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Training HEATs up in Romania and Bulgaria during JTF-E JMTC Exercises Tools to Improve Soldier Skills



During the Joint Task Force-East (JTF-E) exercise, Soldiers of the United States, Romania and Bulgaria, trained on devices to ensure Soldiers were well-trained and ready for common battle scenarios.

Since Soldiers trapped in an overturned HMMWV are easy targets for the enemy during combat, more than 570 U.S. and Coalition Soldiers were trained using the High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV) Egress Assistance Trainer (HEAT).

While training in the HEAT trainer, Soldiers are required to open the doors, unlock their seat belts and exits their Humvee in under 20 seconds.

They put one hand on top of their helmet, unbuckled themselves from their seat belt and let gravity lower them downward while their hand softened the weight between their heads and the Humvee's floorboard.

The Soldiers opened the Humvee's doors, and exited the overturned vehicle.

They helped one another, and were especially careful of those that might be wounded or unconscious.

Soldiers practiced a variety of escape techniques. The HEAT trainer is designed to change Soldiers' reactions from panic to confidence and increase escape time. A trained occupant has a 250 percent greater chance of survival than those who are untrained.

To train your soldiers on HEAT, contact your Regional Training Support Center by dialing your local DSN prefix + 1398, or see the JMTC telephone directory.

