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CSA visits 2ID

By Phillip Adam Turner
Assistant Editor

Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr. visited with Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division and all over the peninsula during a trip to Korea Dec. 14.

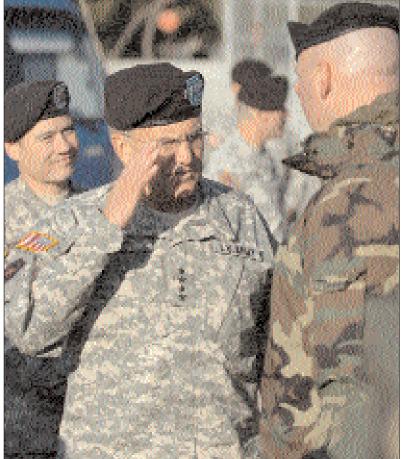
Casey, who has been serving as CSA for a little more than eight months, boosted the morale of many Soldiers who will be spending the holidays away from their Families.

Sgt. 1st Class Chad Johnston, Battery A, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment said, "It's good to see that the leadership cares and that the chain of

command takes an active concern in our welfare and well-being. It's not easy being away from Family during the holidays. Even the little things like that help."

Casey's visit to the 2nd Infantry Division was the first time many junior enlisted Soldiers had ever seen a four star, and would view this visit as a message that their efforts do not go unnoticed.

"It's great that he's taking the time to come down and see us," said Pfc. Eric Burns, 6 - 37 FA. "It's not often that you get to meet a general of any sort. So, this is a great opportunity for me to actually see one and take that incentive to be a



Pfc. Phillip Adam Turne

(Above) Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr. talks with 2ID Soldiers during a visit to Warrior Country Dec. 14. (Left) Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr. thanks Soldiers for their service and wishes them a happy holiday season.



Pfc. Phillip Adam Turner

2ID holiday concert features young violinist

By Pfc. Bo Park

Staff Writer

The Warrior band and several other acts got together to help celebrate the Korean-American friendship holiday concert at Uijonbu Arts Center Dec 12. The concert hall was filled with many invited guests including the command group, civilians and local students of Gyeunggi-do.

A Korean girl in a bright pink gown stood out among military men and women in dress uniform.

Not only that, a sheer and delicate sound of the violin

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Yu, Hu Son

Chief Warrant Officer 3 William J. Brazier Jr., the 2ID commander and bandmaster conducts the 2ID band as Suh, Jung Eun, the featured violinist, plays along at the 2007 Korean American Holiday Concert in Uijongbu Dec 12.

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VOICE OF THE WARRIOR:

What is a New Years resolution that will be hard to keep?



"I decided years ago to stop making resolutions and it's the only one I've kept."

> Pfc. Justin Hartge HHC, 2ID G2

"To quit smoking, because I've been doing it for so many years."

> Sgt. 1st Class Sharon Williams WRC, DSTB





"To eat healthier, but I won't keep it."

Pvt. Ronald Todd HHC, 304th Signal Bat.

"Saving money, because if I see something I want to get it."

Sgt. Jamaal Freeman Co. A, 602nd ASB





"To not drink in Korea the whole time I'm here."

Pfc. Krista L. Jones HHC, 2ID G2

"Becoming a physical fitness master."

Pfc. Shin, Jung Woo HHSC, DSTB



Warrior 6 sends: CG wishes all happy holidays

By Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III

2nd Infantry Division commander

Happy Holidays! I want to emphasize to all of you to take every opportunity to make this holiday season here on Freedom's Frontier special for you and your fellow Warriors. Holidays away from friends and relatives can be difficult, but in Warrior Country you are never without Family. You, the U.S. and ROK Soldiers, Airmen and civilians who serve so proudly in our ranks are all part of this large Warrior Family.

In good fellowship, renew your spirits during this season of hope and joy and celebrate your faith. Cherish the gifts you give and receive every day. And remember you and your fellow Warriors give the gift of selfless service and you receive the gift of lasting gratitude from those who enjoy the freedom your service protects and defends.

As you celebrate and enjoy some well-deserved rest and relaxation, you can not forget safety and the importance of being good neighbors. As representatives of the United States, we owe the Korean people the utmost respect and we must do all we can to act as good neighbors.

Leaders must take the lead and empasize safety during this holiday. Remind Soldiers, Airmen and civilian employees of the hazards associated with this season and how to apply the composite risk management process to control hazards. As a minimum, the following should be addressed:

●"Under the Oak Tree Counseling" - Leaders will use this to express to Soldiers the hazards associated with the winter holiday and measures to take to reduce these hazards



• Practice responsible alcohol consumption. Drunkenness and disorderly behavior do not reflect Army values and standards. Review 2ID Policy Letter # 8, Responsible Alcohol Consumption.

• Recognize the value and importance of the battle buddy system as contained in 2ID Policy Letter #6. The battle buddy system is strongly encouraged. To be a good battle buddy means to watch out, protect and intervene when your buddy may be headed for trouble

• Adhere to the 2ID leave, pass and curfew policies contained in 2ID Policy Letter #7. Soldiers staying overnight, whether on or off an installation other than their own, must have a pass that is granted by the appropriate approval authority.

With deep pride and appreciation, Debbie and I extend to you, the Warriors of the 2nd Infantry Division, and your Families our heartfelt prayers and thanks. God Bless each of you and your Families for your tremendous sacrifices. Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year. Second to None!



Pfc. Huh, Ho Jin

The 'Little Santa' choir of Kim's Academy sings 'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer' accompanied by the Warrior Band during a holiday Concert in Uijongbu Dec 12.

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Servicemembers learn 'synergistic fight'

By Spc. Beth Lake *Editor*

Sixty-two Soldiers and Airmen learned the meaning of a synergistic fight during the Joint Firepower Course taught at Camp Hovey Dec. 3-8.

Six instructors from the 57th Fighter Wing's Air Ground Operations School taught an intensive six-day version of the course, which is normally filled with students from the Marines, Air Force, Navy, and Coalition forces and taught at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

Students in the course ranged in career fields at the enlisted and officer level from air traffic controllers, fires and effects cells, pilots, medical personnel and administration.

This course gives students a tool kit to make it a synergistic fight, said Lt. Col. Brent Parker, Joint Fires Instructor, Army Joint Support Team, Nellis Air Force Base.

"We teach students the capabilities of all the systems and the planning factors so they learn how to address any issues" that arise and make it one fight for the commander, said Parker.

The course was taught in two parts, and was focused on the students. This class was tailored for scenarios specific to 2ID and Korea.

"We give a lot of background information," said Air Force Lt. Col. Steve Toldy, Joint Fires Instructor, 6th Combat Training Squadron, Nellis, AFB.

"In this case, while there is Army doctrine, we also give information on the Air Force, such as weapons and their capabilities and how the joint terminal attack controllers work."

To help students understand what they were learning, the Tactical Air Control Party from Camp Casey came out and did a demonstration for the class.

The TAC-P are special operations airmen who work side by side with the Army to coordinate fire support.

The second part of the course was a hands-on exercise where students were given a tactical prob-



Spc. Beth Lake

A small group of Soldiers formulate a plan of attack during the tactical exercise portion of the Joint Firepower course held at Camp Hovey, Dec. 3-8.

lem in which to make a plan on how they would integrate all of their assets.

"We planned an attack on insurgents," said Staff Sgt. Matthew Veasley, S-3 NCOIC, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade. "We had three no-fire areas, and we had to coordinate around those."

For Staff Sgt. Eric Colon, Headquarters, Headquarters Support Company, Division Special Troops Battalion operations NCO, the tactical exercise helped him see the bigger picture. His group had to defend their position from enemy armor who attacked their perimeter.

"When they mix surface fires and air support together it creates a more cumulative effect on a possible enemy," Colon said. "It is good to have one or the other, but when you combine those it is more effective."

Working in a joint environment has been challenging for him because students are expected to learn the other service's lingo.

"Air Force acronyms are worse than ours," Colon said with a smile. "But working jointly is more beneficial because it makes you think outside the box."

The final portion of the course was a written exam. Those who passed the course will have an additional skill identifier.

For many, the learning goes far beyond the actual classroom environment.

"Regardless of pass or fail, you get the knowledge of how the wheels turn," said Veasley. "Everybody is used to taking orders, but this class teaches you how to build the orders and where they derive from "

Innovative science helps tankers work 'smarter not harder'

By Pvt. Naveed Ali Shah

1HBCT Public Affairs Office

Construction was completed Nov. 20 on an Operational Preservation System for the tanks and Bradleys of the 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, the system is the first system of its kind on the peninsula and the second one for the regular Army.

The system was installed by the Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center, spearheaded by Ali Baziari, team leader.

"It's basically a big dehumidifier," said Baziari. "It's an easily applied, low cost, high return technology."

A generator blows warm, dry air into the vehicles via a tubing system that attached to one of the tank driver's vision blocks, said Baziari. The tubing is set up so that a total of 14 tanks and

16 Bradleys can be hooked up at any time.

The attachments to the vehicles have a sensor to detect the interior level of humidity and temperature so the system can compensate accordingly. It also has a built-in automatic shutoff to prevent overheating, Baziari said.

The warm, dry air prevents condensation from building up in the interior of the tank, which leads to the corrosion of tank's electronic equipment. Of the damage that occurs from natural wear-and-tear, corrosion is the most expensive and time consuming to

"The Army National Guard and Marine Corps already have this system in place and we've received very positive feedback," said Paul M. Wiatr, logistics management specialist, 403rd Army Field Support Brigade. "This is one of the reasons that we decided to implement this technology here."



Pvt. Naveed Ali Shah

Spc. Jesse Rowe, tank crewmember, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt., checks the temperature and humidity sensor in a tank that is attached to the new Operational Preservation Line. This is the first system of its kind on the

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4-3 ADA receives hands-on training

By Andre Butler

Area III Public Affairs Office

CHLOMAE - The 2nd Infantry Division's newest air defenders received hands on training with the Avenger Air Defense Missile System during operation Sea Strike 2007, Nov. 8 at Cholmae, Daecheon Beach.

Echo Battery, 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery, deployed 104 Soldiers to Cholmae range site to validate their weapons system.

"This live-fire exercise gives us the opportunity to validate our wartime capabilities of engaging and destroying aerial enemy targets," said Capt. Anthony E. Douglas, Battery E, commander.

The unit's primary mission is to provide surface to air defense for the division during battlefield operations.

"We provide early warning and air defense to 2ID assets," said Sgt. Larry D. Goodman, Avenger team member and team chief for 1-43rd.

"We enable them to do their jobs on the ground without worrying about air strikes from opposing forces," Goodman said. "This gives them the freedom to maneuver."

The mission for the battery is important and unit members take pride in their operations - considering they are the only Soldiers on the peninsula who can perform their duties.

"We are the only short-range air defense unit in the United States Army in Korea," Douglas said.

For some of the Soldiers in the 1-43rd, this is the first exercise they've had the chance to see how the unit's equipment works as well as operate the systems themselves.

"This gives my Soldiers a realistic view of what we do on the battlefield - especially the new guys,' Goodman said.

Avenger crew teams consist of two Soldiers - a gunner and team chief.

For Pfc. Henry Lopez, Avenger crewman for 1-43rd, this was his first time experiencing what his unit is capable of during war.

"This is good training," said Lopez. "This is my first exercise and it has been great seeing how our



This Avenger takes a shot at an aerial target Nov. 8 at Cholmae, Daecheon Beach. The 1-43rd ADA took part Sea Strike 2007 in order to certify 18 Avenger Air Defense Missile System crews.

systems fire."

Another of 1-43rd's noncommissioned officers said his overall mission is to train warfighters such

"I'm all about training Soldiers," said Staff Sgt. Marcus Sanchez, an Avenger section sergeant for 1-43rd."I like molding new Soldiers into the crew members I know they have the potential of being," Sanchez said.

"I double check everything my Soldiers do. I'm hard during training but it's for a reason," he said.

One lesson Sanchez stressed was for his Soldiers to take care of their equipment.

"I teach them that if they don't take care of these systems now - they won't take care of them during wartime situations.'

"Training is very important and I take it very seriously," he said.

Even though Sanchez may come across as a little tough, the rewards of such training far outweigh his meticulous leadership type style.

There is nothing like watching gunners fire for the first time, he said.

"It's something great," Sanchez said.

"During exercises like these, we are showing our young gunners our actual capabilities."

Sanchez also said he enjoys seeing Soldiers getting fulfillment out of the job they chose in the Army.

Sanchez ended Operation Sea Strike 2007 as the "Top Gunner" for 1-43rd. Goodman finished sec-

The battery is part of the 210th FIRES Brigade in

They finished the eight day live fire exercise with 18 crews certified.

Cavalry teaches boy scouts the Army way

By Naveed Ali Shah

1HBCT Public Affairs Office

The sound of laughter came pouring out from the humvee, a Bradley's horn blared across the parking lot, and children climbed to the top of the mortar track as though it was their own playground during Boy Scout Troop 80's visit to the 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, during their gunnery at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex Dec. 2.

Troop 80, led by Scoutmaster Lt. Col. Gregory W. Packer, Sr., has 23 troops and three adult assistant scoutmasters.

"Scouting is all about teaching young boys' responsibility and character, and we do that mainly through an outdoor program," Packer said.

"Here we're supported by the Cav (4th Sqn., 7th Cav. Regt.), and they're showing some of their vehicles and what they do; their mission."

The visit was beneficial to both the Soldiers and the Boy Scout troops in many ways.

The Boy Scouts had the opportunity to get up close and personal to some very heavy equipment with help from the Soldiers.

"It's pretty cool because I get to learn about different military vehicles," said boy scout Christopher McNeill, from atop of the Humvee.

"We get to learn a lot about what the military's doing here," said Will Van Koughnett, senior patrol leader. "It's a good experience to teach the younger kids."

For the Soldiers of Garry Owen it was just a chance to relax and take a break from their gunnery.

"We're showing them our job, giving them an idea of what we do," Staff Sgt. Michael Seiber, 4th Sqn., 7th Cav. Regt. squad leader. "We've been out on the range since five this morning, and it's just really refreshing to have them come out here."

Troop 80 goes on regular weekend campouts throughout Area II and Area III, but this was their first visit to Area

"We spent last night at Camp Hovey, out in the cold, having a great time," said Packer.

While the troop is run by the adults, it's important to note that the troopers govern themselves in order to learn about responsibility.

"Boy Scouts is a troop led program, they elect their own leaders, come out and set up their own camps

and cook their own meals," said Packer. "It's really a lot like being on a military exercise when you go out with the Boy Scout troop.'

Not only do the troopers and

Soldiers gain something from the visit, the scoutmasters also benefit from the volunteer work they do. Packer said, "It's tremendously

gratifying to watch the younger scouts get involved and grow through this program."

A gratitude for what servicemembers do was also something that the scoutmasters hoped the troopers would gain from this experience.

"I want them to take from this experience an appreciation of what our Soldiers are doing for us here," Packer said. "They're doing that as service to our country and we appreciate that."

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:

Camp Hovey

2 p.m. Sunday

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

Camp **Humphreys**

KATUSA:

7 p.m. Tuesday

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

Points of Contact:

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 fellowships are offered in some chapels. Please call for complete schedules.



WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

MWR hosts new offers for cable TV and rates

In an effort to offer more variety, MWR has added two additional channels to their lineup, HBO Family and HBO Hits. They were turned on Nov. 27.

HBO Family is a sister channel of HBO. The commercial-free, non-"R"-rated channel provides 24-houra-day family programming. Shows include educational and original programs for preschoolers during morning hours; G-rated and PGrated shows in the afternoon, and PG-13-rated movies later in the day.

HBO Hits provides movie fans an outlet dedicated to Hollywood blockbuster hits, 24 hours a day, commercial-free. It will feature all genres of movies as well as Ocar/Golden Globe winning and nominated films. Cable TV in Korea is the only U.S. Army MWR owned and operated television pro-

In addition to the channel updates, MWR cable TV service will have a price increase Jan. 1 of \$3 for the premium package and a \$1 price increase for non-residential basic service.

The price increase is due to the rise in fees paid by MWR to the individual networks for the rights to carry their network, as well as the costs for operations, and maintenance of those channels. For additional information call DSN 738-2288 (CATV).

Education center offers holiday classes

A Christmas and New Year schedule of classes was put together for the Central Texas College and the University of Maryland. The schedule will run from Dec. 21-29. There is no tuition cost for activeduty personnel. The University of Maryland matriculation fee is waived for the first three, onesemester hour Good Cheer & Eager Student Courses. The courses for the University of Maryland include "Sleep and Dreams" and "Personal Investment". The Central Texas College offers "Time Management", "Stress Management", "Interpersonal Relationships" and two courses on useing Microsoft courses. Students may enroll at any Area I Education Center. For additional information contact the education centers at Camp Casey 730-6855/58/59, Camp Hovey 730-5161, Camp Stanley 732-5543 or Camp Red Cloud 732-6862.

Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders

Visiting 2nd Infantry Division Dec. 23

Group A:

11:15-12:30 p.m. Camp Hovey 4-7 Cav. dining facility 1-2 p.m. Camp Casey 302nd BSB dining facility 2:30-3:30 p.m. Camp Casey USO Group B:

11:15-12:30 p.m. Camp Red Cloud dining facility 1-1:50 p.m. Camp Stanley CAC 2:50-3:30 p.m. Camp Castle 70th BSB dining facility

Group A and B: 7-8:30 p.m. Camp Casey Carey Fitness Center

Movies

Camp Casey

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

December 21 ... The Comebacks Gone Baby Gone December 22 ... 30 Days of Night The Comebacks December 23 ... The Golden Compass The Golden Compass

Gone Baby Gone December 24 ... The Golden Compass December 25 ... 30 Days of Night December 26 Gone Baby Gone December 27 ... The Comebacks December 28 ... American Gangster Why Did I Get Married

December 29 ... American Gangster Dan in Real Life

Camp Red Cloud

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

December 21 ... The Golden Compass Gone Baby Gone December 22 ... The Comebacks Gone Baby Gone December 23 ... The Comebacks 30 Days of Night December 24 ... Gone Baby Gone December 25 ... 30 Days of Night December 26 ... No Showing December 27 ... I am Legend December 28 ... I am Legend American Gangster December 29 ... American Gangster

Camp Hovey

Dan in Real Life

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

December 21 ... 30 Days of Nights December 22 ... Gone Baby Gone The Golden Compass December 23 ... The Comebacks 30 Days of Night December 24 ... Gone Baby Gone December 25 ... The Golden Compass December 26 ... The Comebacks December 27 ... Gone Baby Gone December 28 ... Dan in Real Life December 29 ... Shoot'em Up I am Legend

Camp Stanley

Show times: Sun- Mon. & Thu. 7 p.m., Fri. p.m. & 8 p.m., Wed.& Sat. 7 p.m. & 9 p.m December 21 ... The Comebacks

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Camp Humphreys

Show times: Sat.- Sun. 3:30, 6:30 & 9 .m.., Mon.-Tues., Thur.-Fri. 6:30 p& 9 p.m

December 22 ... The Game Plan The Golden Compass December 23 ... The Game Plan The Golden Compass December 24 ... 30 Days of Night December 25 ... Gone Baby Gone December 26 ... The Comebacks December 27 ... The Comebacks December 28 ... I am Legend December 29 ... Alvin and the Chipmunks I am Legend For additional movie times visit: www.aaffes.com



Spc. Jose Baldwin, 2ID Tae Kwon Do team, DSTB, kicks an apple off a knife while blindfolded. Sgt. James Simmons holds the knife with one hand and a bell in the other to direct him to the correct position.



Maj. Gen. John. W. Morgan III shakes hands with Pfc. Erik Strecker, 2ID Tae Kwon Do team, after the team s performance in the Camp Red Cloud gym

2ID Tae Kwon Do Team performs for new CG

By Pfc. Bo Park

Staff Writer

Broken pieces of wood boards flew through the air as four Soldiers tumbled from all directions at one time.

Soon more Soldiers formed a straight line and helped others to jump up to kick apples off the

Camouflage paint on their faces was smudged by sweat and all struggled to catch their breath after a kick sequence.

Twenty-four Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division Tae Kwon Do team performed for Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, 2ID commanding general, in the Camp Red Cloud gym Dec. 5.

"It is a very important performance for us, because first impression always count and we want to show the new commanding general how hard we worked and ask for continuing support," said Mr. Kim Mun Ok, the headmaster of the 2ID Tae Kwon Do team.

The international award-winning team started off with a twohour warm-up session prior to the demonstration. The Soldiers had already worked up a sweat from running around the gym practicing their kicks for an hour. Then they did a practice-run detailing choreographed kicks, flips and stunts as if it were the real performance.

"We put in hard work and dedication to this so it's a relief that we finally get to do it," said the 2ID Tae Kwon Do team leader Sgt. Jessie Jones, DSTB. "We do the best for the U.S. /ROK alliance and are good ambassadors for 2ID and the U.S. Army. Hopefully the new CG will see this in us today."

The Tae Kwon Do team demonstrated one-on-one fights, well coordinated kicks and punches. Some of the Soldiers smashed the multiple stacks of marble stone using heads, and broke wood bars into half using different parts of their body. Dangerous stunts with daggers and high flying jump kicks were enough to impress the small audience of the command group.

"It was simply outstanding, showing determination, commitment and detailed skills," Morgan said. "The spirit and skill that they demonstrated represent the true Warriors' spirit."

general The commanding walked over and shook hands with every Soldier on team, offering each an encouraging comment

immediately following the performance.

According to the team administrator, Cpl. Park Ryuck, Division Special Troops Battalion, the members of the team are detailed from individual units and got selected based on previous martial arts or gymnastics experience from Tae Kwon Do Physical Training or the Warrior Readiness Center. The team is currently based at Camp Casey, and trains rigorously every

"I think it went well," said Sgt. Kang Sung Kyoo, 2ID Tae Kwon Do Team, DSTB. "I am pleased and honored to perform for the new CG and glad he liked it. We worked really hard for this and even after I leave the team to go back to my unit the team spirit will last and remain as an integral part of 2ID."

Partnership event strengthens ties

By Maj. Brad Doboszenski

1HBCT Public Affairs Officer

The first major snowfall of the winter season wasn't strong enough to stop the 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team and the 125th Mechanized Infantry Battalion (ROK) from conducting a partnership event at Camp Hovey Nov. 20.

"Even though we are in the same area, we haven't had the chance to get to know each other," said Lt. Col. Yong, Gu Kang, 125th commander. "Both battalions will try hard to keep this relationship strong and beneficial to each other."

The day started with an overview briefing from the 1BSTB, followed by lunch at the dining facility.

"It is my first time having chow in the dining facility and it is really great," said said Capt. Jung Park, commander, 1st Co., 125th Mech. "I like every menu item, especially the sweet desserts."

After a group photo, the ROK Soldiers toured a static display of the 1BSTB equipment. The day ended with a friendly soccer game, pitting the 125th against 1BSTB.

"The game was really good at building a strong friendship for the 125th Mech. Inf. Bn. and the 1 BSTB," said Park.

Each unit agreed they want to conduct future events to build on this partnership.

"If we get the chance to conduct a field training exercise together, we definitely want to have the experience and practice a different style of training," said Kang.

"I can assure you we will do this again in the future," added Abadie.



ALCOHOL abuse, or a pattern of heavy drinking that results in high risk behavior, can have serious effects on the body.

While many of the short term effects may seem minor, they can all lead to more serious, sometimes life threatening, issues.

Many of the short term effects can also lead to serious interpersonal and behavior problems at home and at work.

Physical Effects:

Short-Term: o Distorted vision

- o Black-outs Not being able to remember what the user did while drinking
- o Loss of coordination
- o Altered perceptions and emo-
- o Impaired judgment
- o Bad breath
- o Hangovers
- o Increased heat loss from the
- o Increase in digestive secretions causing stomach irritation
- o Increased urination

Long-Term:

- o Loss of appetite; weight loss
- o Vitamin deficiencies
- o Gastritis; ulcer
- o Cancer (liver, esophagus, throat)
- o Cirrhosis or fatty liver disease o Heart or Central Nervous
- System Damage
- o Hepatitis

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Concert

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stood apart from the expected sound of the 2nd Infantry Division Band, which consists entirely of wind instruments.

A 14-year-old girl, Suh, Jung Eun, the featured violinist of the concert, is best described as a shy teenage girl whose personality completely changes when it's time to perform.

"I am not really pressured or nervous to perform tonight even though we have a full house," Suh said from the back stage waiting room. "I may feel nervous before the show but when I am on the stage I don't think about much."

Suh started playing the violin in the first grade and her continuing passion has taken her a long way. She is in her final year at Yewon School, one of very few art junior high schools in the country.

"She is what Americans call a 'rising star'," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 William Brazier Jr., the the Warrior band commander. "She has a great musical talent and a desire to succeed. She may be quiet but she certainly speaks much louder with her instrument and music."

The program included a variety of music from classical pieces, rearranged carols and jazz style of Warrior Rock band.

Suh was seated right in front of the director and played violin for most of the program including her solo piece, 'Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring'.

"We've been practicing since November," said Spc. Evan Bunch, percussionist, 2ID Band, Division Special Troops Battalion. "Performing with and for Koreans on a big stage in overseas is an excitement for me

During the show, there were many improvised entertainments like the perfect performance of Sgt. Gary Davis, Headquarters 2ID, with Korean Singer Jin Mi Ryung.

As well as the Little Santa Choir's adorable baby

Santa Claus seen at the end of the concert falling asleep on stage.

In addition to these surprises, 2ID band's ever-sogreat excellence in music and their talent offered the audience a good laugh and much of the season's delight.

"It was a fabulous concert," said Lt. Col. Mark Smith, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2ID Inspector General officer, whose secretary is Suh's mother. "She is like part of our big Family, and I am proud of her and the whole 2ID Band to put on a superb concert tonight."

"It feels very Christmas-y coming to a holiday concert," said Hwang Seung Hee, a 17-year-old student who plays clarinet in Ilsan Technical High School Band. "Seeing Koreans and Americans collaborate to produce great music together is truly awesome, and I think I will take away more than just music from tonight's event."

Soldiers experience Christmas in Korea

By Pfc. Bo Park

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Christmas trees are decorated, carols are widely heard in the streets but what does one expect for Christmas in another country?

Even though most Koreans celebrate Christmas and nearly half of the population is known to be Christian, Christmas in Korea does not follow the same customs as in Europe or North and South America.

Christianity was first introduced nearly 200 years ago in Korea, and Protestants actively spread the gospel since the early 1900s. During the fast economic development and industrialization, modern Korea accepted more western culture and integrated into the traditional Confucianist and Buddhist heritage that shaped the lives of Koreans for centuries. Thus, it is more of a neutral religious holiday, celebrated with friends and couples.

Young children still believe in Santa Clause, and Christians attend the midnight service at a church to celebrate Jesus Christ's birth.

"I remember waiting for Santa to bring the presents on Christmas Eve when I was in kindergarten," said Pvt. Ahn, Ki Soo, Headquarters and Headquarters Company.
"Stockings would be hung right above my head and I found difficult to fall asleep because I was too excited to check what I had the next morning."

However, most adults would take it as another national holi-

day to enjoy a day off from

Just like everywhere else in the world, Christmas is commercialized to some extent. It is common to exchange Christmas cards and gifts in Korea. This is not done religiously, nor do people feel obligated to do so with close friends and families like in the western world. People fully appreciate the idea of presents, but hassling to find what others want and the idea of receiving gifts is a burden. It may be due to the subdued culture of extreme politeness discourages the excessive amount of exchanging gifts.

Another difference is the fact that it is not as home-oriented. Very few families 'sit around the tree' in the morning or have big Christmas meals with an abundance of food. There are plenty of holidays to be with families and relatives such as Chusuk (Korean Thanksgiving) and Sulnal (Korean New Year's day). Instead, many people opt for spending the day out shopping, or going to the movies or amusement parks with family, friends or their significant other. Hence the city centers and roads are expected to be extremely busy.

An undeniable fact about Christmas is that it is indeed a festive time for everyone to get excited and enjoy the warmhearted season. The magic of turning fairytale into reality and celebrating Jesus Christ's birth is good enough reason for people to get happy.

The universal Christmas spirit is still alive, however celebrated differently, here in Korea.

Moliday Celebrations

USO Cookie Caravan

Where: CRC, Camp Casey, Camp Hovey

When: Dec. 21 (CRC) 22 (Casey/Hovey), 11AM-3PM What: USO Volunteers will give out Christmas cookies to everyone as thanking Soldiers for their hard work

work.

USO Christmas Party

Where: Camp Casey When: Dec. 21, 3PM-6PM

What: USO is throwing a party for everyone. Santa will be there so bring children for photos. There are enough gifts to go around and plenty of snacks and beverages.

Christmas Party at Pear Blossom Cottage

Where: Pear Blossom Cottage, Camp Casey

When: Dec. 21, 12PM

What: Luncheon and exchange gift. Santa is coming

too!

Cp. Red Cloud CAC Christmas Tournament

Where: CRC CAC

When: Dec. 25, from 11AM

What: Christmas party with pool and X-BOX tournaments held throughout the day. Refreshments are

provided.

Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders

Where: Camp Casey USO & Carey Fitness Center

When: Dec. 23, 6:30PM

What: Cheerleader show at 7PM and for Soldiers who want to see them close, come to USO and get photos and autographs just before the performance.

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1HBCT promotes Iron Team-work



Capt. Adrian Villa, 1HBCT aviation plans officer, releases the ball, during the staff's league bowling night Nov. 29 at Hovey Lanes, Camp

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Just as the Iron Brigade develops teamwork and unit cohesion through field exercises and training, the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team's staff builds solidarity through a weekly bowling league at Hovey Lanes Bowling Alley on Camp Hovey.

"It's a team building event for the brigade staff," said Maj. Lori Robinson, aviation officer, 1st HBCT. "But it's also just to have fun."

Adapting to life at a new unit, especially in Korea, is made easier through social events, such as the bowling league.

"We've built a lot of camaraderie and 'Esprit de Corps within the staff here at 1st Brigade," said Capt. Mike Stinchcomb, provost marshal, 1st HBCT

The bowling league also allows the staff to let their hair down and relieve some stress after long work days.

"It's an opportunity for staff to interact away from the work environment," said Robinson.

"It gives us all something to look forward to and let off some steam in a fun way," said Stinchcomb.

Due to the fact that most Soldiers in the 2nd Infantry Division are not command sponsored, this bowling league is one way to alleviate that type of stress

"Many people here in Korea do not have family with them and this is a way to build friendships within the unit," said Robinson. The Iron Brigade staff will continue to build upon this foundation with a spring sporting league, following the finals at the end of December.

Iron Team Bowling League Standings

Team Record
IRON O'S 7-2
HOLY ROLLERS 6-2
SPEED KILLS 6-3
AIRHEAD 4-3
ILLEGAL INTEL. 4-5
SPLIT HAPPENS4-5
TICK BIRDS 4-5
TOO EASY 0-8

No playoffs: 11-2 Tigers in the championship game?

By Phillip Adam Turner
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It has been a few weeks since I weighed in on the college football season, and I must say the past few weeks has just fueled my fire and added venom to my thoughts.

I have never been more disappointed in the upcoming bowl season than I am this year. What happened to the promise that the BCS would give the fans the best and most interesting match-ups come championship time? You can't tell me that Louisiana State versus Ohio State is the most interesting championship match-up out there. I firmly believe that Hawaii vs. OSU is definitely the most interesting match up for the championship game this season.

But the fact of the matter is that the BCS system littered the top 10 with teams performing way below the curve the last few weeks of the season, which created turmoil among the voters.

This brings me to my case for a playoff system in NCAA Bowl Subdivision. Why can't this be accomplished? They have been doing it for years in 1-AA and AAA, and just because there is a playoff doesn't mean all that bowl money goes out

the window. Just think how different the outcome of this season could have been

I guess for now college football fans will just have to hope, wish and pray for a playoff system. The easiest way to handle this disappointment for me is to dissect the upcoming game like a fat man on a chicken leg, so let's take it down to the bone, shall we?

Big Ten versus SEC, size versus speed, North versus South, Jim Tressel (conservative coaching) versus Les Miles (goes for a TD 25 yards out with 20 seconds left in the fourth rather than kicking the game tying field goal), certainly looks good on paper. However, I think a look inside the numbers is always best.

The numbers will show us that this game will be between a high powered SEC offense and the nation's No. 1 defense. LSU comes in averaging 38.7 PPG, and 447 yards of total offense every time they line it up between the hash-marks. However the Buckeyes are only allowing 10.7 PPG this year and they have the stingiest defense in the entire country only giving up on average 227 yards to the opposition in a four quarter game. Advantage, Buckeyes. They always say defense wins champi-

onships, and in this case, its Ohio State's best shot of a BCS victory.

Now in the same way a great defense can win championships, great players can shape a game into a one man show, just like Vince Young did against USC in 2005. I think if there is an advantage in personnel on the field it goes to LSU.

The key to LSU's success on the offensive side of the ball falls in the very capable hands of starting fullback, senior Jacob Hester. Hester is as physical as he is vertical, he can run it up the gut with power or he can explode with pure speed on the corner like a season half-back. Hester is also a key contributor in the passing game as he provides timely blocks in the backfield or can move out to the wing and become an extra set of hands on passing downs. If Les Miles uses hester appropriately he could cause major problems for OSU's front five and their secondary all night long.

On the defensive side of the ball you can expect to hear number 72, senior defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey's named called often whether it be causing trouble up the middle for OSU's running game or giving Ohio state QB Todd Boeckman fits with his aggressive and never-ending

pass rush. When 6' 2" and over 300 pounds mixed with 4.5 speed is coming right at you its hard to run through your receiver progressions to make an accurate and mistake free throw

If you think like I do then you know most of the time in big games the winner is the team whose coach makes the best decisions through four quarters and makes his adversary wonder what he's going to do next, rather than paying attention to his own game plan.

So who do I like more? Jim Tressel -- a very methodical, thought driven, soft spoken, lets his players do the talking for him type of coach. Or Les Miles, swarmed in controversy since day one and a little bit on the arrogant side of the spectrum? They are two very different coaches with two very different styles. So, in this game I will be taking Jim Tressel. I look for him and his Buckeyes to think their way down the field and leave Miles scratching his head in defeat!

That's right my pick for your 2007-2008 BCS champion is Mr. Jim Tressel and the Ohio State Buckeyes.

Although it will be a closely contested game, I have OSU with a 24-17 Victory in Baton Rouge, La.