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## **Dragoons Host Croatian Delegation**

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**VILSECK, Germany** – In keeping with the Regiment’s ongoing spirit of camaraderie with their multinational partners, Troopers from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Regiment recently played hosts to a small delegation of Croatian officers. The delegation spent Nov. 15-18 touring each Squadron and learning about the day-to-day operations of a U.S. Army Stryker Battalion.

“They are in the processes of standing up a motorized unit that will look like a Stryker Battalion,” said 4<sup>th</sup> Squadron’s Commander, Lt. Col. Andrew Green, “Currently they are light infantry and transitioning from no vehicles to light-armored vehicles.”

At the request of the Croatian government three officers were sent on a fact finding mission to observe the Regiment in order to gain an understanding of what is necessary to operate a mechanized unit. Each Squadron seized the opportunity to share what is required to gain an overall understanding of the task organization, capabilities, limitations and mission each is responsible in executing.

According to Green sharing this kind of information with our NATO partners becomes more important as we continue to strengthen our relationships with our coalition allies.

“These are the guys we deploy to foreign areas and fight with,” Green said. “If the first time we see them is on the ground and under hostile conditions it’s too late.”

“The more opportunity we have to talk with them and share ideas and techniques will make us a better team in the future,” he said. “We can hit the ground working together instead of learning how to work together under tough situations.”

The Regiment’s relationship with Croatia continues to grow as future joint training exercises are planned for the upcoming year.



**How we roll:** Lt. Col. Andrew Green, 4<sup>th</sup> Squadron Commander, gives members of the Croatian delegation a guided tour of the types of Stryker variants used by the SABERS during a mission.



**Hands on:** A member of the Croatian delegation receives a close up look at the Stryker vehicle's MK 19 grenade launcher during their visit to 4<sup>th</sup> Squadron of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Regiment, Friday Nov. 18 on Rose Barracks. The delegation spent four days touring each Squadron and seeing how they conduct operations.