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Polish Armed Forces Logistics Day at the JFTC

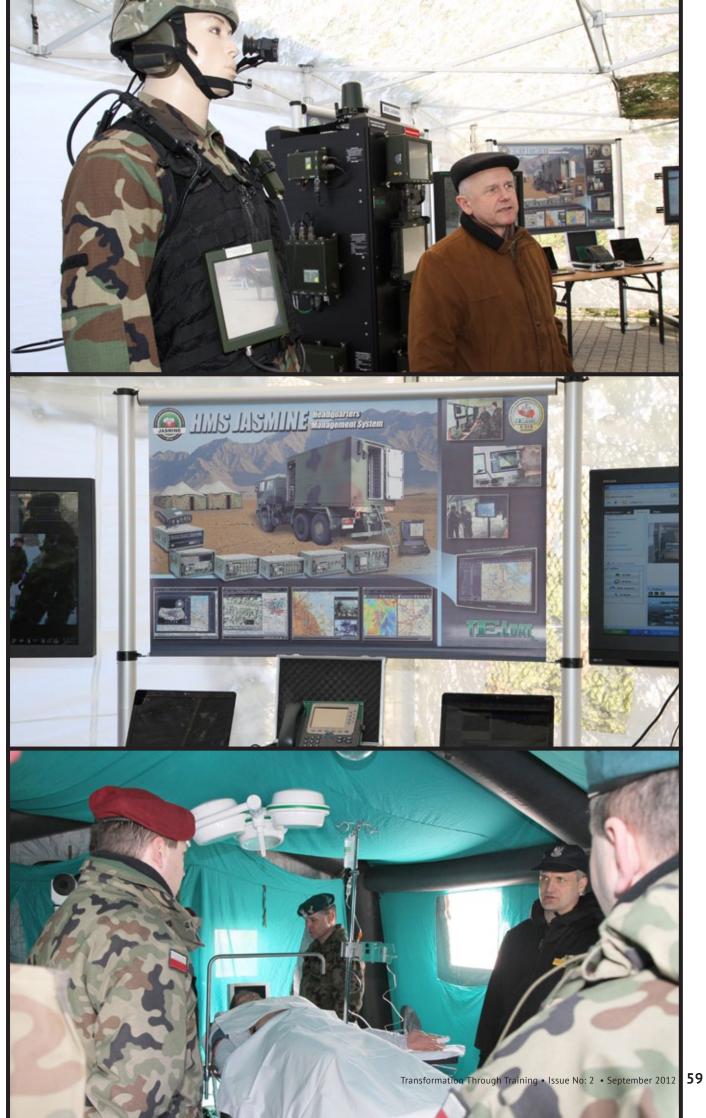
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On 7 March 2012, the Joint Force Training Centre Support Unit (JFTC SU), the unit providing the Host Nation Support for the JFTC, invited the whole Bydgoszcz NATO family for the Polish Armed Forces Logistics Day. Soldiers from many different countries who currently serve in Bydgoszcz had an unusual opportunity to learn more about Polish logistic equipment and facilities which were displayed at the JFTC compound.

The Polish Armed Forces Logistics Day was opened by the JFTC Deputy Commander, Brigadier General Grzegorz Buszka. After welcoming the distinguished guests of the event, including Major General Marek Tomaszycki, the Chief of Training in the Polish Land Forces Command, he encouraged everybody to participate in the event and to learn more about the displayed military equipment.

All participants of the event could have a sightseeing tour of the Command Post's Mobile Module which provides command and staff workplaces in field conditions. Its computer systems enable cooperation with command and operations support automated systems. The modules may be







configured in such a way, that they can serve as command posts at different tactical levels.

It was also possible to see a very interesting live presentation of the operation of the 'Jasmine' management system. The 'Jasmine' system is a Network Centric Data Communication Teleinformatic Platform

which:

- · supports command and management processes and military operations at all levels down to dismounted soldier;
- · creates situational awareness of troops, including headquarters and staffs, e.g. by creating the Common Operational Picture;

- increases security of troops and their elements including soldiers and vehicles;
- · enables construction of military mobile

The participants of the Logistics Day could also see the equipment used by Polish Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Unit, including air-cushioned minefield shoes (Mfc Checkmate safety shoes), mine detectors and mining and reconnaissance sets.

Another interesting display was the life-saving equipment used in a Field Hospital Module presented during the show. They could also train their basic life support skills by using a phantom for heart and lungs resuscitation.

As temperatures in March in Poland are rather low, the organizers provided everybody with a bowl of warm Polish traditional military pea soup. What is more, the NATO family in Bydgoszcz had a unique opportunity to observe the whole process of baking military bread in a Field Bakery and then they were presented a fresh loaf of bread.