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Soldiers vie for coveted EIB

By Spc. Beth Lake Staff writer

CAMP CASEY - Candidates from eight units across 8th U.S. Army tested for the Expert Infantry man's Badge this week.

The EIB is awarded to special forces and infantry Soldiers who are proficient in a variety of tasks. The EIB embodies the infantry and symbolizes professionalism in the infantry, said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Brazell, Company A, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armored Regiment, the NCOIC for the call for and readjusting indirect fire station.

"To prepare for this training, we had a road march, a PT test and qualified as expert on our weapon," said Pfc. Park, Sung Hyun, Co. A, 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt., a Korean Soldier and EIB candidate. "After that, we had to train for EIB weapon systems like the M-16, M-4 and M-9."

The candidates trained March 26-31, said Sgt. Maj. Timothy Johnson, 2-9 Inf. Regt. operations sergeant major. During the training, Soldiers worked 10-11 hours a day on a variety of stations.

"You go through about eight stations a day and some of those stations have multiple targets to train on," said Pfc. David Flint, 2-9 Inf, an EIB candidate.

Flint trained for the EIB first at his individual unit and then with a squad of EIB candidates.

The 448 candidates were broken into squads during the week-long training and given an EIB handbook.

EIB candidate 1st Lt. Jimmy Chang, a platoon leader from Co. B, 2-9 Inf. Regt., trained with his unit on weapons prior to coming to the EIB testing.



Employing a claymore mine was one of the events during the Expert Infantryman's Badge testing.

He and his platoon took their weapons out of the arms room to practice disassembling and assembling them. They also had grenade pits and practiced on grenade training.

During the training, candidates practiced at the stations over and over to master each step.

"It's all about muscle memory," said Johnson. "Getting the sequences down and knowing what you have to do at the right time. Not worrying about the stop watch until you have it all down."

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Hawaii's 25th ID fires up Rod Range during RSOI

168th Medical Battalion, ROK army evaluate mass casualty evacuation

By Sgt. 1st Class Rhonda Lawson 2ID PAO Operations NCO

Thy would anyone trade in the warm, tropical air of Hawaii for the cool winds of Korea?

For Soldiers from the 25th Infantry Division, leaving Hawaii, if only briefly, made perfect sense.

The Schofield Barracks-based 2nd Platoon, Company A, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, the Army's fifth Stryker Brigade Combat Team, conducted a two-week gunnery exercise at Rodriguez Live-fire Complex as part of Korea's annual Reception, Staging, Onward movement and Integration exercise.

"It's been really great being a part of this exercise," said Maj. Ad Godinez, the battalion's training officer. "RSOI is a great test for what a Stryker brigade can do quickly in this theater."

Although the unit arrived in Korea March 18, coordination and planning began long before leaving Hawaii.

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By Jim Cunningham Area I Public Affairs Office

t is a calm day, overcast, and everyone is going about their work on an average day. Suddenly, the sound of supersonic flight bellows through the air and a large explosion blasts into the atmosphere. One Republic of Korea Soldier and seven U.S. Army Soldiers are wounded. What should happen next? How will they be evacuated? To which hospital should they be taken?

These questions and more are answered during a premiere exercise conducted by the 168th Medical Battalion and the ROK Army should an unprovoked field artillery incident happen.

"The point of this exercise is to successfully evacuate ROK and U.S. patients from point of injury to intertheater-echelon three patient treatment facilities, both ROK and U.S. facilities by dedicated, designated

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OPINION





More country singers. Toby Keith or Brad Paisley.

> 1st Sgt. Roy Frady Co. D, 2-9 INF

Maxwell. He s a singer all cultures can identify with.



Staff Sgt. Leon Tynes HHSC, DSTB



How about Chevelle? They re a rock and roll band.

History, Patriotism, Civic Duty What Children Should Learn in School

By Carrie David Ford

Editor of Fort Jackson Leader

FORT JACKSON, S.C. – What year did Abraham Lincoln sign the Emancipation Proclamation? What British document provided a framework for the United States' founding fathers while they penned the Declaration of Independence? In what document can the words "separation of church and state" be found?

For some, the answers to these questions are easy. Others may be asking what does "emancipation" mean and why should I care?

The United States' founding fathers believed that educating the country's citizens was the best safeguard for the freedoms we possess. In 1787, John Adams wrote, "Children should be educated and instructed in the principles of freedom." But are they?

The short answer is no. A 2005 study of 50 colleges by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute tested 14,000 college freshmens' and seniors' knowledge with 60 multiplechoice questions covering four sections: American History, Government, America and the World, and Market Economy. Neither group passed the exam, or any section of the exam for that matter. Freshmen scored an average of 51.7 percent, while seniors scored an average of 53.2 percent. My favorite result from this study is the 5.7 percent of respondents who said Israel was the main source of Saddam Hussein's political support. What?!

Beyond these study results, the most striking facts I have discovered is that although 57 percent of 12th grade students scored below basic knowledge of U.S. history on the National Assessment of Educational Progress in 2001, the average national gradepoint average in social studies actually rose in graduates from 1990 to 2000 - from 2.56 to 2.83.

How can a GPA rise – which means higher grades – when more than 50 percent of high school seniors are ignorant of American history and incompetent about civic and citizenship functions and duties? How do we as parents ensure our children are functional citizens?

It is not enough to "get out and vote." Citizenship goes beyond that. Understanding

how our political system works is imperative to understanding the passing of laws and how they affect us as citizens and as a nation. Understanding history helps us to not repeat mistakes made in the past.

If you don't learn about Hitler or Stalin, how do you recognize a tyrant? If you don't know how the world dealt with these leaders and their countries, then how do you know if our political leaders are trying the right approach to dealing with current foreign leaders?

Thomas Jefferson said in 1781, "History by apprising (citizens) of the past will enable them to judge of the future; it will avail them of the experience of other times and other nations."

If you don't know about socialism, communism or totalitarianism, then how do you know how great America really is? I've listened to middle and high school students talk about America, and somehow they've learned not only to dislike this great country, but that we are in some sense evil. The mentality of children today is something foreign and strange to me.

I was raised an Army brat by patriotic parents who honored Soldiers and the sacrifices they made so that I could sleep safely in my bed each night. History was an integral part of my upbringing. My father majored in history with a minor in political science, and he was quick to set me straight if I said something that was inaccurate.

I have taken it upon myself to share my beliefs with my 8-year-old daughter, because I am certain that what little she will be taught in school about America won't be flattering. I want my daughter to understand the political process and how laws passed can diminish her rights as a U.S. citizen and whether the cost is worth the gain.

I want her to understand, above all else, that freedom is not free, and countless men and women have paid with blood for her to enjoy the rights she has been granted as a United States citizen, and for that gift she owes a debt.

(Editor's note: The answers to the three questions beginning this article are: 1863, the Magna Carta and a letter from Thomas Jefferson to the Danbury Baptist Association in 1802.)



Pfc. David Baker Co. D, 2-9 INF

Rodney Carrington. He s a comedian.

> Pfc. Shawn Kelso Co. A, DSTB



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2ID language lab offers opportunity to learn Korean

By Pfc. Leigh Armstrong Staff Writer

earning Korean can be a tough, but rewarding process. The language has very little in common with the English language in its structure and verb usage.

However, learning Korean in the Army can pull in some benefits like promotion points and extra money if a Soldier is able to pass the Defense Language Proficiency Test.

With the newly opened 2nd Infantry Division language lab on Camp Red Cloud, Soldiers in 2ID will have help learning Korean.

The language lab, which is open to all 2ID Soldiers, is the only language lab in 2ID and was set up primarily to help linguists maintain their language proficiency. The lab works to help Soldiers learn any language they want, even if it's not Korean, said Spc. Eric Palmateer, command language program manager assistant.

In the Army, languages are rated on four difficulty levels with level one being languages close to English, like Spanish and German. Level four are the harder languages to learn, like the Asiatic languages such as Korean, or English if a Soldier isn't a native English speaker.

"When I came in the Army, they asked me what language I wanted to learn, and I said the hardest and they gave me Korean," Palmateer said, recounting his time spent at the Defense Language Institute.

Palmateer has played a crucial role in getting the language lab opened on CRC from helping to get funding for the lab, to setting up the building and getting it ready for Soldiers. He hopes to put together a team from 2ID to compete in the language Olympics, an Army competition set up to challenge Army linguists around the world.

The language lab uses Rosetta Stone software to help linguists at the lab enhance their language skills or begin their training.

"It's an Army offered program that's used by all the services. It will put you on a program to learn a language and start you off with crawling, then move to walking, and then to running," Palmateer said.

In addition to Rosetta Stone, native Korean speakers are available in the lab to assist Soldiers during the duty hours of the lab, which



Spc. leginard Desamours and his teammate place a jack under an LMTV during 302nd BSB's Truck Rodeo competition March 27.

302nd seeks best trucker in town

Story and photo by Pfc. Kim, Hosik Staff Writer

CAMP MOBILE – The Truck Rodeo, a challenge to determine 302nd Brigade Support Battalion's best truck driver, was held on Camp Mobile's airfield March 27.

Twelve two-man teams competed in the event, which included 12 challenges, graded by time and accuracy.

"We have a variety of challenges," said Capt. Don Mozer, Co. A, 302nd BSB company commander. "We have driving portions such as serpentine or a straight-line backing with a Lowboy trailer. We also have PMCS, tow-bar relay, .50-cal. weapon mount, written test and P.T. test."

At the tow-bar relay, the competitors had to properly assemble and hook-up a tow bar to a truck with two crescent wrenches. It was the first station of the day for Sgt. Michael Cosentino and Pfc. Kevin Snell from Co. B, 302nd BSB.

"The strategy today is to take our time and not

to rush anything," said Cosentino. "We practiced all the challenges – got our signals together. We are very excited about today."

On the other side of the field, Spc. Ieginard Desamours and Pfc. Timothy Lettermann from Co. F, 302nd BSB, were changing a tire almost as big as themselves from a five-ton truck.

"It's the stuff we usually do at work," said Lettermann. "This event is a good chance to show off the skills of very talented drivers who don't get a chance to prove themselves."

Staff Sgt. Paul Harris and Spc. Robert Powler from Co. B, 302nd BSB, won first prize, bragging rights and a four-day pass.

"Everyone did an absolutely outstanding job," said Mozer. "Driving a big truck is not as easy as it looks. The competitors here are the best from their units."

Mozer added that he hopes to see more competitors in the Truck Rodeo next year.

"We would like to see an entire division competition or 8th Army-wide competition even," said Mozer. "That's the overall goal we're aiming for."



are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The language lab also includes focused exercises to help prepare Soldiers for the DLPT, including practice for both listening and reading portions of the test. By passing the DLPT, Soldiers will receive not only promotion points, but extra money depending on the level of the language, the proficiency of the linguist and the need for the language is in the Army.

"Once you learn Korean, you're not just a Soldier walking around outside the gate. You become a capable ambassador of the United States," Palmateer said.

For more information, call the 2ID Language Lab at 732-7600.

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Changing hands

Lt. Col. Lee, Kil Hwan, the incoming 2ID senior ROKA staff commander, passes the 2ID ROKA staff colors to Command Sgt. Maj. Suh, Sung Ki, 2ID senior ROKA staff command sergeant major, during the 2ID ROKA staff change of command ceremony March 26 on Camp Red Cloud.

DSTB Soldiers compete at Warrior Stakes

By Sgt. Lee, Yoon Joo Staff Writer

CAMP RED CLOUD – On one spring morning when the late winter breeze still cooled the air, Soldiers wearing their full battle gear gathered on the soccer field for the Warrior Stakes competition.

Warrior Stakes, which took place March 21-23, was a three-day Division Special Troops Battalion event in which 76 Soldiers from varying companies competed. The Soldiers were divided into 19 teams of four, four teams from Headquarters and Headquarters Co., five from Co. A, eight from Headquarters and Headquarters Support Co. and two from the 2ID Band.

"In accordance to the commanding general's guidance, the DSTB command group held this competition to let the Soldiers in the battalion be proficient on the Warrior tasks and drills," said Sgt. 1st Class Antonio Rawls, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the event.

The Warrior Stakes competition was formerly known as the Order of Tomahawk.

"The DSTB command group changed the name because they wanted this event to sound more related to the Warrior tasks and drills," Rawls explained.

The competition kicked off with the rucksack challenge, which tested the participants' endurance and teamwork. To earn the maximum points, which were 50 points per person, the Soldiers had to move with their teammates and finish the race as a team in the shortest time. The average time was 2 hours, 15 minutes.

"I don't know how others think, but, for me, the rucksack march was the hardest part," said Pfc. Lee, Jung Hoon, Co. A, DSTB.

For the second and third day, the Soldiers were tested on common tasks and drills. The test sections were divided into 10 posts to evaluate how well the Soldiers understood battlefield tasks, such as correcting weapon malfunctions, employing an M18A1 claymore mine, map reading, intelligence report, first aid and reacting to chemical or biological attack.

Many Soldiers seemed to initially struggle with correcting malfunctions on an M2 .50-caliber machine gun. Prior to the actual evaluation, instructors taught them how to clear, assemble and disassemble the weapon. After the orientation, the Soldiers learned to correct malfunctions.

"This post is pretty hard for the Soldiers since their MOS is not related to handling such weapons," said Sgt. 1st Class Isidro Villegas, G-1 platoon sergeant and the instructor at the M2 post.

However, some Soldiers took advantage of their military occupational specialty. Pfc. Brad Heine, an intelligence analyst from G-2 Operations, 2ID, did not have any trouble with map reading.

"Since my MOS is 96B, map reading is a part of my job," Heine said. "I did not have any difficulty, but it still was good practice. Such competition motivates me to learn more."

As the Soldiers attempted to receive the best score they could get on each post, Maj. Gen. James A.



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Taking advantage of his MOS, Pfc. Brad Heine, G-2 Ops, did not have any trouble with map reading during Warrior Stakes competition March 21-23.

Coggin, 2ID commanding general, took time to visit the posts and to see how the Soldiers were doing. He praised them for their motivation and efforts.

"This is excellent individual training being conducted to the standard," Coggin said.

He said maintaining proficiency on battle drills is essential and is not easy. As the competition ended, the points were added up to determine the winners. Sgt. Christopher Nicolas' team from the 2ID Band took first place.

Staff Sgt. Deanna Carson's team of HHSC and Sgt. Christopher Luna's team of Co. A placed second and third.

Awards will be presented during the battalion formation April 9.

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The candidates were tested on 34 tasks ranging from land navigation and first aid to timed stations where they had to demonstrate a specific ability.

Some of the timed stations involved candidates donning their NBC gear and administering atropine. They were also timed on assembling and disassembling weapons, and installing an M-21 anti-tank mine, camouflaging it and then removing it.

can only receive a certain number of NO-GOs," said Johnson. If Soldiers fail at one individual station twice or if they fail at three different stations, they are disqualified.

Candidates who did not receive their badges at the testing conducted are eligible to try again the next time it is held. EIB testing must be run at the battalion level and is usually run once a year. Soldiers can try for the EIB as many times as they want until they earn the badge, Johnson said.



"When candidates are tested on the stations, they



Soldiers also conduct individual movement drills.

"Earning your EIB is very hard," said Staff Sgt. Thomas Davis, of 1-72 AR. "It offers very good training. You learn something you can carry on with you and use to train other Soldiers. My advice to those who received their EIB this year is to wear it proud."

This sentiment of pride in the EIB was also felt by other candidates.

"It is my whole Army life," Park said. "I joined the ROK army and applied to KATUSA and applied to infantry. EIB stands for Expert Infantryman's Badge and I am infantry, so I think I have to get the EIB." *As of presstime, EIB testing has not finished. See next issue for results.*

Spc. Beth Lake

Sgt. 1st Class John Mazurek, 2-9 Inf. Regt. S-5, shows Soldiers how to disassemble a M249 SAW.

COMMUNITY

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Free CLEP testing

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The New National Testing Centers on Yongsan and Camp Casey are offering free computer-based college level examination program testing. Soldiers can take the testing at the base education center.

There are more than 34 test titles in five areas, including composition and literature, history and social sciences, foreign languages, science and mathematics, and business.

Immediate results are available due to

April 27 at 11:30 a.m. at Mitchell's Club on Camp Red Cloud. The price is \$8 per person. All registered volunteers eat for free. Register by April 16 with SuJin McClintock at 730-3183.

Earn \$2,000 in the Army SMART program

The SMART program (Sergeant Major of the Army Recruiting Team) is a new program in which the Department of the Army is paying a \$2,000 bonus to Active Duty personnel or retirees who refer an individual to enlist in the Army. They can earn \$2,000 for making a refer-

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April 9 ... The Messengers



April marks Sexual Assault Awareness Month

2ID Public Affairs Office

The 2nd Infantry Division, in conjunction with the entire Department of Defense, observes April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

The theme for this month's observance is "Stand Up Against Sexual Assault....Make a Difference."

This theme provides the opportunity to highlight the comprehensive efforts throughout the Army to prevent sexual assault, said Staff Sgt. Tracy Miles, the Area I Sexual Assault Response Coordinator.

Throughout April, unit Deployable Sexual Assault Response Coordinators have planned a variety of events designed to increase morale, as well as prevention and awareness of sexual assault. These events include bowling, awareness booths at the PX and dining facilities, raffles

and candlelight vigils. DSARCs will also distribute candy and cards at walkthrough gates and coordinate a 5K walk/run themed, "A Mile in Their Shoes."

SARCs, DSARCs and Unit Victim Advocates will also distribute pamphlets and information cards to the units and all installation facilities in Area I.

"We hope that through our efforts we will be able to put a stop to sexual assaults and educate Soldiers in Area I on a good decision making process and learn to control their alcohol intake," Miles said.

> She added that she hopes the observance will help educate all 2ID Soldiers on the importance of the reporting procedures and making sure that all incidents are reported to the correct authorities. "Sexual Assault

Awareness month allows 2ID to reaffirm our position that sexual assault will not be tolerated in any way, shape or form, as sexual assault is a crime which degrades mission readiness and has a devastating effect on our service members," said Lt. Col. Wanda Chatman, the Division Equal Opportunity program manager. "Sexual Assault is a crime, it is incompatible with the Army Values, and has no place within the 2nd Infantry Division or in the Army."

Ways in which all Soldiers can help prevent sexual harassment include:

• Think. Think about how you respond to social pressures. Think about what your needs and wants are before you are in a sexual situation.

• Trust your instincts and your intuition. Even if you cannot explain why, you have the right to trust your feelings. If you are feeling uncomfortable, leave the situation. Trust your gut.

• Listen. Listen carefully to what the other person is saying.

• Get permission. Never assume that you know what your partner wants. Regardless of how long you have known or dated someone, get permission.

• Communicate effectively. Talk with your partner about what would be mutually enjoyable. Tell your date what you do and do not want, and stick with your decision. Have your words and actions communicate the same message.

• Avoid excessive use of alcohol and other drugs. Alcohol and other drugs interfere with clear thinking and communication.

• Respect yourself. Respect yourself and your date or partner. For more information on sexual assault prevention or to volunteer for an event, contact Miles at 730-3494.



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or opportune ground and or air transportation," said Capt. Rachelle Beseman, 168th Medical Battalion. "This scenario is of an unprovoked field artillery incident. We were shelled with artillery."

For a very long time the Army has known what kinds of injuries can be expected from artillery shelling.

"The injuries we staged here are shrapnel wounds, burns, abdominal lacerations," Beseman said. "We are expected to be air evacuated, weather permitting, on both sides, to the ROK medical system down to Taegu where they have the wartime host National Support Hospital and to 121 South located at Camp Humphreys and further evacuated to Osan simulating evacuation off the peninsula."

"This exercise is not timed but it is meant to exercise the medical system and to be able to know where the prob-



Soldiers from 168th Medical Bn. evacuate a simulated-casualty into the CRC TMC during the unit's mass casualty exercise March 28.

lem areas are so we can identify them for further exercises," Beseman said. "To my knowledge, this is the first joint ROK/U.S. exercise where we are actually taking U.S. patients to the ROK medical system and ROK patients to U.S. medical systems." All in all the exercise is one to discover what situations might arise if an unprovoked wartime incident happens.

"At level two treatment facilities, everything is ready to go when emergencies arise," Beseman said. "We bring casualties from the point of injury to this facility at Camp Red Cloud to be treated and then transported to a level three facility to treat further injuries."

The evacuees would be moved to Camp Red Cloud's helipad and air evacuated to Camp Humphreys for further treatment, explained Beseman.

"This is an exercise to train many that have not had the experience in evacuating casualties to medical facilities," Beseman said.

Translators are very necessary in emergencies such as the one exercised today.

"Our Korean Augmentation to the United States Army Soldiers are serving as our translators today because although medical personnel at ROK hospitals speak medical English they still need translators to understand the situation," Beseman said. "This exercise is a great way to get to know our Korean counterparts and a way for us to be able to work together in the event of a real wartime situation."

STRYKER

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Planning began in October, only about a month after the brigade received its first Stryker vehicles. The unit deployed four Strykers and about 50 infantry and support Soldiers to Korea by way of two Air Force C-17 flights from Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii to K-2. Each vehicle was loaded onto the planes combat-ready, complete with their 50-caliber weapons systems mounted.

"It showed us the Strykers' ability to deploy anywhere within the Pacific realm," explained Sgt. 1st Class James Burciaga, 2nd platoon sergeant for Company A.

The unit also coordinated with the 2nd Infantry Division's 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team. Although the 2nd Infantry Division didn't actively participate in the training, they played a key role in ensuring the 25th ID's training went as smoothly as possible.

"What we are is a package from the brigade operations that is the link between the commander of 1HBCT to this maneuver unit," said Capt. Gregory Hickerson, the 1HBCT training officer. "From the moment that the C17's landed on the peninsula, we've had units supporting this platoon from there up to this point. The range personnel here have bent over backwards to help this platoon accomplish its mission."

"(The) 2ID has allowed us to walk onto the range



Sgt. 1st Class Rhonda Lawson

A Stryker vehicle provides cover while a 25th ID Soldier fires at targets. The two-week long training exercise consisted of dry and live fire gunneries, MOUT training, and day and night fire exercises.

and just do our training," said 1st Lt. Dustin Lujan, 2nd platoon leader.

That training included five stages of maneuver and gunnery practice, including day and night fire, shooting at multiple and moving targets, MOUT training and close quarter maneuvers. The platoon also conducted about 25 dry and live fire exercises. This type of training at Rodriguez Live-fire Complex, where the terrain is larger than those in Hawaii, helped give the 25th ID Soldiers more knowledge of their new vehicle. Korea's unpredictable weather also played a key role in the training. On top of going from cold to warm temperatures, it rained during the latter days of the exercise. However, for infantry Soldiers, the rainy days were just business as usual.

"This is infantry weather," Godinez said. "This is the way we like to fight, when no one else wants to fight."



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Stryker Soldiers from the 25th ID came from Hawaii to Rodriguez Live-fire Complex to take part in the RSOI exercise. "Our training areas are a little shorter," Godinez said. "(Here), we get to practice the length of our weapons systems. We've actually tested our equipment to the limits of its ability with this terrain."

"These opportunities don't come often," Burciaga added, "and when they do, we embrace them."

This opportunity wasn't wasted on the platoon's Soldiers. Many, like Stryker driver Pfc. Joshua Lloyd, found that the training made them even more excited about the Stryker.

"It's made us a lot more comfortable with the vehicle," he said. "We can actually open it up out here and see what it can do."

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"This rain has been a blessing, the way we've received this rain at critical times," Hickerson added. "Every time we were going to go live with our tracer ammunition, we've received rain, which moistened the ground. There's been no disruption in training - no fires, no shut-downs of the range. If they can accomplish this mission in the rain, they can accomplish it anywhere."

Through it all, Godinez said the platoon did accomplish their mission. Aside from the training, they even gave two 1HBCT and one 25th ID medics the chance to conduct three medical evacuation rehearsals.

"The exercise has really been exceptional, especially for our Soldiers," he said. "I think we're (going) back a better-trained platoon, a better-trained squad."

AER allows 'Soldiers to help Soldiers'

By Pfc. Antuan Rofe Staff Writer

family member's death, a car break down or even a financial hardship are just a few things a Soldier might experience, but with the help of Army Emergency Relief, Soldiers have a place to turn for help.

AER is a non-profit organization founded in 1942 by former Secretary of War Henry Stimson and then-Army Chief of Staff George C. Marshall to help Soldiers and their families deal with financial crises.

AER aid comes from non-interest loans that help all Soldiers with legitimate emergency financial needs. AER helps with funeral expenses, medical and dental costs, personal needs when pay is delayed or stolen, food, rent and utilities. It can even aid in getting undergraduate-level scholarships. However, AER cannot pay for nonessentials like financing ordinary leave/vacation, fines or legal expenses, consolidating debt, covering bad checks or paying credit card bills. The program gets its funds from the repayment of the loans given out and investment income, but most of the funds come directly from fellow Soldiers.

"AER does not receive any appropriated or non-appropriated government money," said Sgt. 1st Class Darron Johnson, operations sergeant

and AER representative, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Infantry Division. "It gets its money from Soldiers helping Soldiers. The money comes from the private, the sergeant, the general and whoever else supports the program whether its \$1 or \$5 million, everything is appreciated."

There are several ways that a Soldier can donate to the AER program. They can give a cash

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> Sgt. 1st Class Darron Johnson HHC, 2ID AER Representative

contribution, write a check or they can get an allotted amount taken out of their pay, Johnson said.

The services provided by AER are not only for active-duty Soldiers, but also for reservists on continuous active duty service for 30 days and their families. Widows, widowers and orphans of Soldiers who died on active duty or after retirement are also eligible. Even retirees and their families can receive assistance if they have a

valid emergency need.

"In 2006, AER assisted 50,000 Army people with more than \$49 million," Johnson said.

Soldiers with financial problems should first contact their fist line supervisor and their commander. Then commander will take them to AER for assistance and they will assist the Soldier, Johnson said.

The AER Web site states that, partial loans, partial grants, gifts of funds and even interest free loans will be granted to those who fit the profile of someone that requires help. A grant can be given, but only if repayment will cause undue hardship and there is no dollar amount listed.

"The items that you should bring with you when going to AER are your military ID card, leave and earnings statement, leave/PCS orders and the bill," Johnson said.

The Army Emergency Relief program was designed to help the Army help its Soldiers during their time of financial need. The program is a safe haven for those that have spontaneous emergencies and it gives Soldiers the ability to help out battle buddies all over the world.

"AER is not about notoriety but about giving someone that you don't even know a lifeline," Johnson said.

For more information visit the AER Web site at http://www.aerhq.org, or contact the local AER representative.

2ID receives new satellite commo equipment

Story and photo by Sgt. Kim, Sang Pil Staff Writer

CAMP CASEY - Signal Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division set up near Story Barracks March 14-16 to validate a new satellite communications terminal.

Called Secure, Mobile, Anti-jam, Reliable, Tactical Terminal, the equipment was tested before it gets dispersed throughout the division to units like 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team and 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade.

SMART-T is a Military Strategic and Tactical Relay satellite communications terminal that transmits and receives data and voice information.

Mounted on High Mobility Multi-



Signal Soldiers get the opportunity to use the new SMART-T equipment.

month," Koenig continued. "We don't have to shut it down, reload COM-SEC and bring it back up on the system. It just changes over."

Though this is not new equipment to the Army, it is new to Korea and 2ID. Its compatibility to work with both Mobile Subscriber Equipment and Joint Network Node, which are current and future equipment is an advantage.

"Most of the Army MSE now has been replaced with JNN equipment," said Staff Sgt. Maxwell Smith, HHC, 2ID G6 operations NCO. "The SMART-T is a piece of that upgrade equipment that can integrate into both the MSE and JNN networks."

Communication security is always a priority when it comes to military communications. One of SMART-T's features is 'anti-jam.'

purpose Wheeled Vehicles, SMART-T receives data from a node center, which is a switching, multiplexing, and communications security equipment that supports secure digital communications, and transmits the data to a MILSTAR satellite. The MILSTAR satellite then sends the data back down to another SMART-T that is plugged into another node center.

SMART-T is reliable and helps strengthen 2ID combat power due to its high communication capacity compared to conventional equipment. The terminal provides voice and data communications at low to medium rates. It

megabytes per second over a MIL-STAR satellite. An 8 x 10-inch image can be sent in two minutes using SMART-T, whereas it used to take as long as 22 hours.

SMART-T has been successfully used in Afghanistan and Iraq, where terrain can limit line-of-sight communications using conventional antennas. With a HMMWV's mobility and the satellite's ability to overcome lineof-sight communications, SMART-T provides flexibility in communicating information in various types of terrain.

"It's beyond line-of-sight," said

operates at speeds up to 1.544 Warrant Officer Michael Bailey, HHC, 2ID G6 Plans and Engineering. "Hop over a mountain, all the way around the world. It transports whatever communication pieces you put on it."

> SMART-T is almost self-run equipment that is user-friendly and its setup time is reduced.

> "It's smart because it pretty much works by itself," said Sgt. Matthew Koenig, Co. A, DSTB, SMART-T operator. "All you have to do is, when you bring it up, actuate it to the satellite."

> "COMSEC that is loaded into SMART-T changes over every

"Not only the MILSTAR satellite that's up there, but also the terminal itself can't be jammed," Bailey said. "The stuff it does is classified. Nothing can stop it from transmission."

When the SMART-T gets distributed to echelons below 2ID, the units will be equipped with a more advanced and effective communications system. More than 70 percent of terrain on the Korean peninsula is mountainous. SMART-T will be very useful when it comes to commo missions to defend the land from any possible aggression.