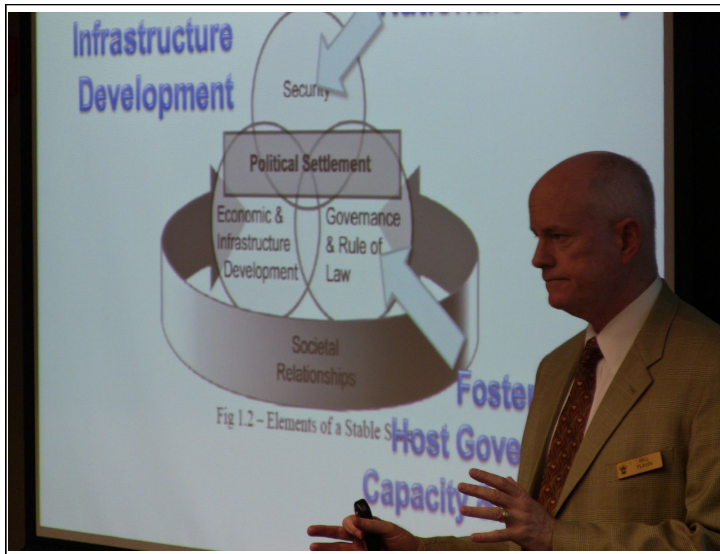


# UN military advisors, police advisors community tap PKSOI expertise

*Carol Kerr, Army War College*

## UN military advisors, police advisors community tap PKSOI expertise



April 13, 2012 -- In New York City, there are 120 military advisors and police advisors, each assigned to their nation's Mission to the United Nations. They meet throughout the year in a cooperative forum called the UN Military and Police Advisors Community. The Army War College's Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute hosted the group this week in response to a request from the U.S. Mission to the UN.

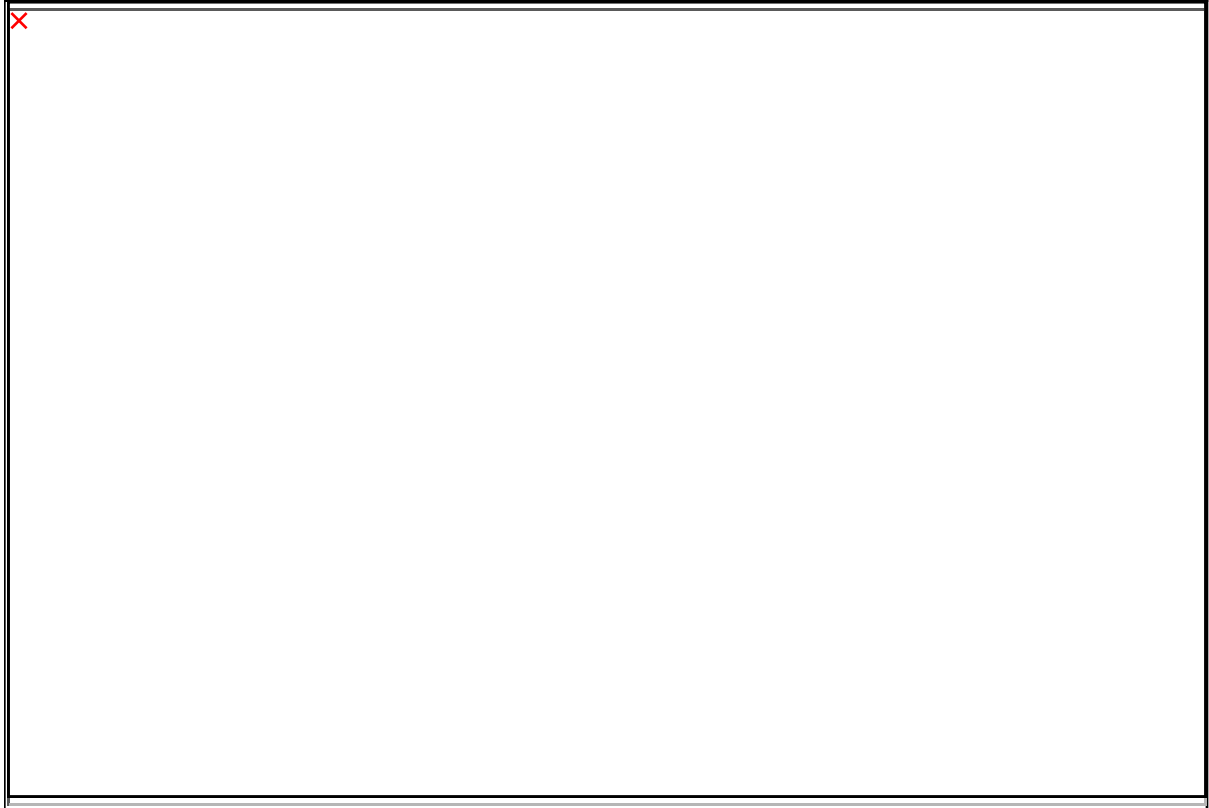
The Gettysburg Battlefield staff ride, led by PKSOI's resident historian/security sector reform analyst Ray Millen, was the primary interest of the military advisor for the Slovenian Mission to the UN, but he and about 30 others got a dose of history, reality, and future focus in the two-day event.

***Bill Flavin reviews emerging USG Peace and Stability Operations policy and doctrine for the UN Military and Police Advisors during interactive briefings with the staff of the Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute.***

“When a peacekeeping mission is put on the ground, it can be affected by interpretation of the UN Security Council mandate, the DPKO military service concept, and sometimes national caveats,” said Glenn Sadowski, one of the deputy military advisors at the US Mission to the UN. “Through our community and through exposure to different doctrines, we hope to come to consensus on how peacekeeping missions could be more effective.” The United States, represented by PKSOI, is president this year of the International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centers and a natural resource for the community, he noted.

“We coordinated to offer PKSOI insights about those areas for which we have mutual interest,” said Bill Flavin, PKSOI’s voice of experience in working with the UN. PKSOI staff led interactive briefings about –

- emerging USG peace and stability operations policy and doctrine
- Whole-of-Government planning and interagency education
- full-spectrum approaches to exercises, simulation and training in peacekeeping
- Counter-corruption education and leader development, directed by the International Security



Assistance Force

- Protection of civilians, tied to the MARO and MAPRO manuals
- Mass Atrocity Response Operations, as represented in the [MARO Military Planning Handbook](#), co-authored with by PKSOI Harvard’s Carr Center; and the [MAPRO Handbook](#), a collaboration among PKSOI, Department of State, and the Office of Secretary of Defense for Policy.

***Prof. Jim Embrey leads a discussion with an international group of military advisors on sustainable security, effective governments, and the military commander's challenge to change the environment in which corruption is a block to systems that can operate for all.***

PKSOI’s activities are always collaborative, noted Col. Lorelei Coplen, the center’s deputy director as she welcomed the group. PKSOI’s current work with military advisors and the UN Department of

Peacekeeping Operations are examples.

“We speak with various military advisors depending on what’s happening over time. Some, we meet with regularly,” said Flavin, pointing to the prototype programs intended to develop capacity, as part of the UN New Horizons program.

“We’ve been involved in developing all three pilot programs through the DPKO, said Flavin, about the United Nation's initiatives: medical, infantry battalion, and staff officer study projects to help assist and improve contributing nations’ capacity.

PKSOI’s Col. Roberto Nang, a former hospital commander, is working with the UN on the medical pilot project, developing medical guidelines for UN peacekeeping operations. Nang participated recently a review of current UN military medical support in Cyprus and Lebanon.

PKSOI’s Col. Tim Loney assisted in developing the Staff Officer Handbook for use at all the UN Peacekeeping Training Centers. He helped develop the handbook, and established a forum for review and recommendations on the [SOLLIMS collaborative website](#). The Stability Operations Lessons Learned Management System is an online knowledge management that allows U.S. military, USG civilian agencies , multinational military and civilian organizations, IOs, NGOs, and private sector organizations to collaborate in collecting, analyzing, disseminating and integrating the lessons of peace and stability operations.

The Infantry Battalion project has reviewed the capabilities and requirements for a standard infantry battalion deploying in peacekeeping missions.

“Everybody has their own infantry battalion doctrine, but the UN never had a general one for UN missions,” said Flavin. PKSOI’s Col. Jim Ruf and German Lt. Col. Jurgen Prandtner [GS] are assisting in initial drafting, with a small group of military advisors. Soon, a final draft will go to all contributing nations, he noted.