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2ID leaders focus on team building

By Master Sgt. Donald Sparks

Public Affairs NCOIC

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success." - Henry Ford

Army manuals give numerous examples of the importance of developing leaders, providing vision, motivation and inspiration for leaders to build cohesive teams. Quotes, such as the one mentioned by Henry Ford, allow leaders to use them as a compass to guide their organizations toward achieving success

One of the challenges for leaders assigned to the Republic of Korea is the rapid operational tempo and transition of key leaders at the command and staff level. During the past two months, the 2nd Infantry Division encountered a high turnover of key leaders as the division transitioned from the 2007-2008 to the 2008-2009 team.

To continue the Division's success in an environment of continuous change, Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, 2ID commanding general, and Command Sgt. Maj. Brian M. Stall, 2ID command sergeant major, hosted the 2008 Senior Leaders' Conference Aug. 6-8 at Camp Yongsan's Dragon Hill Lodge.

The event, themed "Work/Life Balance, Team Building, and Predictability: We Must Do These Things Well," allowed more than 90 key senior leaders, officer and enlisted, as well as their spouses, to



Yu. Hu Son

Senior leaders and spouses of the 2nd Infantry Division listen to ROK Gen. (Ret.) Paik, Sun-Yup during the 2ID Senior Leaders' Conference held at Yongsan's Dragon Hill Lodge Aug. 8.

integrate as members of the team.

"I want to welcome all of you to the 2nd Infantry Division team, and during your time here at this event, I encourage all of you to take this opportunity to make new friends and partnerships," Morgan said. "This off-site will allow you to understand and visualize your role as members of the team. You are all at the point of the spear and I need help from

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2ID receives latest winter equipment

By Sgt. 1st Class Rhonda M. Lawson

2ID Public Affairs Operations NCO

The days of ACU-patterned uniforms mixed with BDU-patterned equipment are ending for Soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Division.

Thanks to Program Executive Office Soldier, the nearly 10,000 Soldiers received the Extreme Cold Weather Clothing System, and the Modular Lightweight Load-Carrying Equipment. The fieldings, which began in late July, are scheduled to end Aug. 15.

Fielding for the ECWCS Generation III, according to Maj. Jake Swantkowski, DSTB Executive Officer and former Organization Clothing & Individual Equipment manager for the Division G4, has been programmed for 2ID for about a year. Korea was third on the list to receive the system behind Afghanistan and Alaska. It is a seven-layer system of 12 individual components with a functional temperature range of -50 to 50 degrees Fahrenheit, similar to the sleeping bag. It replaces the bear suit, which includes the black or brown fleece, as well as the wet weather and Gortex gear.

"The sleeping bags keep you warm at night, so the new outerwear is guaranteed to keep you warm," said Sgt. Rodolph Avalos, of HHB, 210th Fires Brigade.

"Individual preferences can be met by layering, which makes more sense," Swantkowski explained. The MOLLE system, according to Swantkowski, was a recent addition to the fielding. He explained that it was fielded across the Army for Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, but the 2ID G4 coordinated directly with DA and enabled Soldiers across the peninsula to receive the new equipment.

"They were able to facilitate a quick, unforecasted fielding for the MOLLE," Swantkowski said. "The 2ID was the first to receive it, but eventually every Soldier in Korea will have it."

The MOLLE system was developed to replace the All-Purpose Lightweight Individual Carrying Equipment and Integrated Individual Fighting System. It consists of a modular rucksack with removable components and a fighting load carrier that

can accept pockets for riflemen, pistol, squad automatic weapon, medic, and grenadier configurations. For short-duration missions, there is an assault pack and waist pack.

"It's a huge improvement," said Sgt. 1st Class Ada Moore, the 579th Signal Company, 210th Fires first sergeant. "Before, we didn't have the compartments to attach to our IBA. We had to attach everything to our (Load Bearing Vests) and wear that. I wish I had that in Iraq."

Soldiers also received the new M4 Carbine Rifles in place of the M9 Pistol, M3 Submachine Gun and M16A2 Rifle. Fielding for 2ID began earlier this month.

Editor's Note: Some information for this story came from a PEO Soldier press release.

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VOICE OF THE WARRIOR:

What do you think of the USFK policy changes affecting the curfew?



"We can get more time to explore this country."

Pfc. Samuel Hernandez, HHB, 1-38 FA

"It is a good way to test Soldiers doing the right thing."

> Sgt. Dena DeLaune, HHSC, DSTB





"It shows trust and confidence to senior NCOs."

Master Sgt. Alfredo Padua, HHC, 1st HBCT

"It gives Soldiers more freedom to have a normal life."

Pfc. Brandy Coronado, HHC, 2nd CAB





"The time change gives me more time to relax after an 18-hour day."

2nd Lt. Chevon Boykins, HHC, 2nd CAB

"I don't think two hours will change things that much."

Cpl. Jarred Anderson, 61st Maintenance, 194th Bn.



COMMANDER'S CORNER:

Executive Order 9981's 60th anniversary reminds us of Army's history of diversity

By Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III Second Infantry Division Commander

July 26, 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed Executive Order 9981 which began the long march toward the diversity we enjoy in the U.S. military today. Though the order never explicitly mentioned integration or desegregation, the aim was clear. It declared "that there shall be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed services without regard to race, color, religion or national origin." Even though signed in 1948, the order didn't fully take effect until years later when in October 1954 the Secretary of Defense reported that the last of the segregated units were fully disbanded.

Last month in Washington, D.C., the Secretary of Defense Robert Gates participated in a ceremony that also included retired general Colin Powell, The Tuskegee Airmen

and top leaders in the House and Senate. They were there celebrating the 60th anniversary Executive Order 9981 and all that has been achieved since its implementation, because they understand we must never forget that we stand

proudly on the shoulders of those trailblazers who honorably and bravely served before us. Those trailblazers helped us all realize that we as Americans serve a great country and military, albeit ones with a mixed history of the good and the not-so-good, with value systems like none other in the world. Those histories and value systems continue to inform our present and they give us a vision into the future.

There's a Swedish proverb that states, "We get old too quick and smart too late." In The Second Infantry Division none of us are too old (or young for that matter) to know it's smart business to use each of our Soldiers and Airmen to



their maximum potential. There is no question in my mind that the U.S. military is the best military in the world and that the Second Infantry Division is the best division in our Army due, in large part, to the strength of our diversity.

It's imperative that all Warrior leaders continue to encourage the diverse perspectives of our people-perspectives that enhance enor-

> mously our division's ability to "Fight Tonight" and win.

> As we go full throttle in months ahead, the positive impact-the richness of background, language, and culture of all of our people will con-

tinue to be on full display. Our Soldiers, U.S. citizens or green cards holders; Black, White, Hispanic, Asian, Pacific-Islander, or Native American; male or female-deserve, and will continue to be given the opportunity to reach their full potential as they proudly wear the "Big Black Patch."

Second to None!

Correction:

A photo caption in the Aug. 1 issue improperly stated that Col. David A. Teeples, the former Assistant Division Commander (Support) was retiring. Teeples is not retiring, but moving on to another assignment.

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coverage of an event, call 732-8856.

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everyone to ensure that we are successful for the next year ahead."

The agenda included informative briefings about the Fiscal Year 2009 Annual Training Plan, Materiel Readiness, Civil Military Operations, Safety/Soldier & Family Readiness and Status of Forces Agreement/Ethics.

Three special guest speakers were also invited to the event to serve as an inspirational voice to the leaders. One speaker, former Army Vice Chief of Staff, Gen. (Ret.) William W. Crouch, emphasized the importance of serving in the 2nd Infantry Division.

"This Division truly understands the full spectrum of combined arms training better than any unit in the Army," he said. "You can add to the Division's legacy during your tenure here and you ought to be able to go from here knowing that you maintained major combat operational training here."

The audience was next energized and empowered by renowned and award-winning motivational speaker, Dr. Ron Archer, who has been nicknamed, "The Maestro of Motivation." Archer delivered a speech on "Transformational Leadership" in which he challenged all of the leaders to be "brilliant at the basics and fantastic at the fundamentals."

"None of all us can be greater than all of us," Archer said. "All of you have that understanding that there is something special for you to do."

The final speaker to highlight the event was famed Korean Gen. (Ret.) Paik, Sun-Yup. Paik, who led the ROK 1st Division during the Korean War, devoted himself to building up the ROK army. Paik became the first four-star general in the ROK Armed Forces.

Paik took the audience through a historical journey of the days leading up to the Korean War. His voice cracking with the vivid memories, he mentioned how 200,000 North Korean soldiers crossed the border and wreaked havoc on the South Korean people. He said it was because of the Americans that Korea was able to get through an almost hopeless time in his country's history.

"We [Koreans] will never forget the American Soldier," Paik said.

Morgan, embracing Paik after his brief, said, "We will continue our efforts to work side by side, and it is your involvement today that makes us come together as a team. You are an inspiration for all of us who serve."

All of the leaders left the Senior Leaders' Conference ready to make a difference in the year ahead and appreciative of the opportunity to attend the event.

"This was a great opportunity to engage with other leaders, and a great bonding experience to get insights and philosophies in a peer-to-peer level," said Lt. Col. Willie Rios III, commander of the 70th Brigade Support Battalion, 210th Fires Brigade. "I truly felt this was a true team-building

For Gigi Kail, spouse of 1/38 Field Artillery commander Lt. Col. Eric Kail, the event meant an opportunity to discuss issues with other spouses regarding Family

"It's always valuable to meet other command teams across the Division, especially just to be able to interact and go over issues that normally wouldn't be brought up in other forums," Kail said.



Golden Day

Brig. Gen. Walter M. Golden, Jr., the new Assistant Division Commander (Support) speaks to attendees of his Patch Ceremony at Camp Red Cloud's Village Green Aug.

In Memoriam



Sgt. 1st Class Luis Lamb-Ortiz, 47, was a Senior Water Purification NCO assigned to Headquarters, Headquarters Company, Division Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division. His co-workers knew him as a Soldier's Soldier who always took care of any Soldier regardless of the units to which they were assigned. He is survived by his wife Janet and three children, Jeysell, Jarielis and Eduardo.

Holiday greetings team set to visit USAG Casey, Humphreys

2ID Public Affairs Staff Report

Soldiers and Airmen who will spend the holidays in Korea will have a chance to send televised holiday greetings to their Families back home in the United States.

An Army and Air Force Hometown News Service video team is scheduled to visit the Republic of Korea Aug. 25 thru Sept. 6 for Servicemembers, Department of the Army civilians, retirees and their Families to tape their greetings, which will be aired during the holiday season.

The team is scheduled to tape those stationed at Camp Humphreys from 9 a.m. p.m., Aug. 29 at the Community Activities Center. Those who miss that date can also participate by going to Osan Air Base, which will host taping Aug. 30.

The team will also tape greetings at Camp Casey from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sept. 3-4 in the Gateway Club, and Sept. 5-6 at Yongsan. Servicemembers stationed at Camps Red Cloud, Stanley and Hovey can tape their greetings at either of these loca-

All Servicemembers are urged to participate with their Families. Family members must tape the greeting with their Servicemembers unless deployed or TDY.

Individuals may go to any of the locations identified. Participants will be required to fill out informational forms before recording. Once recorded, the message will be sent to their hometown television station.

If Servicemembers are on duty the day of the recording, they must be in uniform for the day of the filming.

Servicemembers who are not on duty the day of the filming need not be in uniform, but must bring their tan t-shirt and ACU top to wear for the taping.

Generally, there are no limits on how many messages each Servicemember and Family member can record. Once the TV station receives it, they'll air their greeting during the holidays for their Families.

For specific information, contact the USAG-Humphreys Public Affairs Office at 753-8847, the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team PAO at 730-8317, or the 2nd Infantry Division PAO at 732-8015.

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FRG meets to ensure mission success

Story and photo by Spc. M. Benjamin Gable

2nd CAB Public Affairs

Leaders and cadre of the 2nd Infantry Division Family Readiness Group participated in a quarterly roundup at the Camp Humphreys Community Activities Center July 30.

Among those in attendance was Debbie Morgan, wife of Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, 2ID commander. Mrs. Morgan is the senior member of 2ID's FRG. Leadership of the FRGs from Areas I, II and III were also represented at the quarterly conference, including Brig. Gen. Joe Ramirez, Assistant Division Commander (Maneuver), 2ID. Division and command group spouses, brigade and battalion command teams and FRG support assistants were also in atten-

FRGs are official command-sanctioned organizations of Family members, volunteers and Soldiers providing an avenue of support and assistance throughout the Army.

"(FRGs) are important because they help to educate and prepare Soldiers and Family members before



Brig. Gen. Joe E. Ramirez Jr., ADC(M), 2ID, and Debbie Morgan, the senior member of 2ID's FRG, listen to senior leaders and spouses during the FRG Roundup at the Community Activity Center at USAG-Humphreys July 30. The FRG Roundup provides a forum to address issues that affect 2ID Soldiers and their Families.

they run into problems," said April Gadberry, a brigade Family Readiness Program assistant for the past year. "We do our best to prepare Soldiers and Family Members for any issues while in Korea."

The meeting began with an update on upcoming events, including the Hispanic Heritage Event and the Osan Air Show.

Lt. Col. James Quigley, Chief of Clinical Operations, 168th Multifunctional Medical Battalion, then addressed medical concerns in Area III, dental programs and TRICARE updates. FRG members also discussed the contributing factors in the breakdown of communication between patients, and locations of their medical appointments, medical transportation and the possibility of a TRICARE representative in Area III in the future.

Among the other topics were the Status of Forces Agreement, working in Korea and what to do if or when a military spouse leaves Korea due to deployment or other military mis-

After all issues were addressed, Mrs. Morgan and Ramirez spoke briefly to those gathered in the conference room.

"It is important to the FRG leaders to remain active and to make certain information is disseminated throughout to ensure mission success," Mrs. Morgan said.

Ramirez reiterated the point by asserting the importance of FRG leaders, battalion commanders and Family members in being proactive in addressing issues Families may face in the future. He also asked the present leadership to make the FRG program the best it can be so Servicemembers can continue the mission.

Before the meeting concluded, four FRG members were honored for their continued selfless service. Yeong-Ok Gray, Stephanie McMahan, Chandani Buccino and Sgt. 1st Class Russell Bruce were awarded division coins by Ramirez.

This was the third of four FRG meetings this year. Each is held at a different installation on a rotating schedule. The next FRG Roundup is scheduled for Oct. 29 at USAG Casey.

Villagers enjoy fun-packed evening with 2ID

Story & photo by Cpl. Bo Park Staff Writer

Barbeque smoke and the music from a sound system filled the air of a quiet village. Long lines of villagers extended to the outside of barbeque tents, and kids constantly made shy approaches to uniformed Americans out of curiosity.

A simple barbeque party turned out to be a huge success, entertaining more than 1,000 people.

The 2nd Infantry Division held a Good Neighbor program event at Youngjung-myeon in cooperation with USO Casey and the Youngjungmyeon district office, July 31. USO Casey provided free barbeque, the 2ID Warrior Band and Taekwondo Team filled the main acts of the evening's program.

"It is a great opportunity for 2ID to have fun with the local community," said Lt. Col. Ivan Beckman, the deputy commander of 1st HBCT. "We hope to build friendship and make the Alliance stronger. Many of our Soldiers came out to support from different units to make this evening successful."

borough of the city of Pocheon, locat-

ed just south of 8th Army's Korea Training Center, where 2ID has its live-fire exercises throughout the

The division put together this event in appreciation to local residents for putting up with the inconvenience caused by the KTC.

"We are here to connect with (locals) and let them know we are here for them," said Pfc. Cody Pope, Company D, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, who had just returned from a month-long gunnery exercise. "After today's event, Koreans will acknowledge our presence as positive and know that we are all one force to go together."

'We have prepared enough food for 800 people, but we are running out and there are still people waiting," said Pvt. John Richmond, a Soldier from 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt., who helped serve the food to the

"It's not a gourmet meal, but it's something American people eat and the locals get to sample," said Kim, Sung hui, a mother of two children who enjoyed the evening. "I appreciate the effort and support that the Army is providing tonight."

After the barbeque, Youngjung-Youngjung-myeon is a district myeon presented a program to accommodate older people, such as



The 2ID Taekwondo Demonstration Team and local children pose for a picture before their demonstration performance. Free barbeque and many entertainment acts were prepared by 2ID for the local community of Youngjung-myeon, Pocheon, at the district office July 31. Soldiers from 1st HBCT and the 2ID Warrior Band were also present to support the Good Neighbor Program.

Korean traditional dance and music, out from the USO to the locals. but the highlight of the event was the 2ID Taekwondo and band perform-

People watched not only from the seats, but also standing on chairs, bridges and steps so as not to miss a single movement of the kicks and punches demonstrated by the 2ID Taekwondo Team. The evening rounded out with raffle prizes given

"I know that the locals are enjoying tonight when I see smiles on their faces," said Cpl. Robert George III, Company B, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment. "People in this community at least will remember the cultural exchange and close interaction with the Soldiers and think positively upon us that we are building the community together."

Warrior News Briefs

Curfew **Policy Changes**

The new USFK curfew policy will take effect Friday, Aug. 15.

Driving privileges, as related to 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers and Airmen located in Area 1, are still under review for implementation implications. Changes will be reflected in a 2ID Policy Letter #7, Curfew update.

Warrior Country Tennis Championship

MWR is sponsoring the "Warrior Country" Tennis Championship Sept. 4-5 at the Camps Red Cloud and Stanley Tennis Courts.

The event is open to active-duty Servicemembers assigned to Warrior Country.

The age categories are:

- •Men's Open 31 and under
- •Men's Senior 32 and older
- •Women's No age limit

For information, contact the Warrior Sports (Area I) Office at 732-6927.

New Bus Schedule to Osan

Myung Jin and New Kyungdong Tour Bus changed the schedule for the Osan Express Service and reduced the number of busses supporting the service. They took the best hours the customers are using this service.

The new schedule will begin

For information, call 738-3380.

Army Tuition Assistance

As we approach the beginning of a new fiscal year and in preparation for year-end close-out, the following guidance is provided concerning use of end-of-year Army Tuition Assistance (TA).

All course enrollments with start dates through Sept. 30 must be requested in 'GoArmyEd' on or before midnight, Eastern Standard Time Sept. 25. Attempts to enroll in courses after midnight Sept. 25 will not be approved. This enrollment cut-off is necessary to allow for the fiscal year "change-over."

This enrollment cut-off has no impact on registration for courses starting Oct. 1 or later (FY09 enrollments). Please note that as always. FY09 enrollments are subject to availability of funds.

For information, call 732-7015.

Warrior Country Powerlifting Championship

The "Warrior Country" Powerlifting Championship is set for Sept. 3 at the Camp Red Cloud Physical Fitness Center.

The event is open to active-duty Servicemembers assigned to Warrior Country.

The weight classes are: •Men's - 123lbs, 132lbs, 148lbs, 165lbs, 181lbs, 198lbs,

220lbs and over 220lbs •Women's - 114lbs, 123lbs, 132lbs, 148lbs and over 148lbs

For information, contact the Warrior Sports (Area I) Office at 732-6927.

Military **Emergency Leave**

After duty hours, Military Emergency Leave (MEL) point of contact phone number for all Soldiers in 2ID and Area I is Robert Gibson at 730-3828.

You will need your DA 31 Emergency leave form completed prior to contacting Gibson. Upon receipt of instructions from Gibson, you will meet a Military Personnel Division (MPD) representative at Maude Hall (Bldg S-2440), room 131, Camp Casey at the designated

A fund site and travel order number will be issued at that time authorizing your emergency leave travel. You will then coordinate airline travel with the airline office at 080-247-5463.

Case Lot Sale

The Camp Red Cloud Commissary will hold a Case Lot Sale Sept. 12-13 from 11 a.m. - 5

The Commissary will provide free hot dogs and refreshments.

For information, contat Belinda Hernandez, Camp Rd Cloud Store Manager, at 732-7649.

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

> August 14 ... Deception August 15 ... Kung Fu Panda August 16 ... Get Smart August 17 ... Swing Vote Kung Fu Panda August 18 ... Swing Vote August 19 ... Get Smart August 20 ... Sex and the City August 21 ... Kung Fu Panda August 22 ... Sex and the City The Happening August 23 ... Iron Man Deception

Camp Red Cloud

August 14 ... Swing Vote

August 15 ... Swing Vote

Get Smart

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

August 16 ... The Happening August 17 ... Get Smart ugust 18 ... You Don't Mess with the Zoha August 19 ... The Chronicles of Narnia August 20 ... No Showing August 21 ... The Mummy August 22 ... The Mummy The Incredible Hulk

August 23 ... Get Smart

August 24 ... The Love Guru

Camp Hovey

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

August 14 ... You Don't Mess with the Zoha August 15 ... The Happening August 16 ... The Strangers Swing Vote August 17 ... Kung Fu Panda Get Smart August 18 ... The Happening August 19 ... Swing Vote August 20 ... Get Smart

Camp Stanley

August 21 ... The Happening

August 22 ... Get Smart

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

August 14 ... Street Kings August 15 ... Get Smart Speed Racer August 16 ... The Strangers Sex and the City August 17 ... Get Smart August 18 ... The Strangers August 19 ... No Showing August 20 ... The Mummy August 21 ... Sex and the City August 22 ... The Incredible Hulk The Love Guru August 23 ... Get Smart The Love Guru

Camp Humphreys

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

August 14 ... Leatherheads

August 15 ... A Veggie Tales Movie

Swing Vote

August 16 ... Kung Fu Panda Swing Vote August 17 ... Kung Fu Panda Swing Vote August 18 ... The Strangers August 19 ... The Strangers August 20 ... Get Smart August 21 ... Get Smart August 22 ... Meet the Robinsons The Mummy

For additional movie times visit: www.aaffes.com

CHAPEL SERVICE TIMES

Camp Red Cloud

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: a.m. Sunday Catholic: 1 p.m. Sunday KATUSA: 7 p.m. Tuesday

Camp Castle

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

Saint Nicholas **Cathedral: 753-3153**

LDS: 730-5682

2nd CAB conducts OPD with FROKA

Story & photo by Spc. M. Benjamin Gable

2nd CAB PAO

WONJU, Korea – Republic of Korea Army Gen. Kim, Tae Keun, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff and chief director of the joint defense headquarters, and more than 60 ROK Army ranking generals and colonels attended the first officer professional development meeting related to the AH-64/D Apache Longbow helicopter held by leadership with the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade Aug. 5.

The Apache is the Army's primary attack helicopter. It is a quick-reacting airborne weapon system that can fight close and destroy, disrupt or delay enemy forces. However, its primary mission on this day was to act as a conduit for knowledge.

More than just an officer's meeting, this was a chance for 2nd CAB leadership to strengthen the U.S./ROK Army Alliance.

The purpose of this particular OPD was to give an overview of the Apache helicopter, its capabilities, weapons systems and what they can provide for the ground commander. The meeting also covered an array of issues concerning the Apache and its deployment.

Lt. Col. Cory A. Mendenhall, commander of 1st Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd CAB, began the OPD with a detailed briefing of the capabilities of the Apache. According to Mendenhall, the agenda included laying out the footprint of the 2nd CAB Attack Battalion organization, discussing the capabilities of the Apaches' weapons systems, missions and deployment of the aircraft, as well as challenges in a close fight.

Mendenhall, who, among other assignments, served as an operations officer in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2005, showed videos comparing the first and second generation Forward-Looking Infra-Red laser targeting systems and how the system has improved. The need to continue night-training missions, weapons loads and configurations and attack roles were also discussed during the briefings.

"This OPD also gives the planners of the First Republic of Korea Army staff a better understand-



ROK Gen. Kim, Tae Keun, the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff and chief director of the joint defense headquarters, studies the AH-64/D Apache Longbow helicopter during officer professional development with FROKA, at FROKA Headquarters in Wonju Aug. 5.

ing and appreciation on how to request and utilize the aircraft," said Lt. Col. Philip Mayberry, United States Forces Korea liaison officer to FROKA and the Combat Support Coordination Team 1.

Following the briefing, the floor was opened for questions and comments from the FROKA cadre. Mendenhall answered questions from the leadership regarding readiness of the aircraft, missions over bodies of water and maintaining mission capabilities.

After the briefing was completed, the OPD moved from the classroom to the "showroom."

The Apache served as a static display for the FROKA staff as they were introduced to the weapons systems. Kim, along with other cadre, was given a first-hand look at the Apache aircraft and a hands-on experience. FROKA leadership examined the aircraft from top to bottom. They began the detailed tour with the FLIR targeting system and then moved to its multi-functional weapons systems. No stone was left unturned as they studied the body of the two-crew, 1,200-pound aircraft. Members of the FROKA staff even took turns sitting in the cockpit to get a better feel for the Apache.

According to Mayberry, this type of familiarization lets them see what it looks like, where everything hangs on the aircraft, its overall size, and lets them put their hands on the aircraft to help the information stick.

The FROKA currently deploys the AH-61 attack helicopter. During training exercises, they were given Apache helicopters and, in a training environment, learned the capabilities of the weapons system.

"This training helps to contrast what aircraft the FROKA currently have to the increased capability of the Longbow," said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Troy DeGoyler, battalion standardization instructor pilot and senior warrant officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 2nd Avn. Regt., 2nd CAB.

Degoyler further emphasized the importance of OPDs as they further the alliance with FROKA and create a "win-win" situation.

While FROKA does not have Apache helicopters, they are under contract to receive the Alpha model of the aircraft. This was the first of many OPDs to come in the future. The 2nd CAB will also perform OPDs with the Third ROK Army as well.

Malaria: silent enemy

What is malaria?

-Malaria is a serious and potentially life-threatening disease, caused by mosquito bites, that infects the victim with a microscopic parasite.

What are the symptoms?

-The symptoms include recurring bouts of fever, shaking chills, sweats, headache, weakness and nausea. They begin after an incubation period of approximately 12-18 days. Some strains have a dormant stage that can re-activate months or years later.

How can I reduce my risk of becoming infected?

-Stay inside well-screened areas at dawn, dusk and nighttime, when mosquitoes are most active. Wear loose-fitting, long-sleeved clothing and full-length pants when outside. Loose-fitting clothes help prevent the mosquito from reaching your skin. Use DEET on your skin and ensure that your uniform is thoroughly treated with Permethrin.



Area I is the only region in Korea with the species of mosquito that carries this parasite!

That places Area I residents at higher risk for malaria!

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2ID embraces ROK-U.S. Partership

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Some lucky 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers are going back to school, but instead of math, science and English, this time they're learning the language of their host nation.

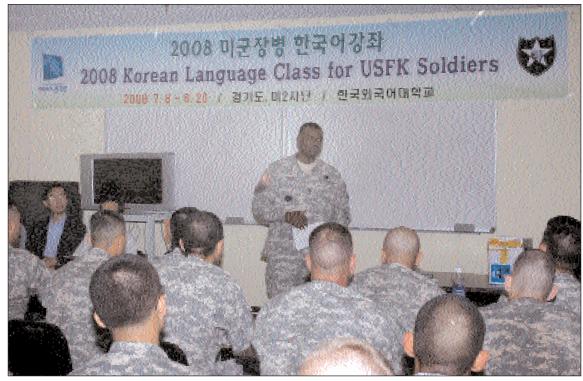
Nearly 60 Soldiers from Camps Casey and Hovey are attending a Korean class from July 8 to Aug. 26 at the Camp Hovey Education Center. The goal of the class is to improve Soldiers' understanding of Korea through the introduction of Korean culture, history, and language, which will also help their social lives.

"Gyeonggi Provincial Government felt the need of 2ID Soldiers who want to learn the Korean language and decided that to strengthen the strong alliance between Korea and the U.S, 2ID Soldiers should be given a chance to learn the Korean language," said Mr. Chang-Hoon Kim of the Gyeonggi-Do Province Civil Military Cooperation division.

The classes are taught by professors from the Hankuk Korean University for Foreign Language Studies.

"If Soldiers learn and understand Korean culture and people through this class, they will not only have a fun time during their stay in Korea but also have many Korean friends who will be a great asset in their lives," Kim said.

This English class is one of several initiatives



Master Sgt. Willie White, HHC, 1st HBCT, addresses the students on the first day of class at the Camp Hovey Education Center July 8.

between 2ID and the Korean-American Partnership Council.

The Korean Language class is only one of many things the Korean-American Partnership Council brings to the table for 2ID Soldiers. Future events include a concert for 2ID Soldiers and KATUSAs to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the Republic of Korea Thanksgiving Day Sept. 4. The 2008 Gyeonggi Peace Marathon in which Koreans and 2ID Soldiers can participate, is scheduled for Sept. 27, and another concert for KATUSAs and 2ID Solders is set for Oct. 15.

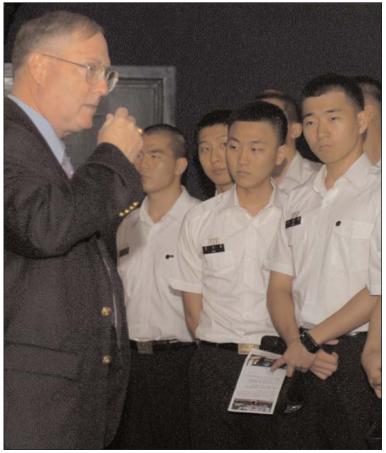
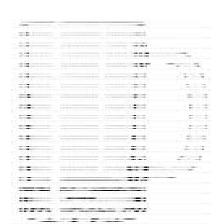


Photo by Pvt. Brian Glass

Museum Tour

William M. Alexander, the director of the 2nd Infantry Division Museum, teaches ROK-ROTC students from Kwang-Woon University about 2ID history July 31 during a museum tour in support of ROK-U.S. Alliance. The students also visited the bunker and were given an orientation of the KATUSA program.

The glass does not always have to be half full.



Drink Responsibly!



There is no doubt about the fact that the summer heat is at its peak. Many are taking off for their well-deserved holidays, but if you are saving your leave for Christmas or are not sure about the Korean beaches, then visit the riverfront in Seoul. It may not be a white, sandy beach, but with the entire city gathering on the banks of Hangang, you will definitely find reason to go there this weekend.

Hi Seoul Festival is a Seoul metropolitan government-sponsored annual event to promote city life and attract visitors to the city. It breaks down to four festivals, by season, and they all have appropriate themes to match the weather and program. The festival runs for about 10 days, and many events are participation-oriented.

The theme of the summer festival is Han River, 'dive into summer', highlighting Seoul's main water line. Most of the events will take place near the river such as Ttuksum, Sunyudo and Yeouido Park, if not on the river.

The festival is from Aug. 9-17, but many of the events are on-going and more exciting events and parties are yet to come. Aug. 15 is Liberation Day, marking the end of World War II and retrieving independence from Japan, so the party will reach its peak this Friday. Why not visit some of the following events and enjoy the summer heat before you get your full battle rattle for the upcoming missions?

Hangang Parade: The parade will feature a Guerilla Performance Team, which already grabbed the attention of citizens throughout the city. It is a costume parade, with many recycled products transformed into musical instruments, so there will be a plenty of tunes to dance along the banks of Hangang in the dark.

Jazz in the Sun: Literally, a Jazz Band in the Sun. If you are a sip-coke-on-the-beach-and-tan-



all-day kind of person, this will be a great substitute. A few bands will play Latin and jazz music on the green under the sun, so bring a few cold drinks, sit back and enjoy. Bliss!

Canoe Competition: The canoe competition is open to anyone fit to participate and competed in preliminary games during the early stages of the festival. It may be too late to register as participants, but it's not too late to go and see the watersplashing final game. Pick a team to support, (rumor is that there is an American team) and get into the cheering fun.

Water Park: Revisit the juvenile playground. This playground is not just for kids, but also for

adults. It is specially designed to have water mist running constantly so you won't get too hot. The sand area is set up where you can build your favorite sand castle or bury yourself up to your neck. Bring water cannons and guns for added

Mix it up, Dance: There are other ways to have fun other than going to jam packed clubs. Dance under the starry sky! Spectacular images to thrill your eyes and fantastic music that DJs mix electrify the ears. Where else could you possibly be to have fun? Let the groove roll by the river!

Visit www.hiseoulfest.org for more information and location.







Top: A performer from the Guerilla Performance Team waves as he marches through the crowd. There will be a costume parade at Yeouido Park every evening of the festival. Above: A jazz band plays on the stage for the last year s Hi Seoul Festival. Left up: A dragon-headed canoe competes in the boat race on Han River in the preliminary stages. The final race will take place on the last day of the festival, Aug. 17. Left down: Swimming participants lined up to cross the Han River Aug. 10, as a part of last year s Hi Seoul Festival.