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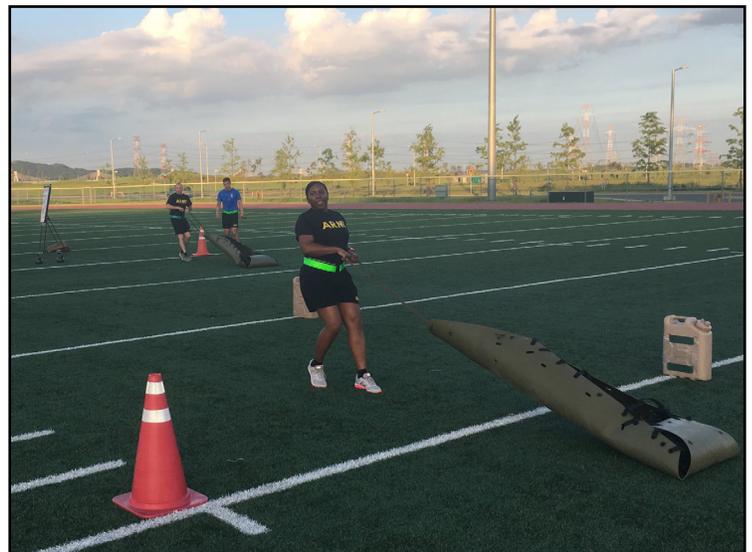
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(Photo of the Month) A Soldier crawls during the 2018 Eighth Army Best Medic Competition. The 2018 Eighth Army-Korea Best Medic Competition challenged the mental and physical toughness of seven, two-person medical specialist teams from across the Korean Peninsula as they faced a series of obstacles and medical trauma-based test lanes at Camp Casey July 11-13. (U.S. Army Photo by Mr. Pak Chin U, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)

(Cover Photo) A Soldier buddy carries his teammate during the 2018 Eighth Army Best Medic Competition. The 2018 Eighth Army-Korea Best Medic Competition challenged the mental and physical toughness of seven, two-person medical specialist teams of from across the Korean Peninsula as they faced a series of obstacles and medical trauma-based test lanes at Camp Casey July 11-13. (U.S. Army Photo by Staff Sgt. Micah VanDyke, 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)



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CAMP HUMPHREYS, Republic of Korea – 1st Sgt. Sherri Nobles, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division executes the 250-meter Sprint, Drag, and Carry as part of a demonstration of the new Army Combat Fitness Test during a leadership professional development event. (U.S. Army Photo by Maj. Pete Bogart, 1ABCT Public Affairs)

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COMMANDER'S CORNER



Warriors,

It's been a historic summer with the ongoing events and we are hopeful good outcomes are achieved. As Soldiers, we must continue to ensure our tomahawks stay sharp and that readiness remains our number one priority. We must remain steady and ready.

We are mostly through the summer transition, and the new team is extremely talented. CSM Barretto and I are excited for the opportunity to serve alongside each of you and get after mastering the fundamentals...even through the extreme heat! Our campaign this year is to establish a culture of an NCO-run, Officer-led Division. To do this, we need to be accountable for our responsibilities...in other words, we need ownership to be successful.

Our NCO Corps is the best in the world, but that accomplishment was earned through hard work, discipline and pride. If we want to meet our objectives, we need our NCOs to live the creed and earn the right to be called the backbone of the Army every day. That requires extra preparation and commitment to our Soldiers... Taking care of Soldiers means that they are trained to do what our mission requires. So, let's get after it!

Our officers have to lead by example, and that requires physical dominance, tactical and technical expertise, and the highest standards of character. Winning matters and in our profession, it's the difference between victory and defeat, life and death. We must hold ourselves accountable and ensure we can do the things we say we can do...we must know our mission, our capabilities and capacity, and maintain a running estimate of everything we do.

CSM Barretto and I are confident that the Warrior Division will continue to be highly lethal and capable of achieving any mission assigned. We know this because of the leaders and Soldiers who call themselves Warriors are ready to Fight Tonight...and will keep fighting until we win!

LEGACY PAGE



Gen. Exton Departs Command

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With Savings Bonds

August 2, 1965

2d Infantry Division, Korea

Gen. Exton's departure is a significant event for the 2d Infantry Division. He has served the division for over 20 years, during which he has seen it through some of its most difficult periods. His departure is a loss to the division, but it is also a testament to his leadership and the dedication of the soldiers who served under him.

Div Bids Farewell To Its Commander

Major General Hugh M. Exton, commander of the 2d Infantry Division, is scheduled to depart for his new assignment on August 2. The division is bidding farewell to its commander, who has led the division through some of its most challenging periods. Exton's departure is a significant event for the division, and the soldiers are looking forward to seeing him again in his new role.

2d Maint Bn Changes Hands

The 2d Maintenance Battalion is changing hands as its commander, Major General Hugh M. Exton, departs for his new assignment. The battalion is a vital part of the 2d Infantry Division, and its smooth transition is essential for the division's operations. The new commander will take over the battalion on August 2.

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Tall Man of Korea

Amateur Radio Operator

The "Tall Man of Korea" is a well-known amateur radio operator who has been active in the Korean peninsula for many years. He is known for his tall stature and his dedication to the hobby. He has been a member of the Korean Amateur Radio Club and has participated in many radio events. He is a popular figure among radio enthusiasts in the region.

Sergeant Major Departs

A sergeant major is departing the 2d Infantry Division. He has served the division for many years and has been a key figure in the division's operations. His departure is a loss to the division, but it is also a testament to his leadership and the dedication of the soldiers who served under him.

AUGUST 2, 1965

Brown Field at Camp Howze is scheduled to be the scene of colorful ceremonies Tuesday, as the 2nd Infantry Division bids a reluctant farewell to its Commander, Major General Hugh M. Exton. Gen. Exton has been reassigned to Headquarters, United States Army, Europe.

Indianhead Division weathers flood



Sgt. Ross, H.K. Jolly and Pvt. Dewey Warren, both of A Co., 1-50th, work together to reinforce the barrier around Camp Howze. The barrier was built to prevent further flooding of the camp area.

JOIN UP

JOIN UP WITH THE 2D INFANTRY DIVISION. We are looking for more soldiers to join our ranks. We offer excellent training, benefits, and a chance to serve your country. Contact your local recruiter today.

AUGUST 13, 1999

It wasn't quite as traumatic as last year's intense flooding in Area 1. Damage was minimal to installation facilities and infrastructures, but the primary concerns during this year's flood were again the safety of personnel and preparation for the heavy rains.

Ceremony honors KATUSA

A ceremony was held to honor a KATUSA (Korean American Troop Support Activity) member. The ceremony was held in the presence of many guests, including military officials and family members. The honoree was recognized for his exceptional service and dedication to his unit. The ceremony was a touching event, and the honoree was presented with a certificate of appreciation.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



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When I arrived in the Republic of Korea last year, one of the great things that caught my attention was the United States Forces-Korea catchphrase, which is “we go together.” It gave me an impression that 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division Warriors live by the “One Team, One Fight” mantra.

Since I am a chaplain who cares for the dimensional areas of soul and spirit, I took that catchphrase as the direction for all my missions. I serve Warriors and their families so that they might develop and nurture the “we go together” spirit as part of our readiness to fight and win tonight.

Among my chaplain missions, one of my critical ministerial means is to develop and nurture the “we go together” spirit to serve our Soldiers and their family members through pastoral counseling.

One day I received an interesting question from a person, asking, “why do the native Korean people not call others, especially, seniors by their first name? They call others by “Sir, Ma’am, Mr., Mrs.,” or their job title.”

The person then continued, “When I asked a Korean person to call me by my first name, he seemed very uncomfortable with my request and hesitated to call me by my first name. Why do the native Korean people do that? I believe that we need to become close, be friends, in order to go together and ‘Fight and Win’ tonight, don’t we?”

Why do you think this is the case?

There is an interesting difference between the Eastern world and the Western world. In the Eastern culture, the concept of respect is very important as is the concept of friendship in the Western culture. Based upon such different cultural perceptions, people in the Western world call others by their first name as a token of their friendliness, often crossing over age difference.

People in the Eastern culture do not call senior or higher ranking individuals by their first name because it’s a token of their respect for them. Therefore, if



people from the Western world approach native senior Koreans and call them by their first name or greet them, saying “What’s up, Man!,” they will most likely be considered impolite.

If they greet the native elderly Korean people with bowing their head down, they may be welcomed and considered polite. This may lead to an opportunity to build up a good friendship with the Korean people.

Everyone has their own comfortable cultural lifestyle. However, if ROK, U.S. Soldiers, and Korean nationals want to get along as friends, just as USFK’s catchphrase, “we go together,” we may need to understand others in their difference from ours and be flexible to adopt the difference into our way, as long as it is incorporated in all we do.

The Bible says, “Show proper respect to everyone (1 Peter 2:17-25, NIV),” and “In humility, value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.” In your relationships with one another, please have the same mindset.

I pray and bless you all to live your daily life in the ROK by showing proper respect to others in order to get along and remain “Ready and Steady.”





(Above) Sgt. William T. Barton, a 121st Combat Support Hospital combat medic from San Antonio, Texas, climbs up and over a confidence course obstacle on the first day of the 2018 Eighth Army Best Medic Competition. Barton was a member of the winning team during the three day competition, July 11-13.

BEST MEDIC COMPETITION R



STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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CAMP CASEY, Republic of Korea – The monsoon season brought challenging weather, adding training value to the already grueling competition, but the competitors were not swayed and they kept pushing through like warriors.

The 2018 Eighth Army Best Medic Competition challenged the mental and physical toughness of seven, two-person medical specialist teams from across the Korean Peninsula as they faced a series of obstacles and medical trauma-based test lanes at Camp Casey July 11-13.

Competitors were evaluated during the 72-hour event as they applied combat lifesaving skills in various realistic day and night, high-intensity scenarios.

These scenarios included treat a casualty in the CS (tear gas) chamber, carry a litter, drag a weighted SKEDCO rescue system, low crawl uphill, undertake a stress-shoot range, pass a swim lane, negotiate an obstacle course, carry teammates more than 50 meters (simulating moving a casualty to safety), and a four-mile up-hill march with weighted vests.

The top performer and winning team in the 2018 Eighth Army Best Medic

Competition were both recognized during an award ceremony at the Camp Casey Theater July 13.

Capt. Jacob A. Orrino, a 121st Combat Support Hospital nurse from Anaconda, Montana prevailed as the competition's top performer.

"I was reasonably surprised by the Top Performer award," said Orrino. "I have to give credit to my teammate, Sgt. William T. Barton, for all his hard work, and to the rest of the competitors who pushed me to perform at my best," he said.

Orrino attributed competition success to putting in the additional hours of training.

"As Soldiers, we need to train to excel past the demands of war," said Orrino. "Some of us put in a little extra work when everybody else goes home and the results are showcased in events such as the Best Medic Competition," he added.

Orrino and teammate, Sgt. William T. Barton, a 121st CSH combat medic from San Antonio, defeated the competition, winning the title of 2018 Eighth Army Best Medic.



(Top Right) Sgt. Caleb Sherrod, a 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Field Artillery Brigade combat medic, fires his M4 Carbine Rifle during the stress shoot event of the 2018 Eighth Army Best Medic Competition July 11-13. (Bottom Right) Cpt. Jacob A. Orrino, an Army Nurse from Anaconda, Montana and Sgt. William T. Barton, a combat medic from San Antonio, Texas, swim while keeping their weapons out of the water during part of the swim test portion on the first day of the 2018 Eighth Army Best Medic Competition. Orrino and Barton made up the winning team during the three day competition July 11-13.

RAINS DOWN ON CAMP CASEY

“The first event was definitely harder than I expected,” said Barton. “However, you come to appreciate things that challenge you beyond what you expect to accomplish.”

Runner up honors and Army Achievement Medals were awarded to 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division combat medics: Sgt. Tylery S. Griger of Hawkinsville, Georgia and Sgt. Shion Nagasaka of Greer, South Carolina.

In his remarks, Command Sgt. Maj. Richard E. Merritt, Eighth Army command sergeant major, highlighted the importance of the Best Medic Competition in regards to mission readiness.

“This competition prepares you for the ultimate mission, which is that of combat,” said Merritt. “What you are, as well as being ‘docs,’ combat medics, flight medics, and nurses, are warriors; leading from the front on the battlefield, keeping our men and women alive,” he added.

Merritt reemphasized the importance of training as well as the necessity of sharing combat medical skills with subordinates.

“Pass these skills on and remember what you are really doing here today and what this competition is really about,” said Merritt. “Training and preparing for combat is necessary for you and those Soldiers you will lead to prepare them for the worst day of their life,” he continued.

Guest speaker, U.S. Marine Sgt. Maj. Anthony A. Spadaro, Pacific Command senior enlisted leader, emphasized how combat medics added to the effectiveness of our fighting force.

“They’re combat multipliers because when I hear these types of individual efforts, I look at the collective efforts because how many times have we gone up to someone who is supposed to be a practitioner of these great arts for counsel?” asked Spadaro. “Be that man or woman that a Soldier is going to have the confidence to go up to and say ‘doc, I need help,’ and be able to translate that ‘I need help’ into something practiceable, something workable, or something achievable,” he added.

Merritt closed his remarks by mentioning his appreciation for being present for the ceremony, as well as emphasizing the importance of maintaining proficiency.

“It honors me to be here today, in the presence of you warriors, our leaders, our families and our Korean friends,” said Merritt. “It takes action to be an expert [medic] and to maintain that [proficiency],” he concluded.

The top two teams from the 2018 Eighth Army Best Medic Competition will compete in the Command Sgt. Maj. Jack L. Clark, Jr. Army Best Medic Competition at Camp Bullis, Texas in September.

ARMY COMBAT FITNESS TEST



1st Sgt. Fausto Trivino, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division executes the leg tuck as part of a demonstration of the new Army Combat Fitness Test during a leadership professional development event.



STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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CAMP HUMPHREYS, Republic of Korea – “After 16 years in the Army, I was so glad to see something like this.”

Those were the words from First Sgt. Fausto Trivino after a demonstration and execution of the new Army Combat Fitness Test during a leadership development program (LPD) for senior enlisted leaders from the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, who are in Korea as the rotational brigade supporting the 2nd Infantry Division.

The LPD had been planned before the official Army announcement of the new fitness test, and the event was added by the Raider Brigade Command Sergeant Major, Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Leimer, so that First Sergeants and Sergeants Major could experience first-hand the new events and also familiarize themselves with the time and resource challenges in setting up and executing the test at the company and battalion level.

“We want to focus on the new events that our senior enlisted leaders will be training their Soldiers on,” said Leimer.

With only a short amount of time to set up the event, Command Sergeant Major Christopher Williams, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, faced some unique challenges in ensuring that the equipment was to the standard specified for the new events.

“Resourcing for this event was a bit of a challenge because we don’t have the exact equipment on hand yet, for instance we have 14 pound medicine balls but not 10 pound ones,” said Williams. “We were able to borrow 10 pound medicine balls from the gym though and this won’t be an issue going forward because the Army is providing the required equipment to the battalions.”

The brigade’s First Sergeants and Sergeants Majors met 5:30 a.m. at the football field in front of the brigade headquarters, and teams at each event gave a short brief on the event and then demonstrated the correct execution of each event.

After completing the demonstrations on each lane, the leaders were split into five groups and had 10 minutes to execute each station to standard. While there was not a consensus on which event was the hardest, the events mentioned the most were the 250-Meter Sprint, Drag, and Carry and the Leg Tuck.

“The Sprint-Drag-Carry is the most challenging because it requires you to sprint a 25-meter lane, down and back five times all while performing different tasks and racing against the clock,” said First Sgt. David Pelham. “With this being the first time ever attempting this event, I didn’t have an idea of how to pace myself so I went all out and by the time I hit the 40 kettlebells my legs were feeling it.”

Trivino said that going through the events highlighted how balanced Soldiers will have to be between strength and endurance to be successful on the new test. Trivino, who is a master fitness trainer, had his favorites from the new test.

“I liked the dead lift and the leg tuck,” said Trivino. “The leg tuck works your arms, abs, core, and legs.”

Pelham agrees that the new test will be a challenge for Soldiers.

“The Army Combat Fitness Test is no joke,” said Pelham. “I think every Troop, Company, and Battery should have their Leaders take the ACFT as soon as possible; that way they can see just how demanding it is and so that way they can make the changes necessary to their current PT schedules.”

By October 2020, all soldiers, regardless of age or gender, will be required to take the new Army Combat Fitness Test and beginning this October, the Army will field the necessary equipment to 60 battalions across the active Army. The Army will then conduct a one-year evaluation to work out how the test will be scored, make adjustments to events as needed and consider the policies required to implement the new test.



1st Sgt. Sherri Nobles, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division executes the 250-meter Sprint, Drag, and Carry as part of a demonstration of the new Army Combat Fitness Test during a leadership professional development event.



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FORT EUSTIS, Va. -- Army senior leaders have approved a new strenuous fitness test designed to better prepare Soldiers for combat tasks,

reduce injuries and lead to ample cost savings across the service.

The six-event readiness assessment, called the Army Combat Fitness Test, is intended to replace the current three-event Army Physical Fitness Test, which has been around since 1980.

Beginning October 2020, all Soldiers will be required to take the new gender- and age-neutral test. Before that, field testing set to begin this October will allow the Army to refine the test, with initial plans for up to 40,000 Soldiers from all three components to see it.

"The Army Combat Fitness Test will ignite a generational, cultural change in Army fitness and become a cornerstone of individual Soldier combat readiness," said Maj. Gen. Malcolm Frost, commander of the Army's Center of Initial Military Training. "It will reduce attrition and it will reduce musculoskeletal injuries and actually save, in the long run, the Army a heck of a lot of money."

At least six years of significant research went into the test's development as researchers looked at what Soldiers must do fitness-wise for combat.

"Throughout that research and testing, the goal was to provide our leaders with a tough, realistic, field-expedient assessment of the physical component of their Soldiers' individual readiness," said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey. "The ACFT is scientifically-validated and will help better prepare our Soldiers to deploy, fight, and win on any future battlefield." Roughly 2,000 Soldiers have already taken the test, previously called the Army Combat Readiness Test. They also provided feedback as part of the Army Training and Doctrine Command and Forces Command pilots that began last year at several installations.

"The current PT test is only a 40 percent predictor of success for performing in combat and executing warrior tasks and battle drills," Frost said. "This test is approximately an 80 percent predictor of performing based on our ability to test the physical components of combat fitness."

While the ACFT still keeps the 2-mile run as its final event, it introduces five others to provide a broad measurement of a Soldier's physical fitness. The events are completed in order and can take anywhere from 45 to 55 minutes for a Soldier to finish.

-- Strength deadlift: With a proposed weight range of 120 to 420 pounds, the deadlift event is similar to the one found in the Occupational Physical Assessment Test, or OPAT, which is given to new recruits to assess lower-body strength before they are placed into a best-fit career field. The ACFT will require Soldiers to perform a three-repetition maximum deadlift (only one in OPAT) and the weights will be increased. The event replicates picking up ammunition boxes, a wounded battle buddy, supplies or other heavy equipment.

-- Standing power throw: Soldiers toss a 10-pound ball backward as far as possible to test muscular explosive power that may be needed to lift themselves or a fellow Soldier up over an obstacle or to move rapidly across uneven terrain.

-- Hand-release pushups: In this event, Soldiers start in the prone position and do a traditional pushup, but when at the down position they release their hands and arms from contact with the ground and then reset to do another pushup. This allows for additional upper body muscles to be exercised.

-- Sprint/drag/carry: As they dash 25 meters five times up and down a lane, Soldiers will perform sprints, drag a sled weighing 90 pounds, and then hand-carry two 40-pound kettlebell weights. This can simulate pulling a battle buddy out of harm's way, moving quickly to take cover, or carrying ammunition to a fighting position or vehicle.

-- Leg tuck: Similar to a pullup, Soldiers lift their legs up and down to touch their knees/thighs to their elbows as many times as they can. This exercise strengthens the core muscles since it doubles the amount of force required compared to a traditional situp.

-- 2-mile run: Same event as on the current test. In the ACFT, run scores are expected to be a bit slower due to all of the other strenuous activity.

The ACFT gauges Soldiers on the 10 components of physical fitness: muscular strength and endurance, power, speed, agility, aerobic endurance, balance, flexibility, coordination and reaction time. The current test only measures two: muscular and aerobic endurance.

STORY LIVE FIRE COMPLEX



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Soldiers from 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division, conducted M249 and M240B crew-serve weapon tables I through III qualifications training at Montana Range, July 08. During the training, Soldiers gained valuable field experience zeroing, calibrating and employing their AN/PAS-13 medium weapons thermal sights, and firing their weapons during day and night operations.



RAIDER FORWARD OBSERVERS COMPLETE FIRE SUPPORT TEAM CERTIFICATION



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CAMP HUMPHREYS, Republic of Korea – Forward observers from A Co, 3rd Battalion, 69th Armored Regiment were recognized as the best Fire Support Team in the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, at the conclusion of the semi-annual Fire Support Team certification held over the last two weeks at Camp Casey.

The awards ceremony during the first week in July marked the completion of two weeks of training and testing. Forward observers from across the brigade were tested on their technical and tactical knowledge and their ability to implement these tasks in a field environment. Events included the core Soldiering skills like the Army Physical Fitness Test, land navigation, and a tactical ruck march but then transitioned into forward observer specific tasks like observation post occupation, fire support planning, and call for fire testing.

The team from A Co, 3-69 Armor was led by 1st Lt. Thomas Summerbell and Sgt. Dustin Smith. Summerbell, from Fallon, Nevada, said that the team began training at Fort Stewart in the fall by focusing on the fundamental fire support tasks.

“We started at square one, pulling out the step by step guide on how to do each Mission Essential Task List (METL) associated with our mission set,” said Summerbell. “We capitalized off of our understanding of the basics and interjected multiple basic building blocks into larger applications.”

The experience on the teams competing ranged from senior NCOs with 15 years in the Army to junior Soldiers on their first overseas tour. Pfc. Ryan Bedell hails from Royal Palm Beach, Florida, and has been in the Army just over a year. For Bedell, the toughest challenge of the competition came from the weather.

“Land navigation was the worst event for me because it was raining and hard to plot points on the map and do everything,” said Bedell. “The ground was extremely wet, muddy, and slippery while navigating up and down the steep hills.”

The fire support team certification is the first one the brigade has conducted in Korea. The “Raider Brigade” is currently in Korea as the rotational Armored Brigade Combat Team supporting the 2nd Infantry Division.



(Top/Bottom) Raider Brigade forward observer(s) occupy an observation post lane during their semi-annual Fire Support Team certification training at Camp Casey.



All 13 teams from across the brigade completed the certification.

“The FiST certification is a semi-annual requirement that ensures our fire supporters maintain a high level of readiness,” said Maj. Luke Zeck, Brigade Fire Support Officer. “This training was conducted to assess and certify the Soldiers’ ability to provide fires to their maneuver companies through physically and intellectually challenging events.”

Summerbell said the certification gave him the opportunity to validate the training his team had conducted over the last year.

“I learned a ton about my team, in respect to how goal-oriented and driven by competition they are, the type of attitude they possess, and how mindset means everything to team cohesion,” said Summerbell. “My Fire Support NCO was hard on the junior enlisted Soldiers and it was not because he wanted to break them down but rather to build and craft them into lethal fire support personnel.”

For Bedell, the competition was a chance to represent his team, company, and battalion.

“Being on the Best Fire Support Team means a lot because it is proof we are the best at our job.”



INDEPENDENCE DAY

at Camp Humphreys

Camp Humphreys celebrated America's Independence Day on the 4th of July with a fireworks display, arts and crafts and food.



CELEBRATION



BANPO BRIDGE RAINBOW FOUNTAIN

Banpo Bridge Rainbow Fountain is installed along 570m on both sides of Banpodae-gyo Bridge, with 380 nozzles spraying water from the river below out into a beautiful show of water, music, and lights. The fountain is programmed to play different shows during the day and night. During the day, the fountain shows a hundred different configurations meant to evoke waving willow branches and willow leaves. When the sun goes down, 200 lights illuminate the fountain as it sends out dancing, rainbow-colored jets of water in the air in synchronization with music.

Banpo Bridge Rainbow Fountain operates every day from April to October, four to six times a day for 20 minutes. The park also includes an outdoor stage, ecological observing site, and picnic areas.

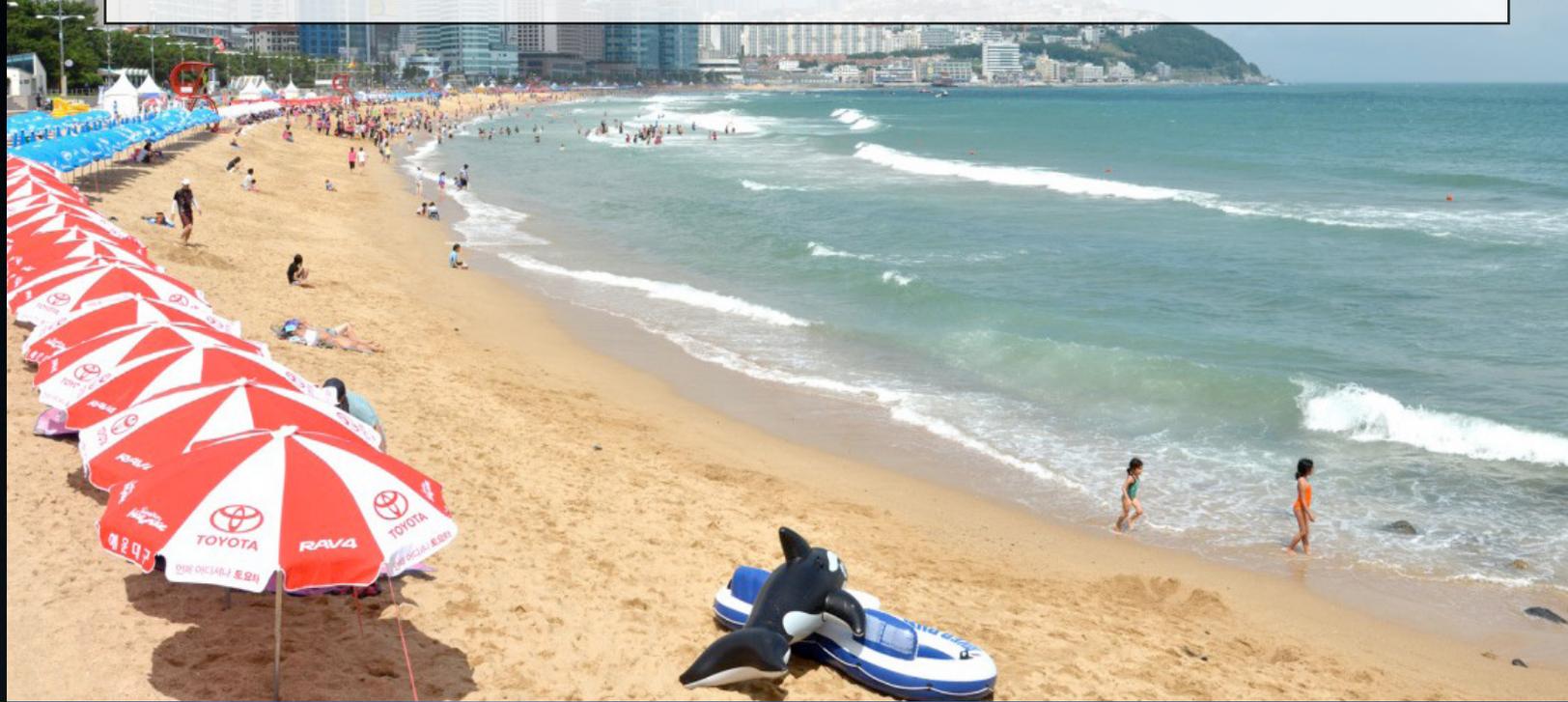


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HAEUNDAE BEACH

Haeundae Beach is the most famous beach in Busan. The white sand beach is roughly 1.5km long, over a 30~50m wide area, creating a beautiful coastline before a shallow bay, making Haeundae Beach perfect for swimming.

People flock to Haeundae Beach every summer. All kinds of accommodations from luxury hotels to private guesthouses have developed in the area around the beach, making this the perfect summer vacation spot. Haeundae Beach is also famous for various cultural events and festivals held throughout the year. Other facilities in the area include Dongbaek Island, Busan Aquarium, a yachting dock, BEXCO, driving courses and more.



DONGBAEKSEOM ISLAND

Dongbaekseom Island (Island of Camellias) is an island located off one end of Busan's famous Haeundae Beach. Although the years of sedimentation have connected the island to the mainland, Dongbaekseom was originally an island and is still referred to as one.

Dongbaekseom Island is easy to navigate thanks to the walking path that is built around it. The island has several attractions, including the monument inscribed with a poem of scholar Choi Chi-won, the mermaid statue based on the legend of Princess Hwagok, and the Nurimaru APEC House. It also offers fantastic views of the Busan shoreline towards Mipo, Dalmaji Hill, Gwangangdaegyo Bridge, and Oryukdo Island. As the name suggests, camellias burst into bloom everywhere on the island from winter to spring.

A LEGACY OF SOLD



Master Sgt. (P) Hassan T. Carter, Queens, New York native, and operations sergeant, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery, has shoulder boards removed by his wife, Ktasha (left), daughter Jazmyne, and son Gabriel (right) signifying his promotion to sergeant major during a frocking ceremony at the CG's Mess June 29.



Sgt. Maj. Hassan T. Carter, Queens, New York native and 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery operations sergeant major offers guidance to a Soldier at the 6-37th Field Artillery Battalion motorpool during command maintenance July 23. Carter believes in taking time out of his daily routine to motivate Soldiers.

DIERING CONTINUED



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CAMP RED CLOUD, Republic of Korea – A rush of memories through 21 years of service led to that one moment where it all made sense as his family and mentor promoted him.

Master Sgt. (P) Hassan T. Carter, Queens, New York native and operations sergeant, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, was promoted to sergeant major during a frocking ceremony at the CG's Mess June 29.

During his opening remarks, Command Sgt. Maj. Freddie Thompson IV, a native of Panama City, Florida and command sergeant major, 6-37th FA Bn., recalled working with then-Spc. Carter at Fort Bragg, North Carolina after the young Soldier's mentor died saving the lives of drowning children.

"I took over as platoon sergeant for Staff Sgt. Randall L. Lewis who had always spoken very highly of Spc. Carter," said Thompson. "I relied heavily on Spc. Carter to keep the platoon together and I'm sure that he (Staff Sgt. Lewis) is smiling down on us today."

Carter's wife of more than 17 years, Katasha Carter, and two of their three children: 17-year-old Jazmyne, and seven-year-old Gabriel, flew in from North Carolina for the momentous occasion. Carter's oldest daughter, Gleshesha, a 21-year-old university student, watched the frocking ceremony via social media livestream.

Carter joined the Army at age 21 on a whim. He woke up one day, quit his retail job and enlisted at a recruiting office in Queens.

Carter described his first assignment as a rocket system operator with 3-27th Field Artillery Regiment, 18th Field Artillery Brigade, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, as a guiding moment in his life.

"Like most first-termers, I didn't plan on making the Army a career, but I had great mentors who I aspired to emulate, like Staff Sgt. Lewis and then-Staff Sgt. Thompson, who believed in me and invested in me," said Carter.

Carter was devastated when he learned his role model, the first leader to notice his potential and encourage his progression, had passed.

"It was very upsetting, but I was not shocked by his selfless actions," said Carter. "His legacy will live on through all the lives he touched."

Carter decided to remain in the service after his time in North Carolina. He now balances work, taking college courses, and family life. He attributes the majority of his stability to his wife.

"Katasha does a great deal holding the family together" said Carter. "I wouldn't be able to do it without her."

Now Carter applies the same Soldier-care techniques of his predecessors to his daily operations.

He plans to continue his mentor's legacy of excellence and giving back.

"It's important to invest time in our Soldiers," said Carter. "The best way to honor Staff Sgt. Lewis is to invest the same time and energy in my Soldiers as he did for me."



Sgt. Maj. Hassan T. Carter, Queens, New York native and 6th Battalion, -37th Field Artillery operations sergeant major (right), recalls the loss of his first mentor, Staff Sgt. Randall L. Lewis two decades ago with 6-37th FA Bn. Command Sgt. Maj. Freddie Thompson IV, native of Panama City, Florida at the 6-37th FA Bn. motorpool July 7.

A CONCEPT ISN'T ENOUGH



2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division leadership and ROK Army Soldiers pose for a photo during a 'Transition Week' trip to the Korean Joint Security Area July 11. Transition Week consists of seminars for division leadership to build a shared understanding of training, operations and logistical standards to establish a common operating picture. (U.S. Army photo by Mr. Pak, Chin U., 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)



(Left) Command Sgt. Maj. Freddie Thompson IV, a native of Panama City, Florida and 6-37th Field Artillery Battalion command sergeant major, points to North Korea from Odusan Mountain Observation Tower during a 'Transition Week' trip to the Korean Joint Security Area July 11.



(Right) A ROK Army Soldier teaches a Korean War class to members of the 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division leadership at the Korean Joint Security Area during a 'Transition Week' trip July 11. (U.S. Army photos by Mr. Pak, Chin U., 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)



Maj. Gen. D. Scott McKean, a native of San Jose, California and commanding general, 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division, addresses leaders during 'Transition Week' opening remarks at the Camp Red Cloud Theater July 10. Transition Week consists of seminars for division leadership to build a shared understanding of training, operations and logistical standards to establish a common operating picture. (U.S. Army photo by Mr. Pak, Chin U., 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs)



STORY BY
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CAMP RED CLOUD, Republic of Korea – Warrior leaders, old and new, set aside a few days to rediscover the many different aspects of the unique mission belonging to the complex, dynamic 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division.

Maj. Gen. D. Scott McKean, commanding general, 2ID/RUCD, and Command Sgt. Maj. Phil K. Barretto hosted "Transition Week" July 10-13. Consisting of seminars and visits to various locations across the peninsula, division leaders, brigade and battalion command teams, and key staff members gained a shared understanding of training, operations and logistical standards and established a common reference for the duration of their tour.

The week started with an "adrenaline-pumping" Army physical readiness training session followed by a series of seminars across the Korean peninsula.

In opening remarks, McKean, emphasized the importance of having leadership synchronized, mentioning that wasn't always the case.

"When I took command a year ago, there were concepts in place but I didn't see operation orders," said Maj. Gen. D. Scott McKean, commanding general, 2ID/RUCD. "You can't rehearse a concept; you have to be able to rehearse a plan; you need to be able to execute," he said.

McKean believes in holding the Soldier and their leaders responsible in maintaining high levels of discipline during training and readiness preparation.

"The goal is that we have as much autonomy as possible because this division is so diverse that we need to tailor ourselves to the type of units we have out here," said McKean. "My whole intent is that you are optimized for your particular mission," he said.

Leaders learned the historical context of the division and lessons learned from the Korean War, standards and expectations placed on them and their units, as well as what resources are available to accomplish their unique missions.

Warriors conceptualized the operational environment after the Korean War and had a greater appreciation for the strength of the ROK-U.S. alliance during a trip to the Joint Security Area (JSA) and Odusan Mountain Observation Tower.

"There was an atmosphere of comradery," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Hyeonjoong Kim, native of Seoul and command chaplain. "Everyone made an effort to learn and valued the importance of each moving piece of the ROK-U.S. alliance."

A tour of the sprawling new division headquarters on Camp Humphreys was the final stop where leaders attended classes focusing on family readiness and the division's current operations.

Command Sgt. Maj. Freddie Thompson IV, a native of Panama City, Florida, and 6-37th Field Artillery Battalion command sergeant major, attended Transition Week last year and again this year, noticing a more focused, mission-oriented commander's intent.

"Transition Week truly provided substance to the intent of the commander's vision while giving more attention to our mission," said Thompson. "The transition of senior leaders within the division makes Transition Week necessary in establishing relationships and a shared understanding of what the different elements and capabilities the division provides for the peninsula, as well as for each other."

Soldiers of the 62nd Chemical Company of the 23rd CBRNE Battalion recently created a commercial off the shelf system, or COTS, in hopes to improve terrain decontamination operations.



2ID UNIT DEVELOPS NEW DECONTAMINATION METHOD FOR 2ID

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STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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CAMP HUMPRHEYS, Republic of Korea – The U.S. Army developed new technology to fulfill U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis’ national defense strategy to prepare for high-tech conflicts.

The 62nd Chemical Company, 23rd Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear (CBRN) Battalion recently created a Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (COTS) system for the 2nd Infantry Division to establish a new way to conduct terrain decontamination.

A four-person team consisting of CBRNE officers and specialists, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Claudia Caberoherbas, Warrant Officer John Hendrick, Spc. Dakota Sarver, and Spc. Raul Verdugo, worked for the last six months on fielding, troubleshooting and designing their COTS system.

Despite trials and errors, the team welcomed the challenge of coming up with something new for 2ID/RUCD.

“We could have easily said at some point this is good enough, we could have been happy with the gravity fed system and the numbers from that. I think it’s a testament to the Soldiers that we can get more out of this,” said Hendrick, a Fairfax, Virginia native.

“If we’re going to stamp our name on it and this is something that is specifically coming from 62nd, we want it to be the best,” he said.

The COTS system consists of two 530-gallon plastic containers, a shower head system, valves and pipes mounted on the back of a M1083 Medium Tactical Vehicle General Utility Truck.

The idea for the COTS system came from tossing around ideas on how to benefit the greater good for U.S. Army units conducting terrain decontamination.

“We answered the question of how could we design something that will work at any unit with a common platform of a M1083,” said Hendrick.

In addition to the driver and the truck commander, one Soldier, two at the most, will be in the back of the vehicle to turn on and monitor the system. Normally Soldiers are

on the vehicle operating chemical spray wand guns, but with the COTS, it takes the human factor out of terrain decontamination, ultimately reducing the amount of equipment needed for Soldiers to operate.

By taking the human element out of terrain decontamination, the COTS ensures the mission is conducted while minimizing the possibility of human error, such as Soldiers holding the wands too close or too far.

“We took those factors out because we incorporated the spray bar at a certain height,” Hendrick said. “We baselined what we know and what we’re going to get out of it.”

Normally terrain decontamination is usually resource-intensive and time-constraining. With the COTS, it is proposed to take less time and less resources used from the unit.

“This research has simplified the process and it’s paving the way for what we really need to sustain in the Army,” Hendrick said. “It’s pretty simple to use.”

Sarver and Verdugo, along with Spc. Dillon Padilla and Pfc. Brandon McKoy, both CBRNE specialists, said working on the COTS allowed them to work on something new instead of the normal day-to-day routine. One thing they all enjoyed was experimenting with trial and error on different models.

“At first we set up a bunch of pipes and it worked as a shower for decontamination. We grabbed those parts and strapped them to the vehicle. We realized it was more of a mist instead of a spray so we had to come up with a way to pressurize it more so that it will actually spray,” said Verdugo, a Tucson, Arizona native.

With future improvements to the COTS, the team looks at increasing their distance for decontamination, lessening the amount of time for resupply and maximizing numbers. The team has hopes of field testing the system in the future to test their ideas and theories.

“It’s a chance for us to make history in our own MOS (military occupational specialty). It’s crazy to think that we helped develop something new for 2ID[RUCD],” Verdugo said.

2ND BATTALION

17TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT



Coat of Arms



Insignia

CONSTITUTION OF 1st REGIMENT

The 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery was first constituted on 1 July 1916 as Battery B, 17th Field Artillery. The Battery fired its first shot in anger on 26 March 1918 in support of the 2nd Division (later redesignated as the 2nd Infantry Division) in the Rupt-Troyon sector of eastern France during World War I. The 17th Field Artillery earned 6 battle streamers, 2 French Croix de Guerre with palm, for accurate fires and a tenacious fighting spirit. On 9 December 1921, Marshall Foch, the supreme allied commander during World War I, personally decorated the 17th Field Artillery Regiment with the French Fourragere.

HISTORY/ 2ID RELATIONSHIP

In September 1972, the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery was assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division and stationed forward at Camp Pelham, Korea. There, it remained until April 1987, when it was inactivated. In August 1976, the Battalion positioned 2 batteries north of the Imjin River during the infamous Panmunjom Axe Murders, standing ready to fire on pre-planned targets in North Korea. During the 1980s, the unit also began to receive the 155mm M198 howitzer.

The 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery was reactivated for the second time as part of III Corps Artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in July 1988. In September 1990, the Battalion deployed to Saudi Arabia after Iraq invaded Kuwait. The 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery once again demonstrated that they were prepared for battle, supporting the 24th Infantry Division and allied forces in the liberation of Kuwait from January through March 1991. Departing Southwest Asia, the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery continued to train and prepare for war in the continental United States.

On 5 June 1996, the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, returned to the Republic of Korea. It was assigned to the Division Artillery (DIVARTY) of the 2nd Infantry Division, becoming the direct support battalion for the 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division. In the summer of 1997 the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery fielded the most technologically advanced howitzer system, the M109A6 Paladin. From 1996 to 2004, the Battalion served as part of the most forwardly deployed division artillery in the US Army.

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7월 4일 미국 독립기념일을 기념하여 한국 각지에서 열린 여러 행사를 취재했다.
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2020년 10월부터 정식 도입될 예정인 미육군의 새로운 전투체력측정시험(Army Combat Fitness Test)에 대해 심층 분석을 하였다.
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지난 6월 새롭게 원사(Sergeant Major)로 진급한 하산 카터 원사(Sgt. Maj. Hassan Carter)의 지난 21년간 군인으로서의 삶을 조명한다.
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7월 11일, 캠프 케이시에서 열린 2018년 미8군 의무병 선발대회(Best Medic Competition)에서 제2전투항공여단 소속 하사 제이미 폭스(Staff Sgt. Jamie Fox)가 장애물 코스에서 장애물을 뛰어넘고 있다. <사진_ 210 포병 여단 공보실 병장 래리 반힐>



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카투사: 그들만의 특별한 전역식



캠프 레드클라우드 - 카투사들은 대한민국 육군에 소속되어 있지만 대부분의 시간을 미군과 같이 보내는 유일한 군 조직이다. 지급 받는 장비, 2인 1실 혹은 1인 1실의 생활관, 식사 등 여러 면에서 다른 군과는 차이를 보이는 카투사들의 전역식은 어떨까? 지난 7월 16일, 의정부시 캠프 레드 클라우드에서 16 - 10기 카투사 전역식이 열렸다. 전역자들은 얼마 전까지만 해도 졸린 눈을 비비며 일어나 미 육군 ARMY 글자가 박힌 체육복을 입고 아침 PT를 하고, 초록 위장색 군복인 ocp로 갈아입고 사무실에 출근하며, 퇴근하고 나면 같이 체육관(gym)에 가서 농구를 해왔던 전우들과 함께 육군 화강암 전투복을 입고 육군 베레모를 착용한채로 캠프 레드 클라우드 극장에 모였다. 극장에는 그들 뿐만이 아니라 그들의 가족, 섹션 후임들과 NCOIC 및 OIC 등 모두가 모여 1년 9개월 동안 대한민국과 한미연합군을 위해 헌신했던 그들의 노고를 치하했다. 극장에서의 식을 마치고 밖으로 나온 전역자들은 액자 안에 자신의 이름과 각종 응원의 말이 적힌 롤링페이퍼를 들고 캠프 레드 클라우드의 잔디밭인 빌리지 그린을 돌아다니며 전우들과의 마지막 사진 촬영의 시간을 가졌다. 21개월 동안 동고동락해온 동기들, 후임들, 민간인 군무원들 그리고 가족들 모두 모여 카투사로서의 마지막 순간을 사진에 담았다. 이처럼 에어리어 원에 근무하는 카투사들은 전역식 날 사단 본부가 위치한 캠프 레드클라우드 극장에 모여 수십 명의 관계자들이 지켜보는 가운데 전역식 행사를 성대하게 치르며 잔디밭이 펼쳐진 빌리지 그린에서 군생활의 마지막을 장식하는 사진을 찍으며 카투사로서의 임무를 종료하게 된다.



(중앙 위) HHBN 소속 16-10기 전역자들이 섹션 후임들 및 한국군 지원단 일원들과 단체 사진을 찍고 있다.

(오른쪽 위) 전역을 맞이한 16-10기 카투사가 동기 카투사들에 의해 헝가리를 받고 있다.

(오른쪽 아래) 전역을 맞이한 SAFETY 소속 전병성 병장이 21개월 동안 동고동락한 동료 카투사 및 후임들과 기념 촬영을 하고 있다.

(왼쪽 아래) 캠프 레드클라우드 극장에서 에어리어 원 16-10기 전역자들이 모두 모여 단체 사진을 찍고 있다.



단순히 개념만으로는 안된다!

캠프 레드클라우드 - 제2보병사단/한미연합사단 소속의 지휘자들 및 장병들은 일상 업무를 잠시 내려놓고 며칠 동안 사단 본연의 임무에 기반한 다양한 임무특성들을 재발견하기 위한 시간을 가졌다.

제2보병사단/한미연합사단 사령관 스콧 맥킨 소장(Maj. Gen. D. Scott McKean) 과 사단 주임 원사인 필 바레토 주임 원사 (Command Sgt. Maj. Phil K. Barretto) 는 7월 10일부터 7월 13일까지의 기간 동안 한반도 내 여러 기지들을 방문 하며 세미나 등을 통해 사단 지휘관들과 여단 및 대대 작전 팀 그리고 주요 참모진들이 새로 부임한 고위 지휘관들로 하여금 훈련, 작전 및 병참 관리에 대한 이해와 이에 관련된 공통된 기준을 익히는 것을 돕기 위해 전환주 (Transition Week) 행사를 개최하였다.

전환주 행사는 보기만 해도 아드레날린이 요동치는 미 육군 전투 체력 세션을 시작으로 하여 한반도 전역에서 다수의 세미나를 여는 것으로 이어졌다.

맥킨 소장은 개회 인사에서 지휘권이 여태까지 서로 잘 통합되지 않았음을 언급하며 지휘권 통합의 중요성을 강조했다.

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맥킨 소장은 지휘관들과 장병들이 훈련과 방어준비태세 유지에 있어 높은 수준의 군기를 유지하여야 함을 강조했다.

맥킨 소장은 “사단이 매우 거대한 만큼 각 부대들이 각자의 역할에 충실해야 합니다. 그러기 위해서는 사단 자체의 자율권을 최대한 확보하는 것이 주 목표가 되어야 합니다.” 라고 말했다.

지휘관들은 사단의 역사와 더불어 한국 전쟁에서 얻은 교훈과 그들과 그 휘하의 부대들에 부여될 기대와 기준 그리고 각자의 임무를 수행하는데 주어지는 자원들이 무엇이 있는지에 대해 배우는 시간을 가졌다.

그들은 한국 전쟁 이후의 작전 환경 개념화에 대해 교육받았고 공동경비구역과 오두산 통일전망대 견학을 통해 한미연합체계의 굳건한 힘을 실감하고 감사히 여기게 되는 기회를 갖게 되었다.



〈사진 _ 제2보병사단 공보처 사진 전문가 박진우〉

“모두들 전우애로 똘똘 뭉쳤었습니다.” 서울 출신의 미 사령부 군종 목사인 김현중 중령(Lt. Col. Hyeonjoong Kim)은 말했다. “참가 인원 모두 한미연합의 중요성을 인지하면서 그것을 구성하는 모든 것에 대해 열정적으로 배우려는 자세를 보였습니다.”

캠프 험프리스에 신축된 사령부 건물 방문을 마지막으로 하면서 지휘관들은 군 내 가족들의 준비태세유지와 사단의 현 작전 임무에 대해 교육을 받는 시간을 가졌다.

파나마 시티 출신 6-37 포병 대대(6-37th Field Artillery Battalion) 주임 원사인 프레디 톰슨 4세 주임원사(Command Sgt. Maj. Freddie Thompson IV) 는 작년에 이어 올해에도 전환주 행사에 참가하면서 사령관이 예전보다 임무수행에 더욱 중점을 두고 있음을 언급했다.

“전환주 행사는 모두에게 사단의 임무가 무엇인지에 대해 다시 환기시켜 주었고 동시에 사령관의 의도에 맞는 여러 요소들을 참가자들에게 제공했습니다.” 톰슨 주임원사는 말했다. “사단 내 외의 고위 지휘관들이 다수 교체되는 만큼 전환주 행사를 통해 한반도에서 한국을 위해 사단이 어떠한 도움을 제공하는지에 대한 이해를 돕고 관계를 확립하는 것이 필요합니다.”라고도 덧붙였다.

전환주(Transition Week) 행사



〈사진 _ 제2보병사단 공보처 사진 전문가 박진우〉



〈사진 _ 제2보병사단 공보처 일병 박승호〉



〈사진 _ 제20공보 파견대 일병 아델라인 워더스푼〉

(가운데 위) 제2보병사단/한미연합사단 사령관 스킷 맥킨 소장 이 캠프 레드클라우드 극장에서 전환주 행사의 개회 인사를 하고 있다.

(왼쪽 아래) 제2보병사단/한미연합사단과 대한민국 육군 소속 장병들 및 지휘관들이 전환주 행사의 일환으로 이루어진 공동경비구역 방문 중 판문점 앞에서 단체 사진을 찍고 있다.

(오른쪽 위) 제2보병사단/한미연합사단 소속의 지휘관들이 미 육군 전투 체력 훈련(Physical Readiness Training) 세션에 참가하여 스쿼트를 시전하고 있다.

(오른쪽 중간) 미8군 사령관 마이클 빌스 중장(Lt. Gen. Michael A. Bills)이 캠프 험프리스에 신축된 제2보병사단/한미연합사단 본부 건물에서 군인가족대비 프로그램에 대한 세미나를 진행하고 있다.

(오른쪽 아래) 대한민국 육군 소속 중령이 전환주 행사의 일환으로 공동경비구역을 방문한 제2보병사단/한미연합사단 지휘관들에게 한국전쟁에 관한 교육을 진행하고 있다.



〈사진 _ 제2보병사단 공보처 사진 전문가 박진우〉



<사진_ 병장 래리 반힐 / 210 포병 여단 공보실>

121 전투지원병원 소속 전투의무병인 윌리엄 바튼 병장이 대회 첫날 담력코스의 장애물을 넘고 있다.



미 8군 의무병 선발 대회

최고의 의무병을 뽑아라

캠프 케이스이 - 더위로 범벅된 계절에 장마철이 겹쳐 안그래도 힘든한 대회에 기름을 부었으나, 참가자들은 흔들리지 않고 전사처럼 전진했다. 미 8군 의무병 선발 대회는 한반도 전역에서 참가한 각각 2명으로 이루어진 7개의 의무병 팀들이 장애물 통과를 비롯해 전투에서 입을 수 있는 외상 등에 대처하는 훈련을 통해 정신적, 육체적 한계를 시험하는 대회로 올해는 캠프 케이스이에서 7월 11일부터 13일까지 3일 동안 열렸다.

참가자들은 72시간 동안 진행된 대회에서 밤낮을 가리지 않고 최대한 실전에 가깝게 설계된 시나리오에 따라 화생방실에서 발생한 환자 처치를 포함하여, 들것을 들고 환자 운반하기, 무거운 스케이크(SKEDCO) 환자 운반용 키트 끌기, 언덕을 낮은 포복으로 올라가기, 조준사격, 전투수영, 장애물 통과하기, 동료를 업고 50m 이상 이동하기, 그리고 방탄복을 착용한 채로 4 마일 경사 오르기 등을 통해 자신들의 야전인명구조 능력을 평가받았다.

대회 마지막 날인 7월 13일에 캠프 케이스이 극장(Camp Casey Theater)에서 열린 시상식에서는 최우수 참가자와 최우수 팀이 각각 선정되었다.

121 군병원 간호장교인 제이콥 오리노 대위(Capt. Jacob A. Orrino)가 최우수 참가자로 선정되었다.

오리노 대위는 “최우수 상을 받게 될 줄 정말 몰랐습니다.” 말했다. “저는 이 영광을 팀을 위해 헌신한 제 파트너인 윌리엄 바튼 병장과 제가 최선을 다할 수 있도록 자극을 준 다른 참가자들에게 돌리고 싶습니다.” 라고도 덧붙였다.

오리노 대위는 최우수 상을 받을 수 있었던 비결로 추가적인 훈련을 언급했다.

“군인은 훈련을 통해 전쟁에서의 요구되는 최소한의 조건들을 각각 능가할 정도의 능력을 갖추어야 합니다.” 오리노 대위는 얘기했다. “저희 중

일부는 남들이 일을 마치고 집으로 돌아갈때 훈련장에 남아 훈련을 계속합니다. 그리고 그 추가적인 노력의 결과는 이번 의무병 선발 대회 같은 데에서 바로 나타나죠.” 라고도 덧붙였다.

오리노 대위와 그의 팀 파트너인 121 병원 전투 의무병인 윌리엄 바튼 병장(Sgt. William T. Barton)은 대회에서 우승하여 대회 최고의 의무병으로 선정되었다.

“첫 단계가 예상외로 힘들었습니다.”라고 병장은 말했다. “하지만, 오히려 본인이 예상하는 것 이상으로 자신에게 들이닥친 난관을 감사히 여기게 될 겁니다.”라고 덧붙였다.

아깝게 1등을 놓친 제 3 보병사단, 1 전투기갑여단의 의무병인 병장 타일러리 그리거(Sgt. Tylery S. Griger)와 병장 시온 나가사카(Sgt. Shion Nagasaka)의 팀은 최종 평가 2위로서 대회 우수상과 더불어 육군 공로 훈장을 받았다.

미8군 주임원사인 리차드 메리트 주임원사(Command Sgt. Maj. Richard E. Merritt)는 연설에서 임무준비태세와 관련하여 의무병 선발 대회의 중요성을 강조했다.

메리트 주임원사는 “이 대회는 임무수행의 최종 단계라 할 수 있는 전투를 대비할 수 있게 해줍니다.” 라고 말했다. “당신이 ‘의사’든, 전투의무병이든, 항공의무병이든, 간호병이든 모두 전사입니다. 전장에서 우리 병사들을 살리는 역할을 수행하게 되죠.”

메리트 주임원사는 훈련의 중요성과 더불어 후임자들에게 전투의료지원 능력을 적절히 전수하는 것의 필요성을 강조했다.

메리트 주임원사는 “알고 있는 것을 꼭 전수하면서 오늘 여기서 한 것이 무엇이고 이 대회의 의미를 다시 상기하길 바랍니다.” 라고 말했다. “전투에 대비하여 훈련하고 준비하는 것은 당신들에게나 당신들이 이끌게 될 병사들에게나 모두 중요하며 이 훈련이 그들을 생사의 기로에서 구해줄 것입



<사진 _ 병장 래리 반힐 / 210 포병 여단 공보실>



<사진 _ 병장 래리 반힐 / 210 포병 여단 공보실>

니다.” 라고도 덧붙였다.

초청 연사인 미 해병대 태평양 사령부 주임 원사인 앤서니 스파다로 주임원사(Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony A. Spadaro)는 전투의무병의 활약이 전투부대에 어떤 도움을 주는지 강조했다.

스파다로 주임원사는 “저는 이번 대회처럼 개인 차원에서 이루어지는 노력의 사례들을 때마다 의무병이라는 집단이 기울인 노력을 먼저 보게 되고 그 노력을 생각하면 의무병들은 진정으로 전장의 효율성을 배가시키는 사람들이라는 결론에 다다르게 됩니다. 솔직히 우리들이 의료 업무라는 위대한 업무를 하는 사람에게 얼마나 자주 찾아가 상담을 요청해왔습니까?” 라고 질문하며 “남자든 여자든 상관없이 여러분들이 군인이라면 자신감을 가지고 “선생님 여기 도움이 필요해요.” 라고 물을 때 그 ‘도움’을 실용적이고 달성가능하며 효율적으로 줄 수 있는 사람이 되었으면 하는 바램입니다.”라고 덧붙였다.

메리트 주임원사는 참가자들에게 시상식에 참여를 해줘서 고맙다는 감사인사와 함께 능숙함을 유지하는 것의 중요성을 강조하였다.

“전사들과, 우리 지도자들과, 우리 가족들과 그리고 한국 친구분들이 모인 이 자리에서 연설 할 수 있어서 매우 영광이었습니다.”라고 메리트 원사는 말했다. “전문가가 되고 또 그 전문성을 유지하기 위해서는 매일 일상 생활에서 지속적으로 배워나가야 하는만큼 부지런히 움직여야 할 것 입니다.”라고 끝마쳤다.

이번 2018 미8군 의무병 선발 대회 우승 및 준우승 팀은 텍사스 주 캠프 불리스(Camp Bullis)에서 열리는 잭 클라크 주니어 주임원사 기념 육군 의무병 선발대회(Command Sgt. Maj. Jack L. Clark, Jr. Army Best Medic Competition)에 참가하게 된다.

<기사 _ 병장 래리 반힐 / 제2보병사단 공보처> <번역 _ 일병 박승호 / 제2보병사단 공보처>



<사진 _ 병장 래리 반힐 / 210 포병 여단 공보실>

(왼쪽 위) 간호 장교인 제이콥 오리노 대위와 그의 팀원인 병장 윌리엄 바튼이 대회 첫날 진행된 전투 수영 코스에서 각자의 소총을 물에서 빼놓은채 수영을 하고 있다.
(오른쪽 위) 제기갑전투여단, 제3보병사단 소속 전투의무병인 병장 타이러 그리거가 전투응급처치 도중 환자역의 사람을 안전한 곳으로 운반하고 있다
(오른쪽 아래) 1 대대, 41 포병 연대, 210 포병 여단 소속 전투의무병인 컬렐 세로드 병장이 들 것 들기, 무거운 스케이코(SKEDCO) 환자 운반용 키트 끌기, 언덕을 낮은 포복으로 올라가기 등의 코스를 끝내고 이어서 사격장에서 M4소총을 사격하고 있다.

한미 문화교류

Coast Guard Day

미 해안경비대의 날

<기사 _ 일병 박승호 / 제2보병사단 공보처>

군대 편제에 있어서 미군이 타군과 가장 큰 차이를 두는 것이 바로 미 해안 경비대의 존재일 것이다. 미군을 구성하는 5개의 군(육군, 해군, 공군, 해병대, 해안경비대) 중 하나인 미 해안경비대는 징세해상부대(revenue marine)라는 명칭을 시작으로 8월 4일, 1790년에 처음 창설 되었다.

미 해안 경비대는 미군을 구성하는 다른 4개의 군과는 달리 미 국방부 소속이 아닌 미 국토안전부 산하의 기관이다. 1915년 해상 구조를 담당하던 해난구조국과 초창기의 징세해상부대를 이은 밀수감시청이 통합되어 현재의 미 해안경비대가 탄생하였다. 과거 한국의 해양경찰과 같이 미 연안에서 밀무역이나 밀출입국의 단속, 해난 구조, 안전항행 등의 업무를 수행하며 전시에에는 해군의 일원으로서 전쟁에 참전하기도 한다.

현재, 미 해안경비대의 날인 8월 4일에는 현역 및 전직 해안경비원들과 그 가족들과 관계자들만이 미 전역에서 소소한 모임 및 스포츠 행사를 가지며 해안 경비대의 탄생을 기념한다고 한다.