

More than 5,000 Hungarians witnessed the first of the two live-fire exercises as the Hungarian Land Forces took the opportunity to use the day to recruit new soldiers.

Hungarian President Ferenc Madl attended the second live-fire exercise, a first for any Hungarian president.

"It was great to witness the cooperation between the two armies," said Madl. "They were very well prepared and very efficient. It was obvious what a success this exercise has been."

Commander of the Hungarian Land Forces, Maj. Gen. Ferenc Gyorossy, said the significance of the president's visit was neither lost on the Hungarian nor the 1AD soldiers.

"We were both very happy and honored our president had the chance to observe our exercise," said Gyorossy. "Both of the armies were highly motivated. All of the soldiers executed their jobs with professionalism and precision."

From operating in front of large

crowds of potential Hungarian servicemembers and the Hungarian president, to living and working together, the Delta 2001 exercise was a great learning experience for Spc. Linton Chapman, III, a communications specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment.

"Being this close to another army was a new and interesting experience," said Chapman. "[The Hungarians] do things a little differently than we do. But through the exercise we learned how to work around those differences and to perform as a team."

SHOOT! MOVE! COMMUNICATE!

1-35 Armor gets back to basics

Story and photos by
Sgt. Gregory F. Withrow
1st Armored Division PAO

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany — Tankers of 1st Battalion, 35th Armored Regiment, trained the gun sights of their 120 mm smooth-bore cannons on targets and let big bullets fly for the first time since returning from a six-month deployment to Kosovo. The tank gunnery exercise, Iron Thunder 2001, took place on

the fog-blanketed terrain of Grafenwoehr Training Area in October.

Tankers, mechanics and communications soldiers focused on the basic combat skills of shooting, moving and communicating. The combination of military occupational specialties worked together to provide 1-35 Armor with the means to exercise the battalion's combat skills and operate effectively on the battlefield.

"The bottom line is that we

train for war," explained 1st Sgt. David A. Takacs, of Company A, 1-35 AR. "In order to be prepared to do our jobs, we have a lot of work to do and certain steps we go through to be qualified. Our work begins well before we actually get to the gunnery range."

The Tank Crew Gunnery Skills Test (TCGST) and the Unit Conduct of Fire Trainer (UCOFT) focus on tank gunnery skills while in garrison. This training gets tank crews to a level, outlined by the Department of the Army,

A Company B, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, Paladin launches a 155 mm round downrange during the first live-fire exercise at Delta 2001.