



Indianhead



**Soldiers sting
Stingers
Page 6**

**Best KATUSA
of the Year
ceremony
Page 8**

**Year of the
NCO
Page 7**



Vol. 46, No. 5

www.2id.korea.army.mil

March 13, 2009

FRG Round Up comes full circle

2ID Public Affairs Office

For one year the 2nd Infantry Division has focused on the needs of Soldiers and Family members in its quarterly Family Readiness Group Round Up meetings allowing the Division's leadership to speak about issues affecting quality of life.

Since its inception meeting held at Camp Casey nearly one year ago, the meetings have been held at Camp Humphreys and Yongsan. On March 3, the forum returned to Camp Casey as the FRG Round Up was hosted by Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, 2nd Infantry Division commanding general, for the fourth rendition of the event.

"Your being here today, has an impact on the issues that we take to Eighth Army," Morgan said addressing the audience of 2ID military lead-

ers, spouses and FRG coordinators.

Morgan mentioned the Family Readiness Group Round Up program has come full circle. During the forum, he and his staff gave an update to the audience on Command Sponsorship and Tour Normalization and he also stressed the Army's active engagement in confronting suicide.

"For the better part of 50 plus years, the 2nd Infantry Division didn't have sponsorship. Soldiers were put on an assignment for one year and they didn't come with their Family Members - tour normalization changes that," Morgan said. "Tour normalization creates a Division here in the Republic of Korea that you can serve here with your Family Members. We have to address a lot of issues to get us closer to normal, but it's



Yu, Hu Son

Family Members attended the 2ID s Family Readiness Group Round-up event held Mar. 3 at Camp Casey s Warrior Club

getting better all the time."

Speaking about suicide, Morgan said it is a readiness issue anytime we lose one Warrior to suicide.

"I've been in the Army for a few days and over the course of those few days I've never seen a time in our Army when it said 'stop, everybody

stop'," Morgan said. "We have a significant problem. So across the entire Army and it doesn't matter what patch you wear on your uniform, we are going through a series of training.

We also have to expose our Family Readiness Groups to some of the challenges that

we all face."

Morgan shared the Army's suicide intervention principles of Ask, Care and Escort, to the audience so they can help serve an active role in taking care of the Soldiers and Family Members all serving far away from home.

As Morgan reflected on the accomplishments of the FRG Round Up over the past year, he praised the leaders, Family members and volunteers who have made the forum a meaningful event to take care of Soldiers and their Family members.

"I think where we started, where we are and where we're going, this forum and this session gives us the direction and energy to make change," Morgan said. "Our focus was bringing commodity issues to Soldiers and Families and we're going to continue to do that."

Korean Military Academy cadets tour 2ID

Story & photo by Sgt. Bo Park

Staff Writer

Young people wearing unfamiliar uniforms poured out from buses that arrived early in the morning at Camp Red Cloud Feb. 25. They were escorted into the theater in a very orderly manner and waited for a welcoming brief.

Soon-to-be commissioned officers, the 65th graduating class of the Korean Military Academy, visited 2nd Infantry Division by invitation of the 2ID commanding general, Maj. Gen. John W Morgan III.

These students started the full-day tour with a greeting in which Morgan shared his affinity for Korea and its military thanks to previous assignments here and his Korean language training earlier in his career, all of which roused the cadets' attention.

"Thank you for your service and commitment that you will make to



Cadets from Korea Military Academy try out handheld weapon systems during their visit to 2ID at Camp Casey, Feb 27.

your country and people," said Morgan. "For my life and for my country," he added in Korean.

Half of the 211 cadets visited the

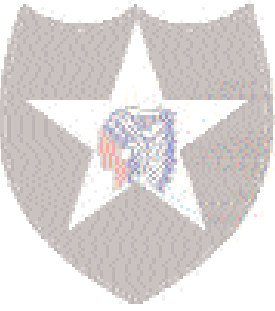
bunker and 2ID museum at Camp Red Cloud and the other half toured a tactical vehicle display and Close Combat Tactical Trainer center at

Camp Casey. They switched locations in the afternoon.

Though the cadets learned a great deal about Korean history and Korean military history at the Academy, during the visit they were able to touch the history and learned a whole lot more about Korean War heroes like Gen. Paik, Sun Yup.


At the tactical vehicle display outside the Carey Gym, Camp Casey, some of the equipment from both 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team and 210th Fires Brigade was displayed for the cadets, including a Multi Launch Rocket System and Avenger air defense weapon system.

The cadets got to see all aspects of 2ID, including its battle capabilities, readiness, history, hospitality and relationship with Korea. They left the Division with greater knowledge and a broader mindset of their brothers in arms and partners in peace at the end of the day.



VOICE OF THE WARRIOR:


What would you do if your friend was thinking of committing suicide?




"Ask them to go see a chaplain."

Staff Sgt. Patrick Rea,
1st Bn., 72nd Armor Regt.,
1st HBC

"Remind them of their Family and how people love them."




Staff Sgt. Shantel M. Evans,
602nd ASB, 2nd CAB




"Take him to a chaplain or professional mental health care specialist."

1st Lt. David Gerdes,
HHC, 2nd CAB

"Talk to him, and tell my chain of command."




Pvt. Cynthia L. Urbinapuga
HHC, 2nd CAB



"Take him to a tree (the tree of life) and show him life is more than just trouble."

Pfc. Ibis Torres,
Co. A, 302nd BSB

"Keep in touch, ask how he's doing, and see what I can do to help him."



Sgt. Jonathon Fairchild,
Co. D, 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt.

WARRIOR 6 SENDS: Suicide Intervention - The way ahead...

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

Last September, I used this column to discuss the very real and very serious threat that suicide posed to our most valuable resource - the Soldiers and Families of the 2nd Infantry Division.

Since that column, we have had several Warriors attempt suicide and one, tragically, succeeded in the act. This past January, the Army suffered from an unprecedented 24 suicides and/or suspected suicides. That equates to 20 more sons and daughters than January 2008, and exceeds the number of killed in action in Iraq and Afghanistan in January 2009.

In my nearly 30 years of military service, I have never witnessed a moment when our Army has said, "Stop. Everybody stop. We have a significant problem. This is serious, and it's not business as usual." The Army has developed a deliberate program to help identify, intervene, and reduce suicides in our formations. I charge every leader and battle buddy in the Warrior formation with the responsibility to apply the principles of this training program into your professional and personal lives.

The program has three sequential phases. Phase One provides an interactive video experience that grants Soldiers the opportunity to assess tough situations, formulate positive responses, and ultimately, prevent a fellow Soldier from committing suicide. Phase Two adheres to a chain teach methodology involving teaching and learning at the Soldier level. Phase Two will commence on 15 March and conclude on 15 July 2009. Phase Three runs concurrent with the previous two phases and will serve as a mechanism for establishing annual training requirements.

A valued takeaway item from this training regime is the ACE card. ACE stands for: Ask your buddy, Care for your buddy, and Escort your buddy. Ask your fellow Warrior in direct terms, if they are struggling with thoughts of suicide. Care through active listening and constructive reinforcement. Escort them through

the healing and recovery process. Take them to the chain of command, a chaplain or a health care provider to receive help.

It is time to identify, and get beyond, the masks and the facades that some of our Soldiers hide and suffer behind. Winning against suicide requires more than your typical 9-to-5, "business as usual" type attention. It requires fostering pride, purpose, drive, and faith in our mission through professional and personal care.

In my house hangs a sign that reads, "Take care of your Soldiers like you take care of your children, and take care of your unit like you take care of your family." It's a proclamation that I ask each of you to apply to your formations. Suicide remains a personnel and a readiness issue. We must make it a priority that our Soldiers understand that we truly care about them as Warriors, and as valuable men and women.

Lastly, I ask that leaders and battle buddies pay close attention to their fellow Warriors. The Division is fast approaching its peak Soldier transition period. A number of Soldiers will lose close friends. A number of Soldiers will receive orders to bravely fight in Iraq or Afghanistan. Lastly, a number of Soldiers will arrive to the Republic of Korea - alone and for the first time away from their Family and childhood friends. It's an imperative we remain cognizant of these upcoming life altering moments and periods as we counsel and care for our Soldiers.

I know that with personal involvement and deliberate training, we will remove most instances of suicide. The loss of even one Soldier to the tragedy of suicide is one too many. Always remember, suicide is NEVER the answer because it is a permanent solution to a temporary problem or issue.

Second to None!



Indianhead

Newspaper staff

Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III
Commander, 2nd Infantry Division

Command Sgt. Maj. Peter D. Burrowes
Command Sergeant Major,
2nd Infantry Division

Maj. Vince Mitchell
Public Affairs Officer
vincent.mitchell13@korea.army.mil

Maj. Vance Fleming
Deputy Public Affairs Officer
vance.fleming@korea.army.mil

Sgt. 1st Class T.J. Atkinson
Public Affairs NCOIC
twana.atkinson@korea.army.mil

www.2id.korea.army.mil

Sgt. Leith Edgar
Editor
leith.edgar@korea.army.mil

Cpl. Lee, Eun Hong
KATUSA Editor
hyojoong.kim@korea.army.mil

Sgt. Bo Park
Pfc. Han, Bu Yong
Pfc. Brian Glass
Staff Writers

Mr. Kim, Hyon Sok
Public Affairs Specialist

Mr. Yu, Hu Son
Staff Photographer

The Indianhead is an authorized publication for members of the Department of Defense. Editorial Content is the responsibility of the 2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs Office. Contents of the newspaper are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, or the Department of the Army. This newspaper is printed bi-weekly by the Il-Sung Yang Hang Co., Ltd., Seoul, Republic of Korea. Circulation is 6,000.

Individuals can submit articles by the following means: email leith.edgar@korea.army.mil; EAID-PA, APO, AP 96258-5041 Attn: Indianhead; or drop by the office located in Building T-507 on Camp Red Cloud. To arrange for possible coverage of an event, call 732-8856.



File Photo

Taylor Morgan, 21D Commander Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III's daughter, stands during applause following a performance with the band's flute section recently.



File Photo

The 21D Band performs at the Dragon Hill Lodge.



File Photo

21D band members perform with fellow Korean musicians during a rehearsal on Camp Red Cloud Feb. 26.

Warrior Band Rocks!



File Photo

The 21D Band performs during a ceremony on Camp Red Cloud Oct. 24.

Manchus visit local orphanage

Story & photo Sgt. Scott Kim

1st HBCT Public Affairs

Soldiers from 2nd Battalion 9th Infantry Regiment, showed their softer side when they delivered gifts, donated by the USO, to orphans at the My Home Orphanage Feb. 27 in Dongducheon.

Along with food, toys and other supplies, Soldiers also found the time to play with the children.

"We brought some gifts to the kids and played soccer with them," said Pfc. Shawn Fryman, infantryman for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Inf. Regt. "It was a lot of fun and something different then what we usually do."

For many Soldiers, this is a new and different experience than what they're used to during their tour here.

"We don't really get to interact with the younger Koreans and see a side of Korea you normally don't get to see," Fryman said.

Trips such as these often strengthen the bonds between the military and the local community as it puts a human face to the uniform.

"It shows the Koreans that we're not all hard and military, we actually do have a softer side and we care about where we are," said Fryman. "

For some, a visit such as this brings up memories and images of their own Families still in the states.

"Me personally, I love kids I've got three of my own, it kind of makes you feel good about yourself with stuff like this," said Sgt. 1st Class Brian Pryor,



Soldiers from 2-9 Inf. play a friendly game of soccer with children from the My Home Orphanage Feb. 27 in Dongducheon.

operations Noncommissioned Officer in charge, HHC.

Another benefit for these troops is getting away from the monotony of a work day and being able to relax and have some fun.

"It gets the Soldiers away from the job for a little bit to interact with Koreans and just talking to them on the bus ride back they absolutely loved it," Pryor said. "It's a good thing to spend some time with kids that need some attention."

Suicide prevention class makes Army stronger

Story & photo by
Pfc. Han, Bu Yong

Staff Writer

There are people who take their own lives to escape from the burden of life. Tragically some U.S. Soldiers are among those people. That's why the U.S. Army is concerned about the recent increase in suicides by enlisted personnel as well as officers. This led to the Army coming up with a suicide prevention class that every unit in the Army must attend.

The 2nd Infantry Division had its suicide prevention class in the Camp Red Cloud Theater Feb. 24. The recent suicide of a 2ID Soldier made this suicide prevention class more serious and meaningful.

Lt. Col. James M. Burns, the DSTB commander, started the class by introducing the significance of this class.

"The purpose is to provide tools for practical incidents and to provide real examples of depression," said Burns. "There is always a period of depression for everyone, but remember that there is always someone thinking of you."

Then, the class was handed over to Chaplain (Capt.) Brian Oh, DSTB chaplain. Oh showed a video clip that had two different scenarios. Viewers



Capt. Brian Oh, Division Special Troops Battalion Chaplain, interacts with Soldiers, NCOs, and officers during suicide prevention training in the Camp Red Cloud Theater, Feb. 24.

could make decisions in between clips to determine what actions the Soldier in each scenario should take.

Soldiers, NCOs and officers were all motivated by this interactive video and they expressed their opinions on the decision-making process.

"It was more realistic as it allowed Soldiers to make decisions as the training went," said Spc. Chris Poles, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, DSTB.

During the video, Oh made different decisions in each scenario to show

Soldiers how one's decision can affect his or her own life and fellow Soldiers. Later on, the Soldiers realized that there is a common solution that helped handling the depression of Soldiers shown in the video.

Most importantly, a Soldier must talk to anybody to get help if he or she is depressed. There is always someone near that Soldier who could help, like Family Members, battle buddies and chaplains. They all are strong sources of support in a Soldier's life.

"The chaplain doesn't give you the

magic solution, but they help Soldiers find their own solutions by themselves," said Oh.

For example, a Soldier in one scenario was having difficulty with his fiancé leaving him and his battle buddy dying in front of him. He didn't talk about his feelings to anyone because he thought it was a sign of weakness. His depression progressed until he finally decided to meet with a chaplain, who provided a proper support channel for him.

However, Oh was worried about Soldiers.

"I always emphasize that Soldiers are trained to fight the enemies, but they can't deal with the unseen enemy," he said. "A fundamental solution is to talk to somebody or step away from the problem and focus on something else like sports."

Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, 2ID commander, gave closing remarks and emphasized the importance of battle buddies.

"The people on your left and your right are most important," said Morgan.

He also stressed that everyone participating in the class are the safety officers who could save others' lives.

The next suicide prevention training will be held next quarter.

WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

ESL Class Available

Army Community Service is offering an English as a second language class at the Casey ACS classroom. Classes are available every Tuesday and Thursday 11:30 a.m - 1:30 p.m.

Also volunteers would be appreciated for teaching Korean as a second language at ACS - Casey and Red Cloud.

For more information contact Joseph Lee at 730-3032.

Annual Aviation Birthday Ball

The Second Combat Aviation Brigade and The Morning Calm Chapter of the Army Aviation Association of America will sponsor the Annual Aviation Birthday Ball on Friday, April 17, 2009 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Seoul, South Korea.

The attire is Mess Dress, Dress Blues or Class As, or Formal Civilian Dress.

The event is open to all military service members and their Families.

It begins at 5:15 p.m. and the dinner begins at 6:15 p.m. Tickets are \$45 and for more information, contact Capt. Laura McKenna at 753-5863 or 010-5846-1581.

Soccer Tryouts

Interested in playing soccer? Camp Casey, Red Cloud, and

Stanley are hosting indoor Soccer team try-outs at 10 a.m. Mar. 14-15. Tryouts will be held at Carey Fitness Center at Casey, and the Fitness Centers at CRC and Stanley.

Installations desiring to enter a team must register through their respective Enclave Sports Programmer before Mar. 19.

Taekwondo Tournament

There will be a Warrior Invitational Taekwondo Tournament held at Hanson Fitness Center Camp Casey at 1 p.m Mar. 21. This event is open to active duty military personnel stationed on USFK installations in Korea.

Personnel interested in participating this event, must attend weigh-ins at 10 a.m. at Hanson Field House Mar. 21.

For more information, call 732-6927.

Yellow Sea Sightseeing Tour

Wolmido Island is an island off the Incheon coast but with the creation of a highway it became part of the mainland.

Go on a tour to try the many cafes and seafood restaurants in the West Sea. Have a sketch made by artists in the sorted squares on Culture Street. Go see Play Hill, an amusement park with assorted

rides.

There are boat cruises, which leave every hour, that take a tour around the island.

Deadline to sign-up is Mar. 19, transportation is \$15. Passage fair: Age 14 and over W10,000, under is W5,000.

Sign up at your local Community Activity Center. For more information, call 732-7292.

St. Patrick's Day Special

The Camp Casey Gateway Club is hosting a St. Patrick's Day Special event from 6-9 p.m. Mar. 14.

Tickets are \$6.95 for adults and \$3 for children. Included in the event are great door prizes, traditional & modern Irish pub music, irish dinner buffet and guess the weight of the "blarney Stone" contest.

For more information, call 730-4601/3400.

Excess Item Turn-in

All 2ID units in Area I will be able to turn-in unserviceable excess automation equipment at Camp Castle North from March 23-27. This process will reduce the steps necessary to facilitate turn-in of unserviceable excess automation equipment.

Contact the 2ID G4 office at 732-6724 for more information.

Movies

Camp Casey

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

March 13...Street Fighter: The Legend Of Chun-Li
Not Easily Broken
March 14...The Unborn
Street Fighter: The Legend Of Chun-Li
March 15...Not Easily Broken
The Curious Case Of Benjamin Button
March 16...Street Fighter: The Legend Of Chun-Li
March 17...No Showing
March 18...Bolt
March 19...No Showing
March 20...My Bloody Valentine
Watchmen

Camp Red Cloud

Show times: Fri. 7 & 9 p.m., Sat.- Thu. 7 p.m.

March 13...Fired Up
The Unborn
March 14...The Curious Case Of Benjamin Button
March 15...Not Easily Broken
March 16...Marley and Me
March 17...Valkyrie
March 18...No Showing
March 19...Street Fighter: The Legend Of Chun-Li
March 20...Street Fighter: The Legend Of Chun-Li
Gran Torino
March 21...My Bloody Valentine

Camp Hovey

Show times: Mon.-Sun. 7 p.m.

March 13...The Unborn
March 14...Not Easily Broken
March 15...Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li
March 16...No Showing
March 17...The Curious Case Of Benjamin Button
March 18...No Showing
March 19...Watchmen
March 20...The Spirit
March 21...Gran Torino
March 22...Watchmen

Camp Stanley

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

March 13...Doubt
The Unborn
March 14...Fired Up
The Spirit
March 15...Fired Up
March 16...The Curious Case Of Benjamin Button
March 17...No Showing
March 18...Watchmen
March 19...Not Easily Broken
March 20...The Unborn
Gran Torino
March 21: Street Fighter: The Legend Of Chun-Li
My Bloody Valentine

Camp Humphreys

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

March 13...Street Fighter: The Legend Of Chun-Li
March 14...The Tale Of Despereaux
Street Fighter: The Legend Of Chun-Li
March 15...The Tale Of Despereaux
Street Fighter: The Legend Of Chun-Li
March 16...The Curious Case Of Benjamin Button
March 17...Transporter 3
March 18...Not Easily Broken
March 19...Not Easily Broken
March 20...Watchmen
March 21...Bedtime Stories
Watchmen
March 22...Bedtime Stories
Watchmen

CHAPEL SERVICE TIMES

Camp Red Cloud

Protestant:
11 a.m. Sunday
Catholic:
11:30 a.m. M-F
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:
6:30 p.m. Tuesday

Memorial Chapel
Gospel:
11 a.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
6:30 p.m. Tuesday

West Casey Chapel

Protestant:
10:00 a.m. Sunday
Catholic:
12 p.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
6:30 p.m. Thursday
LDS:
2 p.m. Sunday
Jewish:
6:30 p.m. Friday

Camp Hovey

Hovey Chapel
Catholic:
9:30 a.m. Sunday
Protestant:
11 a.m. Sunday

Old Hovey Chapel
Bldg. 3592
Orthodox:
10 a.m 1st and 2nd
Sunday

KATUSA:
6 p.m. Tuesday

Crusader Chapel

Protestant:
11 a.m. Sunday

Camp Stanley

Protestant:
10 a.m. Sunday
Gospel:
12:30 a.m. Sunday
Catholic:
11:30 a.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
7 p.m. Tuesday

Camp Castle

Protestant:
10 a.m. Sunday
KATUSA:
6 p.m. Tuesday

Camp Jackson Auditorium

KATUSA:
9 a.m. Sunday

Points of Contact:
USAG-Red Cloud:
732-6073/6706

CRC Catholic:
732-6016

Hovey Chapel:
730-5119

Memorial Chapel:
730-2594

West Casey:
730-3014

Stanley:
732-5238

Humphreys:
753-7952

Castle: 730-6889
LDS: 730-5682



Soldiers from Btry. E, 1st Bn., 43rd ADA Regt. march on Camp Casey as part of a 12-mile ruck march of the Stinger Competition held by 210th Fires Brigade, Feb. 23-27.

Stinger Competition trains to protect

Story & photos by
Pfc. Brian Glass
Staff Writer

In protecting the Korean peninsula, Soldiers need every available resource to stand up and "fight tonight." Along with the tools used to protect the citizens of the Republic of Korea, Soldiers need to be trained and proficient in their field of work.

Soldiers from Battery E., 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment got a chance to show their job proficiency in a Stinger competition, held by 210th Fires Brigade Feb. 23-27 at Camp Casey.

The first event during the competition was in the classroom.

"The Soldiers take a 50-question general knowledge test," said Staff Sgt. Michael Hernandez, gunnery sergeant, Btry. E. "The Soldiers have to identify what type of aircraft is shown on the screen."

The Soldiers needed a 70 percent or better to pass the event. Soldiers also took a 40-question test. They had to determine whether the aircraft was either friend or foe. They needed to score a 70 percent on this test to pass.

The second part of the competition consisted of table-top training.

"It's simulation-based training, kind of like an XBOX," said Hernandez. "Each Soldier has to visualize which aircrafts are friendly or foe, they have to successfully engage eight out of 10 tar-

gets."

Hernandez said that there are many benefits for the Soldiers using the table-top trainer.

"It gets Soldiers more in-tune with their jobs," said Hernandez. "It also gives Soldiers the chance to practice without being in the Avenger. It helps them to relax when getting into an actual Avenger."

The next part of the competition was crew drills done by two-man teams, a gunner and team chief. There were two stations the Soldiers were evaluated on.

"The first station involves uploading and converting to Manned Portable Air Defense System (MPADS)," said 1st Lt. Felix Ruiz, 4th platoon leader, Btry. E. "Each team is timed on how fast they upload the Stingers into the Avenger unit."

The conversion to MPADS occurs once the Stingers have been uploaded into the Avenger. The Soldiers take the missiles out and simulate firing from their shoulders.

The next station was the in-placement and march order.

"In-placement is where the Soldiers take the Remote Controlled Unit (RCU) and moves 50 meters away from the Avenger vehicle," said Sgt. 1st Class Quentin Miles, platoon sergeant 3rd platoon, Btry. E. "It helps to enhance the survivability of the Soldiers. If the vehicle is attacked from the air, the Soldier is at a safe enough distance to avoid getting injured."

For the march order, the Soldiers have to take the RCU, put it back into the Avenger, safely secure it back in its mounted position and perform safety checks.

The teams who win this competition are given a reward for their hard work.

"The top six teams will be able to fire off two Stinger missiles apiece," said Ruiz. "Each team will be able to fire one, but those top six teams will fire two." The Stinger missile firing will take place at Chulmae Range at a future date. Also, the top team will receive a streamer that goes back to the platoon they represent.

The final day of the event brought a change from previously held Stinger competitions.

"We have four stages that each group goes through this year," said Ruiz. "From evaluating causalities, to reacting to chemical attacks, we've put in more warrior-focused tasks this year. They also have to do a 12-mile ruck march this year."

The other stages were highlighted by reaction to ambush, entering and clearing a room and determining ground location using maps.

The event itself was a success and accomplished the goal of the Stinger competition.

"Air defense is big, we're the first line of defense for an enemy attack here," said Hernandez.

"(Our mission is) To train the Soldiers on the standards and procedures of their jobs and to build motivation through competition," said Ruiz.



Pfc. Jack Waters, Btry. E., 1st Bn., 43rd ADA, secures his perimeter during the Stinger competition.



Pfc. Paulo Silva, Btry. E., receives a Stinger missile during crew drills, part of a Stinger competition held by 210th Fires Brigade.



Soldiers march during the 12-mile ruck march during the Stinger Competition held at Camps Casey and Hovey.



Warrior NCO Spotlight

Leader motivates Soldiers with information



By Spc. Christen Best

1st HBCT Public Affairs

Keeping junior enlisted Soldiers for another term of service drives the Army to create several programs and incentives. Yet, one of the main factors that will entice a young Soldier cannot be added onto the budget; a good Noncommissioned Officer who takes the time to support and invest in each Soldier can be one of the deciding factors for re-enlistment.

Sgt. Michael Rogers, an intelligence analyst for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, recognizes that his duty as an NCO requires more than clocking in and out every day. As a leader of Soldiers he makes the candid effort to create a valuable experience for them.

"I appreciate the ability to provide useful training and guidance to new Soldiers," said Rogers, who acts as the brigade's physical security NCO. "I'm big on the idea that every NCO is a re-enlistment officer. We need to provide a positive example of the military."

Even before Rogers had three chevrons placed on his chest, he was taking care of his fellow Soldiers and proving that he would be an NCO who understood the responsibility of leadership.

"When I was at Madigan (Madigan



Sgt. Scott Kim

Sgt. Michael Rogers (right), an intelligence analyst for HHC, 1st HBCT shows Pvt. Larissa Petlin, also an intelligence analyst with HHC, how to properly inspect a vehicle for damages or leaks Feb. 18 at the 1st BSTB's motor pool on Camp Hovey.

Army Hospital, Fort Lewis), there weren't a lot of NCOs," said Rogers, who was an E-4 laboratory technician at the time. "They barely had one NCO per section, and those typically worked day shift, so it was put upon me to take care of everybody else for the rest of the time. We were all the same rank, but I was the only one with three years of prior service. In the absence of leadership, I was the one to step up."

Rogers took an active role in providing guidance for his section by coaching new Soldiers, accounting for equipment, and running Physical

Training. Once he earned his rank, he took the lessons and responsibilities he had gained at Ft. Lewis to meet his own expectations of what an exceptional NCO should be.

"Sgt. Rogers is motivating," said Pvt. Larissa Petlin, an intelligence analyst for HHC, 1st HBCT. "He gets down and works with us, he doesn't just watch us. He's easy to talk to and sincerely cares about our problems."

Much of Rogers' ability to inspire and train his Soldiers comes from his willingness to educate himself and use that knowledge to their benefit.

"I've learned a lot and feel more

comfortable this year handling things at my level, rather than getting my platoon sergeant involved," said Rogers. "New Soldiers ask questions and are willing to take 100 percent trust in what I say. They're not just opinion questions, and I need to have the right answer. I'm eager to continue learning, so I value NCO schools and look forward to going to BNCOC (Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course)."

His education and 10-year service presents Rogers with the opportunity not only to better himself, but to provide valuable training for his Soldiers.

"I have a unique background for a typical E-5 in my MOS (Military Occupation Specialty), I have a lot of medical experience, experience with different vehicles and weapons, and I'm very proficient in NBC exercises," said Rogers. "I can provide training in areas outside of my MOS."

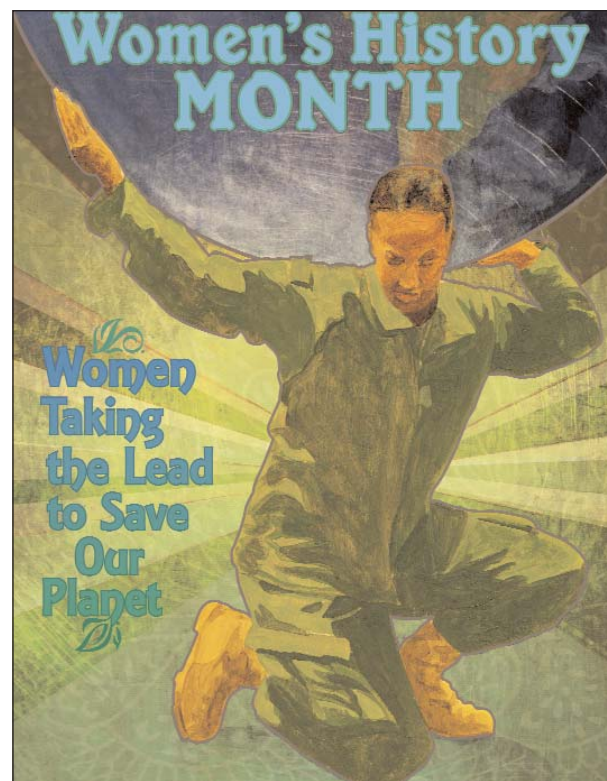
Rogers' broad background allows him to give more to his Soldiers, who he sees as individuals with special concerns and interests. He works on being available to address their issues as a vital role to his rank, creating a better and more effective military because of it.

"A good NCO is one who will listen to their Soldiers and attempt to understand them on a personal level," said Rogers. "You have to find how to motivate them each individually to be the best they can be."

Be Safe while in Korea



Buckle Up on Buses



Women's History Month Observance
3:30 p.m. March 27, 2009
Commanding General's Mess

2ID honors Best KATUSAs of the Year

By Spc. Christen Best

1st HBCT Public Affairs

Amidst the sounds of jazz and the aroma of a full-course meal, the Best KATUSA of the Year Award ceremony honored the selected Korean Augmentation to the United States Army Soldiers for their outstanding service, which strengthens the ties between the 2nd Infantry Division and the Republic of Korea Army. The event, held by 2ID and ROKA, enabled the Division to express thanks for the KATUSAs' distinguished efforts in supporting the mission Feb. 26 at the Warrior Club on Camp Casey.

The KATUSA's relatives, the ROKA and the 2ID command, which included Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, the commanding general of 2ID, who gave the keynote speech, all attended the event honoring the KATUSAs, a diverse group that accented the vitality of the US and South Korean Alliance.

"To the Family, friends and loved ones of the KATUSA Soldiers tonight, we know you are just as proud of these young Warriors as we are in the Division," said Morgan when he addressed the audience. "These Soldiers are serving the citizens of the Republic of Korea and the United States of America with great distinction. Their efforts and contributions continue to strengthen the cooperation that our two countries have come



Cpl. Kwak, Jang Wook, (right) of ROKA Staff, DSTB, Camp Red Cloud, celebrates with his mother and a fellow award winner, Cpl. Lee, Jae Hyun, (left) with HHSC DSTB, CRC, over their win at the Best KATUSA of the Year ceremony Feb. 26 at the Warrior's Club on Camp Casey.

together to achieve for over 55 years." Morgan presented each KATUSA with the Commanding General's Certificate of Achievement and Yun presented them each with a medal in honor of their achievements.

The award ceremony also included a speech from Col. Yun, Won-Hee, the 8th Army Support Group commander. He commended the winners for their extraordinary efforts on behalf of the two countries.

Each unit within the Division chose a KATUSA who best met their qualifications of the Best KATUSA of the Year for 2008. For Task Force, 1-72nd Armor Regiment, Sgt. Kim Yong Tae,

a gunner for 1-72nd, Company D, displayed extemporary attributes based on his character as a leader and his performance as a Soldier.

"Sergeant Kim was chosen, not only for his contribution to the unit, but his contribution overall to the Army," said Lt. Col. Patrick Walsh, the 1-72nd commander. "He's a gunner for an M1 A1 Tank, normally a United States Army NCO's position. Not only did he have to go over the language barrier, he also had to perform at the equivalent of an U.S. Army E-5, who has three to five years experience."

"And, he also scored a perfect

1,000 when he shot gunnery, which, out of all of my crews, he was the only one. The score is unheard of, it was an Army Commendation performance," he added.

The prestigious award comes with a great deal of pride and honor for its recipient. The event was designed to pay tribute to the accomplishments of a select few, and the caliber of Soldier was clearly evident in the winners.

"There's no comparison to the feeling," said Kim, 1-72's award recipient. "Actually, I didn't expect this, but I really appreciate it. I want to say thanks for everything."

The Warrior Division showed its appreciation to Kim and the handful of selected KATUSAs from the approximate 900 serving in 2ID. The event worked to showcase the excellence that these Soldiers have achieved and how their efforts continue to strengthen the relationship between the U.S. and South Korea..

"This annual event has been established to ensure that we properly honor and recognize the outstanding contributions and service of our Korean Aumentees to the United States Army," said Morgan. "Soldiers, who as they are, proudly and honorably stand side by side with their U.S. counterparts to continue in the history and the legacy of selfless service and duty to the best of the Republic of Korea and the United States of America. This long and enduring Alliance lives on because of their great service."

2-2 Soldiers perform base-defense exercise with ROK counterparts

Story & photo by Sgt. M. Benjamin Gable

2nd CAB Public Affairs

While continuing day to day operations, Soldiers with 2nd Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB), 2nd Infantry Division, performed a base defense exercise with their Republic of Korea (ROK) counterparts at Seoul Air Base, March 2-4.

During the 24-hour per day exercise, Soldiers with the 595th Maintenance Co., 362nd Signal Co. and Tango Security Force trained three days side by side with their Korean counterparts to ensure each were prepared for any conflict at the base. Each unit rotated Soldiers for additional shifts to prepare for the mission.

Soldiers were subjected to various scenarios such as aggressive protests on the base, random suspicious packages left near buildings, unknown persons photographing the battalion headquarters building and, ultimately, an attack on the entrance gate.

According to 1st Lt. Joshua Neves, an intelligence officer with the battalion, increasing the security status even one level in this type of training is difficult to perform while maintaining day-to-day operations.

"It can be painful for the company, but it's necessary to ensure the readiness of our troops," said 1st Lt. Nieves.

According to Pvt. Neal Winchester, a petroleum



ROK Air Force Soldiers, posing as hostile enemies, perform a simulated attack on ROK Soldiers and 2nd Bn., 2nd CAB, 2ID Soldiers, at the gate of Seoul Air Base, during a base-defense exercise March 4.

supply specialist with Co. E, who worked as a roving guard during the exercise, they were also confronted in a timely manner.

"We received the call and moved here as quickly as possible," he said. "Any suspicious activities like this need to be addressed; and we need to bring it to an end."

All forces involved with the exercise successfully accomplished their specific tasks.

"Everyone involved did an excellent job," said Neves. "These guys had the primary task of safeguarding the post, and even though they had many obligations; they kept their motivation and never let up."