

Crouched behind his .50 caliber machine gun, Pvt. Matthew Cob, HHS 1-38 FA, scans the area for enemy movement during an ARTEP field exercise, Feb. 26. During the exericse, the unit was evaluated by 6th Bn., 37th FA, on numerous defenses, movements and convoy events.

Trailblazers 'get down and dirty' at

Pfc. Giancarlo Casem Indianhead staff

YEONCHEON, Republic of Korea - Under the cover of night, enemy forces crept up to the Trailblazers camp to try to infiltrate it.

However, the Trailblazers had a plan of their own.

The Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, were trained and evaluated on many elements of a field problem, Feb. 24-26.

The ARTEP (Army Training and Evaluation Program) exercise focused on base defense, convoy security and nuclear, biological and chemical attacks, said Capt. David Acosta, commander. Headquarters and Headquarters Service Battery. tackers, another enemy ele- were aware of the attack. Be-

"These elements are vital to combat so it is very important," he said. "Any training that builds familiarity between the Soldiers and their weapons is important."

Soldiers from the 6th Bn., 37th Field Artillery Regt., evaluated the "Trailblazers." These Soldiers ensured that the "Trailblazers" were up to standard when reacting to various situations. During the opposition forces attacks, these Soldiers stayed out of the way of the "Trailblazers" as they tackled the situation.

During one such attack, under blanket of night, OPFOR Soldiers tried to attack the camp through the gate. As the "Trailblazers" set off to repel the atment sought to attack the side of the camp by penetrating through the wire perimeter.

Living up to their motto, "On the Minute," the Soldiers were quick to respond to the threat and repelled the attack.

"We had some casualties," Acosta said "But we did alright, we got them."

For other Soldiers it showcased the volatility of the battlefield.

"It was different," Stallman said. "During the day when they attacked us, they tried to come in through the gate. This time, we thought it would be the same. After a while, we found out it was a diversion."

The evaluators were the ly ones in the camp who fore the attack, the 6th Bn., 37th FA Soldiers set up grenade simulators to further heighten intensity of the scenario.

"We pretty much just stand back and oversee," said Staff Sgt. Kenneth Blackmon, HHSB 6th Bn., 37th FA. "We're not here to point out the negatives; we're here to find the positives."

It is important for Soldiers to know what improvements are necessary, Blackmon said.

"We tell them what issues they need to work on," he said. "If you don't have an outside eye, then you won't know what you are doing wrong or right. If we go to war, we're going to be working with these guys, so we all have to be on the same level."



made the conditions tougher for the Soldiers, but they were ready for the challenge.

Photo by Pfc. Giancarlo Casen

"We still have to do some of the basic things we do back at the rear," said Pfc. Ryan Stallman, Headquarters and Headquarters Service Battery, 1st Bn. 38th FA. "We also have to do things like vehicle decontamination, perimeter security and challenge and password. Everything has to be done by the book."

Safety precautions were taken to ensure all Soldiers come back safe. Such measures included shorter guard shifts and making sure the proper cold-weather uniform is worn, said Staff Sgt. Shedrick

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Commentary

Integrity defined by actions of individual

Pfc. JeNell Mattair *Indianhead staff*

Integrity can define your character, not only as a Soldier, but as an individual as well. Most Soldiers that I have known display sound moral and legal judgment when faced with decisions and dilemmas. These Soldiers embody the Army's sixth Value, Integrity.

Do what is right, legally and morally. We should respect one another enough to show integrity in all we do.

We are Soldiers, we all work relentlessly and come home exhausted at the end of the day. The last thing we need is to be woken up after midnight, stand in formation in the freezing cold, and wait for someone to show enough integrity to admit to

pulling the building fire alarm in a drunken stupor. It is unbecoming and shows no integrity to leave your peers to deal with what you have done. That kind of behavior does not demonstrate any of the Army Values. As Soldiers we have an obligation to set a good example for those that

look up to us. If a child who reveres

service members as heroes sees us making the wrong choices, he may decide to do the same.

Imagine seeing your childhood hero taking drugs, stealing or otherwise acting dishonestly or unseemly. It might have made you want to do the same kinds of things.

You may have thought that is what heroes do. As Soldiers we must uphold strict moral code. As heroes in the eyes of children, our future depends on it.

It is of equal importance that we maintain our integrity so that the world will see us as the strong, compassionate and ethical Soldiers we aim to be.

We are not only Soldiers, but diplomats representing ourselves and

our country in stations all over the world.

It is of especially significant importance that we not only are a symbol of strength to other nations, but one of good character as well. If we live by the Army Values, nations around the world will undoubtedly have a better perception of who we are as American Soldiers. And, as you have heard and know to be true, perception is reality.

If we set a good example, respect one another and do the right thing in all situations, we will have successfully fulfilled our mission to live with integrity.

Editor's Note: This is the sixth part of a seven-part commentary series on the Army Values.

Court-Martial Results

<u>Child Abuse</u>. On Jan. 20, a Sergeant from C Battery, 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, Division Artillery, was convicted at a general court-martial of assault upon a child under sixteen years old.

On June 12, 2004, the accused forcibly grabbed his one-month old baby by her arms and jerked her out of her stroller, shaking her body in the process. As a result, she suffered a broken right arm and left wrist.

The accused was sentenced to reduction to E3 and confinement for three months. **Stabbing**. On Feb. 2, a PV2 from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, was convicted at a general court-martial of assault with a means likely to produce death or grievous bodily harm.

On the morning of Oct. 31, 2004, the accused had a heated argument with the victim, a Specialist in the accused's unit. The argument escalated and the accused slashed the victim with a knife, inflicting a deep gash in the victim's stomach approximately seven inches long.

The victim was MedEvaced to the 121st General Hospital and underwent

surgery. He has since recovered and returned to duty.

The accused was sentenced to reduction to E1 and confinement for five months.

Larceny. On Feb. 11, a Private First Class from B Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, was convicted at a general court-martial of damage to military property, larceny of military and non-military property, and housebreaking with intent to commit larceny. On three separate occasions between Sept. 13 and 22, 2004, the accused illegally entered two barracks rooms and a storage locker and stole various items to include a laptop computer, DVDs, play stations, clothing, and government issued TA-50.

When breaking into the storage locker, he damaged it by bending the latch on the cage.

At the time of the thefts, two of the victims were in the field and one victim was on emergency leave.

The accused was sentenced to reduction to E1, total forfeitures of all pay and allowances, confinement for three years and a bad conduct discharge.

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Warrior Excellence



Spc. Chris Stephens Indianhead editor

CAMP CASEY - Timely access to information is critical when the Second Infantry Division goes to the field.

That's where G-6 Soldiers like Pfc. Naseyah McMillan come in.

"Our job is to ensure computers, everybody's Internets and other cables are hooked up so they can do their job," McMillan said. "If we don't do our job, then it's tough for them to do theirs."

Tasks includ fixing computers when they go down, distributing IP addresses for computers, connecting all types of networks, running phone cables and installing programs on computers.

However, the tasks don't begin when the exercise begins they start much sooner. 'We're here a few days be-

fore so we can get things into place," McMillan said. "That's when all of the phone and Internet cords are run, so the division can be up and running by the time the exercise starts."

But, like all things in life, there is always a snafu with pieces of equipment.

"The first three days are always the most stressful," McMillan said. "That's the time when most of the stuff is not working, so we have to fix it. And, this is the time where all fixes are on a trial and error basis, because what we did for one computer, may not necessarily work for another."

Once the madness of the first three days calms down, McMillan and the other Soldiers on her shift fall into a schedule where their day begins around noon.

But, just because the madness is complete, doesn't mean there still isn't stuff to do. Once entering the tent site, McMillan and the other Soldiers on the shift look at the board to see what tasks need to be completed for a section.

"There's no time for anything, but to get the work done," she said. "Someone's internet or one of their cables went out, so we have to fix it."

After the original rush at the beginning of the day, the rest of the day consists of steady fixes

"Problems come in spurts," McMillan said. "The only time a lot of stuff starts happening is before the briefing with the CG. But, otherwise, it's just an occasional problem."

For McMillan's supervisor, Staff Sgt. Miya Jenkins, DMAIN Automations NCOIC, she credits the success to a total team effort.

"Without the entire team here doing their part, nothing would get done," she said.

Jenkins said she is amazed at how well the new G-6 Soldiers are picking up their job while in the field.

"All but two of our junior Soldiers are on their first field exercise," Jenkins said. "A lot of what they're do-

Photo by Spc. Chris Stephens Pfc. Nasevah McMillan checks to see if all outlets, internet

and phone cables are running into, are working. ing, they're learning while out in the field," she said. "They're getting a lot of training their job and they're picking it up quickly."

success of G-6 to the NCOs who work with the Soldiers to enjob done right the first time.

and go over it as much as they

need to so that we understand our job and our function," McMillan said. "It doesn't matter how long it takes, they work with us and guide us so that our job can be completed."

At the end of the shift, after all tasks are done, McMillan only has one thing on her mind - "To get a few hours of sleep so I will be alert and ready for another day of work."

Warrior chefs put mettle to the kettle

Pfc. Giancarlo Casem Indianhead staff

CAMP CASEY - Eight food service Soldiers from various 2nd Infantry Division units participated in a very unique type of skills evaluation at Reggie's on Camp Casey, Feb. 16.

These Soldiers were the first to participate in a skills evaluation in which the participants all come from different units and dining facilities, which is a first for division food service Soldiers, said Sgt. Maj. Vincent Plummer, 2nd Inf. Div. Food Service sergeant major.

"This is the first skills evaluation that we have done with Soldiers from different units," he said.

Not only did the Soldiers have to cope with working with a new team, they also had to work in a new kitchen.

"We want them to do the things they normally do at their DFACs," Plummer said. "But now, they have a new team and a new kitchen."

For the event, the Soldiers were tasked to cook a five-piece meal consisting of chicken, steamed broccoli, biscuits, rice pilaf and Salisbury steak. Soldiers were evaluated on cooking

skills and team duties, Plummer said. Working with a new team and a new

kitchen proved to be a challenge for the

shift leader, Sgt. Carlo Jones, 1st Headquarters Brigade Combat Team. Although, he said his team was ready for the challenge.

"Working with new people and trying to get everyone working together was the biggest challenge," Jones said. "We adapted to the situation. It was another mission that had to get done."

Jones had the daunting responsibility of making sure his team worked cohesively despite their unique situation.

During the two and-a-half hour event, the Soldiers were assessed on their basic skills.

The evaluation staff consisted of DFAC managers which are the Soldiers' noncommissioned officers.

"It's important to involve the managers in the learning process," said Sgt. 1st Class Kimberly Tanner said, 2nd Inf. Div. Support Command, 702nd Main Support Battalion. "The NCOs implement the standards, the concept of teamwork and communication."

NCOs are also charged with instilling Soldiers with confidence in their skill sets and responsibility, Tanner said.

"We have to ensure they follow correct procedures, demonstrate sanitation and portion control," said Sgt. 1st Class Neil St. Helen, 702nd MSB. "It is impor-



Pfc. Adwanna Russaw, 50th MRB Co., washes garnishing for her dish while Pfc. Isaac Coakley, 1-38 FA, cuts out the dough for his biscuits.

tant for them to follow standards so that the product can go out safely to the troops. As NCOs we have to teach, train and mentor."

As the evaluation drew to a close, the team felt proud and more confident with their cooking skills, Jones said.

For the Soldiers, being evaluated by DFAC managers was an opportunity for them to shine, Jones said.

"It felt good to be evaluated by them," he said. "They can actually see how much knowledge and talent we have."

McMillan credits a lot of the sure they know how to get the

"They'll sit there with us

Ceremony honors battle veterans

Spc. Chris Stephens Indianhead editor

GYEONGGIDO, Republic of Korea - The date - February, 1951. The site – Chipyong-ni. The odds – overwhelming. The victors - the underdogs.

In the Battle of Chipyongni, a United Nations Force based of Soldiers in the Armies of the Republic of Korea, France and the United States were faced a force of more than 25,000 Communist Chinese Soldiers.

The Communists occupied the commanding ridges, while Col. Paul Freeman used the lower hills in the valley for his defensive perimeter.

For more than three days, in bitter cold conditions, the Soldiers held their positions.

On the fourth day, an American armored unit broke through from the south.

The brave 23rd Infantry Combat Team broke from the perimeter of the valley to break up the encirclement of Communist Forces.

With its units and most of its equipment intact, they rejoined the Eighth Army.

In memory of those who fought in the battle, 20 Soldiers from the G-2 section of the Second Infantry Division attended a memorial ceremony Feb. 18, to honor those who served during the battle.

"Just being at the ceremony was a chilling experience," said Pvt. James Bayer III, G-2 operations. "The odds these Soldiers were up against were something you take notice to. Because it wasn't only the number of Soldiers they were faced up against, it was also the ground they were on. There were mountains surrounding them and that's what the enemy was on."

Described by many as the "Gettysburg" or high water mark for the Communist Chinese Forces (CCF) in Korea, Chipyong-ni turned the tide of the Korean War in favor of the U.N. Forces.

The significance of the battle was that it ended the CCF's hold on the initiative in the war.

"The ceremony gives you a perspective on why we're here serving in Korea," said Staff Sgt. Jonathan Keeling, security officer NCOIC. "It shows what the true fight for freedom is."

"You can read" about it all day long, but when you actually see the people who fought in the battle and hear some of their stories – it brings everything into a new light."

Pvt. James Bayer III G-2 operations

As battle veterans listened to the ceremony, many of the G-2 Soldiers thought about what these Soldiers went through.

"Just seeing the actual faces of the Soldiers who fought in the battle really makes a difference," Bayer said. "Because you can read about it all day long, but when you actually see the people who fought in the battle and hear some of their stories – it brings everything into a new light."

During the ceremony, Soldiers were also afforded the opportunity to place white roses on a memorial on the battlefield.

"Walking up to the monument was a breath-taking experience," Keeling said. "Just having the opportunity to honor them with a salute was an experience I'll never forget."

For Lt. Col. Dwight DuQuesnay, Division G-2, the ceremony meant a little more than honoring those who served during the battle.

"We not only came here to honor the Soldiers who fought and died in this battle, but also to demonstrate our continued commitment to the ROK/U.S. alliance," he said.

At the end of the day, the G-2 Soldiers had a little more knowledge and a lot more pride.

"What we're doing here in Korea is truly something you can hold your head up on," Bayer said. "This is about two nations, standing together for freedom."

Editor's Note: Information for this story was obtained from a Chipyong-ni Web site, www.army.mil/cmh-pg/art/P-P/USAIA/Chipyong-Ni.htm.



Chipyong-ni, United Nations Forces, consisting of Republic of Korea, France and U.S. **Army Soldiers** were faced up against more than 25,000 Communist Chinese Forces. For the Soldiers from the G-2 Section of the 2nd Infantry **Division who** attended the ceremony, they learned about what happened during the battle. "I learned more about what these Soldiers went through by being at this ceremony, than I learned from any textbook," said Staff. Sgt. Jonathan Keeling. 'lt's a whole different experience actually coming out here and it sheds some new light for me on everything that happened here. **These Soldiers** truly did a great thing, and against all

Photos by Pfc. Ko, Sang Soo



Pvt. James Bayer III, right, and Staff Sgt. Jonathan Keeling salute the Chipyong-ni Memorial after placing a white rose at the base.

News Briefs

Friendship Tae Kwon Do competition

There will be a Tae Kwon Do competition between the 7th ROK Division and 2nd Inf. Div. Soldiers, March 10, at the Carey Gym on Camp Casey.

Competitions will be in sparring, breaking and demonstrations.

For more information, call 730-3428.

New AIP

As of Feb. 1 Assignment Incentive Pay is now better than ever with three significant changes to serve you better.

* No more short sign-up windows - you have a continuous open AIP sign-up window from the day you arrive in Korea until 90 days from your DEROS or until your receive reassignment instructions.

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For more information, call your unit personnel officer or visit the 8th PERSCOM Web site at http://www-8perscom. korea.army.mil.

Six Star Salute

The USO, Korea, is honoring outstanding U.S. Forces Korea members and is seeking nominations for one Soldier, E-5 and below, to represent HQ, UNC/CFC/USFC during the 34th USO Six Star Salute March 31-April 1.

Soldiers selected for this two-day program will participate in cultural tours and entertainment.

Meals. hotel and accomodations will be provided by USO.

For more information, call 723-6367.

2ID Tax Centers

The tax program is a service offering tax preparation and assistance to all Soldiers, retirees, their dependents, and eligible DOD civilian employees.

The Camp Casey Tax Center is in Building 1876, and is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 1 to 6 p.m. Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

The Camp Stanley Tax Center is located at the Community Activities Center and is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 1 to 6 p.m. Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays.

Service at Camp Red Cloud are offered on a limited basis by calling 732-6099 for an appointment.

Off-Limits Areas

By order of the Area 1 Commander effective Feb. 7, 2005 the following clubs are off-limits:

Kwangamdong AO -**Camp Hovey**

* Blackjack Club * Grand Illusion

* X Zone Club **Bosandong AO – Camp**

Casey

- *777 Club
- * Gulf Club
- * Pan Korea
- * Queen Club
- * Red Club
- * Shakedown

* New York

Uijongbu Ville – Camp **Red Cloud**

* Texas Club

Stanley Ville – Camp Stanley

* King Club * Las Vegas Club

Claims to Estate

Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to the estate of SrA Kalen Cabebe, 604th ASOS, should contact Capt Vincent M. Terrell, 604 ASOS, Summary Courts Officer at 732-6660."

New Hours at USO

The Camp Casey USO will now be open until 11 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

This is a 90-day trial to see if Soldiers will use the USO during the extra hours.

An evaluation will be conducted after 30, 60 and 90 days and a decision will be made on whether or not to continue with the same hours or returning to current hours.

New policy enables automatic promotion to E-5

Gary Sheftick Army News Service

WASHINGTON-A shortage of sergeants in some specialties has prompted a new Army policy in which corporals and specialists could be automatically promoted without a board.

Under the Army's semi-centralized promotion policy, all eligible E-4s (with 48 months in service and a year in grade) will be placed on a promotion list. Then, if an MOS falls below strength at the E-5 level, some Soldiers on the list will be automatically promoted.

The new policy could potentially affect about 19,000 corporals and specialists currently in the active component, according to G-1 personnel officials.

"Are we taking away a commander's authority? Absolutely not," said retired Sgt. Maj. Gerald Purcell, G-1 personnel policy integrator for enlisted professional development.

Commanders will have the ability to remove a Soldier from the Sergeant Recommended List, Purcell explained, if a Soldier is not trained, or otherwise unqualified. There will be a 15-day window after the automatic promotion list is generated for commanders to remove names.

"If a Soldier should not be a

sergeant," Purcell said, "then commanders should stop it."

Even under the policy, Purcell said most promotions to E-5 will still go to those who appear before a promotion board.

"The only time anyone is automatically promoted is when all Soldiers who have gone through (board) procedures are promoted and the MOS is still not 100 percent for the E-5 grade," Purcell said.

The policy should eliminate specialties that historically have a shortage of E-5s, known as Star MOS's, Purcell said.

Career fields with STAR MOS's include field artillery, aviation, armor, engineer, communications and information systems, signal, psychological operations, fire control, public affairs, maintenance, chemical, transportation, ordnance, supply and military intelligence. The Army is currently short 1,549 sergeants in Star MOS's. "It is the field's responsibility to grow our future leaders," Purcell said.

He added that promotions should be based on potential, not just performance.

"We believe you should give a Soldier an opportunity to succeed after four years in the Army," Purcell said. "It's what's right for the Army."

The creation of new brigade combat teams and units of action are adding to the shortage of sergeants, Purcell said. He explained that new units require senior NCOs, accelerating the promotion of mid-grade NCOs, resulting in more E-5 vacancies.

"We need an E-5 promotion for every growth in the NCO structure," Purcell said.

In any case, Purcell said the new promotion policy should eliminate the shortages. He said it's a great tool not only to man the Army at the proper grade level, but also to motivate Soldiers

Soldiers placed on the promotion list automatically, without participating in a promotion board, will only be given the minimum of 350 points. Purcell emphasized that these Soldiers will not be promoted to sergeant unless an MOS falls below 100percent operating strength and no other Soldiers with more points are available to promote.

This policy will help first sergeants and others in the chain of command to better manage their units, said Sgt. Maj. Reynald Domingo of the Army's Directorate of Personnel Management. G-1.

"I'm just hoping that they're going to see the goodness in this," Domingo said.



Photo by Pfc. Giancarlo Casen

As part of a "slice" unit, Soldiers of the 122 Sig. Bn. work to fold a camoflauge net as they prepare to "jump" to another training site during 1-38 Field Artillery Regiment's ARTEP, Feb. 26.

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June, HHSB, 1st Bn., 38th FA. June serves as the noncommissioned officer in charge of the medical unit of the battery during the exercise. "We have to make sure everyone gets back safely to preserve combat strength," he said. Despite the cold, the mission was still accomplished.

"Teamwork and confidence is

essential, you have to have it." Acosta said. "You have to get the Soldiers motivated to work as a team, especially at two in the morning in zero degree weather so they can get their tents up."

Community

Comedians bring laughs to Warrior Country

Pfc. JeNell Mattair Indianhead staff

KOREAN TRAINING CEN-TER – Second Infantry Division welcomed comedians Tommy Davidson and Joe Torry to the Korean Training Center Feb. 25.

Davidson and Torry were originally scheduled to play at clubs throughout Warrior Country, but when they learned of the many Soldiers in the field training, the comics brought the show to them.

"Being away from home is a very hard thing to do," Davidson said. "A lot of people don't see what the Soldiers do here, so this is an opportunity for me to give props for what they are doing."

The show was a much needed break for the Soldiers, said Capt. Brian Smith, commander, E Company, Task Force 2-9.

"This was great stress relief for the Soldiers," he said.

Also performing was Hurricane Andrew, an up and coming Hollywood comedian.

"I came out here to give the Soldiers encouragement," Andrew said. "They should know there is someone out there who really cares. We are here to let them know we appreciate what they do."

The show opened with Andrew, followed by Torry and finished with Davidson.

Davidson has appeared in such films as, "Booty Call," "Juwanna Man" and "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls." He was also one of the original cast members of, "In Living Color," and is the voice of Oscar Proud in the Disney Channel's



Photos by Pfc. JeNell Mattai I the crowd with his raucous, blue humor

Joe Torry entertained the crowd with his raucous, blue humor at the Korean Training Center, Feb. 25.

popular cartoon, "The Proud Family."

The admired comedian also hosted, "Premium Blend," made an appearance on, "Space Ghost Coast to Coast," and performs stand-up comedy shows around the world.

Torry starred opposite Janet Jackson in, "Poetic Justice," and hosted, "Def Comedy Jam."

He continues to perform stand-up comedy for large audi-

ences around the globe.

They made the trip to the Korea to show their support for Soldiers.

"Soldiers have a job that really protects our freedom," Torry said. "I want to let them know how much love I have for them."

The comedy trio made the journey into the rough terrain of the Korean Training Center with a message of thanks and encouragement for 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers.

Tommy Davidson made a special appearance at KTC to enter-

tain Soldiers during a field training exercise.

"Believe in yourself," Andrew said. "Every day that you wake up, you are closer to being home.

"So, pray that you wake up tomorrow and the next day and before you know it you will be back home."

The comedians performed for Soldiers all over Area 1 during their comedy tour. "Believe in yourself. Everyday you wake up, you are closer to being home."

Hurricane Andrew comedian

Warrior Soldiers receive Valentines from states

Capt. Stacy A. Picard 509th PSB

CAMP CASEY – Most people spend Valentine's Day expressing their love to family members or a special someone.

For Soldiers serving overseas, this can be a lonely period without their loved ones. Thanks to Team Cupid in Louisville, Ky., this year was different.

James Holland, the nephew of a service member in South Korea, decided to host a Valentine's Day Card Drive for Soldiers stationed overseas in Korea, Iraq and Afghanistan last year. Due to the success of this event, he pulled it off again.

Assisting Holland in his efforts was the local radio station WXMA, 102.5 FM locally known as "the Max." The drive was promoted through the station's popular morning broadcast of "The Lambert and Lindsey Show".

"Last year, James called to let us know what he wanted to do," said George Lindsey, WXMA Program Director and Radio Personality. "We thought it would be great to get others involved and show our support to the troops as well. We

appreciate everything what our service members do and wanted to show them that they are still supported." Listeners were encouraged to make

or purchase Valentines for troops serving overseas. Drop-off points were set up as well to make it easy for anyone to participate.

Local church groups, students and hospitals were encouraged to help Holland in his efforts.

For the second year in a row, Soldiers in the 2nd Infantry Division have experienced the positive support in the form of a valentine. This year the number of cards sent to service members overseas increased from 12,000 to 20,000 cards.

"It's wonderful to see an entire community rally around our Soldiers and show them love and support. It reminds the Soldiers why we serve," said 2nd Inf. Div. Command Sgt. Maj., James Lucero.

Pvt. Jeremy Arnold, C Battery, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regt., was impressed by the actions Holland took at such a young age.

"I like what this kid did. It's pretty cool that he's so young and has this kind of effort. It will help morale and remind Soldiers what we're fighting for," he said.

According to Master Sgt. Pleasant Lindsey, 2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs Office, the Division received two boxes of cards. The cards were then distributed to 2nd Infantry Division units on Valentine's Day.

"As soon as we found out the cards

were coming, we notified all of the command sergeants major and first sergeants and told them to be sure to send a representative from their units to the division's Public Affairs Office to pick up their cards," Lucero added.

According to Lucero, Valentine's Day is an opportunity to show your care and concern for other people that are important in your life.

The Soldiers really appreciated the thoughtfulness and caring of all the citizens who participated and that their actions spoke very highly of them, he said.

"The Soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Division appreciate the contributions and thank very much," he said. "You will grow to become the leaders of our future and you are showing the path to that future through your actions and your warm hearts."

Feature

Soldiers march to commemorate veterans

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CAMP CASEY – The 6-day, 90-mile Bataan Death March began at the Mariveles Terminating Camp on April 10, 1942. Troops who fell to the rear were executed.

Soldiers started to march in one long rank on a dusty path. For many of the starving and wounded men, this would be their last march.

Japanese troops beat Soldiers indiscriminately and deprived the prisoners of war food and water for many days.

The Philippines in April is very hot. The prisoners were made to sit in the sun without any shade, helmets or water. Anyone who had the courage to ask for water was murdered.

In the unusual event they were provided food, it was only a handful of tainted rice.

When the prisoners of war were permitted to have a few hours to sleep, they were crammed into rooms so constricted that they could hardly move.

Those who lived passed out on the dead bodies of their companions.

According to the Japanese, once the POWs were in their custody, they could treat the prisoners as they wished.

To remember these war-torn, valiant veterans, Eighth Army Soldiers roadmarched in the Bataan Death March Memorial Qualifier on Camps Casey and Hovey, Feb. 19.

"It is an honor just to be a part of the march, knowing what it means to World War Two veterans," said Staff Sgt. Theodore Buckley, 102nd Military Intelligence Battalion.

Soldiers began the 13.1 mile march at the Hansen Field House, and trekked up the icy roads past Camp Hovey, and back.

"I was motivated by my NCOs and peers," said Pfc. Andie McIntosh, 4th Chemical Company. "I wouldn't mind doing this again any time for those who actually went through it."

In a scene contrary to the blistering heat the World War II veterans faced during the Death March in the Philippines, 8th Army Soldiers confronted subzero temperatures and falling snow. With sweat frozen to their faces, Soldiers walked and even jogged their way through the course to make it to the finish line.

The top three finishing teams will go on to represent 8th Army in a road-march competition in White Sands, New Mexico. The 26.3-mile march will be an international event.

"I've always wanted to do the Bataan March and it feels even better now that I'm a part of the Eighth Army team to go to White Sands," said Sgt. Jade Chiara-Payne, Headquarters and Headquarters Company 2nd Infantry Division.

"It is quite an honor to be a part of this," said Capt. Marc Dalziel, 2nd Bn., 2nd Aviation Regt. "Any chance to pay tribute to veterans is always a worthwhile event."



Over two-hundred Soldiers participated in Eighth Army's Annual Bataan Death March Memorial Qualifier. The top three teams to finish in the event will go on to compete in another road march competition in White Sands, New Mexico.



Soldiers faced bitter temperatures and falling snow during the 13.1-mile road march on Camps Casey and Hovey.



An Eighth U.S. Army Soldier makes the final strides to the finish line at the Hansen Field House at Camp Casey.



Many of the Soldiers learned what the real Bataan Death March was after completing the half-marathon trek.



Soldiers were enthusiastic despite the icy roads, heavy ruck sacks and subzero temperatures. The Soldiers marched in commemoration of the World War II veterans who suffered as POWs in the Philippines in the original Bataan march.

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Feature

Safety essential to combat readiness

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CAMP CASEY - According to the U.S. Army Safety Center, in 2004, there were a total of 1,958 accidents resulting in more than \$250 million in damages. The human costs, however, are immeasurable.

A major high-risk area for Soldiers getting into accidents is the motor pool.

"We are around a lot of heavy equipment, there is no margin for error," said Sgt. Shawn Rine, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Infantry Division, motor pool shop foreman.

Rine said it is very important for him and his Soldiers to have the utmost situational awareness

"It is very important to be aware of the situation," Rine said. "You have to know who or what is around you."

Safety is an essential part of any mission. The Soldiers' safety should be the highest priority, said 2nd Lt. David Bryant, HHC, 2nd Inf. Div., executive/ safety officer.

"Safety is very important," Bryant said. "It should be the number one priority in any mission."

There are many factors inside the motor pool that contributes to the safety and well being of Soldiers.

Some are obvious factors like horseplay while others are smaller, less obvious ones like shop cleanliness, Rine said.

"There is no time for horseplay," he said. "We are around heavy equipment. You can hurt yourself, or possibly kill yourself. In the motor pool, we have to make sure we clean up spills quickly so we don't slip and fall. We have to make sure that pits are covered and labeled when they are not being used. Additionally, in our motor pool, we also have chains up so people cannot walk over them."

The biggest risk, however, is dropping heavy objects on personnel, Rine said.

"We have had guys drop things on their feet and things like that," he said. "The biggest risk are the vehicles not being put properly on jack stands. If they are not, they can fall and crush someone."

Weather is also a consideration for the mechanics in the motor pool.

"When it's cold, we try not work outside too much," he said. "You get a higher risk of hurting

cycles. Once you start getting cold, you have to get inside. At the same time, we have to make sure that the shop is properly ventilated. There can be a lot of noxious fumes so the exhaust fans have to be working."

Off-post, there are many factors that contribute to risk factors and accidents, many of which are preventable, Bryant said.

Bryant's duties also include dispatching vehicles.

Issues such as road conditions and driver experience are factored into the dispatch process, which mitigates some of the risks of driving in Korea, he said.

"We have to make sure drivers are experienced and mature," Bryant said. "The responsibility of the drivers is a key factor." According to the division

safety office, the biggest accident area is vehicular accidents.

"Between 2003 and 2004, the division experienced 287 off-Post and 140 on-post vehicular accidents," said Alfredo Nogueras, 2nd Inf. Div. safety officer. "The great majority of these accidents were not serious in nature and in many cases included fender benders or minor collisions with stationary objects. So far in 2005, we have got 35 off-post accidents and 18 on-post."

Of those accidents, 255 involved Army vehicles while 172 involved non-tactical vehicles, Nogueras said.

In 2003 the 2nd Inf. Div. lost five Soldiers due to accidents, in 2004 the number improved to no lives lost. (However in the first quarter of 2005, there have already been two deaths.)

There are many tips that Soldiers can do to help reduce the risk of accidents.

* Ensure Composite Risk Management is integrated into the planning process. * Ensure drivers are trained

in accident avoidance and hands-on skills improvement.

* Identify high-risk drivers (e.g., Use the Next Ground Accident Assessment for Leaders) and apply appropriate controls. * Enforce seatbelt usage.

* Conduct a recon of the route prior to site selection to ensure there is adequate clear-

ance. * Consider crewmember ex-

perience levels in task development. * Ensure everyone knows

what the speed limits are. * Ensure senior occupants

understand their responsibilities as outlined in AR 600-55.

* Keep the proper distance interval between vehicles.

Bryant said that his company drivers training program is a good way of alleviating some of the user-level safety concerns.

"Our driver's training program is top notch," he said. "It runs weekly and we enforce high



Capt. Tom Eskola, C Company, 122nd Signal Battalion, puts snow chains on the tires of his humvee. standards."

Bryant said the Korean driving conditions add a higher level of danger for the Soldiers.

"The danger to Soldiers is a concern, but the civilian concern is higher," he said. "We represent the United States. We have to do so in a responsible and safe manner. We do this by abiding by Korean laws and take every precaution."



Pfc. Justin Dameron, A Battery, 5th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, shows off the proper wear of ear protection while in his battery's motor pool. "Ear protection is vital when working in the motor pool," he said. yourself. We have to do work

Safety in cold essential for readiness

Pfc. JeNell Mattair *Indianhead staff*

CAMP CASEY – During the winter months, the Army must be prepared to fight in spite of the bitter conditions.

An army that is capable of fighting in the cold has a distinct advantage on the battlefield.

"The enemy may have the capability to strike in any type of weather," said Maj. Robyn Ferguson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company 2nd Infantry Division. "If he knows we have the capability to operate in all climates, that is one less vulnerability he can exploit."

In the winter it is typically cold and wet. There are snowfalls and temperatures near or below zero degrees Fahrenheit. If Soldiers do not take the proper precautions when training in cold weather they can become a cold weather casualty.

"We need to pay attention to the early symptoms," said Alfredo Nogueras, Division Safety Director. "By the time we notice a cold weather injury, it is too late. Leaders have to monitor and listen to Soldiers, especially the ones who aren't acclimated."

Two of the most common cold weather injuries are trenchfoot and frostbite, Nogueras said.

Trenchfoot will cause an extremely cold, stiff and aching feeling. Soldiers can get trenchfoot by wearing damp socks in their boots for a long period of time.

Frostbite comes from having parts of your body exposed to temperatures below freezing. It can affect feet, hands and bare areas of the face. Frostbite gives a feeling of severe coldness, followed by numbness.

To stop frostbite, Soldiers should wear their uniforms correctly, keep their socks and clothing dry, and remember to wear it in layers.

Soldiers have to be able to protect themselves because they are the assets of the unit, Nogueras said.

"Soldiers who don't wear their clothing properly will become a casualty, thus affecting the combat power of the division," he said. "A Soldier who is injured is not going to be able to fight."

First-line supervisors should take extra care to monitor Soldiers during the winter, Nogueras said.

"The winter in Korea is extremely cold," he said. "For a person who is not properly acclimated and has not been incountry before it can be a shock.

"It is important that supervisors prepare and train Soldiers. If they aren't ready they can easily become a cold weather casualty."

There are a number of ways Soldiers can help prevent cold weather injuries. "Sometimes



Soldiers over dress," Nogueras said. "They wear their longjohns, poly-pros, the uniform plus the gortex. This will cause the Soldier to sweat and accumulate humidity and that will stop the body from keeping warm."

Also, moisture will decrease the insulating ability of your clothing.

When active, a Soldier

should open a few closures on his uniform to let cool air in next to his body, according to safety officials. If he is still not cool, he should remove a layer of clothing.

Soldiers should ensure their clothes are kept clean, officials said. Dirt and grease block the air spaces in clothing and reduce the insulation value.

Keep clothing dry, from both

Two of the most common coldweather injuries are trench foot and frostbite. Trench foot is caused by wearing damp socks for a long period of time. Frostbite comes from having parts of your body exposed to temperatures below freezing. It can affect the feet, hands and bare areas of the face.

> the outside and the inside. Protect the outside of uniforms from melting snow and rain as much as possible.

> "Soldiers are provided the best protective clothing available," Nogueras said. "The U.S. Soldier today can survive in any type of environment."

For more information on cold weather safety, call the division safety office at 732-7032.

Celebration promotes understanding of history

Capt. Stacy A. Picard 509th PSB

CAMP CASEY – Soldiers from the 509th Personnel Services Battalion honored African Americans during an intimate Black History Month celebration,

Feb. 24. It was designed to education and promote awareness of the struggles African Americans have faced through the years.

To make in impact, the audience was not permitted to enter through the same door. Instead, participants were only allowed entry and seats in areas marked specifically for their racial background.

"The purpose of segregating the audience was to bring them back to a time when it was still alive and well," said 1st Sgt. Teri Battle, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment.

"This year's theme was the Niagara Movement," Battle said. "Instead of simply providing an educational brief about it, we wanted the audience to see the big picture by taking them back through the struggles of black Americans in a different way."

A photo slide show depicting the various stages of Civil Rights Movement, individual accomplishments and historical facts about Black Americans were part of the event.

One highlight was Spc. Delano Steele, Alpha Detachment, performing his own rendition of the Negro National Anthem.

As the HHD Equal Opportunity Representative, Staff Sgt. Tamiko Henry volunteered to take part in the celebration by reading the poem "I Rise" by Maya Angelou. Her passionate, moving tribute echoed through the theater.

"As a military, we have so many ethnicities and differences. These events help us understand each other better. I firmly believe without a vision, people fail. I put the emotions of my personal life and belief that I can overcome any challenge into the presentation of this poem," Henry said.

Pvt. Joshua Painter, ADetachment thought the presentation was better than those he experienced prior. He deemed it unique and full of touching performances.

"I really enjoyed all of it. It was a unique presentation compared to what I've experienced in the past. They truly brought it to life. It's important to understand the struggles of others and remember it in order to avoid repeating it," Painter said.

Originating in 1926 by Carter Woodson, Black History Month was named Negro History Week. Today, it is celebrated in February to honor the birth month of Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln.

According to Lt. Col. Alan R. Bernard, Battalion Commander, this event "It's important to understand the struggles of others and remember it in order to avoid repeating it."

Pvt. Joshua Painter A Detachment

was to honor those who came before us and reflect on the challenges they endured so that we can enjoy the freedoms of today.

"I was very impressed. Our history defines who we are today. The Soldiers were given a glimpse into the past and were able to marvel in the accomplishments of many significant figures from Black history," Bernard said.

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New Zealand offers a variety of high-adventure activities to do. Among the activities are sky-diving, kayaking and backpacking.

South Island offers high-adventure opportunities

Capt. Stacy A. Picard 509th PSB

NELSON, New Zealand – New Zealand's South Island the second part of our trip. We flew into Nelson, a cozy town on the northern point of the island.

The next morning, we were picked up for a three-day sea kayak and hiking trip.

We spent time in the Abel Tasman National Park. It's the smallest park in New Zealand, but only in size. The emerald green waters and scenic mountain views provide visitors with plenty of activities.

Each day, participants could choose whether to kayak or hike. In the evenings, the groups would combine again for meals and accommodations. While we paddled along, the hiking group enjoyed the view from the trails.

After receiving lessons, we were off on a 17-kilometer trek. Breaks for resting and lunch were made at small beaches along the way. We could swim or bask in the sun at this time.

On second day, we got a special treat while kayaking by

Zealand fur seal colony. Seal pups were visible on the rocky shore. Many were nursing while we passed, while other adult seals were swimming in the water beside our kayaks.

The last day of the trip was spent hiking along the cliffs to Totaranui and then taking a 2 hour boat cruise to our start point. The cruise allowed us to travel back in time along the route we kayaked and hiked over the last three days.

One of the best parts of the kayaking was meeting travelers from different countries. England, Australia, Sweden and Austria were all represented along with a few New Zealanders.

The best part of our trip was skydiving over Abel Tasman. From 13,000 feet in the air, I completed a tandem jump with 45 seconds of free falling and another 2-3 minutes floating in the air via parachute.

A tandem jump is when there are two jumpers connected together. The view was incredible and falling slowly gave me the chance to enjoy it. I decided to get photos and a



This is a photo from a plane after we left the South Island of New Zealand. The waters offered a great opportunity to experience sea kayaking.

DVD made of the experience to share it with others.

One important travel lesson I learned is that New Zealand is truly backpacker friendly. There are a variety of hostels in all major cities and traveling via the intercity bus system or ferry is convenient and easy. New Zealand truly is one of the most beautiful places in the world. The people are friendly, the food is great and there's plenty things to do.

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Bataan Memorial Death March



Photos by Pfc. Giancarlo Ca

TOP: A group of Soldiers work together to get each other through the 13.1-mile trek during the Eighth U.S. Army's Bataan Memorial Death March Feb. 19 at Camp Casey. The march commemorates the more than 90 mile march U.S. Soldiers made in the Phillippines after they were captured by Japanese troops.

RIGHT: A Soldier from the Eighth U.S. Army finishes up on the home stretch of the Bataan Memorial Death March. All Soldiers who completed this march, felt a sense of pride and understanding of what they did.



Spc. Chris Stephens *Indianhead editor*

n the last issue, I wrote a commentary on the greatest team rivalries in sports history. But, more so than team rivalries are the individual rivalries. These are the rivalries that can sometimes define an entire team or sport. Here are my top 8 individual rivalries in sports history.

8. Stone Cold Steve Austin vs. Vince McMahon (WWE wrestling) -The WWE is in the sports entertainment industry. And, if you ask anybody that watches it what the biggest rivalry is, it's this one. This is a rivalry on an extreme hate level. Although, dubbed as "fake," the animosity between these two has helped up the fan base of the organization by millions. From McMahon screwing Austin out of the world title, to Austin's infamous event where he sprayed McMahon with beer from a beer truck, this rivalry always keeps you coming back for more.

7. Mike Tyson vs. Sanity (boxing) – Mike Tyson is a guy that I just have to shake my head on. I mean, was he dropped on his head as a kid or something. This dude has no mental capacity whatsoever. Now, I'll admit he's a great boxer, but something's not wrong with him upstairs. From biting a piece of Evander Hollyfield's ear off to getting the infamous tattoo on his face, I give Tyson the "Ultimate Dud" Award.

6. Wilt Chamberlain vs. Bill Russell (NBA) – During the 1960s there were only 9 NBA teams, which meant, Chamberlain's L.A. Lakers, and Russell's Boston Celtics, squared off about 10 times a year, not including the playoffs. This



was also the era where they didn't have great defenses, so they always guarded each other with no help. The main difference in this rivalry was Chamberlain wasn't much of a passer, he was more of an individual player, and Russell was in it for the betterment of the team.

5. Kobe Bryant vs. Shaquille O'Neal (NBA) – This is the rivalry of today. Although they won't admit it in public, Shaq and Kobe despise the other one. The two never got along in LA, and they still don't get along today, even with Shaq in Miami. It was easy to tell during their Christmas Day game in LA when there was a quick fist-butt and that's all. Plus, not to mention, three of Shaq's fouls were on Kobe. And, they weren't light fouls either.

4. Martina Navratilova vs. Chris Everet (tennis) – Without a doubt the two best players to ever play the women's game, Navratilova and Everet controlled the women's game for many years. They played 80 times with Navratilova winning 43 of them. But, it was these two players that brought the women's game into national recognition. Without them, there would be no Venus and no Serena.

3. Arnold Palmer vs. Jack

Nicklaus (golf) – These two are in the top five golfers ever to play the game. You have the chain-smoking, fanfavorite in Palmer and the chubby, more talented Nicklaus. This rivalry was one of respect. They respected each other and each other's game. This rivalry brought golf to the masses.

2. Larry Bird vs. Magic Johnson (NBA) – The rivalry began in the 1979 NCAA Basketball Championship when Larry's Indiana State team faced off against Magic's Michigan State team. It continued into the NBA where they continued the Lakers/ Celtics team rivalry. Both players were money with the ball in their hands, and they knew how to distribute the ball and make their teammates better. Competition was at the max with these two and they always gave it their all during games.

1. Muhammad Ali vs. Joe Frazier (boxing) – Ali and Frazier fought three times, with two of the three fights being described as the best in boxing history. The most significant fight was "The Thrilla in Manilla," where Ali verbally assaulted Frazier in the months leading up to the fight, to which Frazier still has psychological problems to this day. And, get this, both of their daughters are in boxing and have fought too. So, really, this rivalry is a family affair.

Rivalries are what is perceived by many as what defines sports. Without them, all you have is a simple game, without much excitement and without some attitude.

Movies

Camp Red Cloud

Show times: Mon.-Tues. & Thurs. 7p.m., Fri.-Sat. 7 & 9 p.m., and Sun. 3, 6 & 8 p.m. March 7-8 ... Fat Albert March 10-11 ... Constantine March 12-13 ... White Noise March 13 ... Lemoney Snicket's a Series of Unfortunate Events (Matinee) March 14-15 ... Racing Stripes March 17 ... Man of the House

Camp Casey

Show times: Mon-Thur 7:30 p.m., Fri.-Sat. 6:30 & 8:30 p.m. and Sun. 3, 6:30 & 8:30 p.m. March 7 ... Hitch March 8 ... White Noise March 9-10 ... Fat Albert March 11-12 ... Elektra March 13-14 ... Constantine March 15-16 ... Racing Stripes March 17 ... In Good Company

Camp Hovey

Show times: Fri-Sat. 7 p.m. March 7 ... Fat Albert March 8 ... Hitch March 9-10 ... Elektra March 11 ... Racing Stripes March 12 ... Woman Thou Art Loosed (Matinee) March 12 ... Constantine March 13 ... Blade: Trinity (Matinee) March 13 ... Racing Stripes March 13 ... In Good Company March 15 ... Constantine March 16 ... In Good Company March 17 ... Coach Carter

Camp Stanley

Show times: Sun-Mon & Thur.-Fri. 7 p.m. and Wed. & Sat. 7 & 9 p.m. March 7 ... Fat Albert March 9 ... Constantine March 10 ... Fat Albert March 11-12 ... Elektra March 13-14 ... Racing Stripes March 16 ... Man of the House March 17 ... Coach Carter

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March 8-9 ... The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou March 10 ... Hitch
March 11-12 ... Fat Albert
March 12 ... Blade: Trinity
March 13 ... Ocean's Twelve
March 15 ... White Noise
March 16 ... Closer
March 17 ... Constantine



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