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An insurgent hidden in the brush fires a rocket propelled grenade at a passing convoy. The grenade hits, disabling a vehicle.

Angry demonstrators swarm the procession. Aggressive chants of "Go home! Go home! Go home!" add disorder to the developing situation.

Traffic is at a deadlock. Aggravated drivers honk their horns at the Soldiers, who cautiously try and gain control. Yellow smoke billows into the

sky, a sign both service members and citizens alike recognize as an indication of a downed vehicle. Nearby a sign reading "Death to US," hangs forebodingly off a bridge.

Situational awareness is essential to the mission at hand. Soldiers must decipher which demonstrators are peaceful and which have plans that are much more sinister. They must quickly aim discriminative fire to destroy a hidden enemy. It is crucial that Soldiers coordinate with Iraqi police to better gain acceptance from the unruly crowd. Soldiers have to calm the civilians, secure the downed vehicle and get the convoy around

the crowd to complete the mission.

The startling pop of M-16 fire causes the crowd to disperse. Soldiers previously occupying the downed vehicle quickly reunite with the departing convoy. Amidst unrelenting voices of discontent, the Soldiers vigilantly continue the mission. The convoy, despite the chaos, courageously drives on to the next task, unaware of the spiteful sniper who waits patiently for his targets.

"And that's a wrap," said Lt. Col. John Salvetti, Headquarters and Headquarters Company 2-72.

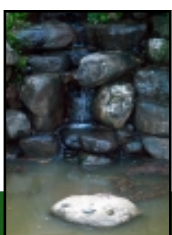
The training exercises Soldiers

participate in can be compared to a Hollywood movie set, he said. There are props, actors and simulated live explosives. Artillery, smoke and grenade simulators are all used throughout the training exercise.

Although the training site may resemble something seen in a movie, the reality is of much greater consequence.

"We try and portray the training as close to reality as possible because this training portrays reality in Iraq," Salvetti said. The purpose is to replicate situations the Soldiers

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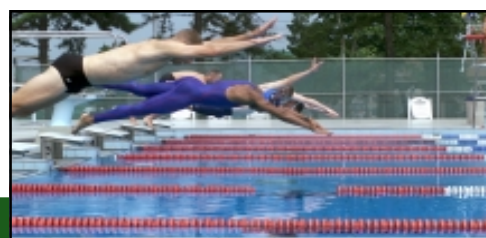
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Warrior 6 sends... *Training well saves lives*

By Maj. Gen.

John R. Wood
2nd Infantry Division
commanding general

Let me offer you proof positive that good training pays off—and saves lives.

So far we've had an extremely good safety record considering the high-intensity training that we're conducting for the Second Brigade Combat Team. This is also true for the myriad of other activities that support training, such as rail-load and convoy

operations.

With a lot of moving parts, many new tasks, and an obvious sense of urgency we are still paying attention to safety and it shows.

We are assessing risks, implementing control measures, and our NCOs and first-line supervisors and enforcing standards all across this great division.

Even with all of this accidents can still happen, and that's where training takes over.

We recently suffered an accidental rollover with a M113 and thanks to great

training, the crew only suffered the most minor injuries in what could have been a tragic loss of life.

Do you think the accident happened because of unsafe speeds, nighttime driving, and unfamiliar terrain?

Well guess again, because it happened at safe speeds, in the daylight, and over familiar terrain.

The simple fact is that you can do everything right, all the time, and it still won't prevent 100% of the accidents. That's



Maj. Gen. John R. Wood

where your training comes in.

You react in the same way you trained and that's what saved this crew.

Second to None!

Warrior 7 sends... *Force Protection, on and off post*

By Command Sgt. Maj.

James Lucero
2nd Infantry Division
command sergeant major

Operational security is the responsibility of all Warriors.

The division will have forces guarding freedom on two fronts and our Soldiers must be prepared to fight tonight.

Junior leaders must ensure our Soldiers practice strong OPSEC procedures, follow the command's curfew policy and stay in constant

communications with your command during high Force Protection Condition levels.

Soldiers are the center of our formations and it is the responsibility of our junior Noncommissioned Officers to teach our Soldiers to practice good OPSEC.

Ensure our Warriors understand procedures for transporting, storing and safeguarding classified information and items,

whether in garrison or in the field environment. Sensitive items accountability is essential to our warfighting capability and must be taught and reinforced at all levels. Teach our Soldiers how to correctly secure and attach sensitive items to their uniforms.

Junior leaders must track assigned weapons and equipment of the Soldiers in their squads and teach their subordinates how to do this in their absence.

Leaders in field environments must account for all sensitive items twice daily, and before and after every tactical mission.

Operational security is vital, whether at work or during free time. Junior leaders must ensure our new Soldiers understand and obey the command's curfew policy and use the buddy system.

The curfew policy is designed to protect our Soldiers. Curfew is from 2400

to 0500 Sunday through Thursday, and 0100 to 0500 on Saturday, Sunday and U.S. holidays, unless performing official military duties.

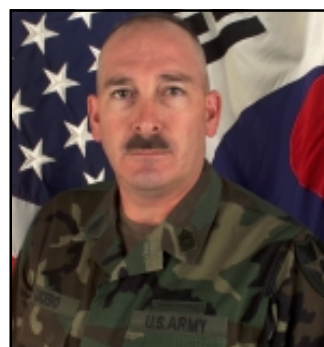
The curfew hours apply to all of our Soldiers, including those on pass or in-country leave.

The curfew policy is included in policy statement #14 which can be found in the Warrior Standard, 2nd Infantry Division Regulation 600-5.

Reinforce the necessity of using the buddy system. Every Soldier who exits an installation is required to have a buddy before exiting the gate.

Ensure our Soldiers maintain constant communications with the command during high Force Protection Condition levels.

Ensure our Soldiers know how to notify the authorities if they notice something suspicious happening at our



Command Sgt. Maj. James Lucero

installations. Have them maintain a list of contact numbers, to include the squad leader, platoon sergeant and platoon leader, and first sergeant and company commander.

Similarly, junior NCOs must maintain a listing of phone numbers for the Soldiers in their sections.

Soldiers are the center of the 2nd Infantry Division's formation. Practicing good OPSEC procedures 24/7 helps ensure our Soldiers remain Second to None!



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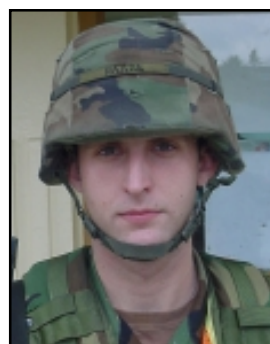
Voice of the Warrior: Camp Red Cloud

What have you learned most about Korean culture?



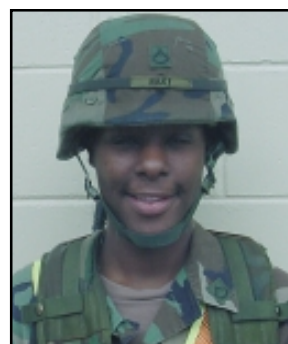
Pfc. Adam Corcoran
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"They're a fun-loving people. From walking around at Lotte World, I see they like to have fun just like the Americans."



Pvt. Lee Haase
HHC 2X

"I've learned that it's a lot of rushing over here. People don't like to take their time doing stuff."



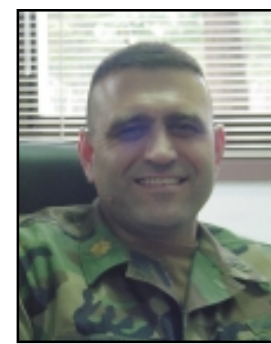
Pfc. Eboni Hart
HHC 2X

"They're very hard workers. They take pride in what they do."



Staff Sgt. Jonathan Keeling
HHC 2X

"They never sleep, and they really don't know how to drive yet."



Maj. Jerry Owens
HHC 2X

"The strength of their religious faith. Those who claim to be Christian have a deep and sincere dedication to their faith."

Garrison welcomes new commander

Story and photo by
Pfc. Stephanie Pearson
Area I Public Affairs Office

The Uijeongbu Enclave welcomed a new leader in a ceremony July 15.

Lt. Col. William Huber took command of U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud in a Village Green ceremony as the unit bid farewell to outgoing commander Lt. Col. Brian Vines.

"This morning's change of command ceremony is not as simple as it may seem on the surface, because it affects more than just the soldiers that are assembled on the field," said Col. Jeff Christiansen, Area I commander. "This change will have a huge impact on the second infantry division and the well-being of the Soldiers and Airmen assigned to this enclave. What this garrison does on a daily basis has a direct impact on the readiness of these units to fight tonight."

"Brian departs today having postured this garrison to be recognized as the community of excellence," Christiansen continued. "Brian, you leave behind a legacy of your efforts, and we will carry on with the vision you have established. Well-done and good luck."

"Lieutenant Colonel Bill Huber now stands at the helm, firmly clenching the colors," said Christiansen. "Another great leader, an



Lt. Col. William Huber (left) accepts the U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud colors and mantle of leadership from Area I Commander Col. Jeff Christiansen July 15 at the Village Green.

officer ready to lead this enclave of excellence, Lieutenant Colonel Huber comes with a wealth of experience. He is recognized for his ability to lead a diverse work force and solve the toughest problems facing our army today."

Huber comes to Korea from Kuwait, where he served as a weapons-of-mass-destruction liaison for the Ministry of Defense.

"Commanders, you and your Soldiers are the very best," he said in his address

to the troops. "Your accomplishments are impressive and speak highly of your commitment to serve your country. I look forward to working with each and every one of you."

Huber promised to continue in efforts to improve the garrison, and thanked Christiansen and Brig. Gen. John A. Macdonald, Installation Management Agency, Korea Region director, for this opportunity.

"I will work to maintain your trust and strengthen your confidence while in

command by giving 110% effort in leading this outstanding organization," Huber said.

Vines, who continues his military service with the US Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, N.C., offered his congratulations to Huber.

"Bill, good luck to you, and I must say I'm envious of the job and the team that you are now in command of," Vines said.

Christiansen is confident Huber is the man for the job.

"The army has done right in selecting Bill for this challenge," he said, "and it will be the most challenging of any of his assignments. I also assure you, Bill, that the dedicated Soldiers and civilians that make up this garrison are loyal, confident and will place in you the same level of support they have provided your predecessor. Much has been done in the past two years, but as I have been saying, in Area I, which is second to none, the work is never done."

Recounting the visit from 2nd Inf. Div. Medal of Honor recipient

Story by Spc. Nicole
Robus

Indianhead staff archives

"War is waged and won or lost by men. The ordinary soldiers are the ones who turn the battle in history," said Norma Donlon, the wife of Col. (Ret.) Roger Hugh C. Donlon, Medal of Honor recipient. Once a soldier becomes a Medal of Honor recipient, for part or the rest of that soldier's life he or she has to dedicate themselves to serving and keeping the honor of soldiers, said Donlon.

Donlon was here touring the 2nd Infantry Division's military installations and troops; however, a banquet dinner was held 3 Nov. in his honor at the CG's Mess on Camp Red Cloud. During the dinner, Donlon

took to the pedestal and talked candidly about his travels in the Air Force, Army, and the character of men and women that, at times, he relied on.

"I can remember when I said my first prayer: 'O God, please let me grow up as a soldier,'" Donlon said. "I thought I was on the right track when I joined the Air Force."

The Air Force is where Donlon found a bulletin where its contents stayed with him throughout his life. The bulletin was called *Philosophy of Life* that contained a fable about the Devil selling all its tools. There was one tool priced higher than the rest, astonishingly high. The prospective buyers asked the Devil why that tool was priced so high, and the Devil responded, "that is my most important tool. It is discouragement. With that

tool I can pry into the minds of men and once that happens they are mine to control. It is so worn because I have used it so much."

Some people are discouraged and think about discouraging things, said Donlon. "But we are soldiers and as soldiers we leave no one behind and focus on courage."

At that, Donlon went on to talk about the battle near Nam Dong in the Republic of Vietnam 6 July 1964. The battle by which he was awarded the Medal of Honor for his conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty.

Though wounded four times by rifle, grenade, and mortar shell, he successfully aided his troops with encouragement, ammunition supplies,

weapon retrieval, concurring gun pits, defending the installation's perimeter, and ally movement coverage.

"The only thing on my mind was to get up because I was the only one who could. Everyone else was busy with his or her own area," said Donlon.

"Those of you who've seen the elephant, been in combat, yes, a bit of [thought] is survival, but most of it is for the person next to you," he said. You stay and fight out of love.

"3,454 Medals of Honor have ever been given – six out of every 10 being posthumous awards," Norma said.

"Not all units that I've served with met such standards as I've been hearing all over [2ID]," Donlon said. "Fit to fight. Tonight. That's the mentality soldiers should have."

Family Assistance Center prepares for certification

Story and photo by
David McNally

Area I Public Affairs Office

As Soldiers prepare to deploy from Korea to Iraq, Army officials are preparing for every possible scenario their family member could encounter.

"If a Soldier has been wounded or killed in combat, how is the family notified?" asked Col. Thomas DeVine, 2nd Aviation Brigade commander and the officer responsible for 2nd Infantry Division families. "What are the actions of the family assistance center and what are the services provided to the family?"

DeVine led a July 15 meeting of community officials from various agencies in Area I, finance and personnel representatives, and

division staff officers at Camp Casey. He outlined what the group needed to do to prepare for the July 22 family assistance center and 2nd Brigade Combat Team Rear Detachment certification.

"I want a rigorous and robust certification exercise," DeVine said. "This will encompass everything that is supporting the families."

Area I is a command-sponsored restricted zone. However, some Soldiers marry locally or arrange to bring their families to Korea on their own.

To aid these families 2nd Infantry Division and Area I officials joined together last month to develop the Desert Strike Family Assistance Center at Camp Casey. The center will work closely with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team to support families

affected by the deployment.

Some agencies like the USO, Pear Blossom Cottage and Army Community Service provide life support help for these noncommand-sponsored families in Area I; but, most facilities operate with unaccompanied Soldiers in mind. The family assistance center is a new concept Warrior Country.

The certification exercise will simulate what different agencies will do under possible scenarios. The Installation Management Agency, Korea Region will evaluate garrison activities. DeVine will evaluate the rear detachment. The 8th U.S. Army will test how the group handles casualty actions.

"At this end of this exercise, we should know if we're ready," DeVine said.

DeVine also said officials are in the

process of awarding a contract for the development of a virtual family readiness group Web site.

Officials hope the Internet site will serve as a virtual gathering location for 2nd Brigade Combat Team family members to visit and share information – even family members in the states.

"I'm worried about the families in the states," DeVine said. "I want them to get information about what we're doing, points of contact, the Web site or any other deployment information."

Before the Soldiers depart, he said, he envisions a station where they fill out an envelope with their address.

"We then would stuff it with maybe a letter from the rear detachment, or anything else we want to pass along like the Web site address and points of contact," DeVine said.



Photos by Yu, Hu Son

2nd Brigade Combat Team Soldiers simulate combat operations in preparation for the units deployment to Iraq in August.

Soldiers react to a group of unruly civilians after an rpg disables a vehicle in the mock convoy. The Soldiers went through simulations of what they will experience while in combat operations in Iraq. The simulations are intended to feel real to the Soldiers and each take it seriously.



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will most likely see while conducting combat service support convoy operations in Iraq, he said.

The most important thing for Soldiers to learn during the preparation for deployment is the rules of engagement, said Lt. Ryan Canady, Bravo 1-9. The rules of engagement are regulations that are created for Soldiers to provide structure when dealing with hostile situations as they arise, he said.

The guidelines determine how forceful soldiers can be when they need to protect themselves, he said.

Nothing in the rules of engagement restricts a Soldier's right to take proper action to defend himself and his unit.

Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company 2nd Brigade repeated this training three times a day for 30 days.

They were expected to correctly handle a range of different situations including fighting off snipers hidden in buildings, dealing with rocket propelled grenade fire in contact with civilians on the battlefield and being ambushed by simulated insurgents with machine guns.

In an undisclosed amount of time these Soldiers won't only be preparing for a situation such as this, they will be living it.

C Battery helps 2nd Brigade prepare for deployment

Story and photo by
Pvt. JeNell Mattair
Indianhead staff

C Battery, 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery was tasked to deploy 2nd Brigade Combat Team equipment from Camp Hovey to Pusan July 5-18.

The equipment will then be deployed from Pusan to Iraq.

Soldiers loaded several hundred second brigade vehicles onto 19 trains of 20 cars each in 10 days. Troops stayed motivated despite 14 hour days in the rain, said Staff Sgt. Thomas Bean, C Btty., 1st Bn., 38th FA. "This is something new, that right there is motivation in itself. C Battery has never done a railhead in Korea."

"When you get a new challenge Soldiers stand up and strive to do their best," said Sgt. Dwight Mewes, C Btty., 1st Bn., 38th FA. "The expectations of the unit are high. We try very hard as a unit to make sure we do our best."

"Working with the Koreans definitely made the task easier, he said. "They worked side by side with us."

"It has been absolutely trouble free. Everything has run smoothly," he said.

Thomas, a self-proclaimed "master motivator," helped keep Soldier's spirits high by cracking jokes and reminding the Soldiers, although it is important to take the task seriously, it is just as important to have fun doing it.

"Insanity is the key," he said.

Thomas does, in fact, take the mission seriously.

"When they get over there (Iraq) and they come back safely, I'll be glad



A C Battery Soldier helps load a truck onto a train in preparation for 2nd Brigade Combat Team deployment.

I was here at the railhead. The mission is always first," he said.

"We were a little undermanned which put pressure on us, but we

made do with what we had," Mewes said.

Soldiers had to be pulled from their original task on the railhead to drive

instead.

"We adapted, overcame and still got done three days early," Mewes said.

I need a Lawyer ... What are the different types of powers of attorney, how do I obtain one, can third parties reject them and can I revoke it at any time I wish?

A power of attorney is a written instrument that allows you (the "principal") to authorize your agent (your attorney-in-fact) to conduct certain business for you.

It is one of the most powerful legal documents that you can give to another.

Acts performed by your agent are legally binding upon you as long as those acts are authorized under the power of attorney.

For example, if you give your agent a power of attorney to sell your car, and your agent sells your car, the sale is legal and binding upon both you and the buyer of the car.

There are two types of powers of attorney, General and Special.

A general power of attorney gives your agent very broad powers to act on your behalf. With a general power of attorney your agent could sell or mortgage your home; sell your car; buy a car in your name; withdraw money from your bank account; borrow money in your name; sign contracts in your name; or order a credit card in your name. Essentially, your agent is authorized to do anything you could do personally, and those acts would be legally binding to you.

General powers of attorney

often cause problems for a husband and wife who are having marital problems because either party can misuse the power of attorney to cause the other party financial distress.

If you need someone to perform only a specific task for you, then you don't need a general power of attorney.

Get a special power of attorney, which authorizes your agent to perform only those specific tasks.

For example, you may authorize your agent to sell or register your car, to ship or receive household goods or to cash your paycheck.

Nobody has to accept a power of attorney. It's

entirely the decision of the third parties.

If you lose trust in your agent, you should revoke your power of attorney. You may revoke or cancel it at any time. Request that your agent return the original to you so you can destroy it.

If this is not possible, you can send your agent a letter of revocation. A copy of the letter of revocation should be sent to all businesses at which you believe your agent may try to use the power of attorney.

This way such businesses will know to reject the revoked power of attorney.

The Legal Assistance Office has letter of revocation

forms available.

Generally, a power of attorney automatically expires upon your death or mental incapacity.

If you elect a durable power of attorney, your power of attorney will remain in effect until your specified date of expiration, even if you become mentally incapacitated, disabled, or declared missing in action or prisoner of war. However, a durable power of attorney expires upon your death.

To fill out a power of attorney or for more information, go to the Legal Assistance Office in Building 4329 at Camp Casey or call 730-1885.

2nd BCT encounters potential Iraq scenarios

Story and photo by
Pvt. Seo, Seok Ho
Indianhead staff

"Obviously we can only replicate not duplicate."

Those were the words of Maj. Phil Brooks, National Training Center, Observer Controller, who has come to aide the division's efforts in preparing 2BCT at the Korean Training Center for their upcoming mission in Iraq.

"We're here to replicate potential situations that the units might encounter, missions that they may be tasked to do."

Seventeen units from the deploying brigade spent 17 days in an environment featuring an urban terrain that throws scenarios of an unruly crowd, a sniper, an RPG, a improvised explosive device (IED), a vehicle born IED and a screaming civilian at night. Some units went through two daytime iterations and one night time iteration on some of the lanes, according to Brooks.

"The Soldiers will be faced with circumstances that will require instantaneous reactions that we want to emphasize down to the lowest Soldier level. Because the basic Soldiers are the ones carrying out the missions in Iraq today. So we want to give them the discipline and knowledge to react in these different



Soldiers with A Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment splash through a mud puddle in their humvee during their exercise at the Northern Bowl of the Twin Bridges Training area July 13. 2nd BCT troops are preparing for deployment in August.

situations," Brooks said.

A Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment went through the Cordon and Lock course run by 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment.

A Co.'s challenge would be to isolate the objective, whether it is clearing a building to take out insurgents, IEDs, or weapons caches, said Capt. Eric Greek, A Co., 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt., Commanding Officer and Observer Controller.

Initially the company was faced with establishing relations with the local Iraqi police.

"We worked with the police chief to establish the cordon," explained 2nd Lt. Kevin Morris, A Co., 1st Bn., 9th Inf. Regt., civil affairs officer. Morris added that his role will be no different once deployed. "In Iraq, I will be the liaison at the company level to mayors, police chiefs or anybody that the company commander wants to work with."

The random events didn't come in sequence, rather in a bunch. A suicide IED going off, a sniper in a building here, and a RPG coming from a building there with confused

and dazed civilians running amok.

"That's what would happen over there," said Sgt. Nicholas Ray, A Co., 1st Bn., 9th Inf. Regt., "That's why the Army does it. The Army makes things unrealistically hard so that when you actually have to do it when the situation actually comes it's not that difficult because you've trained for the worst."

In part the chaos created by the civilians was what Brooks wanted. "They are forced to deal with the Iraqis, this is to teach the Soldiers on cultural

awareness to work the bilateral negotiations," explained Brooks.

Pfc. Matthew Hirsh, B Company, 5th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, a civilian role player, felt in certain situations the Iraqi's would get angry.

"The Iraqi's aren't supposed to know what's going on unless they are informed by leaders." Hirsh also felt, "With the exercise, for the guys going to battle, hopefully they will win the hearts of Iraqis without using force. Above all that they would come home safe."

Renovated dining facility re-opens doors for service

Story and photo by
Pfc. Stephanie Pearson
Area 1 Public Affairs Office

The 122nd Signal Battalion Dining Facility reopened its doors July 6 after three months of extensive renovations.

Repairs include new floors, ceiling, windows and bathrooms; a take-out service window; central heating and air conditioning; and several coats of paint.

The update was much needed, said Sgt. 1st Class John Desselle, DFAC manager.

"Last winter, everyone was freezing because the storm windows were not good," he said. "Now we have heat and air conditioning. There were also some problems with a leaky roof and plumbing, but all of those issues have been addressed."

In addition to physical improvements, the facility also got a new name. Now called the Charles E. Kilbourne Dining Facility, it was renamed after the only Signal Corps officer to win the Medal of Honor while performing a combat communications mission.

The overall effect of the changes is one of relaxation and ease, Desselle said.

"For our customers, just being comfortable while they eat is the biggest benefit," he said. "Personally, I'm most excited about not being in a tent anymore!"

The facility is not completely finished, he added. Upcoming changes will include a kitchen overhaul and gradual changes in decor.

"There's still a lot to be done, but we'll get there," he said. "By the time it's all completed, this will be the best DFAC in Korea."



Spc. Jason Moslander (right) helps Staff Sgt. Clarence Rice take advantage of the new take-out service window July 6 at the renovated Kilbourne Dining Facility at Camp Red Cloud. Both Soldiers are from Delta Company, 122nd Signal Battalion.

The dining facility renovation is one of several quality-of-life improvements taking place at Camp Red Cloud, said

Lt. Col. Brian Vines, U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud commander.

"It is a milestone in a never-

ending duty to improve CRC for our customers and to make Korea an assignment of choice," Vines said.

2ID Soldiers go on cultural tour

Story by

Pvt. Giancarlo Casem

Indianhead staff

Four bus loads of service members left on a wet July day to discover some of South Korea's hidden treasures.

One hundred twenty service members from all the armed service branches on the peninsula participated in a three-day tour through the Gyeongju province, July 7-8.

The tour was sponsored by the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs. It is designed to introduce Soldiers and other service members to the Korean people and culture. It also served as a means to enhance the Korean-American friendship ties between the American service members and their Korean hosts.

The Gyeongju province is well known for having many ancient Korean sites from the Silla Dynasty. The area is often referred to as a "museum without walls."

Service members spent much of the first day on a four-hour bus ride to the south-eastern part of the peninsula to their first stop of the tour. The tour group's first stop was a typical Korean bulgoki-style restaurant.

Most of the more adventurous service members had prior experiences with Korean cuisine. For some however, this was their very first time. The much more experienced

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Top: A pond in Tumuli Park where all of the royal kings of Silla dynasty are buried.



Left: Two Soldiers try out an ancient form of punishment near the courthouse in the Korean Folk Village near Suwon. This ancient form of punishment had the accused tied down to the wood piece and then they were flogged until the king thought their punishment had been enough. The king would sit right in front of them during the entire punishment.

Postal initiative to speed absentee ballots to Soldiers

Story by Pvt. JeNell Mattair

Indianhead staff

A new labeling system at the U.S. Postal Service is designed to expedite absentee ballots to Soldiers deployed around the world.

USPS employees will contact 3,000 county elections officials all over the country to coordinate mailing of overseas absentee ballots. Once the blank local ballots are printed, they will be sent by local post offices via overnight Express Mail to San Francisco, Miami and New York, the three military gateways.

There has not been a noticeable increase in mail on Camp Red Cloud as of yet, said Byung Jin, postal officer.

There should be a more substantial increase around October.

USPS will mail successive groups of ballots to military gateways daily and will determine the number of ballots per location at the gateways. Then the ballots will be sorted by destination and placed in containers specially marked for visibility and priority.

The Department of Defense's Military Postal System will then give the ballots priority handling for delivery overseas, will ensure they receive a proper, legible postmark upon return, and will place them in easily identifiable containers. The ballots will then receive priority processing for delivery back to county election officials.

"In prior years there has been so

much delay," Jin said. "This year they actually have a Congress level team looking after transit time."

The Army is asking that all Soldiers be registered to vote absentee by Aug. 15, said Jim Davis, the Army's voting action officer. That way they should receive their ballots sometime in September and can have them sent out by the Oct. 11 deadline.

Davis said both of these deadlines are designed for Soldiers in theater of operations and he encouraged all Soldiers to register and vote, even if they miss the deadlines. Most states will accept absentee ballots until the close of business on Election Day, Nov. 2, but the Oct. 11 deadline should ensure all ballots will arrive in time to be counted.

Each state has specified deadlines for receipt of absentee ballots. For example, absentee ballots for Louisiana must be in no later than the day of the election while New York requires that the ballots are postmarked by the day before the election. North Carolina ballots must be in by 5 p.m. the day before the election and Pennsylvania absentee ballots must arrive by 5 p.m. Friday before the election.

If those Soldiers, family or DA civilians are located outside the United States send in their request for an absentee ballot in sufficient time and didn't receive their ballot, they can use the Federal Write-in.

Editor's Note: Army News Service writer John Runyan contributed to this story.

2nd Brigade trains at Korean Training

Story by
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As the smoke cleared and the final gunshots went off near midnight, a look at the small Iraqi village of Al-Jamari told the whole story; four dead insurgents and a peace restored back to the village that had all but been lost during the day.

The village of Al-Jamari is different than most other Iraqi villages and towns. This village is not located in Iraq, but at the Korean Training Center, where Soldiers from the 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division are training, in preparation for their deployment to Iraq in August.

"The training we're receiving here is going to help us a lot in Iraq," said Sgt. Kevin Holmes, B Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment (Air Assault). "We're learning how to deal with Iraqi civilians and how to treat them with the proper respect, while not compromising our mission."

The mission for units coming through the town was to find and detain terror cell leaders who live or are in the town and also find weapons caches.

The townspeople were none other than their comrades from 1st Brigade, 2nd Inf. Div.

"Everyone involved wants to do the most they can to help 2nd Brigade make sure all of their guys come home safe," said Capt. Nathan Breard, commander, civilians on the battlefield.

But, there was a slight problem for the Soldiers. During different points of the mission, they would receive sniper fire and have to deal with both friendly and angry villagers. Combined with trying to complete their mission, the Soldiers experienced a long day.

"At one point we had Soldiers searching homes, Soldiers keeping civilians out of the search area, villagers moving our concertina wire and explosions going off, so it got very hectic," said Pvt. Anthony Hottinger, B Co., 1st Bat., 503rd Inf. Regt. (AA). "There were so many things going on, so our company had to be on top of our game. We had to have people in all of the right positions, plus ensure that not only we stay safe, but

the villagers as well."

During the whole process, villagers were out and about in the town curious to see what was going on.

"Our job is to create a realistic training environment for the Soldiers, and to replicate an Iraqi town with a variety of scenarios," Breard said. "We had to put stress on the Soldiers, so they could train on what they will be seeing over there."

At many points during the training, villagers became irritated with the Soldiers and started to do things their own way.

"They didn't want to stay away from the action," said Pvt. Michael McMillan. "They always wanted to see what was going on. And, if we prevented them from seeing what was happening, then they created their own ways of getting there."

Some of the ways villagers got past the Soldiers was using the riverbed, using a group of ten to push past a Soldier or the most commonly used technique, sprinting past them.

"A few of the townspeople got through and caused a little disruption, but we controlled the situation and detained them and turned them over to the town's police, and let the police deal with them," Hottinger said. "But, these people never gave up. They just kept coming."

After the entire scenario was complete, Soldiers listened to what was being said in their after-action review and took in key points made by their leaders.

"I learned two big things out here," McMillan said. "One, you never push them with your left hand, because they consider that disrespect, and two, when you want them to do something, you have to show them through motions, and not by raising your voice, because most of them don't understand English."

The Soldiers playing the civilians on the battlefield read Iraqi cultural packets and researched a variety of topics to prepare for their roles.

But, all of the reading in the world couldn't have prepared them for what they experienced in their roles and what they learned from actual Iraqi citizens about what really goes on there.

"It's important for these



Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, hold back the crowd of Iraqi villagers from crossing over

Soldiers to know what reality is," said Swara Deloyi, Iraqi civilian playing a role in the town. "That's what we try to help the supporting units understand when they are playing these roles. Because over there, the roles are real and the bullets are real. It's not a joke."

Although the Soldiers from 1st Brigade were tasked out to play the roles of Iraqi civilians, lessons were learned on their part as well for when they are in the same situation as the 2nd Brigade Soldiers.

"The Soldiers playing civilians on the battlefield have a big advantage, because they see it from an Iraqi perspective," Breard said. "Because they have seen it from this side, they know the right way to do things when dealing with Iraqi civilians."

With the training they've received, the 2nd Brigade Soldiers seem ready for their deployment.

"We know what we have to do over there and we'll be ready to do it," Holmes said. "That's a guarantee."

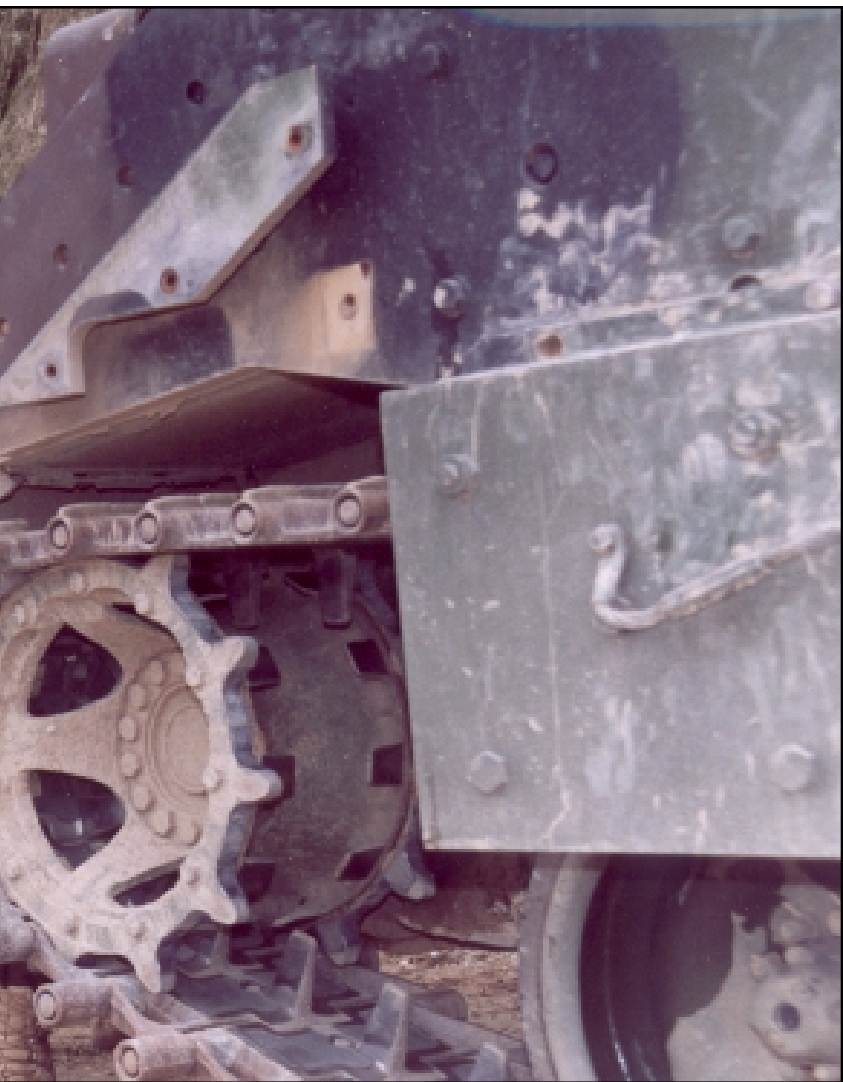


ng Center with help of 1st Brigade



Photos by Yu, Hu Son

er the concertine wire in the village of Al-Jamari July 12.



A Soldier from 1st Bn., 506th Inf. Regt., moves to back up his team clearing a house.

LEFT: Soldiers with 1st Bn., 506th Infantry Regiment wait for the word to move from behind a tank after hearing an explosion go off in the Iraqi town of Al-Jamari. The Soldiers experienced a sniper, IEDs and other hazards throughout their mission. Even with all of the distractions, the unit completed their mission.

RIGHT: Two Soldiers focus on the crowd for possible insurgents. Throughout the exercise, when focus was taken off of the crowd, problems started.



USO & Recreation Center tours 4 U...

Make your tour in Korea more enjoyable and memorable. The USO at Camp Casey and your local Community Activity Center (CAC) or Recreation Center hosts trips visiting locations and events throughout Korea. Below are tours and trips from July 24-Aug. 6. For more information contact the USO or your nearest CAC or Rec. Ctr.



USO at Camp Casey (730-4813 or 4812)

July 24	Everland, 2 days, 1 night	8 a.m.
July 24	Dong River Rafting Tour	8 a.m.
July 25	Whitewater Rafting Tour	8 a.m.
July 25	North Han River Water Tour	8 a.m.
July 31	Dong River Rafting Tour	8 a.m.
July 31	Bungee Jumping Tour	1 p.m.

Camp Red Cloud Community Activity Center (732-6190)

July 24	Korean/American Pool Tournament	10 a.m.
July 25	Spade's Tournament	1 p.m.

Camp Page

July 24	BOSS 60s/70s Party/ Buffet Dinner	9 p.m.
July 29	Karaoke Night	7 p.m.
July 30	Swimming class	6 p.m.
Aug. 1	Korean Games	6 p.m.
Aug. 4	Salsa/Latin Music DJ	7 p.m.

Camp Stanley

July 24	Waterski (Jetski)	8 a.m.
July 25	Lotte World Trip	8:30 a.m.
July 18	Korean & American Friendship 9-Ball Pool Tournament & Luncheon	10 a.m.
July 21	Photo Contest Awards Ceremony	2 p.m.

Camp Howze

July 24	Outback Steak House Tour	5 p.m.
July 31	BOSS Osan Shopping Tour	10 a.m.

Camp Essayons

July 24	Caribbean Bay Tour	7 a.m.
July 25	9-Ball Tournament	6 p.m.
July 27	Play Station Tournament	6 p.m.
July 31	Insadong Shopping Tour	8 a.m.

Camp Hovey

July 24	DVD Movie Night	2 p.m.
July 25	8-Ball Tournament	1 p.m.

Camp Stanton

July 24	Pinocle Competition	2 p.m.
July 25	Chess Competition	2 p.m.
July 31	Chess Competition	2 p.m.

Camp Garry Owen

July 24	Korean War Museum Tour	9 a.m.
July 31	Everland Trip	8 a.m.

Pear Blossom cottages for 2ID/Area 1 familes

If you are a spouse in a non-command sponsored family in Area 1 and you're looking for opportunities for personal development and social support with other spouses and family members or just something to do, look no further than your nearest Pear Blossom Cottage (PBC).

Here are some highlights of what's happening in the next two weeks at PBCs throughout Area 1.

Camp Red Cloud's PBC will hold a crochet lesson for units July 29, a Korean Language Class July 26 and Aug. 2, an English Language Class July 27 & Aug. 3, a newcomer's orientation July 28, a cleaning day Aug. 4, and Tea Time with lesson Aug. 5. For more information, call Natalia Lyons at 732-7168 or 031-870-7168.

The Camp Casey PBC will have an after-action review Aug. 2 a Kids Pool Day Aug. 3, story telling Aug. 4 and Exploring 2nd Market Aug. 5. For more information, call Poly Hancock at 730-3837 or 031-869-3837.



Camp Page's PBC is holding Multicultural Cooking class July 26, an English Language Class July 27 and Aug. 2, a financial class July 28, a Korean Language Class July 29 and Aug. 5, Cottage Cleanup July 30, Yoga Class Aug. 3, swimming Aug. 4 and cookie baking Aug. 6. For more information, call Chong Won Darling at 721-5562 or 033-259-5562.

The Camp Stanley PBC has fire drill July 26, EDIS class July 27, a Yoga class July 28 and Aug. 4, Cottage Cleanup July 30, a Farewell Party Aug. 3 and Cottage Cleanup Aug. 6. For more information, call Kay Jordan at 732-5400 or 031-870-5400.



Camp Howze's PBC will have an arts & crafts July 26, a Korean Language class July 27 and Aug. 3, a Stress Management class July 28, a needle-work session July 29, Cottage Cleanup July 30, Paper works Aug. 2, a Kids Coloring day Aug. 4, a Kids Arts & Crafts day Aug. 5 and a Kids Day Aug. 6. For more information, call Joseline Harrison at 734-5846 or 031-940-5846.

The Camp Garry Owen PBC has arts & crafts July 26, a FAP briefing, an English Language class July 28, a Spouse's meeting Aug. 2, a drawing contest Aug. 5 and Story Telling Aug. 6. For more information, call Tess Compton at 734-2166 or 031-940-2166.

Movies

Camp Red Cloud

Show times: Mon.-Tues. & Thurs. 7p.m., Fri.-Sat. 7 & 9 p.m., and Sun. 1:30 & 7p.m.
July 23 ... *Spider-Man 2*
July 24-25 ... *Troy*
July 26 ... *Breakin' All the Rules*
July 27 ... *Godsend*
July 29-30 ... *Anchorman*
July 31 ... *Shrek 2*

Camp Casey

Show times: Mon. - Fri. 8 p.m. Sat. & Sun. 6:30 & 8:30 p.m.
July 23-24 ... *Troy*
July 25-26 ... *Spider-Man 2*
July 27-28 ... *Godsend*
July 29 ... *Breakin' All the Rules*
July 30-31 ... *The Day After Tomorrow*

Camp Hovey

Show times: Sun.-Fri. 7 p.m and Sat. 7 and 9 p.m.
July 23 ... *Godsend*
July 24 ... *Spider-Man 2*
July 25-26 ... *Troy*
July 27 ... *Spider-Man 2*
July 28 ... *Breakin' All the Rules*
July 29 ... *Godsend*
July 30 ... *Raising Helen*
July 31 ... *Man on Fire*

Camp Howze

Show times: Thu-Sun. 7 p.m.
July 23 ... *Ella Enchanted*
July 24 ... *Envy*
July 25 ... *Man on Fire*
July 29 ... *Spider-Man 2*
July 30 ... *Laws of Attraction*
July 31 ... *13 Going on 30*

Camp Stanley

Show times: Thur.-Fri. & Sun-Mon
7 p.m. and Sat. & Wed. 7 and 9 p.m.
July 23-24 ... *Troy*
July 25-26 ... *Godsend*
July 28 ... *Anchorman*
July 29 ... *Breakin' All the Rules*
July 30-31 ... *The Day After Tomorrow*

Camp Greaves

Show times: Sun. & Wed. - Fri. 7 p.m. and Sat. 7 and 9 p.m.
July 23 ... *The Notebook*
July 24 ... *Man on Fire* (7 p.m.), *The Prince and Me* (9 p.m.)
July 25 ... *The Notebook*
July 28 ... *New York Minute*
July 29 ... *Meran Girls*
July 30 ... *Spider-Man 2*
July 31 ... *Van Helsing* (7 p.m.), *Hellboy* (9 p.m.)

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service members spent no time digging in, while the first-timers had a much harder time swallowing down the meal.

After the feast, the tour set out for the second stop of the day, Tumuli Park. The park is most notable because it houses the most number of ancient Korean ceremonial tombs, 23. In ancient Korean culture, before the advent of Buddhism, the people of Korea would bury their deceased kings ones under giant mounds of earth, very akin to Egyptian pyramids.

Some of these mounds are more than 20 feet tall. The greater the king, the greater the size of the mound. The ancient kings would be buried along with their belongings and other earthly treasures, such as golden crowns and belts.

Also buried with the kings were live animals like pet dogs. In some cases, however, a live person was also buried with the king. To preserve the integrity of these tombs, only one of the 23 tombs has been unsealed, excavated and opened to the public.

After the park, the service members were taken to the Gyeongju National Museum. The museum holds thousands of artifacts from the Silla Dynasty. The museum not only featured artifacts from the Silla Dynasty, but also from the time of the three kingdoms, before Korea was unified, and from the Joseon Dynasty, the last dynasty of Korea.

Many ornate ceremonial garbs are displayed inside the museum. Most of these were gold crowns and belts with elaborate and intricate designs and patterns. Pottery and other household goods

that have been unearthed from buried tombs are also displayed here as they play an integral role in Asian history and art.

The service members were then taken to the Hyundai Hotel, their home for the three days of the tour. The service members were afforded a spectacular view of Lake Bomun, a man made lake in the heart of a bustling tourist resort.

On the second day, the service members set out for the Sokguram Grotto. The ancient Buddhist shrine sits atop Mount Namsan and holds many mysteries. Outside the shrine are dozens of hanging lotus paper lanterns. Each lantern is said to be a blessing or a prayer.

Inside the shrine is a massive statue of Buddha carved out of stone. Behind the statue are small stone reliefs of Buddha. The domed ceiling of the grotto is adorned with a lotus shaped design. As with most Buddhist temples, this particular shrine is still used by modern-day Buddhists.

A natural spring runs under the grotto which naturally keeps it cool and moist. The spring flows from under the grotto onto a fountain outside. The spring water is believed to grant the drinker a longer and vigorous life.

Following the brief tour of the grotto, the service members were taken to the Bulguksa Temple. Bulguksa Temple rests on the southwestern part of Mount Tohamsan. The temple contains many valuable relics that offer an insightful look at the people of the Silla Dynasty. Most notable in the temple are two stone pagodas called Dabotap and Seokgatap. They are considered to be master-



Photo by Pfc. Stephanie Pearson

A soldier and a sailor look at a statue of one of the bodhisatva protectors in the entrance to the Bulguksa Temple in Gyeongju.

pieces of the Silla Dynasty due to their size and intricacy of design.

After a long two-hour bus ride, the service members arrived at the Hyundai motor factory and the heavy industry plant.

Service members were given a tour of both facilities. The first focused on the car producing factory that is regarded as the epitome of Korean technology. The second focused on the heavy industry side of Hyundai's

operations. In these plants and dry docks, massive oil tankers were being constructed and specialized facilities built massive propellers and engines as big as a two story building cranking out more than a 100,000 horsepower.

The massive factory complex also contained apartment buildings in the nearby vicinity for the factory workers.

On the third day, service members visited what would be their final stop of the tour. On the

way back to Seoul, the tour group visited the Korean Folk Village in the city of Yong-in. The tour group spent the whole afternoon exploring the village which gives the best look at the ancient Korean way of life. Everything inside the village was open window to the past. Ancient tools, household goods, clothing and even farms are abundant inside the village. Service members also viewed traditional Korean living quarters.

Warriors break more 8th Army records



Swimmers get a jump from the starting blocks at the beginning of the 100-meter freestyle.

**Story and photo by
Pvt. Seo, Seok Ho**

Indianhead staff

The swimming competition at Hanson Swimming Pool, Camp Casey, saw 8th Army records falling in the pool. In all, five new 8th Army records were set, all by Soldiers from Warrior country.

Using home-pool advantage, Warriors showed up in numbers. Of the 29 participants 20 were from the 2nd Infantry Division.

That didn't mean the division didn't bring talent. The Warrior Division demonstrated, the division's depth in the water runs as deep as the Pacific Ocean. Of the possible 25 medal qualifying events, Warriors took first place in 17 of those.

Not only that, only the Women's 100m Butterfly featured no 2nd Inf. Div. recipient at the podium.

"Area I usually features the top talent in these kind of events," said Kim, Pok man, Area I sports director. "I was here last year as will and went home with a couple of medals," said Sgt. Jin, Chang gyu, 552nd Military Police Company, from Camp Hialeah. "This year, all of a sudden, the competition is steep."

Jin won't go empty-handed, taking third place in

200m men's freestyle relay, but not with the kind of success he had last year.

The division had too much talent, men and women in virtually every event, coming at the rest of the competition in waves.

Pfc. Chris Waid, 61st Maintenance Co., set records in the men's 100m backstroke and 100m butterfly with 1:09:31 and 1:07:35 respectively.

The "Casey Swamp Donkeys", Sgt. Kyle Seaman, B Co., 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt., 1st Lt. Michazlo Eliastewsky, B Co., 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt., Pvt. Michael Jenkinson, B Co., 2nd Bn., 72nd Armr. Regt., and Staff Sgt. Theodore Buckley, Headquarters and Headquarters Operations Co., 102nd Military Intelligence Bn., set records in the men's 200m medley relay and 200m freestyle relay with 2:17:96 and 2:00:09 respectively.

Eliastewsky added the men's open 100m breaststroke record with 1:16:39. Not only did he go gold in the maximum number of events that a contestant was allowed to participate in, he shattered records in all the events as well.

The Warrior division now claims nine of 18 possible 8th Army Swimming records, which is two more than they had last year.

Free Agency kicks off with a bang

**Commentary by
Pfc. Chris Stephens**

Indianhead editor

With free agency season in full swing, there have already been some major deals that are going to alter the landscape of the NBA next season.

It's hard to start somewhere other than the Shaquille O'Neal trade.

With his firm desire to leave the Lakers, Shaq wanted to go somewhere that has a team atmosphere. (Well, until he gets there.)

Don't get me wrong, the Miami Heat made an excellent deal acquiring the All-Star center, and they should be a formidable team in the Eastern Conference.

On the other side, the Lakers got an OK deal out of it. I would've preferred them to go after Dwayne Wade or Eddie Jones, but I guess

that's why I'm not in the Lakers' front-office.

The Lakers were also smart to retain Kobe Bryant. If they even hoped to make the playoffs next year, they needed Bryant.

A move that surprised me this year was Carlos Boozer signing an offer sheet with the Utah Jazz.

Now the Cleveland Cavaliers thought by not picking up his option, they could sign him to a longer contract. Bad mistake Cleveland. You should've picked it up and made him settle for \$750,000 this year.

Since they got nobody to replace him, maybe they can pay me the \$750,000 next year and let me sit on the bench.

In fact, I'll have my agent contact them.

The deal that I'm still shaking my head towards is when the New Jersey Nets sent Kenyon Martin to the Denver Nuggets for three

future first-round picks. Now this is where I give the Nets the *What were you Smoking?* Award.

Why would you send a proven player and only receive three draft picks in return? I just don't get it. This now moves the Nets from an Eastern powerhouse to a bottom-feeder, maybe worse than the Bulls.

Another great deal this year was when the Atlanta Hawks sent Stephen Jackson to the Indiana Pacers for Al Harrington.

This helps both teams because the Pacers needed a clutch shooter and the Hawks needed some front-court help.

And, it worked out perfectly when Harrington said he wanted to be traded to a team where he could contribute more.

Overall, the free agency season has been a thrill, with more still to come. I look to see a few more big deals.

Warrior Division Team Triathlon Championships

Men's Division

1st Place - Swim: Sgt. Kyle Seamans B Co. 2/9 Inf.

(1:41:37) Bike: Spc. Bryan Hunt B Co. 2/9 Inf.

Run: Sgt. Gabriel Gomez B Co. 2/9 Inf.

2nd Place - Swim: Sgt. Kirk Gran D Co., 122 Sig.

(1:47:22) Bike: Sgt. 1st Class John Dessell HHC, 122 Sig.

Run: Pfc. Derrick Gosney, C Co. 122 Sig.

3rd Place - Swim: Staff Sgt. James Taylor, D Co. 1/9 Inf.

(1:49:48) Bike: 1st Lt. Jamie Jordahl, D Co. 1/9 Inf.

Run: 1st Sgt. Gilbert Rios, D Co. 1/9 Inf.

4th Place- Swim: Staff Sgt. James Dennison, C Bat., 6/37 FA

(1:54:53) Bike: 2nd Lt. Jash Johnson, C Bat., 6/37 FA

Run: Capt. Kevin Carlile, C Bat., 6/37 FA

Mixed Division

1st Place - Swim: Spc. Kristine Andis, 20th MP Det. (CID)

(1:51:04) Bike: Staff Sgt. Eric Frandy, 20th MP Det. (CID)

Run: Spc. Joseph Lachnit, 20th MP Det. (CID)

2nd Place- Swim: Cpl. Janine Houlden, HHC 2X

(2:30:16) Bike: Staff Sgt. Jeff McNama, USAG, Cp. Casey

Run: Sgt. 1st Class Glynis Collier, USAG Cp. Casey