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War Eagles earn their Spurs and Ropes

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VILSECK, Germany –Soldiers in a Cavalry unit have the unique opportunity that others don't, the chance to earn their silver spurs by participating in a Spur Ride. Many Soldiers stationed in German have the chance to earn the coveted German Marksmanship award by participating in a Shutzenschnur. The War Eagles of 1st Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment along with their German partners from the 112th Grenadier Battalion took the opportunity recently to kill two birds with one stone by combining the two events into an operation known as Twin Eagles. The event was held Dec. 5 through Dec. 9 as part of the Squadron's German-American Partnership Week.

“This is a combined event with our allies,” said 1st Lt. Duncan Moore, 3rd Platoon Leader of Comanche Company. “We are conducting a Shutzenschnur the first three days of the week and the event will culminate with a Spur Ride which some of our German partners will join us in.”

“This is good allied training,” he continued. “It allows us to get to know the Germans and their culture and helps to strengthen our relationships with them.”

According to Moore, events such as these allow both units to build trust and relationships that are crucial when working together in a combat environment.

Both units value the importance of personal relationships that are built between both the German and American Soldiers during these types of events.

“It is very important to get to know each other on a personal level,” said Lt. Johannes Klein of the German 112th Panzer Grenadiers. “When working together down range, it is good to have developed lasting impressions during training.”

“Here and now we can build up trust,” Klein continued. “We get to see how professional each individual is and how eager they are to learn about one another.”

The four-day event concluded with an awards banquet held Thursday night, Dec. 9.



What Right Looks Like: A German Soldier from the 112th Panzer Grenadier Battalion shows Troopers from 1st Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment how to assemble the P-8 pistol during the Shutzenshnur portion of the Twin Eagles event held recently at the Grafenwoehr Training Area.



ONWARD: A combined team of Troopers from 1st Squadron, 2CR and German Soldiers from the 112th Panzer Grenadier Battalion transport a casualty during the Spur Ride portion of the Twin Eagles training event held Thursday, Dec. 8 on Rose Barracks. (Photo by: Sgt 1st. Class John Wollaston, 2CR Public Affairs)