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Stryker unit visits Romanian villages as Joint Task Force-East combined training commences

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MIHAIL KOGALNICEANU AIR FIELD, Romania – U.S. Soldiers from the 4th Squadron of the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment based in Vilseck, Germany visited six villages Monday near the Babadag Training Area in Tulcea County in eastern Romania with their Stryker combat vehicles. Soldiers interacted with local Romanians, visiting, sharing stories and discussing training they will be conducting in the region. About 500 citizens greeted the Soldiers and got a closer look at the Strykers.

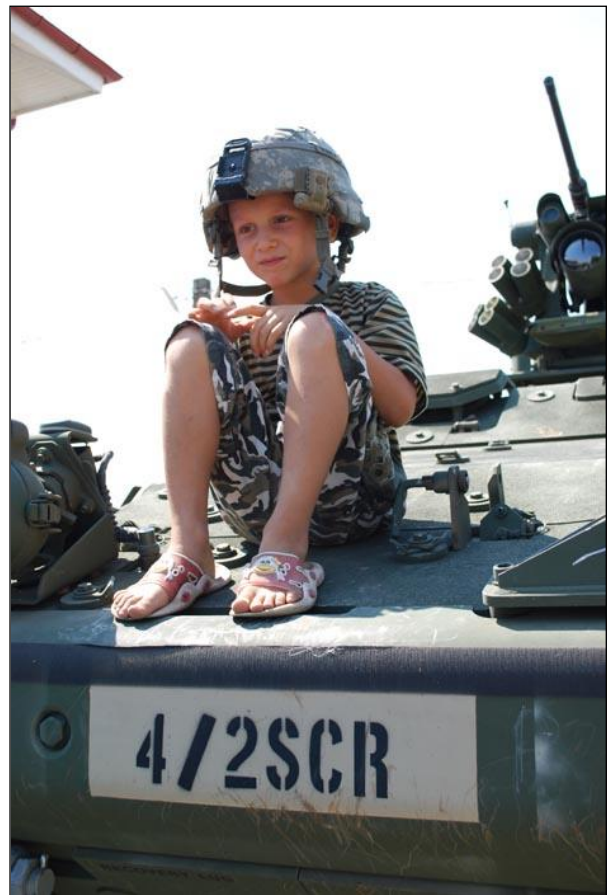
Approximately 850 U.S. Soldiers and support personnel from the 2nd SCR commence side-by-side training this week with members of the Romanian 33rd Mountain Troops Battalion based in Curte De Arges, Romania. That training will continue through the end of October as part of this year's rotation for the U.S. Army Europe-led Joint Task Force-East. The JTF-East mission is to increase theater security cooperation in the region, build interoperability capabilities and develop personal and professional relationships with military forces in the region.



Romanian villagers wave to U.S. Soldiers from the 4th Squadron of the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, based in Vilseck, Germany, as they navigate their Stryker combat vehicles toward the Babadag Training Area, Aug 18.

(Photo by Pfc. Charles J. Thompson, U.S. Army, JTF-East PAO)

A Romanian boy tries on a U.S. Army Advanced Combat Helmet as he sits atop an Stryker combat vehicle from the 4th Squadron of U.S. Army Europe's 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment. Soldiers from the Vilseck, Germany-based unit visited with nearly 500 local citizens during their day-long tour through Tulcea County, Aug. 18. (Photo by Lt. Col. Daniel E. Herrigstad, U.S. Army, JTF-East PAO)



Romanian citizens from Ceamurlia de Sus get a good look at a U.S. Stryker combat vehicle belonging to the 4th Squadron of U.S. Army Europe's 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, Aug. 18. Soldiers from the Vilseck, Germany-based 2nd SCR visited six villages in Tulcea County in eastern Romania. (Photo by Pfc. Charles J. Thompson, U.S. Army, JTF-East PAO)