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Senior leaders from Camp Humphreys and K6 Korea-America Friendship Association participate in the ceremonial cutting of the cake during the ROK-U.S. Friendship Night at the Flightline Tap Room Dec. 15, 2021. (Photo by Sgt. Courtney L. Davis)



Year-end dinner celebrates lifelong alliance

By Sgt. Courtney L. Davis, U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS, Republic of Korea – U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys service members joined the K6 Korea-America Friendship Association for a year-end dinner at the Flightline Tap Room restaurant here Dec. 15.

The K6 KAFA hosted the ROK-U.S. Friendship Night and year-end dinner to celebrate the strong alliance that dates back to 1950.

"I'm glad to be here to support the U.S. and ROK alliance," said Cpt. Kevin Pham, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, USAG Humphreys commander. "The KAFA organization is very important with the good neighbor program. They do a lot of external community outreach programs for our service members. The experience teaches us the culture and tradition of Korea so we can understand why we are here and what we do here."

The COVID-19 pandemic meant the event was smaller than past years, but the sentiments remained as fervent as ever.

"Nobody likes staying at home because of that disease," said Cho Han-ku, K6 KAFA president. "Despite that situation, it is

my honor to open this event to Soldiers and our Korean friends."

The KAFA organization has paved a way for Camp Humphreys service members, their families, and Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers to get out of their comfort zones and spend time with each other to learn about Korean culture and how important it is for the two communities to unite.

"My husband and I enjoy the culture and learning new things," said Sgt. Alana Harold, HHC, USAG Humphreys human resources sergeant. "I like having a stronger alliance with my KATUSA and the local community."

American Soldiers, KATUSAs, and Korean guests sat side-by-side showing support for the close relationship between Humphreys and the surrounding Korean communities.

"Mr. Cho and the entire K6 KAFA team, I would like to thank you on behalf of the garrison for putting on this Friendship Night celebration and inviting us here this evening," said

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BOSS panel shares Soldier perspective

By Kelly M. Pickett, U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS, Republic of Korea – The Camp Humphreys Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program hosted a reverse panel at the Four Chaplains Memorial Chapel Dec. 14.

The panel relayed raw feedback from junior enlisted Soldiers to military leaders about the Army Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention program, Equal Opportunity, and leadership.

“The idea with our reverse panels is that we want to be able to give the lower enlisted, which mostly encompasses our BOSS program, the opportunity to ask these questions directly to higher chain of command, like our senior leadership,” said Spc. Ian Holmes, the U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys BOSS president. “BOSS wants to focus on SHARP because the majority of cases that we see happen, happen between the ages of 18 and 24. We see that’s the most high risk grouping that takes place. The majority of our BOSS reps and Soldiers that take part within BOSS fall within that range.”

The forum encouraged candid conversation between junior Soldiers and senior leaders. Soldiers asked questions about their concerns, ranging from general policy changes to reporting options to what to do if they encounter challenges getting help. Many referenced specific examples to illustrate to the leaders what they have experienced at their level.

“I really enjoyed the discussion because it got down to the meat and bones of some of the situations,” said Sgt. Keith Scott, the BOSS representative for Company B, 719th Military Intelligence Battalion, 501st Military Intelligence Brigade. “The junior Soldiers have a direct communication with the senior leaders. They can see how the senior leaders think, and it also helps to change their outlook a bit.”



A junior Soldier from 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command reads a question prepared on behalf of fellow Soldiers during the Camp Humphreys Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers reverse panel at the Four Chaplains Memorial Chapel Dec. 14, 2021. (Photo by Cpl. Quincy Adams)

Leaders offered insight into how they approach issues, including actions junior Soldiers usually would not be aware of. They also discussed resources Soldiers have available and methods to bring up issues to higher-level leaders when their complaints don’t seem to be taken seriously.

Master Sgt. Kyisha Crawford, the Eighth Army SHARP program noncommissioned officer in charge, provided clarifications of policies, definitions, and what that means in day-to-day work and life. She also discussed recent regulation changes and options for service members when faced with a SHARP incident.

Several junior Soldiers gave examples of experiences where their leaders did not take complaints seriously. Multiple leaders in attendance voiced encouragement to seek help outside the direct chain of command. Crawford offered support and an avenue to take action.

“Regulation states that your chain of command, your leader, must act upon it. By regulation, you tell someone,

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Command Sgt. Maj. Benjamin Lemon, the U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys senior enlisted leader, addresses Soldiers' concerns during the Camp Humphreys Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers reverse panel at the Four Chaplains Memorial Chapel Dec. 14, 2021. (Photo by Cpl. Quincy Adams)

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Around the Garrison



U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys service members and guests stand for the playing of the U.S. and Korean national anthems during the K6 Korea-America Friendship Association ROK-U.S. Friendship Night and year-end dinner at the Camp Humphreys Flightline Tap Room Dec. 15, 2021. (Photo by Sgt. Courtney L. Davis)



Master Sgt. Kyisha Crawford, the Eighth Army SHARP program NCOIC, speaks during the Camp Humphreys BOSS reverse panel at the Four Chaplains Memorial Chapel Dec. 14, 2021. (Photo by Cpl. Quincy Adams)

Volunteers of Operation Holiday Cookie Drop work to sort and box approximately 4,000 cookies Dec. 19, 2021 at Four Chaplains Memorial Chapel. The volunteers delivered the cookies the following day to those working the evening shift of staff duty across Camp Humphreys. (Photo by Monica K. Guthrie)



Soldiers from the U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys Religious Support Office load gifts for children into a delivery vehicle for Operation Happy Holidays Dec. 20, 2021. (Courtesy Photo)



Korean National Police officials from Pyeongtaek tour a Camp Humphreys fire station during a visit hosted by U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys Directorate of Emergency Services Dec. 15, 2021. (Photo by Cpl. Quincy Adams)



Almost 4,000 cookies delivered to boost service member morale

By Monica K. Guthrie, Special to U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS, Republic of Korea – When Operation Holiday Cookie Drop launched, the goal was to gather 3,000 cookies to distribute to service members during the holiday season. Liz Stone, organizer of the event, said the community provided more than she was hoping for.

“We don’t have an official count because we ran out of bags and started filling boxes, but I would say 4,000 is a close estimate,” said Stone. “Somewhere between 3,900 and 4,000.”

Stone, who is a member of the Protestant Women of the Chapel, said the PWOC partnered with the Humphreys United Spouses Club to make the event happen. Other community organizations, including the Boy and Girl Scouts and Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, joined in volunteering to make cookies, prepare and package them, and then deliver them to staff duty locations on the installation. Additionally, children from the Agape Kids and Awanas programs decorated cards to give to Soldiers.

The idea originated from Stone’s time living in Germany where she worked for the United Service Organization Bavaria. The team there started an annual program, called Cookie Caravan, as a way to support service members in the community.

“At Camp Humphreys, approximately 70% of the service members are either single or unaccompanied,” said Stone, who emphasized wanting to target those working the evening shift. “The holidays can be a hard time of year when it’s cold, it’s dark, you are on duty, and you are so far away from family. We wanted our service members to know that our community sees them and supports them this holiday season.”

Once the plan was baked, Stone said she approached Chaplain (Col.) Charlie

Lee, the U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys chaplain, who was supportive of the program. Camp Humphreys’ Command Sgt. Maj. Benjamin Lemon reached out to the brigade command sergeants major, and Chaplain (Maj.) Christian Bang, Religious Support Office operations officer, contacted the chaplain corps to ensure Stone had the locations of all the staff duty desks on post. As an added layer of insurance, Stone and her husband, Maj. Ryan Stone, executive officer of 602nd

helping bring cheer to our Soldiers.”

One volunteer baked more than 1,000 cookies to donate to the cause. Sarah Anne Hoyt said she saw a need she was able to meet, so she met it – resulting in 1,033 cookies: eight batches of snickerdoodles, six batches of sugar cookies, four batches of chocolate chip cookies, four batches of gingersnaps, and two batches of molasses-cinnamon cookies.

“I’m not good at a lot of things, but I am good at baking,” said Hoyt, whose spouse is Sgt. Maj. Daniel Hoyt, from the 2nd Infantry Division transportation office. In addition to being able to help others, Hoyt said cooking helps her feel closer to her own family.

“I grew up very close to my grandma, and with a big family we had to make a lot of food, especially around the holidays,” said Hoyt. “Being in the kitchen and using her recipes makes me feel closer to her.”



Volunteers deliver cookies to the Camp Humphreys military police at the Department of Emergency Services Dec. 20, 2021. (Photo by Monica K. Guthrie)

Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, drove around the installation to ensure they didn’t miss anyone.

Kat Williamson, the scholarship and community outreach chair for the Humphreys United Spouses Club, said she believes the collaboration between organizations is “wonderful,” as the club emphasizes supporting the community.

“Being able to help others and putting smiles on their faces is the greatest feeling there is,” said Williamson, wife of Sgt. 1st Class Michael Williamson, first sergeant of Company E, 4th Attack Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade. “I truly hope that it will bring some Christmas cheer to everyone, to Soldiers receiving the cookies as well as all the volunteers for

Volunteers gathered to deliver cookies to Soldiers the evening of Monday, Dec. 20 across Camp Humphreys. They met at the Four Chaplains Memorial Chapel to receive a quick briefing, pick up a map of their delivery area, and gather boxes of cookies to distribute. It took the volunteers less than two hours to deliver the boxes to 79 locations, including barracks, the hospital, and the flight line.

Stone said she believes the event can be reoccurring.

“I hope for many that this is a gateway to finding ways to get involved right here in our community,” said Stone. “We have worked hard this year to do the ‘leg work’ to ensure this is a sustainable program. My hope is that Operation Holiday Cookie Drop will become an annual event and that it’s even bigger next year.”



(Left) Soldiers from the U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys Religious Support Office load gifts for children into a delivery vehicle for Operation Happy Holidays Dec. 20, 2021. (Right) Soldiers from the USAG Humphreys RSO deliver gifts for children at Paengsung Children Wellness Center Dec. 22, 2021. (Courtesy [Photos](#))

Operation Happy Holidays brings joy to military and local Korean children

By Chaplain (Maj.) Christian Bang, Special to U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS, Republic of Korea – More than 300 children received holiday gifts from the U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys Religious Support Office Dec. 20 to 22.

The Humphreys RSO hosted Operation Happy Holidays, a program to give gifts to military and South Korean children and to enhance community relationships.

The RSO set up holiday trees at four chapels across the installation. All units on Camp Humphreys provided names, ages, and genders of children to be added to angel ornaments that hung on the trees. Two hundred and fifty angels hung on the holiday trees at the end of November. Members of the Humphreys community adopted these angel ornaments and donated a gift for each child.

"Children are our hope and future. I hope to see a lot of children smiling as they receive the holiday gifts. Thanks to our chapel community sharing their gratitude, love, care, courage, and hope to our military children and needy children in the host nation," said Chaplain (Col.) Charlie Lee, the garrison chaplain.

The sponsoring Unit Ministry Teams picked up the holiday gifts from the RSO and distributed them to Soldiers for their children.

Due to the recent increase in positive COVID-19 cases in South Korea, the planned ruck march to the local Children Wellness Centers was canceled. However, the RSO dropped off the holiday gifts for 58 children at both Paengsung and Dream Tree Children Wellness Centers.

"We are so excited that the RSO supported and provided the holiday gifts for our children. This is the first time we receive the holiday gifts from the U.S. Army," said Cho In-sook, the director of Dream Tree Children Wellness Center. "We are also excited for our children to receive these gifts. This means a lot to me, personally, and our staff. I appreciate the RSO preparing and providing these warmest gifts."

Over 300 holiday gift donors and nine volunteers to wrap gifts participated in Operation Happy Holidays. It was an opportunity for the Camp Humphreys community to have a positive impact on military and South Korean children.

The Humphreys RSO worked hard to start this new program and to ensure it is sustainable for the future. They plan to make Operation Happy Holidays an annual event to continue to take care of military children and needy children in the local Korean community every year.

"Children are our hope and future."

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Col. Seth Graves, the commander of USAG Humphreys. "The garrison is very grateful for the special bond that we have with the K6 KAFA, and we are grateful for the opportunities you provide the community members here at Camp Humphreys, so this dinner serves as a reminder of our special relationship, and I look forward to a day when we can do the things we used to do prior to the pandemic."

Graves also thanked the local community members in the Korean language as a show of gratitude and respect.

The K6 KAFA previously sponsored multiple cultural and recreational events for the Camp Humphreys community. Many activities were suspended in 2019 due to the pandemic.

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they have to inform the commander. The commander has to choose to do either a 15-6 or a commander's inquiry any time a sexual harassment complaint comes up that they've been made aware of," Crawford stated. "Your leaders have been charged with that. So if you're telling someone and you feel like nothing is being done, call me. I guarantee you, I'll get somebody to do something about it."

The discussion also covered ways Soldiers could help their leaders understand what may be happening at the Soldier level of their organizations. One leader suggested using anonymous index cards.

"I really liked the index card play. We have those surveys, but we all know that Soldiers just, they don't want to do it," said Capt. Emily Merrick, the commander of 501st U.S. Army Network Enterprise Center-Humphreys, 41st Signal Battalion, 1st Signal Brigade. "We have some of the sensing sessions, and I've talked to my leadership, my platoon leaders, about how they can get about it, but I think the index card is just, like a great way to be like 'hey at the end of the day you can plop this in the box. I'm not going to look for who it is.' It does help bring up issues and concerns that I might not be aware of at the time."

Command Sgt. Maj. Benjamin Lemon, the U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys senior enlisted leader, addressed Soldiers' concerns that reports were not being investigated.

"It is investigated. We just do a horrible job of being transparent where we can be. When you start talking about things under investigation, we have to protect everyone's rights so we're not going to tell you certain things that you, quite frankly, shouldn't be privy to," said Lemon. "We need to do a better job of ... reinforcing it and saying 'hey we got this information and it is being investigated' so you know, if it happens to you, you know it'll get investigated."

The Humphreys BOSS program plans to hold a series of panels throughout 2022 addressing important subjects such as inclusion, equal opportunity, and mental health, added Holmes.

Tax Assistance Coming Soon

The Eighth Army Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will offer tax assistance kiosks beginning Jan. 31 to April 22 in Maude Hall (bldg. 6400), room R301. Service members and personnel eligible for Military OneSource assistance are eligible for tax assistance.

For more information contact [Capt. Tommy Turner](#) or call 757-2621/2622.


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- [Welli Hilli Ski Trip](#) Sat., Jan. 8 at 7 a.m. and [Yongpyong Ski Park Trip](#) Sat., Jan. 15 at 7 a.m. with Outdoor Recreation.
- [Snowland Sledding Trip](#) with Outdoor Recreation, Sun. Jan. 16 at 8 a.m.
- Classes in woodworking, art, framing, 3D printing, and more at the [Arts and Crafts Center](#).

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