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Brig. Gen. Paul C. Hurley, 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command commanding general, and Maj. Gen. Kim Gil-young, Korea Army Academy at Yeongcheon commander, sign a memorandum of understanding Oct. 18 at the Evergreen Community Club on Camp Walker.



Bernie McGrenahan signs autographs for Soldiers of Area IV following a comedic performance at the Kelly Gym on Camp Walker Dec. 11 addressing addiction, suicide, seeking help and recovery.

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Nakdong River Battle re-enactment

Area IV Soldiers Join forces to honor Korean War veterans



Story and photos by,
Cpl. Lim Sung-jun

WAEGWAN, South Korea - The Republic of Korea Army 2nd Operations Command hosted the Korean 62nd Annual Nakdong River Battle re-enactment ceremony at Waegwan near Camp Carroll Oct. 18 to commemorate one of the major battles during the Korean War.

The re-enactment was performed by hundreds of soldiers from the R.O.K. 201st Special Forces Brigade with help from Korean Augmentation To

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the United States Army and U.S. soldiers from the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command. The broad-scale event was to honor and commemorate the war veterans who fought in the battle.

“We are here at the Nakdong River where the

fiercest battle had been fought, to commemorate the fallen soldiers 62 years ago,” said Gen. Kim Yo-han, 20C commanding general. “It was the battle of life or death for the ROKA with nowhere to retreat, and was also the first major victory where the U.S. and R.O.K. allies defeated the North Korean army.”

The re-enactment started off with the recreation of the Waegwan railway bridge demolition. During the Korean War, the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division decided to stop the North Korean army from advancing toward Busan and subsequently decided to

demolish the railway bridge at Waegwan.

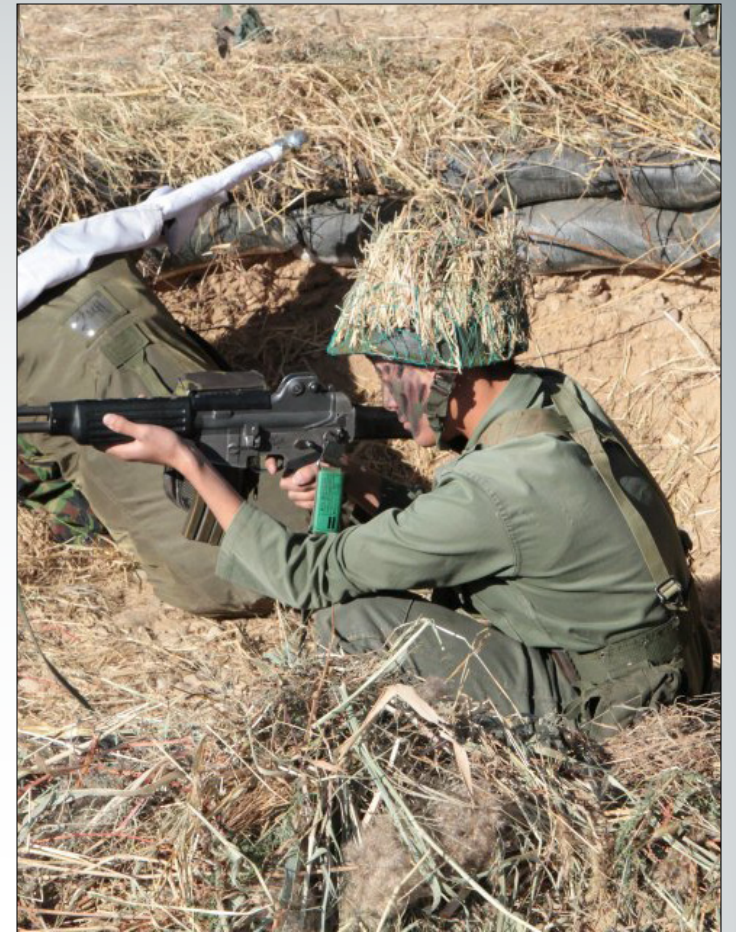
The actors divided up into North Korea soldiers, South Korea soldiers and U.S. soldiers to re-enact the subsequent battle along the riverside of the Nakdong River. With hundreds of casualties

on each side, the U.S. and R.O.K. combined forces defended the Nakdong River line which gave South Korea an opportunity to regroup for a full-force attack.

“I felt that the re-enactment helped me understand the sacrifices that the soldiers from Korea and the United Nations endured in order to protect this country,” said Cpl. Armando A. Navarro, Staff Judge Advocate military justice non-commissioned officer in charge. “The realistic fighting and being on the actual grounds of the battle made the re-enactment come to life, and I was able to picture just how truly frightening the battle must have been.”

Before the re-enactment, Soldiers from the 19th ESC and ROKA performed the street march parade to instill the sense of national security and unite the civil, government, and military participating in the event.

The 19th ESC provided logistical and personnel support to the event in order to celebrate R.O.K.-U.S. friendship, show its support, and enhance the commitment and relationship between the two nations on the Korean peninsula.



501st goes on a “WARPATH”



Story and photos by,
Staff Sgt. Robert Dedeaux

CAMP CARROLL, South Korea— Unblinking grey eyes follow along a digital map depicting troop movements heading north from South Korea. “Attention in the TOC!” The 501st Sustainment Brigade Tactical Operations Center falls silent as Battle Cpt. Barbara Drapeau, briefs the crowded room concerning significant battle activity during the last day of simulated war gaming exercise, Warpath II held at Camp Carroll, Oct 6 2012.

The 501st Sustainment Brigade Operations Cell uses Field and Simulated Training exercises to improve operating procedures in preparation wargaming exercise, Warpath III.

“The 501st SBDE began Warpath training and preparations in mid September and will

“Understanding and assessing ... are paramount on the battlefield,” Navarro said.

continue at select locations in the Republic of Korea to train on the 2nd Infantry Division designed exercise scenarios in order to provide a trained and ready force to support 2nd ID and the 8th Army,” said Drapeau, 501st SBDE Operations Officer serving as one of her Brigades Battle Captains.

Warpath is a series of Simulated and Command Post training



events conducted in three phases used to exercise 2nd ID’s wartime mission. 501st SBDE is the primary sustainment element in the event of Contingency Operations.

“The S-3[operations cell] as is commonly referred is the nucleus, the center of all tactical and logistic operations,” said Drapeau a Northglenn, Colo., native. “As the battle Captain I keep track of everything that happens on the battlefield, in the TOC, then communicate that information with the Commander, the battalions and the other staff sections”

During the Field and Simulated Training exercises the Operations cell is also responsible for developing, coordinating, tracking and executing the necessary plans and objectives based on the Commanders guidance.

“Not only do we make the plans

we have to ensure they are implemented and that the subordinate units are communicating with us,” explained Drapeau “Sergeant Major is added enforcement in the TOC and steps in if we are not getting what we need.”

The 501st SBDE has four subordinate battalions normally participating in the exercises from different locations around the Korean Peninsula. Each unit has a subordinate Operations cell with a Sergeant Major that must continue to keep the brigade informed.

“The hub of information during any exercise exists within the Operations Cell,” said Sgt. Maj.



Kelvin Broadnax, 501st SBDE Operations Sergeant Major. “Teamwork, effective communication, and proper situational awareness are essential to improving ourselves as an Operations Cell.”

Correct management and distribution of information received from higher headquarters and lower echelons assist us in the pursuit of successful mission accomplishment, whether in an exercise or in real conflict, explained Broadnax.

The Brigade Commander has outlined several key tasks that must be accomplished during these exercises, as the Operations cell they must ensure the training objectives are met.

“Visualization, Understanding, and Assessing the Brigade’s mission on the battlefield are paramount to our success,” said Broadnax the Operations Cell’s senior noncommissioned officer, listing areas he will emphasize during Warpath III in addition to the commanders training objectives,” Broadnax said.



19th ESC Winter Formal



19th ESC Hail and Farewell

Oktoberfest



ROK, U.S. seize the day for sports

Senior leaders meet for friendly competition



Story and photos by,
Pvt. Lee Sang-cheol

DAEGU, South Korea – The Area IV Republic of Korea Army Support Group hosted a ROK-U.S. Mutual Relationship Day at Victory Field on Camp Henry

be familiar so that the later work that needs collaboration can be done easily based on active cooperation from both sides.” said Lt. Col. Cheong Se-kwan, Area IV RSG commander through a translator.

The day involved senior

activities.

The event started with awarding letters of appreciation to six U.S. soldiers: Sgt. Daniel Tyler, Staff Sgt. Teresa Williams, Spc. Matthew Jones, Spc. Tiago Pereira, Pfc. Brittney Long and Pfc. Darren Stewart. They were

“I think since we got familiar with each other for today’s event, the later work will be much easier,” Cheong said.

Nov. 16 to strengthen their friendship.

“The purpose of today’s event is to get to know each other and

leaders from the Area IV RSG and members of the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command participating in different

chosen due to their contributions of reinforcing the ROK-U.S. combined operations capabilities in Area IV.



“I feel honored that I was appreciated by two different countries. It makes me want to continue meeting and exceeding the standard and do the best I can for the ROK counterparts and KATUSAs,” said Spc. Tiago D. Pereira, 19th ESC G-2 intelligence analyst.

Following the award ceremony, the Area IV RSG, led by Cheong, formed a soccer team to play members of 19th ESC, led by Capt. James Acevedo, Headquarters and Headquarters Company commander, in a friendly match.

Team members from both sides shook hands at the end of the match in which score was not kept.

“I love hanging out with ROK Army folks. They are great officers and great non-commissioned officers,” Acevedo said.



“It was a good event and I appreciate that they took their time and set this up.”

The event closed with a lunch on the soccer field where Cheong and Acevedo shared their thoughts about the day’s event and possibilities for the

future relationship between the ROK and U.S.

“I think since we got familiar with each other for today’s event, the later work will be much easier,” Cheong said. “My goal is that all the U.S. Army officers and NCOs in the 19th ESC get to know the



MPs em'bark' on a mission

903rd preps juniors to be next generation

Story and photos by,
Staff Sgt. B. Wesley Lewis

CAMP CARROLL, South Korea – In the military environment on the Korean peninsula, joint operations between countries and branches are a daily routine from the sea to the DMZ.

One of the most important relationships that exist within the Army as a critical element in the defense of the Republic of Korea is not between Soldiers but with man's best friend.

The 903rd Military Working Dog Detachment, 501st Sustainment Brigade is responsible for sniffing out and taking care of problems in

Area IV through the cohesive teams of their Military Police dog handlers and K-9s.

However, before each team can move, shoot and communicate on an esprit-de-corps lever, these dog-handlers must step

into the cage and take on the snarling challenge of befriending one of the 903rd veterans.

"You're trying to take two people and mesh them together. Each dog has its own quirks, its own

personalities and has good days and bad days," said Pvt. 1st Class Gregory K. Taflinger, partnered with Uran. "Uran is definitely an Alpha dog who wants to be in charge, so my first month here it was battle of the wits."

"You can tell a Soldier what to do, and they have a general concept of what to do. You can tell a dog what to do, but if he's not getting something out of it, he's not going to do it. That's why you have to build a report, so the dog wants to do it for you," said Sgt. Daniel E. Hargrove, partnered up with-



"We try to do 30 days of report with the dog...playing with him, bathing him, feeding him, just letting him get to know us, so we have obedience to us," said Sgt. 1st Class William Webster, kennel master.

Tristen.

Historically, Army military working dog handlers have been MPs that could obtain the dog handler skill identifier once they were a non-commissioned officer.

As the Army constantly trans-

forms, so has the dog-handler program. Soldiers have begun to be chosen for a new 31K, military dog-handler MOS, program through a selection process to be a dog-handler at the beginning of their military career.

"During AIT, it was put out that they were going to do a selection process off everyone who was interested which was like 40-60 people. You couldn't have any failures and had to be first-

"Even with a dog, I train like it's real life," Hargrove said.

time GOs on everything. It was mainly based off interviews with drill sergeants who were K-9," Taflinger said.

The new aspect of having junior Soldiers in the ranks of military working dog detachments has put a new enface on training, especially when working with a partner that does not differentiate between scenarios and real missions.

"For our skill level-1 Soldiers, it's a task to train them one as a Soldier and two as a dog-handler at the same time. So you're

teaching them how to load a SINGARS radio, how to fire their weapon...and also teach them how to work an animal who sometimes will listen to you, sometimes won't listen to you, bites and likes to chase his tail," Webster said.

"I believe the Army's motto has always been 'Train as you Fight,' so even with a dog I try to train like it's real life," Hargrove (2 ½ years) said. "You have to

get creative to implement ways to get this dog to do things you want it to do."

Once a team can operate as a single unit, they can then move on to training their K-9 in their mission specialty as either a patrol-drug detector dog or patrol-explosive detector dog.

"We'll get them certified under a dog team. They know the basics...how to search for explosives, find narcotics and bite people, but it is more defined in scenario training once they get certified," Webster said.



New MP dog-handlers that arrive to Korea for their one-year tour are on a tight timeline to obtain mission capability and be certified in their functional areas.

The Army K-9 mission in Area IV allows the seasoned NCOs to pass their tricks of the trade to fresh batch of junior dog-handlers.

"How we train in through continuity. What I learned as a dog-handler I applied as a training NCO, and what I learned as a training NCO and dog-handler, I applied as a kennel master," Webster said.

"Our NCOs are very forth giving with information. The thing with K-9 is that there is a million ways to get the same thing done with the dog. They're always throwing us tools, advice and guidance to progress with training the dogs as well as being better Soldiers," Taflinger said.

When the final product of NCOs training juniors and juniors training their counterparts is summed up, the Soldiers have taken Army equipment and turned it into so much more.

"You become very attached to them. You work with them every day. I know if something happens to me on patrol, he'll be there. He's the best battle buddy you could ever have," Taflinger said.





Around Team 19



SAMC delivers Christmas joy

Elite NCOs visit Korean orphanage with Santa

Story and photos by,
Cpl. Lim Sung-jun

DAEGU, South Korea – Area IV Sergeant Audie Murphy Club members visited the Love and Hope Orphanage, the largest childcare facility in Daegu, Dec. 16 to give back to the local community during the holiday season.

“The purpose of our visit is to spread the spirit of Christmas and share our love by spending some time with very special kids,” said Sgt. 1st Class Laura B. Pena, SAMC member from 498th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion. “For the past two Christmases, SAMC has donated toys and clothes to orphanages and welfare centers in the area, and today’s visit is also an extension of our efforts to help the people in need.”

The Area IV SAMC’s orphanage visit coincided with various other groups. Soldiers from various units in Area IV, students from Daegu American School and personnel from Christian organizations were also invited to the event.

SAMC is an elite group of non-commissioned officers in the U.S. Army who fulfill one of the pillars of the club by being active in community relations.

The event started with welcoming remarks by Mr. Park Hun-cheol, Love and Hope Orphanage president.

“I really appreciate everyone who came out here today to show your support so Merry



Christmas to you all. There are a lot of children out there who desperately need help from us so let us pray for them,” Park said. Following the speech, the kids performed for the group by dancing and singing Christmas carols

while the group had a chance to partake in some refreshments. Next the SAMC toured around to each room in the orphanage with other participants to pass out Christmas chocolates to the kids. The group was led by Sgt.

Scott D. Coyle, who dressed himself up as a Santa Claus, as he hand-carried the candy to each room.

“It was my first time ever visiting the orphanage, and I feel awesome and happy to see the kids smile when I give them chocolates,” said Coyle, 188th Military Police Company. “I think it is really meaningful for the Soldiers to come and show their face, volunteer a time with the kids who don’t get out.”

Children in the facility gathered around the Santa while SAMC members gave kids warm embraces and took photos together while they toured around the facility.

“I think it was a great time to get out and see the kids, give something that somebody does not have,” said Sgt. 1st Class



Vernon J. Alcorn, SAMC member from the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, one of the SAMC members. “I really love to see the kids get smiles on their face, and it is what this

is all about. I will come here definitely as often as I can.”

Soldiers who would like to try out for the SAMC can talk with local members or their unit first sergeant.



HHC commander leads 19th ESC Acevedo sets example for all ranks



Story and photos by,
Cpl. Lim Sung-jun

CAMP HENRY, South Korea - Every Friday morning Capt. James Acevedo, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command commander, steps in front of his company and looks into a formation of soldiers with a high density of senior non-commissioned officers and field

HHC, 19th ESC July 2011.

"When I applied for the position of company commander along with another six or seven officers, Col. Cotter [19th ESC deputy commander at that time] asked me a few questions about the command and what other different duty titles I held during my career," Acevedo said. "I told him what my intentions are and that I was very interested in serving as

tional officer who is responsible for the training, operations, and logistics of the company as well as the morale and welfare of the soldiers and their families.

"I have a lot of responsibilities, but at the same time, it is very rewarding when I can help soldiers and their families by satisfying their needs and make procedures or conditions for the better," Acevedo said. "Once you

"I have a lot of responsibilities, but at the same time, it is very rewarding when I can help Soldiers," Acevedo said.

grade officers.

Acevedo, who has worked in multiple command positions during his first tour in Korea, was selected and took command of

a company commander who has a chance to lead soldiers."

Commanding around 250 soldiers at a time as a company commander, he is a multifunc-

leave the company command and become a staff officer, you don't have the same opportunity to influence people in positive ways."

Being a company commander of a HHC has its obstacles, especially when it is the largest forward-deployed multicomponent ESC in the U.S. Army.

"The most challenging thing for a company commander is to lead your peers and your seniors. But as long as you follow the Army procedures and regulations, and you do it with right purpose, they will follow my intent," Acevedo said. "One more thing is that it is all about support you get. If you show that you care about the company and show them your leadership, they will follow."

At any given point that someone could happen to come across an HHC formation, they could see Acevedo educating his troops, throwing punches and kicks as part of the taekwondo physical training days he implemented, or being part of his soldiers' training like jumping out the hum-vee egress assistance trainer at Camp Carroll.

"He always tries to maintain close cooperation with the members of the HHC for any missions or thoughts on what he can do to



improve this company," said 1st Sgt. Yolanda Y. Brown, HHC first sergeant.

"He is a quiet professional of immense credibility, strong and agile who fearlessly leads from the front," said Staff Sgt. Joshua A. Fernandez, HHC safety non-commissioned officer. "He always leads from the front especially during the times when hardship was to be shared ... road marches, field training exercises and leading the 'A' group in ability group runs every Monday."

During his tenure as commander, Acevedo took his wartime mission of providing administrative and logistic support to the 19th ESC headquarters to new areas. He implemented the plan to deploy the company to Camp Carroll for Key Resolve 12, and Gimhae in Ulchi Freedom Guardian 12.

Acevedo, a husband and father of two kids, gave as much attention to families and esprit de corps by providing multiple opportunities for everyone in his unit to become familiar with the Korean culture. He included many events such as an Ever-

land trip, Hawaii beach trip, demilitarized zone trip, Easter egg hunt and Halloween party.

"Acevedo supports all the family programs that are available through the Army community service and local agencies," said Rosa I. Martinez, HHC Family Readiness Group support assistant. "He is fully involved in the FRG and strives to ensure that all the HHC, 19th ESC family members are well informed about things that are occurring in Area IV."

"He is a quiet professional of immense credibility," Fernandez said.

Now at the end of his command and looking back, he feels proud of the accomplishments that he has achieved.

"I have definitely improved our capabilities of command and control on the move as a company level. Also, we improved the integrations from the families to the Korean culture," Acevedo said.

Providers “fight tonight”

194th aims to sharpen skills

Story and photo by
Sgt. Danielle Ferrer

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea – It was a busy week for 194th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 501st Sustainment Brigade, as they conducted range week at the Story Live Fire Complex at Warrior Base Nov 26 – Nov 30. The week-long exercise was conducted to help Soldiers familiarize and qualify on all individual and crew served weapons systems. Those weapons include M2, M249, M240B, MK-19 which will be mounted on military vehicles during convoy operations.



For Sgt Cameron Snowden, Intelligence Staff noncommissioned officer-in -charge, HHC 194th CSSB, training of this type provided Soldiers with an opportunity to get comfortable with their assigned weapon.

“This kind of training offers soldiers the chance to fire weapon systems that are new to them,” said Snowden. “It reinforces the fact that this war has never ended and at any time full scale conflict can erupt.”

Snowden, whose main job was to train Soldiers on their assigned crew served weapons during range week spent much of the exercise on the ranges with the Soldiers. Although the field training exercise was an overall success, it did not come without some obstacles. The

Soldiers braved the frigid temperatures, but the dry weather caused many brush fires which causes some of the ranges to close down for long periods of time until it was safe to continue. In spite of the drawbacks, the Providers managed to pull through and successfully qualify every Soldier without any incidents or injuries. For, the training offered some vital lessons.

“The training allowed us to identify our shortcomings as a staff and as individual Soldiers,”

said Snowden. “It gave us a way forward and ideas on how to better ourselves and the team.”

According to Snowden, not only did the training help identify shortcomings, but it also gave Soldiers the opportunity to experience real world training.

“This kind of training offers the soldiers a very real possibility on the Korean peninsula,” Snowden said. “It reinforces the fact that this war has never ended and at any time full scale conflict can erupt.”

Not only did the training provide true-to-life scenarios, but it also stressed the importance of successfully

qualifying on an assigned weapon during convoy operations.

“This training provides real world numbers and mission requirements,” said Snowden. He goes on to say that from a logistician standpoint, being proficient on assigned weapons is crucial when conducting convoy operations to re-supply units at the front lines should conflict ever erupt. “Knowing how much ‘beans and bullets’ it takes to fight a war gives a logistician an accurate view of the scale of this kind of war.”



Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III visited Camp Carroll Nov. 5 to meet with Soldiers of Area IV, tour motor pools and facilities hold a townhall meeting where he addressed issues with Soldiers, civilians and family members.

