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U.S. Soldiers train Romanian Mountain Troops on saving lives

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MIHAIL KOGALNICEANU AIRFIELD, Romania – Thirty Romanian soldiers were trained this week in the vital combat life-saving skills they need to go to war with by U.S. soldiers from Joint Task Force-East at Mihail Kogalniceanu Airfield.

In preparation for an upcoming deployment, soldiers of the 33rd Mountain Troops Battalion “Posada” spent five days with U.S. Army soldiers receiving the introduction to basic medical treatment that all Soldiers need to learn in order to save lives on the battlefield. Another 30 Romanian Mountaineer troops will arrive next week to do the same.

“We try and make this as stressful an environment as possible for the training evaluation portion,” said 2nd Lt. John K. Karlsson, a Medical Service Corps officer assigned to JTF-E who facilitated the training. “The first time one of these soldiers experiences a real injury in a heated combat environment this will hopefully help them be better prepared to handle it.”

Combat life saver training instructs soldiers how to stop bleeding, open an airway, administer an intravenous line to a patient, and successfully evacuate a casualty in combat environments. Combat life saver training has been instrumental in helping stabilize injured soldiers on the battlefield in order to transport them from point of injury to a medical facility within the 'Golden Hour' where people have the highest chances of surviving.

Six soldiers of the 212th Combat Support Hospital based out of Miesau Army Depot, Germany are conducting the training here and then will move on to do similar training in Bulgaria as part of JTF-E training operations there.

JTF-E is one of U.S. Army Europe's strategic priorities playing a key role in U.S. European Command's Theater Security Cooperation program. The intent of JTF-E is to build the interoperability, professional and personal relationships necessary to facilitate the success of U.S.- Romanian and other partnered-nation coalitions in overseas contingency operations around the globe.

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Sgt. Steven L. Gustafson (center) of the 212th Combat Support Hospital based out of Miesau, Germany instructs Romanian soldiers of the 33rd Mountain Troops Battalion "Posada" on combat lifesaving techniques at Mihail Kogalniceanu Airfield, Romania as part of Joint Task Force-East operations on July 17. (Photo by Lt. Col. Gabriel Petracsu)



1st Lt. Alex Ivanaf, age 28, of Arges, Romania, a Mountaineer Officer of the 33rd Mountain Troops Battalion “Posada,” grimaces as he gets an IV applied by a combat lifesaver trainee during CLS certification training at Mihail Kogalniceanu Airfield, Romania as part of Joint Task Force-East operations on July 17. Spc. Matthew R. Seabrooke (right), age 24, of the 212th Combat Support Hospital based out of Miesau, Germany, supervises the procedure. (photo by Lt. Col. Daniel E. Herrigstad)



Romanian Mountaineer soldiers of the 33rd Mountain Troops Battalion “Posada” train on combat lifesaving techniques at Mihail Kogalniceanu Airfield, Romania as part of Joint Task Force-East operations between July 13 and July 17. (Photo by 1st Lt. Ovidiu Ciobanu)

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