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For Valor



*Soldier's
Medal
awarded for
courage in
fire rescue*



Pfc. Anthony Hawkins Jr.

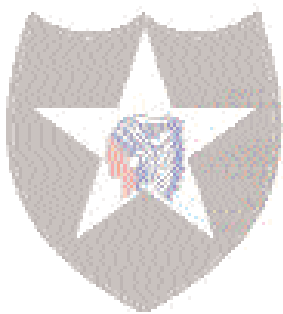
Maj. Gen. James A. Coggin, 2ID commander presents Pfc. Russell McCanless Jr., HHSC, DSTB, with a Soldier's Medal Aug. 16 at Camp Red Cloud. McCanless and Pfc. Reid Erickson, HHSC, DSTB, received the award for rescuing an elderly woman and her physically handicapped daughter from their burning apartment in July 2006. See page 3 for full story.



Sgt. Amanda Merfeld

MEDEVAC tests unit readiness

A 2ID Soldier helps evacuate a FROKA Soldier who is a simulated casualty during the USFK Joint Patient Evacuation Exercise Aug. 28. Members of FROKA, 2ID, 18th MEDCOM and Osan Airbase's 51st Medical Group, as well as members from U.S. and ROK military hospitals, participated in the exercise to test their ability to safely transport and track multiple simulated casualties throughout the Korean Theatre of Operations health support systems. See page 7 for full story.



VOICE OF THE WARRIOR: Why is your job important to the Army?



*We maintain the
combined Army
forces.*

*Sgt. Ko, Dong Hui
HHC, 1st BSTB*

*We are the eyes,
ears, voice and
conscience of the CG.*

*Sgt. 1st Class
William Trent
IG, HHC, 2ID*



*Without us, nothing
would move.*

*Pvt. James Pierson
Co. F, 302nd BSB*

*We motivate and
discipline the new
KATUSA Soldiers.*

*Cpl. Song, Ji Hoon
HHC, 1st BSTB*



*We place personnel
at the right job.*

*Cpt. Guillermo Rojas, Jr.
G1, HHC, 2ID*

*Without us, the
Army can't have any
communications.*

*Pfc. Matthew Crosby
Co. A, DSTB*



Soldiers of today

Carrying on the Nation's defense

By Gen. Richard A. Cody
U.S. Army Vice Chief of Staff

Remarks made by Gen. Richard A. Cody, U.S. Army Vice Chief of Staff, to Cadets at the U.S. Military Academy.

Thirty-eight years ago, I sat where you sit. It was the summer of 1969. Our country had been at war – in Vietnam and with itself – for five years. I left Montpelier, Vt., where few people understood my decision and some openly condemned it, not knowing what the future held for me, the Army or our Nation.

Back then, this Nation's call to duty was something feared, something dreaded or embraced reluctantly. Those who chose to serve willingly or who answered the call without complaint were met with harassment and hostility, only to return to more of the same after a grueling and turbulent tour.

Six years later, as that conflict came to a close, those leaders who remained, combat hardened veterans who still bore faith in this institution and the profession of arms declared, "Never again."

With determination, resilience and incredible foresight they laid the foundation and methodically built this all-volunteer force – a professional, values based institution that could not only look at itself in the mirror, but stand at attention and salute smartly.

The realization of their vision, of their hopes for this Army, is you.

Young men and women whose generation, challenged again by war, with full knowledge of what is asked of you freely raise your right hand and say, "This I will defend. In your time of need, send me."

Young men and women of courage, discipline, selflessness and patriotism, who by donning the uniform say to this Nation, "I will be your shield against the terrorists who

want to destroy us."

You are the might, the compassion, the moral compass. Indeed, you are the strength of this Nation.

You are the promise that no matter the disaster, no matter the conflict and no matter the discourse, this institution will not bend; this Army will not bow; this Nation will not break.

The decision you've made, to be a future leader of the sons and daughters that America entrusts to us, is not an easy one, especially at a time of war.

But it is an important decision, a critical decision, for the preservation of our Army and the indelible idea that is America.

It is difficult, when you are in the moment, to appreciate the moment, to truly understand the significance of your decision and the decisions of those to your left and right.

*"Do not let anyone tell you
that your mission is futile,
that this war is un-winnable.
Because, frankly, failure is not
an option if we are to remain
the land of the free."*

*Gen. Richard A. Cody
U.S. Army Vice Chief of Staff*

But you should take the time to reflect, to contemplate the commitment you and your classmates have made, and be proud of the enduring band of brothers and sisters, selfless Soldiers, all that you have joined.

Because when the history of the Global War on Terrorism is written, when one of

you stands here as a four-star general many years from now, like the greatest generation of WWII, you and those around you will be known and celebrated as this Nation's strongest generation.

Do not let anyone tell you that your mission is futile, that this war is un-winnable. Because, frankly, failure is not an option if we are to remain the land of the free.

And we will, because this is the home of the brave – each and every one of you.

Anyone can say the words Duty, Honor, Country. Precious few can say, "I have done my duty, with honor, for my country!"



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Pvt. Huh, Ho Jin

Pfc. Russell McCanless Jr., HHSC, DSTB, presents a donation to Jisan at the Seon Jae Dong Ja Buddhist Orphanage in Uijeongbu. McCanless and Pfc. Reid Erickson, HHSC, DSTB received the money as an anonymous donation for rescuing an elderly woman and her handicapped daughter from a fire in July 2006.

Soldier's Medal awarded for act of selfless service

By Spc. Beth Lake
Editor

CAMP RED CLOUD, Korea – The year was 1927. Two Soldiers who were stationed at the Pig Point Ordnance Reserve Depot in Pig Point, Va. had their intestinal fortitude tested when a fire broke out. Their quick actions helped saved lives that day, making them the first to receive the Soldier's Medal, the highest medal awarded during peacetime.

Eighty years later on a street in Uijeongbu, two young Soldiers were once again faced with a harrowing situation when a fire broke out at a restaurant. Pfc. Russell McCanless Jr. and Pfc. Reid Erickson of Headquarters and Headquarters Support Company, Division Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, immediately reacted and rescued an elderly woman and her physically handicapped daughter from their burning apartment.

A year later, the smoke is gone. The burning timbers are cool and the damage has been repaired. Yet many remember the fire and the brave actions of two Soldiers.

McCanless was awarded the Soldier's Medal at Camp Red Cloud Aug. 16, for his brave actions in saving the lives of others while compromising his own. Reid, who has changed duty stations, will be awarded the Soldier's Medal by his new unit at Fort Benning, Ga.

"The first thing I thought of was, 'I hope there is nobody in this apartment above the restaurant,'" McCanless said. "We went in to check if there were any animals or people. I just wanted to make sure the people were alive. I would hope

someone would do the same for me."

The night of the fire, they entered the smoky stairway to search the apartment above the restaurant and encountered an elderly woman who pleaded for them to come in.

Following her up the stairs, they found her daughter crawling on the floor, unable to walk. Reid assisted the woman while McCanless carried her daughter to safety.

"They answered their call to duty," Maj. Gen. James A. Coggin, 2ID commander said during the ceremony. "They put their lives on the line to help save the lives of others. Their personal courage proved to the world, proved to their fellow Soldiers, and proved to them what being a Soldier is about."

An anonymous person read their story and sent the Soldiers 600,000 won, the equivalent of about \$600. Instead of keeping the money, they chose to give back to the community in which they serve.

"In the spirit of selfless service, Pfc. McCanless and Pfc. Erickson have chosen to re-donate the money back into the community to Seon Jae Dong Ja Buddhist Orphanage, exemplifying the very nature of what the ROK/U.S. Alliance represents," Coggin said.

McCanless said the entire ceremony was quite overwhelming. "I didn't expect anything like this for one little action," he said.

"There are other people that deserve it more than I do," he added. "There are people over in Iraq and Afghanistan that are doing great things and not getting recognized for it. Here I am in Korea, and I just saved a couple of people's lives. I didn't anticipate getting an award for this. It was just the right thing to do."

Soldiers save lives in daring fire rescue

2ID Public Affairs Office

Editor's note: This story originally ran in the July 14, 2006 issue of the Indianhead.

CAMP RED CLOUD, Korea – Two Camp Red Cloud Soldiers saved an elderly woman and her handicapped daughter when a sandwich shop caught fire the night of July 1, 2006 just outside Camp Red Cloud's front gate.

Pvt. Reid Erickson and Pvt. Russell McCanless Jr., both of Headquarters and Headquarters Support Company, Division Special Troops Battalion were the first on the scene when New York Sub sandwich shop caught fire.

"We walked out of 7 Club to see whether or not I could do handstand pushups, and when I was doing them I noticed something behind us. I stood up and turned around and saw smoke coming out of New York Sub," Erickson said.

They immediately kicked it in gear when they realized that the building was on fire. The Soldiers attempted to open the glass door to the sandwich shop, but found it was piping hot and locked.

"I was going through my phone trying to call 911, and I was like 'Hey, what's the number for 911?'" McCanless said. "I found out later it's backwards; it's 119."

That's when the Soldiers looked elsewhere for help.

"There was a Korean Police booth right outside the gate, so I ran over to them and told them there was a fire and that we needed assistance over at New York Sub," McCanless said.

"We realized when we came back that there was an apartment upstairs and tried ringing the buzzer," Erickson said. "Finally an elderly lady came downstairs, and she didn't speak English at all. The only thing she could say is 'Come in! Come in!' She was pretty frantic about it, so we ran upstairs."

"The smoke was so thick you couldn't see a foot in front of you. It was black. We ran upstairs and got the elderly lady out," Erickson said. "She pointed toward the bedroom and her daughter came crawling out of the bedroom. She was paralyzed."

Caught off guard by the fire, the woman and her daughter didn't have time to react on their own.

"I opened the door and she looked right up at me. I knew right off the bat that something wasn't right. She wasn't able to walk out on her own," Erickson said.

"By the time we got downstairs, the paramedics and fire department had already arrived. Everybody was there waiting. I just laid her on the stretcher," McCanless said.

The Soldiers exited the apartment via an external stairwell on the side of the building. "I went back in and showed the firemen where they could enter the building," Erickson said.

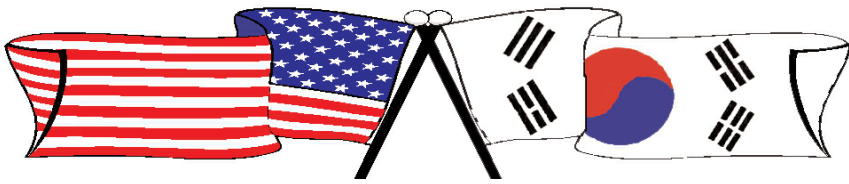
To many people, the two Soldiers demonstrated to the fullest extent the meaning of selfless service and honor. Both Soldiers were humbled about their actions.

"It was about being in the right place at the right time with the right mentality," Erickson said.

"I was taught in basic training to pick the hard right or the easy wrong, and a lot of people put in that position unfortunately wouldn't do the right thing, but there are a lot of people who would," Erickson said.

Regardless of any fear they may have felt, they didn't hesitate to help others in need.

"In basic they taught us to react to contact," McCanless said. "Plus, I was in the Boy Scouts and they taught us to always do the right thing."



MOA strengthens U.S./ROK alliance

By Capt. Brad DeLoach
2CAB Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS, Korea – With the turn over of new commanders in the U.S and ROK armies, and new leaders in the industrial sector, new memorandums of agreement were signed to show the continued support for, and commitment to, their alliance.

The MOAs symbolize the ongoing relationship and sisterhood between the 4th Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, their ROK counterpart, the 109th Bn., 1st Avn. Brigade and local community leadership.

The agreements outline semi-annual participation in officer and noncommissioned officer exchange programs and combined field training exercises to improve aviation combat power on the Korean peninsula.

The 602nd hosted the Paengsong Chapter of the Junior Chamber International, a worldwide federation of young leaders and entrepreneurs between the ages of 19 to 42. It boasts 120,000 members in Korea with many active in local and national businesses, including some holding official offices in government.

The JCI members were treated to a tour of the Y-shop, which is where the 602nd manufactures parts in order to sustain the Brigade. After the tour the group attended a luncheon where they discussed future events such as a jazz festival and sporting events to strengthen their relationship.

“It is my hope and our intention that the commitment we’ve made will continue to grow and foster a positive relationship with the community of Paengseong and Pyongtaek, beyond the gates of Camp Humphreys,” Lt. Col. David Salter, 602nd ASB commander said.

2CAB trains with ROK combined aviation unit

By Capt. Brad DeLoach
2CAB Public Affairs Office

G-510 AIR BASE, Korea – The 2nd Combat Aviation semi-annually takes part in combined training with its ROK counterpart, the Combined Aviation Force at G-510 Air Base, the CAF’s headquarters.

The training is geared around the Aviation warfighter and its capability to ‘Fight Tonight’ should the need arise.

“This training is to build a strong alliance and bond between the two Aviation forces,” said Col. William Morris, 2CAB commander.

The units not only take part in aviation warfare training, but they also conduct multiple Officer Professional Development classes.

These classes are given by members of 2CAB to further expand the CAF members’ knowledge of the capabilities of the U.S. aviation forces.

“These OPDs are a great opportunity for the two armies to exchange doctrine and knowledge that each of the units have learned” said Brig. Gen. Bae, Myeang Hyen, CAF chief of staff.

During this combined training exercise, Soldiers learned about the culture and history of the two Armies. Most U.S. Soldiers in 2CAB don’t get the chance to live and work on a ROK army base, so this was a unique opportunity.

“The Soldiers get a real appreciation for why they are here (South Korea) and the quality of the ROK Soldiers and how strong our alliance really is,” Morris said.

UFL named after Korean war hero

2ID Public Affairs Office

What's in a name? For the exercise Ulchi Focus Lens, the moniker embodies the spirit of the exercise, as it symbolizes the ingenuity used by a seventh century general.

While Ulchi may sound like a foreign word, it is actually the name of a soldier – the spirited Korean Army General Ulchi Moondok.

Ulchi is best known for his defeat of the Sui Chinese forces during a battle in the year 612. According to Chinese records, more than one million of their soldiers swarmed past the Korean border, intent on conquering the peninsula. Of those men, approximately 300,000 were sent on to capture Pyongyang, the capital during that period in history.

However, realizing he was outnumbered, Ulchi staged a number of Korean defeats followed by quick retreats of his troops at each battle. The series of defeats served its purpose and the Chinese believed their victory was imminent. After the seventh battle, Ulchi surrendered with this poem:

*“Your strategy is like the gods
Your calculations high as heaven;
You've hit me hard, time and again;
With such a record (hurry) you home, I pray.”*

The Chinese then insisted on prompt surrender, to which Ulchi agreed, saying his troops would follow if the Chinese would turn around and head north. But, as the Chinese soldiers started to withdraw, they found themselves surrounded by Korean forces. Their vanity had given Ulchi the edge he needed, and the Korean troops quickly defeated the Chinese. Only 2,700 of the 300,000 Chinese soldiers who set out to defeat the capital survived.

However, because Ulchi was a general during the Koguryo kingdom, which was shortly thereafter replaced by the Silla kingdom, his name is not as recognizable as it might have otherwise been.

Regardless, many civilians in the Korean population still remember him as a valiant and heroic defender of the nation.

Editor's note: This article was compiled from information provided by the Combined Forces Command History Office, the 2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs Office and the book “History of the Korean People” by Richard Rutt.

2ID honors retirees

1HBCT

Staff Sgt. Todd D. Long

Jan. 8, 1986 – Feb. 1, 2008

Sgt. 1st Class Andrew J. Ruther

Aug. 26, 1988 – Mar. 1, 2008

210th Fires Bde.

Sgt. 1st Class Kevin R. Brooks

Jan. 7, 1986 – Feb. 1, 2008

Master Sgt. Thomas L. Cremeans Jr.

Aug. 20, 1986 – Jan. 1, 2008

Sgt. 1st Class Curtis W. Grothman

Dec. 1, 1987 – Feb. 1, 2008

Sgt. 1st Class Edward T. Morrison III

Nov. 24, 1987 – Jan. 1, 2008

Sgt. 1st Class Gorgonio A. Perey

Sept. 20, 1983 – Oct. 1, 2007

Master Sgt. Anthony L. Pierce

Aug. 27, 1987 – Feb. 1, 2008

DSTB

Staff Sgt. William S. Brooks II – DSTB

Jan. 13, 1988 – Feb. 1, 2008

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Roger L. Gamble – DSTB

June 23, 1987 – Mar. 1, 2008

Chapel Service Times

Camp Red Cloud

Warrior Chapel
Protestant:
11 a.m. Sunday
Catholic:
11:30 a.m. M-F
4 p.m. Saturday
9 a.m. Sunday
KATUSA
7 p.m. Sunday
COGIC
12:30 p.m. Sunday

Camp Casey

Stone Chapel
Protestant:
10 a.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
6:40 p.m. Tuesday

Memorial Chapel
Gospel:
11 a.m. Sunday

KATUSA:
6 p.m. Tuesday

West Casey Chapel
KATUSA:
6:30 p.m. Thursday
Protestant:
10:30 a.m. Sunday
Catholic:
12 p.m. Sunday
LDS:
2 p.m. Sunday

Camp Hovey

Hovey Chapel
Catholic:
9:30 a.m. Sunday
Protestant:
11 a.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
6 p.m. Tuesday

Crusader Chapel
Protestant:
11 a.m. Sunday

Camp Stanley

Protestant:
10 a.m. Sunday
Gospel:
11 a.m. Sunday
Catholic:
1 p.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
7 p.m. Tuesday

Camp Humphreys

Catholic:
11:45 a.m. M, T, T, F
9:30 a.m. Sunday
Protestant:
10:30 a.m. Sunday

Camp Castle

Castle Chapel
KATUSA:
6 p.m. Tuesday

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USAG-Red Cloud:
732-7469
CRC Catholic: 732-6428
Hovey Chapel: 730-5119
Memorial Chapel
730-2594
West Casey: 730-3014
Stanley: 732-5238
Humphreys: 753-7952
Castle: 730-6889
Orthodox worship service
Saint Nicholas Cathedral:
753-3153
LDS: 730-5682
Other services including
bible studies and fellow-
ships are offered in some
chapels. Please call for
complete schedules.



WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

2ID Motorcycle Training Course

The Department of Defense is offering motorcycle and scooter safety courses in Area I September 15-23. The courses being offered are a Basic Rider's Course, Experienced Rider's Course and Scooter School.

Basic Rider's Course and Scooter School requires no stateside endorsement to operate a motorcycle or scooter. The Advanced Rider's Course requires a stateside endorsement, and participants must be a graduate of BRC to attend.

All DoD-approved safety equipment is required to attend these classes. For more information contact Scott Steverwald at 738-3109 or e-mail at scott.steverwald@us.army.mil.

National Kids Day celebration

Camp Red Cloud ACS and 2ID, in partnership with other community organizations, will celebrate National Kids Day on Sept. 15 with an old-fashioned Family Field Day at Stewart Field, Camp Casey. All Area I Families are invited to this fun and free event.

National Kids Day was established in 2001 as a day to foster stronger relationships between adults and children by educating them about the importance and value of spending meaningful time

together. There will be games, performances and other activities throughout the day, including prize drawings.

The event will begin at 11 a.m. and will conclude at 5 p.m. For more information, please call Heejung Sackett at 730-3002, or contact your local ACS.

Special Forces recruiting briefings

Special Forces representatives are in Korea holding recruiting briefings through Sept. 14. The briefings will be Mon.-Thurs. at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. at Camp Casey's Education Center. A briefing will also be held each Friday at 10 a.m. All enlisted ranks private first class through staff sergeant are welcome to attend, as well as year group 2005 officers. A physical fitness test will also be held at Schoonover Field on Camp Casey Sept. 14 at 6:30 a.m. for interested applicants. For more information, please contact Sgt. 1st Class Marc Debeam at 010-8690-7810 or send an email to SpecialForcesHawaii@yahoo.com

2ID Indianhead Association

The 2ID Indianhead Association provides support to past and present 2ID Warriors and their Families. It does so by honoring fallen Soldiers who wore the "Big Black Patch" and made the ultimate

sacrifice. It sends representatives to all funerals of fallen 2ID Warriors lost in combat as well as non-combat deaths.

The association reaches out to veterans of the present by sponsoring drives to provide food, care packages and calling cards to deployed 2ID Warriors. College scholarships to Warriors and their family members are also available through the association.

Safety Officer training

The Duty Safety Officer Certification course will be held at Camp Casey, Building S-546 Oct. 17-19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Upon successful completion, each appointee will be certified to function as an organization's Safety Officer. Please contact Kiman Kang at 732-7298 for more information.

2ID Band needs female vocalist

The 2ID Band is looking for female Soldiers who are interested in auditioning as a vocalist.

Applicants must be private first class or above and have six months or more left before their DEROS. They must also be able to sing the National Anthem in Bb, the Warrior March and Army Song, as well as receiving the consent of their command to be released to the band before auditioning.

Movies

Camp Casey

Show times: Fri.-Sat. 6:30 & 8:30 p.m., Sun. 3, 6:30 & 8:30 p.m., Mon.-Thur. 7:30 p.m.

September 7... *Harry Potter*;
DOA:Dead or Alive
September 8... *DOA:Dead or Alive*;
Evan Almighty
September 9...*The Invasion*;
The Invasion;
Harry Potter
September 10... *The Invasion*
September 11... *Ocean's Thirteen*
September 12... *Transformers*
September 13... *DOA:Dead or Alive*
September 14... *I Know Who Killed Me*;
Chuck and Larry
September 15... *1408*;
I Know Who Killed Me
September 16... *Death Sentence*;
Death Sentence;
1408
September 17... *Death Sentence*
September 18... *Chuck and Larry*
September 19... *I KnowWho Killed Me*
September 20... *Knocked Up*

Camp Red Cloud

Show times: Fri.-Sat. 7 & 9 p.m., Sun. 6 & 8 p.m., Mon., Tue. & Thur. 7 p.m.

September 7... *The Invasion*;
DOA:Dead or Alive
September 8... *Harry Potter and The Order of The Phoenix*;
DOA:Dead or Alive
September 9... *Transformers*;
Knocked Up
September 10... *DOA:Dead or Alive*
September 11... *Evan Almighty*
September 12... *No Showing*
September 13... *Death Sentence*
September 14... *Death Sentence*;
I Know Who Killed Me
September 15... *I Know Who Killed Me*;
1408
September 16... *1408*;
Chuck and Larry
September 17... *Chuck and Larry*
September 18... *1408*
September 19... *No Showing*
September 20... *The Brothers Solomon*

Camp Hovey

Show times: Sat.- Sun. 3:30 & 7 p.m., Mon.-Fri. 7 p.m.

September 7... *Transformers*
September 8... *Harry Potter*;
The Invasion
September 9...*DOA:Dead or Alive*;
Knocked Up
September 10... *Fantastic Four*
September 11... *The Invasion*
September 12... *DOA:Dead or Alive*
September 13... *Ocean's Thirteen*
September 14... *1408*
September 15...*Chuck and Larry*;
Death Sentence
September 16... *I Know Who Killed Me*;
DOA: Dead or Alive
September 17... *Chuck and Larry*
September 18... *Death Sentence*
September 19... *1408*
September 20... *I Know Who Killed Me*

Camp Stanley

Show times: Sun- Mon. & Thu. 7 p.m., Fri. 6 p.m. & 8 p.m., Wed.& Sat. 7 p.m. & 9 p.m.

September 7... *DOA:Dead or Alive*;
License to Wed
September 8... *Harry Potter*;
Evan Almighty
September 9...*DOA:Dead or Alive*
September 10... *Harry Potter*
September 11... *No Showing*
September 12... *Death Sentence*;
Death Sentence
September 13... *DOA: Dead or Alive*
September 14...*I Know Who Killed Me*;
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KATUSA sails past competition

By Pvt. Kim, Hyo Joong

Staff writer

The annual 2007 Korea Stamp Exhibition, which started in 1945, was held in the Pacific Hall, COEX, Samsung-dong by the Ministry of Information and Communication Aug. 1-5.

This year it began with the awards ceremony followed by an opening ceremony.

Pvt. Jun, Sung Hoon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Infantry Division, was awarded first place in the thematic story board category.

"Hearing of my prize, I felt so happy and special as a Soldier," Jun said.

His work, 'Sailing with Sail Boats,' was made with many materials related to stamps, including stamps themselves. His work consists of many precious things, including the envelope sent with the 'Jacques Cartier.'

This was the most expensive piece, and is worth about two million won.

The flow of the story as well as the value of stamps was terrific, said one of the judges, which is why they agreed to present the prize of the president to him unanimously. His work covers the invention and improvement of sail boats, as well as their effects on international history.

He was awarded the prize of the Secretary of Information and Communication in 2005 for the work with the same theme.

Jun has collected stamps since 2002.

"At first, I had collected them because of their beautiful designs," Jun said. "However, I got to know that stamps were not just a piece of beautiful



Pvt. Kim, Hyo Joong

Pvt. Jun, Sung Hoon, HHC, 2ID, stands in front of his entry in the 2007 Korea Stamp Contest. He won first place in the 2007 Korea Stamp Exhibition contest for his submission on sail boats.

paper but something that reflected the culture, society and history of the country in which they were made. That made me more fascinated with stamps."

Jun looks forward to competing in other compe-

titions in the future.

"I truly hope to take part in the 2009 Asia Stamp Exhibition and 2012 International Stamp Exhibition after the end of my term of service," he said.

Chusok: The day of the full moon

2ID Public Affairs Office

It's that time of year again! It's the day when more than half of the Korean population makes a massive movement by car, bus, train and airplane to head for their traditional home. It is Chusok, the Korean Thanksgiving Day.

Chusok, also known as Han Gah Wee, meaning 'the great day in the middle of August,' is one of the greatest national holidays Koreans celebrate. It is also one of the biggest migration events in Korea.

During Chusok, a trip by car from Seoul to Busan, which usually takes about five hours, takes as long as 20 hours.

What does 'Chusok' mean?

The date of Chusok changes every year because the holiday is celebrated according to the date of the lunar calendar, which is Aug. 15. The word, Chusok, means 'the day of beautiful full moon in August.'

During Chusok, people can see the brightest full moon. There is a traditional custom on Chusok in which the family members gather around a spot where they can clearly see the moon and make a wish for the happiness and the prosperity of their family.

The history of Chusok

The history of Chusok goes back to ancient times when the people served the moon as a great being to brighten the darkness at night. The night of the full moon was the most thankful one since it had the brightest moonlight.

People started to celebrate it by holding a big festival on Aug. 15 of the lunar calendar, the day with the brightest full moon. This tradition went down from generation to generation and is even celebrated now as a national holiday.

The custom of Chusok

On Chusok, family members, usually from the paternal line, get together to prepare food, honor their ancestors, and cherish rela-

tives, both living and deceased.

Every mother in Korea is busy many days before the actual holiday because they have to prepare food to be put on the ancestral plate for Cha Rae, a memorial ritual to remember the ancestors.

On Chusok morning, families carefully place food on the ancestral table for the Cha Rae ritual. The house of the eldest son is usually the site of the gathering. Family members arrive early in the morning to participate in the ceremony. The eldest male in the family usually presides over the ritual.

Each family member stands before the table and bows two or three times from a kneeling position and offers Korean traditional wine and food to the ancestors.

After the ritual, all the food is taken out of the table and rearranged for the family to eat. The family sits around the table to eat the food and reminisce about the ancestors.

After the meal, the family visits their ancestors' graves with food. At the grave, they clean up the

area and cut the weeds around the grave. Then they bow again to the grave to thank their ancestors. This visit is called Sung Myo.

The food of Chusok

Koreans, like many other traditional cultures around the world, celebrate the holiday with special food. The best representative food of Chusok is Song Pyun, the rice cake made with finely ground new rice as the dough. The rice cake is filled with toasted sesame seeds, chestnuts, or peas sweetened with honey or sugar.

Chusok in Modern Korea

There are many Christians in Korea. Some Christian denominations discourage or oppose the Korean tradition of worshipping ancestors or gods not connected with Christianity. Therefore, some Christian families honor their ancestors with prayers and hymns rather than bowing or offering them food.

This year Chusok falls on Sept. 25.

Medical units put to test

By Sgt. Amanda Merfeld
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TIGER TRAINING AREA, Republic of Korea – The CH-47 Chinook helicopter, notorious for its transportation use, was at the center of the United States Forces Korea Joint Patient Evacuation Exercise 28 Aug, as a casualty evacuation vehicle.

The exercise also employed UH-60A, Black Hawks, which are typically the vehicle of choice for transporting mass casualty victims.

Capt. Steve Duryea, the mission commander for the CASEVAC exercise, said that in addition to using helicopters, a non-standard ground evacuation vehicle like a HMMWV can be used to evacuate Soldiers with whatever MEDEVAC equipment is available. MEDEVAC aircraft are equipped and trained with medical personnel and supplies, whereas CASVAC vehicles are not. The exercise also implemented fixed-wing and trained Soldiers on standard and non-standard ways to evacuate patients.

The morning exercise started with a simu-

lated, unprovoked field artillery attack wounding and killing more than a dozen U.S. Soldiers. The MEDEVAC and CASVAC evacuation response that followed tested the ability to safely transport and track multiple simulated casualties throughout the Korean Theatre of Operations health support systems.

Soldiers involved in the exercise were instructed to respond by setting up a Battalion Aid Station in the field, ground evacuate, treat, initiate a 9-line MEDEVAC Request and load patients on responding MEDEVAC and CASVAC aircraft.

Soldiers from the First ROK Army, 2nd Infantry Division, 18th Medical Command, 121st Combat Support Hospital, ROK Armed Forces DaeJeon Hospital, Osan Airbase 51st Medical Group, and Osan Air Base Hospital were all involved.

“The joint effort was to make the exercise as useful as possible because we train and fight side-by-side with our ROK allies,” Duryea said. “Normally, this exercise has been done with just USFK Soldiers. Since this is done with ROK Soldiers, it makes it more realistic.”



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UH-60A Black Hawks are typically used as a mass casualty transport helicopters. CH-47 Chinook helicopters were also used in the joint MASCAL event Aug. 28.



Capt. Brad Deloach

Capt. Mark Knight directs Soldiers to a CH-47 Chinook helicopter. The casualty evacuation exercise was used to test the joint evacuation of Soldiers during a mass casualty.



Sgt. Amanda Merfeld

Soldiers from 18th MEDCOM carry casualties to a CH-47 Chinook helicopter. Chinooks are typically not used for evacuation, but their employment proved how all available assets can be used if needed.

Death Dealers' enlisted pause for training

By Sgt. Amanda Merfeld
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TRAINING AREA JERRY, Korea – There are no exceptions when the birds land. Everything is put on hold for the real-world mission at hand. Lunch is set down and tool boxes are secured.

For a 4th Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment aircraft mechanic, it doesn't matter what's going on, nothing is more important than the physical condition of an aircraft. Although these Soldiers know their jobs inside and out, there is still something

else that is just as important: Warrior Tasks and Drills.

“In the rear, the aircraft are the main focus. Out here in the field, battle drills are the main focus,” said 1st Sgt. Robert Gage, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4-2 Attack. The battalion spent five days in the field for uninterrupted drilling of basic Soldier skills.

“They are the 40 tasks that are highlighted by the Army as the primary survival tasks. They teach Soldiers how to shoot and move... and to protect and take care of themselves,” said 1st Sgt. Drury Puckett, the 4-2 sergeant major.”

The exercise was an enlisted-only training site that allowed them to concentrate on battle training.

Without the distractions of immediate “hey you” details, Soldiers were able to focus on specific tasks such as basic medical skills, a mass casualty exercise and the simulation of a chemical environment.

During the entire exercise, perimeter security was maintained. Whether it was a mock oppositional force encounters or media arriving unannounced, Soldiers of 4-2 never let their guard down.

“This training is to teach them how to take care of themselves and take care of the perimeter so they can accomplish the mission,” Puckett said.

Are you ready for some football?

By Pvt. Phillip Adam Turner
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Christmas has come early for many football fans across the United States as the college football season has arrived. The top five teams heading into this season should be no surprise, as they are the usual suspects one would expect to see on top of the college ranks.

But keeping in the tradition of football, the underdog is always the better story, and I believe there are a few teams that could turn some heads and not only enter the top 25 but maybe even generate some big upsets this season.

We'll start with the Atlantic Coast Conference and the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets who have made big strides in recruiting over the past few years to get them back on top of the conference. Coming off a heart-breaking 9-6 loss at the hands of Wake Forest in the ACC Championship Game last year, the Yellow Jackets are primed to one-up their performance of last year.

Six-foot-three, 230 lbs-junior, Taylor Bennett will be the Jackets' new signal caller this year, and will have to prove that his performance in last year's Gator Bowl was no fluke. Bennett was 19 of 26 for 326 yards and three touchdowns in a 38-35 loss to West Virginia. Bennett has shown he can find the open receiver and has the arm strength to throw downfield. He also brings poise and good decision-making in the pocket something they were missing with four-year

starter Reggie Ball.

Chan Gailey is returning for a fifth straight season as head coach. He has led the Jackets to five consecutive bowl appearance and seven wins over top 25-ranked opponents (six of them coming on the road) in his tenure as head coach.

With the Jackets' returning 17 starters to both sides of the ball, including All-American linebacker Philip Wheeler to lead the defense, Tech appears to be ready, willing and able to do some damage and secure a slot in the ACC championship game.

Now let's look to the Pacific Ten Conference or the "darlings of the Bowl Championship Series," as it has asserted itself as a force to be reckoned with during bowl season, with University of Southern California always in the hunt for the national title.

The Oregon Ducks are coming off of a disappointing 7-6 season plagued by inconsistent play. Head coach Mike Belotti finds himself on the chopping block as the team's performance this year could determine the future of his 13-year position with the Ducks, as this program doesn't settle for winning records and menial Bowl appearances.

The Ducks will need a big season from junior half-back Jonathan Stewart, who has the capabilities to be a premiere Reggie Bush-style back in the conference with more consistent play. The Ducks ran into trouble last season, losing every game in which Stewart did not rush for 100 yards or more. The Ducks

like to go over the top of defenses by using the run to open up the pass. The Ducks will need Stewart to be a consistent force at back to generate a more dominant offense.

I have my eyes set on the Ducks' Oct. 27 meeting with the USC Trojans in Eugene, Ore. With 14 returning starters playing mistake free on both sides of the ball, the Ducks have a shot to pull off the upset of the season by beating the No. 1 Trojans.

I believe the Ducks could have a legitimate shot at bringing home a Pac-10 title and a BCS bid if the cards fall in their favor this year.

Now let's turn our attention to what I consider to be the biggest story in college football this year. Nick Saban has returned to the South Eastern Conference, where he won his first national title in 2003 with the Louisiana State Tigers.

Saban is the new head coach at the University of Alabama, and is expected to return the program to its glory days as a national power of the gridiron. The question is, can he fill the shoes of former great sideline generals Bear Bryant and Gene Stallings, who's national title runs are what all other coaches are measured by in Tuscaloosa.

He can and will return the program to national prominence but, not in his first season. Saban brings with him a complicated system of offensive and defensive schemes that takes time for college level players to adjust to. His defense is heavily reliant on outstanding individual per-

formances in the secondary, and with a young group of corners and safeties I expect for his secondary to be tested early and often.

The national title is out of the question for Saban's first season at Alabama, but I do expect the Crimson Tide to be very competitive and even take a run at the SEC title. You can bet on the focus, at least for this year to be ending their five-year losing streak to arch-nemesis Auburn University.

You can expect to see the rise of the Crimson Tide as an effective and genuine threat to all of college football and the SEC this season and for as many seasons as they can keep Saban at the helm.

The 2007 season should be full of hard hitting action, unbelievable upsets and grade-A prime time football action. I for one will be glued to my tube every Saturday to soak in as much of the season as possible.

So kick back with a bowl of your favorite snack, get your preferred beverage and exercise your right as Americans. Pull for your team, yell at the ref, and tell him "your mother could make a better call." Hate your rivals and pray for that last second field goal; college football is back.

For questions, comments or to just tell me how wrong you think I am, contact me at phillip.a.turner@korea.army.mil. War Eagle!



Soldiers, Airmen battle for ring supremacy

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CAMP HUMPHREYS, Korea – Fighters from both the U.S. Army and Air Force settled their interservice differences in the ring during the 2007 Summer Smoker Boxing Tournament Aug. 11.

The competition, sponsored by Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation, pitted 36 males from Osan, Kunsan and Suwon Air Bases against Soldiers from across the Korean peninsula in 18 bouts, each lasting through three rounds. The boxing smoker lasted more than three hours.

"I push them (the Wolf Pack Boxing Team) through a lot during training, so coming here should be easy for them," said Richard Mora, Wolf Pack Boxing Team head coach. "Going into this fight, these guys were hungry and they were ready. We showed the Army how to box."

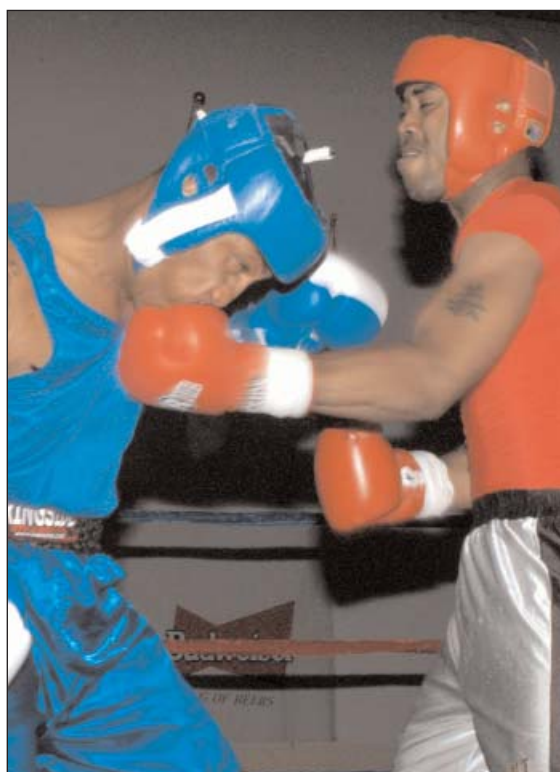
"I'm havin' a ball," said Sgt. Maj. Jason Kim, Camp Humphreys command sergeant major about

the fight. "Humphreys hosts a lot of events so this is a great way to keep our Soldiers on post instead of having them off. Boxing is an exciting sport so a lot of people enjoy this kind of sport. Tonight, the Air Force has a good chance. There is good competition between them and the Army."

The night's main event arrived with a history-making fight featuring Humphrey's Won-Tae Kim, a KATUSA Soldier, versus Kunsan's Justice Burrus. Both fighters danced around each other into the third, with Burrus taking more points over Won.

Lawrence Blackwell from Camp Hovey said he was interested in a rematch with Kunsan's boxers, but only after the new Camp Casey boxing team had been formed.

"After the Fourth of July match at Casey, a lot of guys were interested in getting a team off the ground," Blackwell said. "This is Kunsan's day, but I promise you, we're going to have an evenly-matched fight between the Air Force and the Army. We'll be ready."



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Camp Casey's Elzavon Maxie delivers a punch to Kunsan's Devin Goodnoe during the 2007 Summer Smoker Boxing Tournament at Camp Humphreys Aug. 11.