During the talks, the two officials addressed issues related to the missions of the North Atlantic Alliance in the current international context, Romania's participation in theaters of operations, and the location of the missile defense system in Deveselu.

Minister Mircea Duşa and Secretary General Rasmussen appreciated that the promotion of a successful European defense and security policy could only be achieved by a solid and open Europe, firmly committed to investing in security and defense. The Minister of National Defense highlighted the excellent collaboration between the Romanian Army and the armies



of the other member countries of the Alliance, especially in Afghanistan, and reiterated our country intention to participate in the post-2014 mission in this country.

For his part, the NATO Secretary General said that ensuring the success of ISAF and NATO's future training and advisory mission in Afghanistan can only be guaranteed by maintaining the Alliance's cohesion and solidarity. „I want to thank you

for the professionalism of the Romanian troops in the theaters of operations and to convey to you that Romania is a strong ally of the North Atlantic Alliance, on which we can always rely.”

Cybersecurity has been on the agenda of the two officials, both of whom believe that a rigorous action plan should be devised at NATO level to counter potential attacks.

Another topic on the agenda was the missile shield. While Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen reiterated that the development of NATO's ballistic missile defense capability remains one of the priorities of the Alliance's political and operational agenda, Minister Mircea Duşa presented information on the state of play at Deveselu.

„The missile defense system is of strategic importance and is a key element in ensuring the security of the countries from South-Eastern Europe in the face of threats. I recently paid a visit to Deveselu to personally check the state of the works, and I assure you that the project will fit in the already established schedule”, concluded the Minister of Defense.

The Mobile Emergency Resuscitation Service for Resuscitation and Extrication (SMURD) Bucharest turned 5 years old

The Mobile Emergency Resuscitation Service for Resuscitation and Extrication (SMURD) Bucharest celebrated five years since its operationalization. On this occasion, the Inspectorate for Emergency Situations „Dealul Spirii” of Bucharest organized a festivity attended by the prefect of the Capital, Mrs. Georgeta Gavrilă; the mayor general, Mr. Sorin Oprescu; the secretary of state in the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Mr. Cătălin Chiper; and the inspector general of IGSU, brigadier general Ioan Baş.

On this occasion, the large-scale interventions managed in the last year were reviewed, which involved collective accidents with multiple victims, the rescue of people from heights, from environments hostile to life or trapped in cases of road accidents. SMURD Bucharest responded

to 280,000 requests in which 225,000 people were assisted.

During this period, the Service was equipped with 17 first aid trucks, two intensive care trucks, two motorcycles and two multi-victim transport trucks.



Photo: ISUMB

Selection for „Scout Summer Camp” Constanța 2013

The Ministry of National Defense launches the national selection contest for the participation of high school students from grades IX-XI in the seventh edition of the Summer Camp for Scouts, held under the motto „Be the best! Stand tall!”

This year's camp will take place between July 28 and August 4, at the Naval Academy „Mircea cel Batran” from Constanta, with the support of the General Staff of the Naval Forces.

The camp program will include

applicative activities - military, sports competitions, visits to military and tourist objectives.

The selection contest includes two stages, in which students' knowledge about the Romanian Army, NATO and the EU is tested. In the first stage (May 24 - June 9, 2013), teams consisting of two high school students will have to complete a registration form and answer 20 grid questions. For the second stage (June 10 - June 23, 2013), the teams that responded correctly to at least 15 questions

and thus qualified will have to answer a new set of questions.

Between June 24 and 28, the jury will evaluate the answers sent by the qualified teams, the first 21 of which will participate in the training camp.

Details on the action can be obtained from the website www.mapn.ro/tabara.

The activity is organized in partnership with the Ministry of Youth and Sports and with the Charity Association of the Romanian Army „Camarazii”.



DON'T BOTHER RUNNING: YOU'LL ONLY DIE TIRED

text & photo: Marcella Drăgan

In Romania, we first heard about the snipers from American movies. Then we start seeing them at different occasions, like a national celebration, an open days' event, or a Police Day.

After some photos from one of those days became known by the policemen and with the necessary press request and 'proof of good faith', I get my interview with the chief of the snipers' team from the Romanian Police Special Actions Service (SIAS).

Out of his ghillie suit, the sniper is just one of us, cheerful, friendly, and open. He answers all the questions with pleasure, and his voice is full of passion, the same one he had for the job in his over 20 years of service.

I start my interview with the simplest of all questions, and his answer flows for few tens of minutes, covering some of the other questions I had prepared.

Tactica Magazine: Why have you chosen this job, and how you've started?

Sniper: Ever since I was a kid, I like it. I had my first encounter with this 'job' when I was in the fifth grade. I was living close to the border, and in one of those Open Day type of events to the Border Service, I could see and touch a PSL (Pușcă Semiautomată cu Lunetă - scoped semi-automatic rifle). From all the weapons that were exposed there, the PSL fascinated me. I was crazy about it. I think in about half an hour I learned to handle all the guns the servicemen showed me and that I liked. In summer, during the school holiday, I was all day long on the border dismantling and putting back together weapons. I shouldn't have been given a gun... but this was what I was doing.

That was my first contact with weapons and how I got my passion for them. Later I joined the Army and I used the same type of weapons.

As far as the Police go, I can say that for a long time, the sniper job was as Cinderella. No one looked

into it, understood it, or tried to see how the job is done. There was one policeman that was doing that too. He had a rifle with which he was going to a shooting range and fired at 100m. He didn't really know how to calibrate the gun and if he hit 10 (the central point of the target, the higher score you can get with one shoot), he was good. But the reality of being a sniper is so much different. Things stayed the same for a while after '89 (fall of the Communist Regime). Then, having more and more contacts with the forces from West Europe, and seeing what working as a sniper meant, we started researching and learning.

The situation begin to change in 1999 when we were given two rifles that were better than the ones we had. We received two PSG (Präzisions-Schützen-Gewehr), a weapon manufactured by HK (Heckler & Koch). They were bought for us by the Minister of Internal Affairs. That was totally different; it was a huge step forward for us. Then we saw that at long distances and on an open field, we couldn't shoot as we used to. If the wind was blowing or some other things were happening, we didn't hit our target. We asked ourselves, 'why?'. We went and research on the internet. That is how we started to learn and train. We saw that a sniper has a ballistic program. It's a program that gives you the path of the bullet factoring in the meteorological condition and the distance to the target.

The first contest we went to was a turning point for us. It was an International Championship in Hungary in 2004. To train for it, we went to an open field with our PSG and, for two weeks, we fired, analyzed, and record all the shoots. Where the sun was, what hour we take the shoot, where the wind was blowing from,

and with what speed. We wrote down everything. What speed the wind had? 5m/sec. What was the correction? 3 clicks. And we put it down on paper that at 5m/sec wind, I had to make a 3 clicks correction. That was our first ballistic program. I still have those papers even now.

At the competition, when the most experienced shooters saw us there, they've asked us what were we doing there. 'We're competing' we said. 'With those rifles?' 'Yes' 'And with that ammo?' 'Yes'. Ours was the standard ammunition that everyone uses and for snipers the ammo is special. 'If you say so' they told us. We looked at and analyzed those guys that seemed to us like the real deal. They all have carbines, bolt rifles. A carbine is loaded bullet by bullet; the PSG is semi-automatic. The others with semi-automatic rifles were like us, not necessary from East Europe, there were some from the Arab countries, also from the Hungarian Army, some shooting Dragunovs; they were all inexperienced. And in the first year, using the info we had on our papers and adapting it to the situation on the ground, we managed to surpass only those that were using the Dragunov rifles. All the rest beat the hell out of us. At short range, we managed to score some points. But on the first day, we had no point whatsoever. Our boss was black with anger. Later on, when the speed and reaction shooting probes went on, we scored some good points and is with that that we managed to get in front of the rest of the shooters that were using semi-automatic rifles. Even so, we still only got in 70th place.

For us that competition was good. We learn what being a sniper really meant and how the job is done. We asked around about the ballistic program they were using and they told us that there

is a program that is free at the request of his creator, a Swedish mathematician. It's the best program out there. We found it, downloaded it and we made the necessary paperwork to request better weapons. We were given SSG 3000. Is not the best one but is in the first three.

In the following year, we didn't participate in any competition, but we went again to the same championship in 2006. By then we were experts. We had the ballistic program, and we knew how to work with it. We got 5th place, which no one there could believe. There were snipers that we looked at as they were goods that came to congratulate us. It was a huge satisfaction. They remembered the way we were on our first participation, what weapons we had and they saw our evolution and the huge improvement we accomplished.

This is how we started. We were pioneers on ballistics, me and my boss and two other men. One, unfortunately, passed away, the other left the police. It was down to me and my boss to train other policemen for the job. We made a selection and we started the training, the guys following the same schools I did. While at the contests in Hungary, I made some friends that invited us to classes and training. Otto Simonyi, one of the best in the world and a multiple world champion, was one of the ones that called us on different occasions. He was really fond of me, and he called me Old Fox, cause I use to still the job from him and learn from everything he did. We went to Hungary a couple of times, they came to Romania to train the rest of the team. We worked and we learned constantly. In this field, things are always changing. And is not just the theoretical part, but also the practical part. The most important thing is to feel

the environment you operate in. If you don't, all the theory you know is not going to help you. The ballistic program can tell you that at that distance, with that wind you should shoot like that. But then when you take the shoot, something happens, the sun comes out of the clouds, the wind changes. And all your calculations are gone, you must know to adapt, to do all your corrections mentally.

TM: Did you went to more competitions?

S: We are among the first 15. But for my job as a police sniper, the places from the competitions are not important. First, the podium is taken by shooters using customs rifles, with specially made barrels. And the probes that they have there are entirely different from what I face in my everyday work. I will never get to shoot standing and holding the rifle in my arms. But these competitions are like one big family where we get to meet each other and find out what everyone is doing. We see what new weapons are out, programs, training, equipment. We make new friends.

TM: What you have to do as a sniper? What is the 'job description'?

S: The sniper part of my job is extra to my regular police work. I am part of a 'SWAT' team; I do the same interventions as the rest of them. But I also have this, overwatch, to support the team. I am a sniper, but on occasions, I switch from sniper to fighter. I help them. What I have to do? To train, both as a sniper and a fighter. To train with the intervention team and with the sniper team.

The police sniper has one objective. To eliminate a target,



either that target is a human being or an object. This is his final objective. Until then, he observes and provides information to help coordinate the men on the ground. A sniper doesn't just fire. It's a hard job, that requires calm and control. You have to be at peace with yourself. You have to be confident that what you do is the right thing to be done. This is how I see it. And I hope with all my being that I will never have 'that' assignment. But I have to be ready for it if I'll ever get it.

Our job is not just the special operations that usually get all the attention. I am also a diver. And I have a lot of rescue jobs under my belt. Not as a sniper, but as a SIAS

fighter. Sometimes we volunteer for the missions, sometimes we are called. We get called to save people from floods and other natural disasters.

TM: What does a sniper need to know? What is his training?

S: First of all the person must be very well balanced and stable from a psychological point of view, calm, controlled. This is what I ask from a fighter. Then he needs to know his weapon. To feel it when he fires it. After all these years, if I take a shoot I know if it was a good one or not. I feel that shoot.

Then he needs to know how to

use the ballistic program, which is different for each particular weapon system and ammunition. He must have an exceptionally good physical condition. He must also train with the rest of the weapons and the equipment that the team uses. Because after his role as a sniper is over and the team goes inside the location, he must go in with them to offer support. Maybe they need help. In those situations, I leave my sniper rifle, take the assault one that I have like the rest of the team and I go to help the others. There are missions where the configuration of the land makes it impossible to offer support as a sniper, and so I go in with the team.

TM: Where do you train?

S: There are some fire ranges, but they are too short for me. I see the fact that I don't have a designated fire range as an advantage. If I would have had a 400-500m long fire range for my team and me, what would have happened? We all would have learned the area, and we wouldn't have made any progress. But without a place of my own, I have to go all over the country. I use the Army's fire ranges, the ones belonging to the Protection and Guard Service; they all let me use them. Each fire rage is different, and I get to learn from each training session. The wind blows from different directions; I have different altitudes, slopes, or hills. This is a great advantage. The open fire ranges, like the Army's ones, are the ones that are closer to the real conditions under which I will have to work. So I can see if my ballistic program works or not and if the ammo I use fits the purpose. I have ammunition for shorter and longer distances, heavier or lighter, perforating ammo that can pass through a window because the glass deviates the bullet, and I might aim at my target but miss

it. Same, from a certain angle, a shot might ricochet from a windshield, and I can injure one of my colleagues. These are things that you learn just from practice, and having different locations helps me. It is good that the other institutions are open to help, and we can share our experiences.

Also useful are training camps. I can shoot in the morning, midday, evening, and night. I see how the bullets behave in the cold of the morning and how it changes over the day. Then is the light. It's one thing to fire on a target lit with artificial light and one with natural light. You get the mirage that moves your mark on the open field, and you can't see it. The side mirage moves it to the side, and you need to aim at the side of your target to hit it. And each fire rage is different from that perspective. Then there are ranges with shear wind, and the settings from one part of the field aren't valid to the other side. All this knowledge is acquired only by working, and not in just a few days. I needed about 4-5 years to say that I am goodish, that I can do my job well. Now I know for sure that I can hit a target 300m away without problems. I recently scored an 8 in a target at 490 m with a 12m/sec wind that I could barely stand on my feet.

We also hit bottles as targets, not to copy the movies, but for practical reasons. On long ranges or strong winds, it's hard to see if I hit or not my target through the scope, and it puts more strain on my eyes. But if I use a bottle or another small object, if I miss it and hit the ground, I can see where the dirt jumps; I know what corrections I have to make. If I hit the bottle, it bounces or shatters, and I know I hit my target.

We also use the buildings that are not used from the ranges to shoot from inside. There's another sensation when you fire from a

room. You might have the surprise to have the roof or parts of it collapsing on you. Then there is the noise and the dust that you get. I've noticed that on an open field, at a 150 m shoot, I had a 5cm groupage, but if I was inside a building, the groupage could expand to almost 20cm. Inside a room, you don't always have a stable position or a comfortable one, which influences your shoot.

TM: What is the structure of a snipers' team?

S: Most of the time is a two men team, sniper and spotter. Compared to the similar structure from the USA or West Europe, here only half of the intervention team fighters are also qualified as snipers. Outside, the snipers resolve about 80-90% of the interventions. As snipers, we work in a similar way, offering overwatch and protection to the team on the ground. Up til now, in none of the missions that I was in, we didn't have to fire. But most of the time is faster and safer to eliminate a threat with a sniper than sending in the entire team.

TM: Was there a difficult moment in your career?


S: I don't believe that there are such moments. I don't think I had one. I see a failed mission as a bad moment, but so far, all the assignments I responded to have finished in success.

TM: Who can someone join the SIAS snipers' team? What are the steps he has to follow?

S: First of all he has to be in the force. He has to go through everyday police work to toughen his skin. Then, after few years, when he's around 30 or so, he can come to me so I can see him, - says the sniper with a grin.



Officially the interview is over. A story that started with his beginnings as a sniper and finished with bits of advice for those who want to follow the same path. I still have some small curiosities, and I ask my short answered questions while we are packing our things. 'From all the snipers that you've meet, from whom you've learned the most?' 'Otto Simonyi. Then the Russians. Generally, the ex-soviets are good snipers. They also have a huge tradition.' 'What was the

longest time that you stood without moving?' 'From evening until next day at noon; it was the Borsa intervention.' 'How much does you gear weights?' He keeps quiet. 'I can understand if you're not allowed to answer' I say. 'No, I can answer; I was calculating all the things. The rifle is about 7kg. On top of that, I have all the kit that an intervention fighter has, plus the rangefinder, the binoculars, the anemometer (for wind), the telescope...' 

A new special vehicle for ISU Bucharest

The Bucharest Inspectorate for Emergency Situations (ISU) presented a new intervention and command truck with first aid and release equipment, which was provided to the institution with the support of the SMURD Foundation.



The event was attended by the Secretary of State in the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Cătălin Chiper, the Secretary of State in the Ministry of Health, Raed Arafat, the Inspector General of the General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations, Brigadier General Ioan Baș, and the foundation's representatives.

such as the combined release tool, crowbar, chainsaw, and ax-pickaxe. The kit of the truck also includes a winch, electric generator, fire extinguisher, rescue rope, hydrant key, gas detector, traffic surveillance system, perimeter lighting installation.

wanted to thank the population for the 2% donations, „I am very satisfied, and I would be very satisfied if the other units in the country would manage to take possession of such a special vehicle. If we are to establish a priority, I would think first of all about the municipalities with large crowds, narrow spaces, and




The Volkswagen Amarok chassis truck is a novelty for the Capital and will reduce the intervention times, as it can enter narrow streets or alleys due to its small size. A concept of first-aid and command truck, superior to those currently owned by ISUMB, is equipped with a 200-liter water tank that can be discharged with the help of an ultra-pressure motor pump, first aid equipment such as secretion vacuum, cervical collar, splints, semi-automatic defibrillator, spinal immobilizer, oxygen cylinder, emergency medical backpack, oxygen mask, but also extrication equipment,

This was an endowment of approximately 60,000 euros, without VAT, made available to the inhabitants of the Capital by the population itself, through the SMURD Foundation, by redirecting 2% of the tax due to the state, as stated by Mr. Raed Arafat. Responding to interventions from next week will reduce the response time of rescuers, reaching, along with motorcycles and fast cars already dispatched in Bucharest, red code emergencies in 7.9 minutes, as stated by Dr. Arafat.

Brigadier General Ioan Baș also

high traffic: Cluj-Napoca, Iași, Constanța, Timișoara, Craiova. The intervention time will certainly decrease because the maneuverability possibilities of this truck are much better than those of a larger size vehicle" he declared for AGERPRES.

The SMURD Foundation has supported ISUMB since its establishment by purchasing two SMURD motorcycles, a special vehicle for an emergency doctor, a special vehicle for logistical support, and didactic support materials for the training of fire paramedics. 

FLORINEL ENACHE

a HERO RETURNS HOME



Chief Warrant Officer Florinel Enache, a soldier wounded a year ago in Afghanistan, returned home with his wife and son, who were with him during his hospitalization at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, United States.

On his return to the country, the soldier was welcomed by the Minister of National Defense, Mircea Duşa; by the commander of the 282nd Mechanized Infantry Brigade „Union of Principalities” from Focşani, Brigadier General Adrian Tonea,

and by his colleagues which displayed two banners wishing „Welcome, Florinel!” Immediately after disembarking from the Hercules plane belonging to the US Air Force, with the help of a wheelchair specially customized for him, Florinel Enache greeted

the Minister of Defense and the Brigade Commander with a military salute.

Then followed a short ceremony, in which the soldier was awarded the National Medal „Faithful Service Class I”, after its

decoration by President Traian Basescu, and the Emblem of Honor of the Romanian Army in War, by the Minister of National Defense, Mircea Duşa.

„Thus, as a sign of gratitude and appreciation for the exceptional devotion shown during the execution of a mission in the Theater of Operations in Afghanistan, during which he was injured, Mr. Traian Bănescu awarded the National Medal „Faithful Service”- class I, with insignia of war, for the military, to the main lieutenant-adjutant Constantin-Florinel Enache. The decoration was made at the proposal of the Minister of National Defense, Mr. Mircea Duşa” states the communiqué of the Presidency.

At the end of the ceremony, Florinel Enache went by ambulance to the Central Military Emergency University Hospital „Dr. Carol Davila” (SUUMC) from Bucharest, where a reserve specially equipped for the needs of the serviceman is arranged. Also there Florine Enache will benefit from the medical assistance of a multidisciplinary commission of medical specialists, who will apply the therapeutic conduct and the medical recovery program, based on medical data provided by the US military and information gathered by the doctors from the Military Hospital and the family GP from Focşani.



Costs on medical care, prosthesis and treatment of the serviceman, both in the country and abroad, are covered by the Ministry of National Defense, so far being paid about \$ 150,000 for hospitalization of the serviceman, the difference up to over 350,000 to be paid later. The Ministry of Defense covered the cost of the electric wheelchair, the family's travels and some arrangements at the home of the soldier from Gura Calitei commune to facilitate his access to the building. Thus, the road that connects his house to the national highway was asphalted, the alleys in the courtyard of the house were concreted, the access ramp to the entrance to the building was arranged, and other works were carried out to contribute to the improvement of living conditions of the soldier.

Chief Adjutant Platoon Leader Florinel Enache was seriously injured, losing both legs and his left hand, following the explosion of an improvised explosive device, during the execution of a ground reconnaissance mission and security of a target on the A1 highway, Kabul-Kandahar, Afghanistan. While hospitalized at the US National Military Medical Center, Florinel Enache was visited by US President Barack Obama and the First Lady.



Corporal Zaharia Lucian, the soldier that provided first aid to Florinel Enache in Afghanistan

Terracotta Soldiers



The terracotta soldiers are in Romania, at the National Museum of History, exhibited during the exhibition-event „Treasures of China”.

An incredible achievement of the museum, because the organization of such an exhibition is a titanic work, a long series of negotiations, and as Mr. Ernest Oberländer-Târnoveanu, director-general of the National Museum of History of Romania, said, an opportunity that arises once in a lifetime. One more reason to go and see them.

And the display of the collection in Romania is to be appreciated, being similar to other museums he has seen in Europe, a remarkable thing, taking into account the necessary investment and funds that go to culture in recent years.

Opened at the National Museum of Romanian History in Calea Victoriei, between April 30 and August 1, 2013, the exhibition is the expression of a major step in cultural diplomacy and also a reference event co-organized by the Palace Museum, the Shanghai Museum and Shaanxi Center for the Promotion of Cultural Heritage.

The exhibition project „Treasures of China” is the most significant cultural event and the largest exhibition organized by China in



a museum in Romania, bringing together invaluable artifacts from 11 museums and cultural institutions in the People's Republic of China. Reflecting on the all-encompassing and innovative nature of Chinese civilization, this exhibition offers visitors the opportunity to appreciate the depth and richness of Chinese culture and traditions from different historical perspectives.

The exhibition is open to the public from Tuesday, April 30, from 10.00 to 18.00 and can be visited until August 1, 2013. Between April 30 and August 1, 2013, the museum will have an extended visiting program, so it will be open from Tuesday to Sunday between 10.00 and 18.00, and on the last Saturday of each month, the program will

be extended until 22.00. The cost of an access ticket to the museum that includes visiting the exhibitions „Treasures of China”, „Historical Treasure”, „Lapidarium - Copy of Trajan's Column” and temporary exhibitions will be 25 lei for adults, 15 lei for pupils, students and retirees, and people with disabilities, 50 lei for a family package that includes two adults and a maximum of 3 children up to 18 years old. There will also be the option of „quick access” to the museum - 50 lei.



Minister Radu Stroe decorated gendarmes returning from NATO Mission in Afghanistan

The Minister of Internal Affairs, Radu Stroe, decorated on Monday, May 27, at the M.A.I. headquarters, the members of the fourth contingent of gendarmes, who returned from the training mission of the public order forces in Afghanistan - N.A.T.O. Training Mission.

In this context, the Minister of Internal Affairs congratulated the Romanian servicemen for the professionalism they showed in carrying out the mission.

„Today's moment is more than a decoration ceremony for some military gendarmes, and today we want to appreciate the courage and give examples.

We live in a society increasingly poor in personal examples, but in this world, the Romanian Gendarmerie manages to permanently bring before us special people, people with strong characters.

In other words, you are among the heroes of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, among the heroes of Romania and that is why you represent models for all those who work in this institution, not only in the Romanian Gendarmerie”, said Radu Stroe.

The Minister also said that the operations carried out by the Romanian military from the M.A.I., together with colleagues from the Ministry of National Defense, demonstrated that Romania has human resources prepared and specialized for such international missions.



„For every serviceman, a mission in Afghanistan is the test that proves his professional training, dedication, and spirit of sacrifice. For the Romanian Gendarmerie and the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the mission, now completed, is an honorable business card”, said Minister Radu Stroe.

The Minister of Internal Affairs also thanked the families of the gendarmes who were waiting for the military to return from the theater of operations.

In his turn, the commander of the contingent, Major Buzoianu Dragoș, reminded that the Romanian gendarmes were appreciated by the representatives of the partner international institutions for the exemplary way in which they fulfilled their missions.

During the ceremony at the M.A.I. headquarters, the 45 gendarme officers and non-commissioned officers who participated in the Afghan law enforcement training mission - N.A.T.O. Training Mission, received medals, decorations and other distinctions.

Also, the commander of the international mission detachment handed to Minister Radu Stroe the flag hoisted during the mission, in the NATO bases.

The Romanian gendarmes carried out training and mentoring missions in Afghanistan, the beneficiaries being the officers of the newly established Afghan police. During this time, the Romanian gendarmes performed three types of activities: direct training of Afghan police officers, mentoring activities for Afghan instructors and mentoring activities for Afghan officers in command of training centers.



Elite Boots

With this model, the new series of boots with glued soles is announced. The „ELITE” model differs from the previous ones (V1, V2, V Light) by a more elegant design, the double layer sole contributing to the particularly spectacular appearance. In addition there is the possibility to use the side zipper, for a quick opening and fastening of the boot. The comfort has been improved by adding a flexion system in the stringing area, which together with the heel, the arched shape and the carefully studied shoe, make this boot comfortable even when worn while driving.

The boot is also available in half sizes.

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TPU sole in two layers

Quick closure with spiral zipper and snap

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Revolutionary heel flexion system, patented Viper

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Cordura™ DuPont 1100 Denier

Weight: 1,290 g (size 42)



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Contains UV filters for 100% protection

They have no diopters

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Weight: 25g



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„A Different School” PROGRAM AT THE BUCHAREST FIREFIGHTERS

The Inspectorate for Emergency Situations „Dealul Spirii” of Bucharest participated in the program „Know more, be better”, in which over 5,000 children from 90 schools visited the 21 operational subunits of Bucharest firefighters in the Capital.

During these days, children and teachers took part in various practical activities and competitions, and in training sessions. An extensive exercise took place at the Brigadier General Corneliu Stoicheci Fire Training Center.

The inspectorate staff prepared several workshops and demonstrations that involved climbers, divers, firefighting techniques, extrications in case of road accidents, and paramedics taught the children to provide first aid.



Romanian Police Day



The Romanian Police Day 2013 started for me with a pleasant surprise, less than two hours away from Bucharest. Arriving in Târgoviște, I had a few free hours to discover what the city is hiding. So, accompanied by a tourist map, I went through the city and found my surprise, in the form of the Police Museum, of whose existence, I must admit, I did not know about it.



From the time I got through the museum door, I had a very warm welcome from a cat that insisted on meowing until it received a good series of pets.

The reception from the museographers was just as warm, with the ladies offering plenty of information about the exhibits and answering to all my questions with pleasure and passion as you rarely find in our museums.

I found out the stories of the Romanian Police and the officers who marked its history, I discovered an impressive collection of uniforms from several countries and times, weapons that have been used over the ages by the policemen and a lot of other kit that was part of the equipment of the Romanian Police.

Returning to Bucharest, I had the opportunity to see how the Police Day is celebrated in a different environment than the one we were used to in previous years: a shopping center.

It was a day with crowds, with people who came especially for the event or were just out for a walk in the mall and who suddenly woke up in the middle of an exhibition of weapons, robots, motorcycles, and all kinds of equipment.

The highway's patrolling police cars, along with the cute puppies of the K9 Police, attracted a lot of people in the parking in front of the mall where they were exposed, despite the cold.

There, the mixed teams, consisting of a police officer and a dog, delighted the little ones with demonstrations of catching and immobilizing criminals. Also, the motorcycles and tricycles used by the traffic police officers were the subjects of thousands of photos.





The mobile forensic laboratory for on-site research with digital photo-video technique, specialized kits, and forensic equipment necessary for the discovery of all types of trace categories existing in the criminal field was presented. The police explained to those interested how the mobile laboratory performs multiple functions and allows the discovery and collection of fingerprints or other types of traces and the creation of robot portraits.

The Pyrotechnic Service of the Capital Police presented the pyrotechnic robot, a high-performance device for detecting explosives and defusing bombs, and the Independent Service for Interventions and Special Actions organized an exhibition with the weapons and protective equipment used in their missions.

Visitors received leaflets, magazines, and other promotional materials from which they could learn about various campaigns

carried out by the Romanian Police to prevent and combat crime.



Assault Backpack 30 Night Camouflage

- *Backpack color: night camouflage
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- *2 large front pockets, zipper closure
- *Adjustable straps and pads for protection
- *Handle
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Desert digital t-shirt



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Material thickness: 160 grams / sqm

Color: digital desert camouflage

Woodland Camouflage Ranger Tactical Vest

Tactical vest, found in the Special Troops, also having a detachable tank and flexible water tube, in the form of a backpack, the front pockets are detachable, through hedgehogs, two double M4 pockets (4-M4 or 2-G36 / AUG), one pocket for 2-M4 or 1-G36 / AUG, a double pocket for MP (2-MP7 / MP5)

Material: 100% nylon

Color: woodland camouflage



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SHOOTING Press Cup

text & photo: Marcella Drăgan

I treated the invitation to participate in the Shooting Press Cup organized by the Romanian Land Forces as an opportunity to „socialize”. I had no pretensions to any position on the podium, not after the experience from a similar competition organized by the Romanian Army within the Course for Correspondents from Conflict Areas, when the cardboard target I was shooting at got a quite scare, but escaped unharmed. Honestly, I thought it would be a good evolution if I hit the „man” drawn on the target. But you know that things don't always turn out as you planned them.

We left in the morning for Cățelu Fire range, the place where the competition was organized, an activity included in the series of events dedicated to the celebration of the Land Forces Day on April 23, whose spiritual and protective patron is the Holy Great Martyr George.

At the first probe, the one with the pistol at 25 m, I did well, but not enough to get onto the podium that was occupied by other fellow journalists. However, I managed to shoot a 10 on each of the sessions. The surprise came at the automatic rifle shooting, in the form of the third prize. Initially, when they told me I got third place, I thought the guys are making fun since it was the same weapon that I 'scared' the target with, in the previous competition.

And as the saying goes, that a photo is worth a thousand words, I will let the images show you what we did at the Press Cup.

After insistence, I sat for a picture. (Sebastian - my camera - is hanging by a colleague's neck)



First explanations about the gun and how it works



Colonel Obrinteski instructs us and shows us the direction of firing: straight ahead.



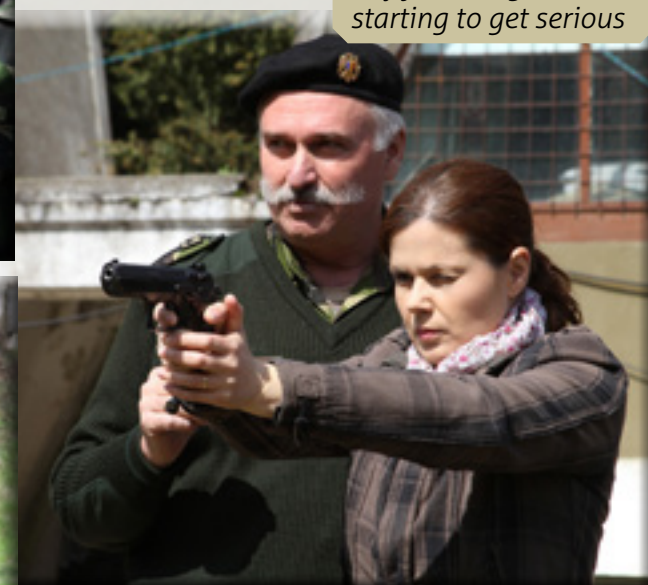
Explanations for the rifle. The colleague, a military photographer, has a double mission: he photographs us and shows us how to shoot.



We start to get our hands on weapons, to get used to the feeling



Dry fire, things are starting to get serious



We started the automatic rifle test



Thanks to Mr. Ilinca for his patience, precise instructions and assistance with the shooting, with both weapons. Without him I wouldn't have shot so well



Pause the contest, we're filming



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Bogdan Moncea - Marketing Director of Castel Films

Gifts from the Gendarmes



The day before leaving for the long-awaited Easter holiday, I had no plans to go on the field, but I could not refuse the gendarmes when they invited me to join them in bringing a ray of joy and hope in the children's hearts.

text & photo: Marcella Drăgan



This specific action of the gendarmes from the General Inspectorate of the Romanian Gendarmerie was a humanitarian one, as they donated two laptops, and packages with basic food and sweets, to the 40 children and adolescents in the Emergency Reception Center „Pinocchio”.

Similar to previous humanitarian actions organized by gendarmes, the goods offered were purchased through the voluntary contribution of the gendarmes and with the support of the Association „Grigore Alexandru Ghica”, of the Romanian Gendarmerie, „in the hope that this symbolic gesture will bring



This action was gladly received by all the children, younger and older, who were delighted with the things received, depending on the age of each. If the older ones enjoyed the laptops, which will now give them the opportunity to spend more time online and socialize with their virtual friends, the younger ones enjoyed the sweets and were the first ones to thank and hug everyone. Including the journalists, which meant I also got a thank you and a huge hug.

joy to souls”, as the men have told me.

In addition, the Reception Center will benefit from the support of the gendarmes in the future because this is not a singular action, the servicemen saying that they intend to help the children from this center in the future.





Army, a DIFFERENT SCHOOL

text & photo: Marcella Drăgan

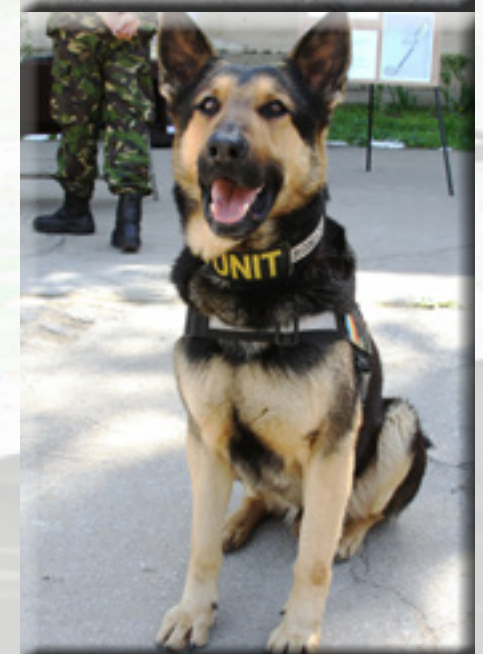
I went to the army. And not alone, but together with high school students who participated in the project „Army - A different school”, in cooperation with the Ministry of National Education, held in early April.



As expected, we had welcoming hosts, the soldiers from the 96th Genius Battalion who answered all the questions and showed us the military technique, the specific practical activities, as well as the educational offer for the military institutions. And as expected, the stars of the day were the three German Shepherd puppies, Max, whom I could also see at the National Day Parade, Lord, and Benny, who insisted on greeting me in his specific way, jumping in my arms. The three, along with the military handlers, managed to make us forget about the rain while paying attention to the K9 units searching for explosives.

The program „Army - A different school” continued with the soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Battalion „Călugăreni” Bucharest, where high school students took part in a regular training day of the servicemen, carried out practical activities, ‘cold’ fired weapons, attended a military demonstration and, of course, took a lot of photos.

The end of the „school hours” were full of stories from the servicemen or from those who had the opportunity to experience the life of a soldier.



SPP, one BULLET

The one bullet, the golden one that I fired at 7 instead of 10, as I should have in order to win third place. That's how my first „official“ day with the Protection and Guard Service (SPP) ended. But let me tell you how it started, and why a bullet was so... decisive.

text & photo: Marcella Drăgan

A few days after getting the credentials with SPP, I receive the invitation to participate at the „S.P.P Cup 2013“, organized on the occasion of the 23rd anniversary of the establishment of the Protection and Guard Service - celebrated on May 7th.

We left for the training ground early in the morning - for a Sunday - after congregating at the Service's headquarters. We were quite a big group of journalists, so the competition was strong, at least in theory, because practically the atmosphere looked more like a meeting between friends than a competition.

I was one the first round of shooters, and so I got to be among the first to fire the Jericho pistol, a Romanian-made handgun after an Israeli blueprint. We started with 10 bullets for adjustments and familiarization with the gun and followed with another 10 for the competition. I could have stop at the adjustment ones; the groupage was tighter and I shot much better than the competition. Being in the first round of shooters, after finishing my turn and achieving 82 point out of 100, I had time to do my job as a journalist and take some photos. I quickly find a good place for myself, a perfect position for photos, but at the flight range limit of the tubes, with some buzzing next to my head. Non the less, both me and Sebastian, the camera, escape unscathed. I took about 400 frames in my chase for that perfect picture, but I have to




stop cause I would have otherwise taken thousands until getting the one that I would love; and I would have more work to do at home with the photo selection.

But more important than spending time chasing the perfect photo was spending time with the handful of extraordinary people, the guys from SPP who had the role of instructors for the journalists.

The end of the competition brings me closer to my troublesome bullet. Not having fired a gun that many times and not being the sharpest shooter even on the previous occasions, I took my mind of the contest and focus on talking with the men about guns

and all of that. Until they told me that I am in the tie for 3rd place. And here comes my troublesome bullet, which I fired in 7, and so coming on 4th position while my colleague from R.R.A., Ramona Alexandrescu, occupies the well-deserved 3rd place with a bullet fired in the 9.

And this is how my first official day with the SPP ends, a pleasant and peaceful meeting, although it took place in a shooting range. A day in which I've learned that my bullet goes wherever it wants (working on changing that), and that my emotions got the best of me (working on that aslo); and at the end of which, I got my paper target home and pinned it to the wall, thus keeping my promise. 



General Sorin Ioan handed over the command of the General Staff of the Land Forces

During a ceremony organized at the headquarters of the General Staff of the Land Forces, General Sorin Ioan handed over the command of the institution to Major-General Mircea Savu. The event was attended by the Minister of National Defense, Mircea Duşa, the Chief of General Staff, Lieutenant General Ştefan Dănilă, representatives of the General Staff, commanders of large units and units within the Land Forces, personnel from the command.

The ceremony began with the reading of the order regarding the advancement of General Sorin Ioan, by the President of Romania, from the rank of lieutenant general to the rank of general, and of the orders by which Major General Mircea Savu was empowered chief of staff of the Land Forces and Major General Ion Ungureanu was appointed Deputy Chief of Staff of the Land Forces. It continued with the handing over of the Battle Flag of the Land Forces General Staff by General Sorin Ioan to Major General Mircea Savu and with the handing over by the Minister of National Defense, Mircea Duşa, in appreciation, of a ceremonial sword to General Ioan.

General Sorin Ioan's speech was emotional and punctuated with anecdotes and stories from his 40 years of a military career, thanks to those who influenced and helped him in his activity, the subordinates he worked with overtime, emphasizing, once again, the importance of teamwork.



General Dr. Sorin Ioan

A graduate of the School of Artillery Officers and promoted to the rank of lieutenant in 1976, Sorin Ioan, successively performed all functions on the command line: platoon commander, battery, division, an artillery regiment, deputy commander of a mechanized division, commander of Army Corps, Chief of Staff of the Land Forces, Deputy Chief of General Staff and Adviser to the Minister of National Defense. He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant general in 2004.



Major General Dr. Mircea Savu

A graduate of the Military School of Tank Officers and promoted to the rank of lieutenant in 1978, Major General Dr. Mircea Savu, successively fulfilled all functions on the command line: platoon commander, company, a tank brigade, head of the Doctrine Directorate and instruction and the Operations Directorate of the General Staff, commander of the 4th Infantry Division „Gemina”. Since May 1, 2010, he has been Deputy Chief of Staff of the Land Forces.

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Weight: 42 g



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Blade material: 154CM Stainless Steel
Blade hardness: 58-60HRC
Blade Style: Modified Drop-Point
Weight: 72 grams
Pocket Clip: Black, Reversible, Tip-Up
Lock Mechanism: AXIS

Total length: 17.2 cm
Closed size: 9.8 cm
Class: Blue



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text & photo: Marcella Drăgan

(not) a War Journal

I don't have the habit of keeping a journal, but for the next week, I will make an exception. Cause I will be facing an experience that is going to be interesting, from the saying of some fellow journalists and the organizers: the Course for Journalists that cover conflict areas organized by the Romanian Minister of Defense.



*„Write about it!”
June 25, 2012*

Today was not the day with surprises, and, from what was announced, neither will be tomorrow. On Wednesday, we should expect all kinds of wonders; at least that's how everyone around „threatens” us.

But until tomorrow or Wednesday, today we talked a lot and about a lot. We met the hosts, the 8th LAROM Brigade and the 282nd Mechanized Brigade; we learned about the conditions in the theaters of operations, about the risks and rules of protection against them, our relations

with the soldiers there, first-aid measures, and the like.

Sometime during the breaks between classes, we talked about what we should write and what we shouldn't, about the course, about the information received, about the thin line between „sensational”, trust and sources.

If there are more debates to be held on the latter, we all agreed on something: super, super good meatball soup! Extraordinary! And if I, who don't eat soup, and especially dislike the meatballs one, said it was great... you can be sure it was. And that's what I was told to write about.



*Military equipment, the flag, and obstacles
June 26, 2012*

I will be writing only a few words; the images will speak, in part, about yesterday. I say in part because in the most significant moments, I was separated from my camera.

On this day, we saw a lot of military equipment, and we got the chance to go inside them and have a closer look. We also went through the obstacle course the soldiers do. At least we tried because most of the time we had some serious help from the soldiers – big thanks to the soldiers who provided their hands and feet for us – so we can pass them. We ate snails and quails, we celebrated Flag Day, we marched through the woods, and one of us picked a tick, just because 'it's fashionable'.

Alarms, bunkers, kidnappings, rescue missions, and a changed world

The last days of the course were full of events but reduced in the possibilities of communicating information to the outside. And not because I didn't have access to the internet, but simply because my laptop would have limited my mobility a bit.



June 27, 2012

We started the day by getting acquainted with the bulletproof vests (with plates), helmets, and our hosts, the soldiers of the 282nd Mechanized Infantry Brigade stationed in FOB Pegasus - for ordinary people, a military base built on the model of those from the theaters, were the Romanian soldiers train. Until we received the equipment, with the appropriate lamentations related to the weight and the

time we had to carry it - and none of us thought at the time that we would be missing it two days later - we also met the mascot of the base, a puppy who was always having a big fight with our pants and boots, a real 'beast' who later in the day got away with about four huge schnitzels.

We didn't linger for long there because we went to see how well prepared we were and how well we will do on the front - a perfect opportunity to put into practice what was presented to us in theory in the first days of the course.

We saw more of the fighting technique that our troops typically use in theatres, we tested the gas masks and our ability to do different activities with the mask on, we went through the fire - including me, that I am not very fond of it - we saw how the soldiers blow up various things, to demonstrate to us the power of the explosive, and thus understanding why we have to follow the instructions of those we accompany in the field and making us think what „big ouch“ we would get if we disregarded their advice.

Then we went to show off our mastery in shooting on the Media Shooting Cup - in which I did hit the target with just one bullet, so if there were a real person there, he would have got quite a startle. Before our competition, we got the opportunity to see the soldiers showing us what they can do with their weapons, giving us false hope that we could get closer to their performance.

Then was dinner time in an open tent, with a sunset that you see only in postcards, with white tablecloths and 'the beast' waging his tale from table to table and making sure we don't eat too much.

June 28, 2012

Many people regretted this day; it was the day that changed us, that gave us the certainty that we want to go there, to be with the Romanian military in the missions abroad.

It started with a moment anticipated by us, although some were waiting for it a little earlier: the alarm - which arrived at about six o'clock, with flashbangs, gunshots, sirens and a „to the bunker“ command screaming through the radio, a place we reached in less than a minute,



fully dressed and with vest and helmet on, and with the camera in my case.

According to the scenario, from that moment on, we were embedded - we became journalists integrated into military teams, participating with them in day-to-day missions. As in the theater, it all started, for the military and journalists alike, with the words of encouragement of the psychologist and the short prayer of the military priest, accompanied by the sprinkling of holy water. After the distribution to the crews we were to accompany, we headed to the cars, where we got the chance to satisfy our curiosity about the Vamtacs that served as our means of transport.

Our mission, to patrol and engage with the local community leaders, who are in conflict for resources - according to the scenario - quickly turned into a rescue and recovery of the two fellow journalists abducted by the insurgents during an ambush of the convoy.

And, while our 'intelligence' analyzed the recording received from the kidnappers and gathered the necessary data, and the soldiers were preparing the mission, we 'camouflaged' ourselves to be as less visible as possible when we were to

accompany the teams sent to rescue our colleagues. Although to be honest, we were just trying to get some really cool pictures to brag on social media. Properly equipped and trained, we boarded the boats that transported us to the place where our colleagues were being held and where, in just a few minutes and a few gunshots - and photo frames - the journalists got transformed from victims to stars, along with the soldiers of the 282nd Brigade who rescue them.

The trip back to the base was happy, full of analysis, interior and exterior, and questions about what each of us would have done in our colleagues' shoes, what it is like to be kidnapped, and what we applied from the theoretical training.



June 29, 2012

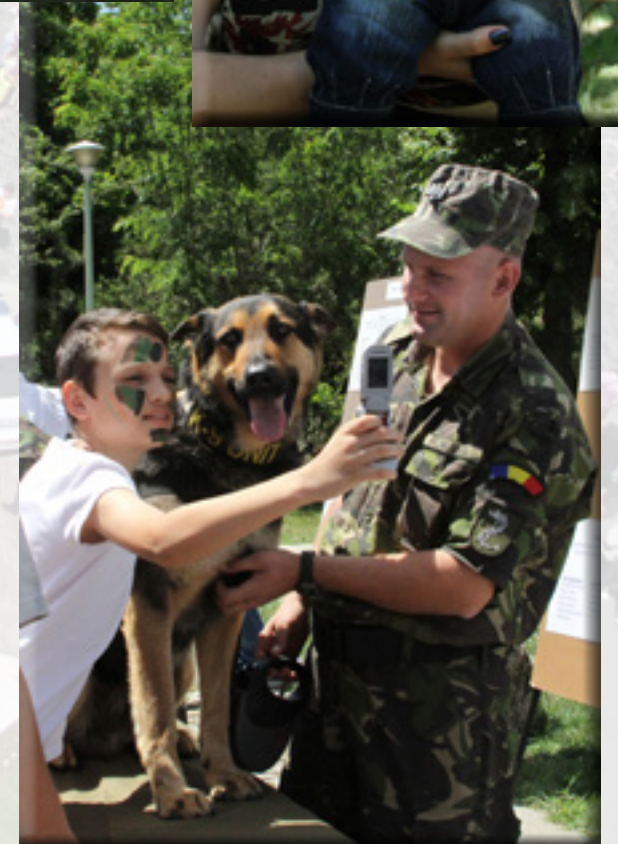
It was the day when, for the first time, Bucharest seemed dull, deserted, and lifeless.

After days with the Romanian military, from sleeping in the tents - although we were spoiled, especially us ladies -, vest and helmet, the ones that seemed heavy two days ago and that we would have worn now with great pleasure, to the ceremonies and stories from the theaters of operations, to the friends with whom we connected in a few moments, and jokes of all kinds, after four days lived intensely in the Focșani Garrison, the daily life in the great City had lost all color.

For some of us, the only path to follow is the one that takes us with the Romanian Army soldiers in the theaters of operations around the world, and for those journalists who are thinking of following the same path, „The course for journalists who broadcast from conflict areas“ is really the first step.



World Children's Day



„We pay tribute to all the heroes of the Romanian Army in the Land Forces”



„The servicemen from the theaters of operations are a priority for me. We collaborate very well with our American partner and we managed to ensure good and safe conditions for our troops, taking into account that there is an area where combat actions are permanently carried out”, declared Minister Dusa.

The adjutant platoon leader Neculai Costel Stanciu received the National Medal „Faithful Service” class II, with a sign of war, Corporal class III Nicolae Daniel-Gheorghe Tuică received the National Medal „Faithful Service” class III, with a sign of war, and Sergeant (rtr.) Dan Daniel Porumb received the Land Forces Emblem of Honor.

During the ceremony, Lieutenant General Ștefan Dănilă, Chief of General Staff, and Lieutenant General Sorin Ioan, Chief of Staff of the Land Forces, presented military distinctions to the personnel of this category of forces, for special merits during the accomplishment of external missions and on the national territory.

The Secretary of State for Relations with Parliament, Public Information and Increasing the Quality of Personnel Life, Vasile Costea, participated in the military ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Carol Park, where flowers and wreaths were laid in memory of the nation’s heroes.



Ministrul Mircea Dușa

The Minister of National Defense, Mircea Dușa, handed medals and emblems to some of the wounded Romanian soldiers, during a military ceremony held on Tuesday, April 23, at the Monument of the Military Heroes who fell in a mission in the theaters of operations and Romania, on the occasion of the anniversary of the Land Forces Day.



The HISTORY OF GLOCK



Due to the close ties with the Austrian military environment, various products were successfully developed and sold in the 1970s to the Austrian army, such as combat knives, bayonets, infantry shovels, training grenades, and machine gun cartridges.

Due to this successful cooperation with the Austrian army, GLOCK was invited to participate in a tender for the replacement of the Austrian army’s weapons. Mr. GLOCK, who has experience in the manufacture of plastic and steel products, has gathered information from the Austrian army on the main requirements for a new generation of service pistols. He studied the system of conventional pistols available and eventually decided to create a new pistol. The design had to satisfy the needs of the one who will exploit it in terms of ease of operation, maintenance, safety, loader capacity, durability.

In 1984 the first NATO member country, Norway, decided to standardize GLOCK 17. Consequently, GLOCK 17 was adopted as a regular NATO product, the company’s products entering, starting with 1984, the endowment of the armies, police, and special troops of today’s 100 countries. With that, the production exceeded 7,000,000 pieces, in this figure being found an appreciable number of pistols in the endowment of the Ministry of Interior and Administrative Reform (since 1995), of the Romanian Army, Community Police, of other institutions with attributions in the field of national defense as well as to authorized persons.

Starting with 2003, the Romanian Government, through the Department of Foreign Trade, authorized the establishment of the GLOCK GmbH AUSTRIA REPRESENTATION in Romania, with the activity of ensuring market prospecting, technical consultancy, and service for GLOCK products.

With the establishment of the Romanian representation, the way was opened for a collaboration with the profile industry in Romania, which materialized by creating batches of products for the Romanian Authorities using the infrastructure provided by the Romanian partner and also the assembly of important batches of similar products for the foreign market.

The armorer in Romania of the company GLOCK GmbH Austria, is S.C. LOTUS distribution & service SRL, a company that sells GLOCK products and performs their service.

Glock Company was established in 1963 as a 100% privately owned company for the production of various plastic and steel components.

Mini-football press cup

The Ministry of Internal Affairs organized the first edition of the Mini-Football Press Cup, which took place on Saturday, May 25, on the synthetic field of CS Dinamo Bucharest.

At the competition organized by the Information and Public Relations Department of M.A.I. in collaboration with CS Dinamo, the 13 teams, made up of M.A.I. journalists and communicators, played according to the following schedule:

GROUP A - Romanian Police, Jurnalul Național, DIGI TV

GROUP B - The M.A.I. (D.I.R.P.), Mixed Team of Accredited

Journalists (PRESS M.A.I.), Realitatea TV

GROUP C - General Secretariat of the M.A.I., News Day, ANCPi Team

GROUP D - GSP, Mediafax Monitoring, National Football Journalists, Radio Romania News.

The Realitatea TV team was the winner of the first edition of the Mini-Football Press Cup, with Mediafax in second place, while Digi 24 and SG (M.A.I.) took third and fourth place.

The award ceremony was officiated by the Secretary of State of the M.A.I. Cătălin Chiper and the police quaestor Elisabeta Lipă, the president of CS Dinamo, who offered diplomas and cups to the winners of the teams ranked on the first three places.

The mini-football press cup was attended by 13 teams, made up of M.A.I. journalists and

communicators, who competed in four groups. The first ranked qualified in the quarterfinals. The playing time in groups was 15 minutes (one half), and the finals were played in two halves of 10 minutes each.



Pistol Airsoft Glock 23 Stti (Kjw) Slide Metal

The Glock 23 is a pistol from the compact range, light and maneuverable but still with a capacity of 21 bullets. The best choice for a gun with a metal slide, easy to hide and offers increased mobility.

Package Contents: Airsoft Glock 23 STTi Pistol (KJW), magazine, test balls, user guide.

Greengas propulsion type

Replica type: Pistol

Blowback: Yes

Shooting mode: Semi-Automatic

Body material: Metal

Hop-up: Yes, Adjustable

Replica weight: 0.58 kg

Replica length: 17.6 cm

Charger capacity: 21 BBs

Safety: Yes

Shock Absorber Thread: No.

Propulsion speed: 85 m / s (0.20g BBs)



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