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Experience put into practice





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Introduction

Transforming theories into reality

For most of you Exercise Trident Juncture 2015 (TJ15) will be the climax of a strenuous year of training, planning and preparation. This exercise is key for the development of and testing of our joint forces in one of the most complex scenarios to date in a NATO exercise. I am pleased to witness the determination individuals from all proficiencies commit to this endeavor and am thankful to the host nations for providing such outstanding support.

It gives me great pleasure to endorse this first volume of our field paper for exercise TJ15. Besides publishing reports about the different exercise domains and keeping you informed about the latest events, the Trident Telegraph is also about recreation. A mix, that I hope you find appealing and exciting.

Hans-Lothar Domröse
General, COM JFCBS

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#TJ15



A day in the exercise:



Master Sergeant Curtis Cox

Master Sergeant Curtis Cox was one of the first soldiers to come to the Airbase at Zaragoza. Since July the 44 year old Combat Engineer has been working overtime to get the camp ready to accommodate the exercise participants. Roughly 7000 kilometers from home, the craftsman is making sure that all needs are met. After having built up all the infrastructure in grueling conditions: the new mission is maintenance.

08:00
For most personnel at the Base the day is starting slowly, the first meetings are taking place and the staff area is starting to buzz. The Master Sergeant is working focused and fast despite being on his feet since 5 o'clock. Since then, unknowingly for most participants, a "silent force" of cleaners has been taking over the base and is erasing the traces of the previous day. Cox is making sure that they know where to go.

11:00
The Real Life Support tent is a beehive full of people. Having 20 years of experience and being stationed at the Joint Force Command in Brunssum, the skilled serviceman is keeping his calm. Together with a multinational team of men and women he sets out to solve problems, that pop up minute by minute. For him any issue is an emergency case and is treated with his full attention and resourcefulness. "I am here to fix problems" he says and is off to the "troublemaker" quickly.

16:00
A swift coffee at the tent. "The joint is jumping in the mornings", he explains as he takes a sip. Not long afterwards his mobile is ringing. After a short conversation the Master Sergeant is on his feet again - ready to tackle the latest challenge in his professional and proactive way. No two days are the same.





Trident Juncture 2015 - What it's all about

ZARAGOZA 36.000. That's the number of soldiers that are participating in the biggest NATO-exercise since "Strong Resolve" in 2002, Trident Juncture 2015 (TJ15). Its aim is to train and test NATO's Fire Brigade, the NATO Response Force (NRF). A quick reaction force that can be deployed all around the world in a short time. Moreover TJ15 gives the possibility to test most of NATO's Air, Land, Maritime and Special Forces in spacious training areas in Italy, Portugal, Spain, in the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean.

Trident Juncture 2015 locations			
HOST NATIONS			Outher
Italy	Portugal	Spain	
Trapani	Santa Margarida	Zaragoza	Meaford, Canada
Teulada	Beja	San Gregorio	Stuttgart, Germany
Poggio Renatko	Pinheiro da Cruz	Albacete	Mons, Belgium
		Chinchilla	Starvanger, Norway
		Sierra Del Retin	Brunssum, Netherlands
		Sotomayor	Atlantic Ocean
		Torrejon	Mediterranean
		Son San Joan	

These soldiers are not only from NATO's member nations, which are all participating in TJ15, but also from other partner states. That makes a total of more than 30 nations taking part in the

exercise. In addition to that more than 12 major International Organisations (IOs), aid agencies and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) will contribute to the success of TJ15 and certification of the command element for NRF 2016. Trident Juncture 2015 is basically separated into two parts, the Command Post Exercise (CPX) and the Live Exercise (LIVEX). The CPX began on 3rd October and will end on 16th. Its aim is strategic and operational level staff training, evaluation and certification. The LIVEX will be held from 21st October to 6th November. In this part, the trainees have to deal with the fictitious SOROTAN scenario. This provides a setting that enables an out-of-area crisis response operation, showcasing NATO's flexibility in the face of emerging threats and addressing many NATO training priorities simultaneously. General Hans-Lothar Domröse, the Commander of Joint Force Command Brunssum (JFCBS) and conducting officer of TJ15 said that the exercise has three essential objectives:

1. Training and preparation for NRF16.
2. Enhancing the agility, capability and responsiveness of the NRF.
3. Improving the procedure whereby IOs and NGOs work with NATO in a comprehensive manner.

General Domröse especially highlights the last objective "...we have to acknowledge that military is only one tool in the toolbox. There are always other actors, very important actors. So I'm extremely proud that we have so many IOs and NGOs participating in this exercise."



General Domröse prepares his forces for the task ahead (source: Sgt Langer)

At the conclusion of Trident Juncture 2015, the Headquarters Staff from Joint Force Command Brunssum will be officially certified to lead the NRF, if activated, throughout 2016.



Putting the NATO Response Force to the test is one of the goals of TJ 15 (source: NATO)



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Did you know...

...that you should never give up? Yeah, it's an odd beginning. But if you look at the history of famous people who made a tremendous success, they all have one thing in common: never give up. "Success is a matter of postage!", said Michael Ende, the author of the "Neverending Story". His first script got declined about 18 times, but he didn't stop working on himself and kept sending letters with his treatment attached. The book got translated into 40 languages and sold around 25 million copies. But that is an easy story. Someone named Howard Schultz had even more trouble: he wanted to open a coffee-shop, but the banks rejected him over 200 times. If he had given up, there would be no "Starbucks". Even Walt Disney got rejected around 300 times. If he hadn't believed in himself, there would be no Disney Land - can you imagine that? Of course, sometimes giving up would have been the better option. The book "Twilight" got declined 27 times, but Stephenie Meyer had no mercy with the world of good literature and finally succeeded in publishing her "book". You can't always win.

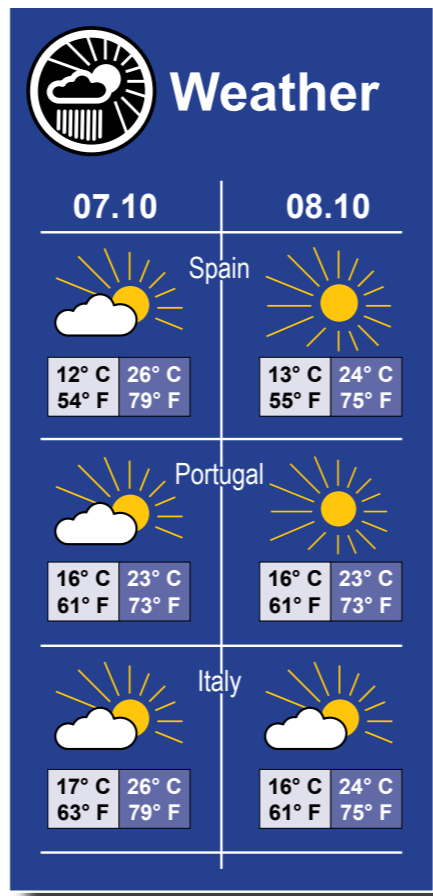
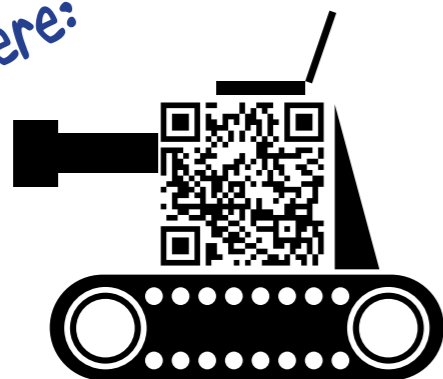


Quote of the day

"If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich."
 - John F. Kennedy
 (1917 - 1963)
 former US-President



Relieve stress here:



World of Sports

10 days. 26 sport events to compete. Hundreds of hours of preparation. Over 7,000 athletes from 117 countries. A scale that can be compared with the Olympic games without a problem. But these are the World Games of the Conseil International du Sport Militaire, or short: CISM. Founded in February 1948, the event is held under the motto: "Friendship through sport". But it is far away from just being a competition for athletes: it is a meeting of 7,000 friends sharing their passion for sports among each other. The World Games are held in Mungyeong, South Korea, and the country with the beautiful pacific coast is doing a superb job and supports the athletes as they compete in such events as: Aeronautical Pentathlon, Boxing, Marathon, Judo, Sailing, Skiing, Triathlon and many, many more. So if you are interested in a sport event to watch or even participate, this is something definitely worth a try.



Joke of the day

Teacher: "If I gave you two cats and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "No, listen carefully... If I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Six."

Teacher: "Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven!"

Teacher: "Johnny, where in the heck do you get seven from?!"

Johnny: "Because I've already got a freaking cat!"

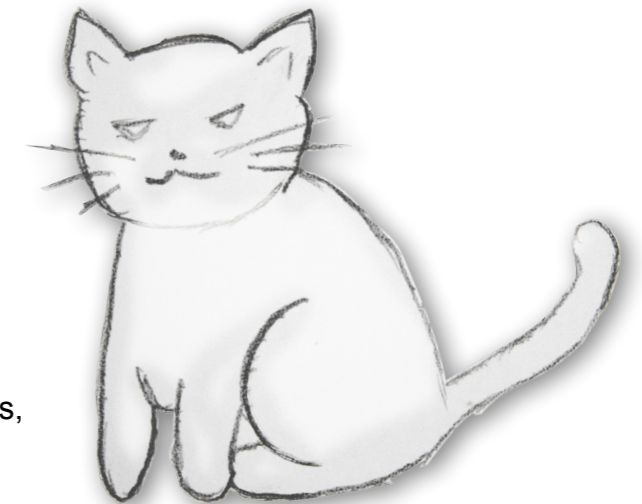


Illustration (by: Sgt Langer)





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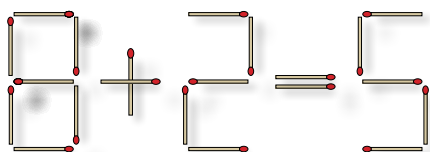
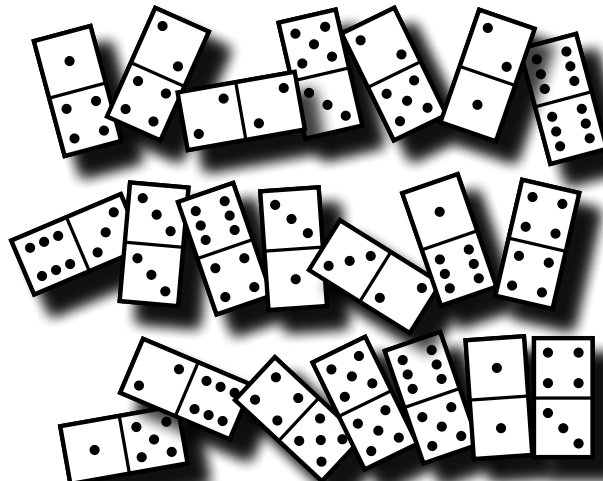
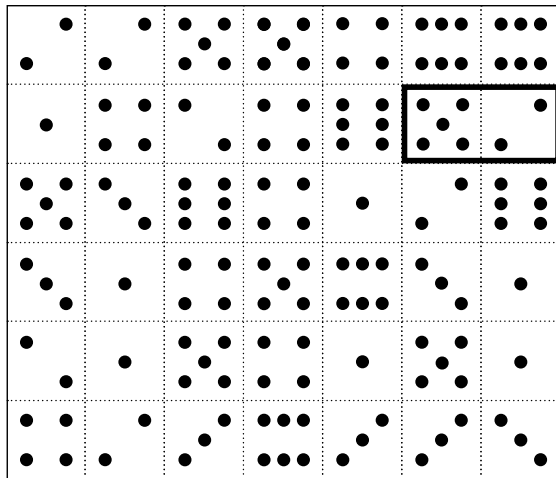
Sudoku

Fill empty squares so each number (1 to 9) appears once in every row, column and box.

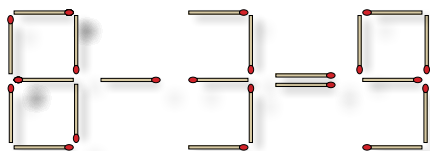
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1	3	4	2	7	5	6	8	
5	6	9	3	8		2	1	
9	4				3	8		
		2				5		
		6		9		1		
	9	7						
8		1		6	9			

Domino →

There are 21 Domino stones in the field on the left. Find out where they're located on the right, then draw a frame around them.



switch two



switch two



switch one

Strike a match

You only have to change the position of one or two of the matches and the calculation will become right.

Answers

You will find the answers of the puzzles in the next copy. To fill the long wait, we leave another tricky riddle for you.

A train is leaving Berlin at 11:15am heading to Hamburg with a constant speed of 90 kilometers per hour. At the same time a train is leaving Hamburg heading to Berlin at 75 kilometers per hour. Which train is more distant to Berlin when they're meeting?

