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ROK Soldiers from 16th Chem. Bn., 6th Corps decontaminate weapons June 2 at Camp Casey.

U.S., ROK chem. companies compare techniques

Story & photo by Sgt. Scott Kim

1st HBCT Public Affairs

CAMP HOVEY, Korea – Soldiers from 4th Chemical Company, 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion and the Republic of Korea's 16th Chemical Battalion, 6th Corps tested their ability

to react to a chemical attack during a joint-training exercise conducted June 2 at Camp Casey.

During the event, Soldiers from both organizations responded to a chemical attack. Each company used its own specific decontamination procedures to ensure the safety of personnel and vehi-

cles.

"Today's training was to have the ROK and U.S. conduct a joint exercise where we can share (decontamination) techniques used by the two different armies," said 2nd Lt. Chris Kim, a decontamination platoon leader for 4th Chem. Co.

Throughout the event, Soldiers and leaders from both sides observed various new techniques and discussed standard operating procedures in order to enhance their own war-fighting capabilities in the event of a chemical threat.

"The training allowed both the leadership and Soldiers to view different ideas and procedures, so that we could all learn and adapt from them," Kim said.

Some of these lessons made lasting impressions as both sides discussed how to incorporate each others' methods into existing tactics.

"Our leadership has already stated that there are many ideas that we can incorporate into our own SOPs, which would make us faster and more efficient," said Kim.

During the training, Soldiers from both sides not only learned different military procedures, but were able to interact with their counterparts and find out more about them.

"I learned that the ROK (Soldiers) are very precise about their lines," said Pfc. Lynn Hopkins, a chemical operations specialist for 4th Chem. Co. "But I've also learned that they are extremely nice and were very helpful during the exercise."

Events like these help Soldiers to build working relationships with their comrades in arms, regardless of where they serve, and also create bonds, which could stand the test of war.

"This is the first time since I've been here that we did this and it was a good experience," Hopkins said. "I hope that we can do more training like this in the future because I learned a lot from this."

Gehler 'signs off' as Warrior Division Chief of Staff

By Master Sgt. Michael Pintagro

2nd ID Public Affairs Chief

Warriors of the 2nd Infantry Division said goodbye to their chief of staff as Korean partners bid fond farewell to a distinguished presence on the peninsula during a "patch" ceremony conducted Friday (June 5) at the Village Green on Camp Red Cloud, Korea.

Col. Christopher P. Gehler served as the Warrior Division's chief of staff since July 2008 and with U.S. Forces Korea since July 2005. The colonel will assume command of Joint Task Force-Bravo in Soto Cano, Honduras, during his next assignment.

A large crowd of Division leaders, Soldiers and Family members as well as Korean governmental, civic and military leaders gathered amid warm, clear weather for the event. Republic of Korean officials recognized the outgoing chief of staff and his Family with a series of gifts and awards. The colonel, his wife, Denise – a prominent FRG leader and volunteer – and three children, Madison, Max and Zoe, humbly accepted the gifts and kind words. The outgoing chief of staff praised the Korean people as gracious hosts the Family would leave reluctantly and remember fondly.

Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, the 2nd ID commanding general, described the Gehlers as

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Col. Christopher P. Gehler, the outgoing 2nd ID chief of staff, delivers remarks during a patch ceremony conducted June 5 at the Village Green on Camp Red Cloud.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

The Inner Circle: a necessity for balancing the demands of leadership

By Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III
2nd ID Commander

"It's hard to fly like an eagle when you are surrounded by turkeys."

Here is what the NBA playoffs teach us annually: one man, no matter how great, cannot win it all by himself. Not Jordan, pre-Pippen and Jackson. Not Kobe, post-Shaq and pre-Gasol. Iverson was not the "answer" in 2001, and this year we witnessed the fall of "the king," LeBron. For a great player to take his team to the top, he needs a balanced circle of players around him.

This simple lesson transcends the NBA hardwood as we find applications to our own approach to leadership. Good leaders can accomplish a lot for an organization, but without a substantial and reliable support network, their noble efforts will inevitably fall short of their true potential.

Dr. John Maxwell, a prominent lead-



ership theorist, proposes that a leader's inner circle will factor greatly into a leader's ultimate success or failure.

Who makes up the inner circle? I offer that it's a group that envisions a common end, but explores diverse means of getting there. It's a group that despite their professional and personal disparities holds to a common belief structure and core set of values. They

are what Jim Collins, author of "Good to Great," refers to as the right people.

Some leaders may unwisely choose only their co-workers, family, friends or entourage as their inner circle. However, employing solely these groups in an inner circle will almost always limit the potential of a leader. The inner circle may include one or more of these individuals, but a leader should be cautious against the wholesale acceptance of anyone from these groups. An effective inner circle keeps out the "yes men" and the pushovers. It has a more candid and less placatory nature.

I suggest that building an effective inner circle starts with defining an end state. The leader must have an idea of where he or she wants to ascend the organization, or what value(s) will define the organization. Once the leader understands where he/she wants to take the organization, he can then look to formulate an inner circle to him there. Friend or foe, male or female, old or

young, all are eligible and worth consideration. Vision and values determine one's eligibility for admission into the inner circle.

A leader wanting to make his company more "green" would add environmentalists to his or her inner circle. A leader wanting to embrace the consumer would bring media relations and public relations experts into his or her inner circle. A commander wishing to emphasize his unit's focus on family may include his or her FRSA, a garrison command representative, a unit chaplain and an MWR representative in his or her circle.

This summer will usher in new leadership across the force. I recommend that our new and existing leadership, officers and NCOs, take time to consider their organization's end state, and pick an inner circle that will take your team to the next level. Choose eagles over turkeys and watch your team fly.

"Second to None."

Commander's Intent

Vision: 2ID is prepared to "Fight Tonight", with a division that is known for highly disciplined, agile and adaptive units and Soldiers that are trained to standard and prepared to conduct intelligence-driven full spectrum deliberate combat operations with doctrinal troop leading procedures, pre-combat checks, inspections, rehearsals, composite risk management and after action reviews; these priorities and this methodology will allow us to ensure victory in the complex 21st Century full spectrum operating environment. We are leaders in our transforming communities of excellence that care for our Soldiers, their Families, and our neighbors.

PRIORITIES

- Ensure that our "Fight Tonight" Readiness is never compromised
- Enhance warfighting readiness through aggressive training, education and new equipment fieldings
- Strengthen the ROK-US alliance through peacetime military engagement with ROK military and civilian leaders
- Continue to improve force well being here on the peninsula in concert with ongoing transformation efforts

CARING

- Balance and Predictability
- Care for our nation's most precious resource—the Soldiers and Airmen of 2ID
- Care for our Soldier and civilian team, and their Families



METHODOLOGY

- Troop Leading Procedures
- Pre-combat Checks and Inspections
- Rehearsals
- Composite Risk Management
- After Action Reviews

TRAINING

- Utilize the eight-step training model
- Conduct training that is doctrinally-based, with clear task, conditions, and standards
- Focus on the basics: blocking and tackling
- Return Soldiers to CONUS with skill sets needed to fight in any operating environment

Warriors seek top honors



A Soldier fires an M-16 rifle during the Best Warrior Competition June 1 - 5 at Warrior Base. Soldiers, NCOs and KATUSAs competed to see who would earn top honors as the "best warrior" on the Korean Peninsula. The event separates the best from the best.

Story & photo by Sgt. Scott Kim

1st HBCT Public Affairs

CAMP HOVEY, Korea – Soldiers, noncommissioned officers and KATUSAs from all over the Korean Peninsula competed to see who would rise to the top during the Best Warrior Competition held June 1 - 5 at Warrior Base.

Throughout the event competitors were tested on various tasks, which included a physical fitness test, "combatives" and reflexive fire, in order to assess their proficiency in basic Soldier skills.

"The Best Warrior Competition was created to figure out who is the best of the best," said Sgt. Randy Gray, a signal analyst for A Co., 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division. "So NCOs, KATUSAs and junior enlisted Soldiers on the peninsula all battled it out to figure out just who would get the title."

The grueling event not only tested the Warriors' bodies, but pushed mental endurance to its limits. Competitors had little or no time to rest throughout the contest.

"It's a gut check every day when you wake up and your body is telling you to stop, but you have to keep going because the last thing you want to do during this whole thing is quit," Gray said.

Competitions like these are important because they allow everyone involved to learn from one

another and grow both as Soldiers and as leaders.

"I experienced a variety of difficult tasks but I enjoyed it," said Cpl. Kang, Min Gyoong, gunner for B Co., 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st HBCT, 2nd ID. "It was a good opportunity for me to learn how to become a better NCO."

The chance of winning top honors wasn't the only opportunity. The lessons learned throughout the event will benefit fellow Soldiers and units as well as participants themselves.

"As an NCO I have a duty to train my Soldiers to the best of my ability," Kang said. "This competition helped me become more proficient at my warrior tasks, which I can now pass on to them."

Though tough, the competition was straightforward because the cadre made sure the grading system was both fair and reasonable.

"The test was simple because we went by the field manuals. They're either a "go" or a "no go." That way everybody is held to the same standard," said Sgt. Omardelle Pough, cadre for the Best Warrior Competition and an NCO in A Co.

Although only one winner from each category could earn the title of "best warrior," all who participated agreed that the experience itself was its own reward.

"Being able to take top honors is not the only reward you can receive here, but to be able to say that I accomplished something at this level is what really made this competition so special," Gray said.



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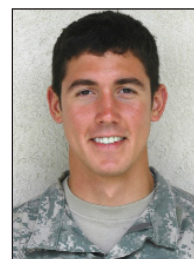
"Opened my eyes to the real Army."

Cadet Michael Weigand
West Point junior,
Co. A, DSTB

"Gave me solid realistic experience."

Cadet Nicholas Broussard

West Point Junior,
194th CSSB, 46th Trans.



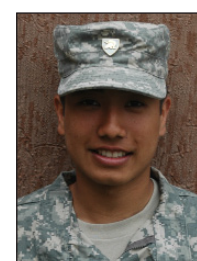
"Provided a great perspective on Soldiers."

Cadet Nicholas Martinez
West Point junior,
Co. A, DSTB

"Gets me involved with NCOs."

Cadet Paul Park
West Point Junior,

194th CSSB, 46th Trans.



"Showed me great Army life experiences."

Cadet Richard Nasser
West Point junior,
Co. A, DSTB

"To behave in a professional manner."

Cadet James Gleason
West Point Junior,
194th CSSB, 46th Trans.



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Warrior NCO Spotlight

Safety NCO leads 'from the front'



Story & photo by Pfc. Ju Ho Ma

2nd CAB Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS, Korea — For Master Sgt. James C. Dillman, the safety noncommissioned officer of 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, being a good NCO is not very different from being a good Soldier. After 22 years' service in the Army, Dillman said the secret to his successful career has been getting the job done without fail.

As the safety NCO of the 2nd CAB, Dillman oversees all safety operation within the brigade and provides other battalions appropriate operational guidance as well as equipment.

Dillman served in the Marine Corps Reserves while attending college, but decided to enlist in the Army after graduation. When Dillman decided to join the Army, his wife was pregnant with the couple's first child. He chose helicopter mechanic as his military occupational specialty and immediately started a rapid progression through the Army ranks.

"I spent most of my career as an E-7, after (it took) eight years to reach the rank," Dillman said in his easy-going style of speech. He credits his success with being "just a little bit fortunate."

In fact, luck had little to do with Dillman's success. He served in several positions and at various locations, from the U.S. to Germany, Iraq and South Korea. The



Master Sgt. James C. Dillman, the 2nd CAB safety NCO, checks the safety board at the 2nd CAB headquarters. After a 22-year career in the Army, he is moving on to life's next mission.

well-traveled NCO spent 19 of his 22 years in the Army leading Soldiers from the front as an NCO.

"I don't think I'm a better person than any young Soldiers," Dillman said. The truth is he treats Soldiers as he wants to be treated and works with his Soldiers. "I don't tell them they've got to do something. I just do it with them."

Through this "from-the-front" leadership style, Dillman inspires Soldiers to want to accomplish the mission as part of the Army team.

"We come together, work together and go back home together," Dillman said.

A great deal of Dillman's success stems from providing Soldiers a strong tie to the Army Family by making them feel at home in the service. Soldiers under his care routinely choose the hard right over the easy wrong because of the positive atmosphere he creates.

"We should have trust in each other (because) we live together, just like a Family," he said.

Dillman said his relationship with Soldiers is one he won't soon forget.

"I would never forget my whole 22 years in the Army," he said. "This is part of my life, and the Army changed me a lot."

Dillman said he wasn't sure what he could do before he joined the Army; but the responsibility and commitment he experienced in the Army made him "grow up" and become more confident in himself.

After growing up and developing into a distinguished leader in the Army, Dillman said, "It's time to move on." The safety NCO is slated to retire in November 2009. He plans to go back home and try something new for his next mission in life with his wife and his three sons.

Dillman served faithfully by applying the fundamentals of what it means to be a Soldier.

"Don't fall short and do your job," he said succinctly. This simple philosophy has served he and his Soldiers well during a long and challenging career.

Signal Soldiers practice 'commo,' combat during FTX

Story & photo by Pfc. Brian Glass

Staff Writer

Day-to-day missions sometimes limit Soldiers' ability to conduct realistic training — which provides essential knowledge for real-world missions.

The Division Special Troops Battalion's A Company conducted a field training exercise to enhance Soldiers' survivability skills and keep them proficient in their Military Occupational Specialties June 2-5 in the vicinity of Dongduchon.

One purpose of the training was to get the Soldiers certified on the Satellite Tactical Terminals, Joint Node Networks and Satellite Mobile Anti-Jam Reliable Tactical Terminal, also known as the Smart-T.

The Soldiers understood the importance of achieving proficiency on those machines.

"Anything can happen," said Spc. Victor Burnett, communications operations specialist, Co. A, DSTB. "When things (equipment) need to be set up, we do it quickly and efficiently."

The certification called for all three sets of equipment to be set up and running in one hour, something Burnett said wasn't a problem.

"We only took half-an-hour to set up the equipment," said Burnett.

Another aspect of the training was preparing Soldiers for going "down range" by reinforcing combat skills such as reaction to enemy attacks.

"There were three training sites," said Pfc. Henry Luna. "We took up positions in those areas with the objective to take down those areas."

That proved to be a difficult task.

"We were outnumbered," said Luna. "Both times we did an ambush today the Soldiers did a good job securing the area."

The constant attacks allowed Soldiers little time for

good rest.

"Our goal was to attack at different times," said Luna. "Doing this kept the Soldiers sleep deprived."

The Soldiers acknowledged this method was working very well.

"The sleep deprivation was good training," said Spc. Brittany Bryant. "That combined with the simulation of actual combat was very fun; it fueled my

adrenaline."

The training lasted four days, and despite the Soldiers' exposure to the heat and humidity of June in Korea, the training paid off.

"I've been with this unit for two years now," said Bryant. "Usually when we train, we train on signal tasks. Now we are training on Soldier tasks. We need this for survivability in combat situations."



Spc. Kynan Sherman, Co. A, DSTB inspects his weapon after reacting to enemy contact June 4 during a exercise near Dongduchon. The exercise tested the signal Soldiers' war-fighting abilities.

WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

Camp Adventure

The Summer Trek 2009 Day Camp Program is scheduled for June 15 to Aug. 14.

The program consists of nine one-week sessions for children in first through fifth grades.

The day camp programs are sponsored by the Camp Casey and Camp Red Cloud Community Activity Centers in cooperation with the University of Northern Iowa camp Adventure Team counselors.

For more information on activities and registration, call either the Camp Casey CAC at 730-4602 or the Camp Red Cloud CAC at 732-9246.

Cross stitching classes

Traditional and modern cross-stitching classes are conducted 11:30 a.m. Saturdays at the Arts and Crafts center on Camp Red Cloud.

For more information, call 732-7355. Registration is \$20.

Ten-miler qualifier

The 8th U.S. Army Ten-Miler is scheduled for June 20 at Carey Fitness Center on Camp Casey.

This is the qualifying event for the men's and women's active duty Army military teams that will represent 8th U.S. Army at the Army Ten Miler in Washington, D.C., Oct. 4.

Race day registration is scheduled for 6:30 to 7:15 a.m. A briefing is

slated for 7:30 a.m. The race is scheduled to start at 7:45 a.m.

The race is open to active duty military, Department of Defense civilians and their adult Family members stationed in Warrior Country (Area I).

For more information, call Casey Enclave Sports at 730-2322 or Warrior (Area I Sports) at 732-6276/6927.

Bowling for kids

Bowling for children ages seven to 12 is available 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays in June at the Camp Red Cloud Bowling Center.

The cost is \$5 per child and includes bowling, shoes and lunch.

For more information, call 732-6930.

Special Operations fair

The Special Operations Recruiting Battalion is slated to hold a career fair June 22-23 at the Dragon Hill Lodge in Yongsan.

The purpose of the career fair is to provide Soldiers stationed in Korea with information about specialized career fields available and the requirements and qualifications for those jobs.

Special Forces, Civil Affairs, Psychological Operations, 160th Special Operation Aviation and Explosive Ordnance Disposal recruiters will attend the career fairs.

Recruiters for warrant officers,

chaplains and the 75th Ranger Regiment will also be in attendance.

Soldiers from each career field and the specialized equipment they use will be featured at the event.

For more information, visit the SORB Web site at www.bragg.army.mil/sorb.

Guitar lessons

Free guitar lessons are conducted 3 p.m. Sundays at the Camp Red Cloud Community Activities Center.

For more information, call 732-9246.

Free concert

The Lieutenant Dan Band is slated to perform a free concert 7 p.m. June 27 at Camp Stanley.

The 90-minute performance is scheduled to take place behind the Gateway Club on the concrete pad. In case of inclement weather, the location will be the Hanson Field House.

The band is the side project of actor Gary Sinise, who is best known as the lead actor on the drama CSI:NY. Sinise started the band as a means of performing for troops stationed overseas.

The band covers songs from a wide range of genres. Its name originates from Sinise's role in the 1994 movie Forrest Gump. For his performance as the character of Lieutenant Dan, Sinise won an Oscar.

Movies

Camp Casey

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

June 19...Adventureland, The Hangover
June 20...17 Again, The Hangover
June 21...Flighting, State of Play
June 22...The Hangover
June 23...No Showing
June 24...State of Play
June 25...No Showing
June 26...Madagascar: Escape to Africa, 17 Again
June 27...The Taking of Pelham 123
June 28...Crank: High Voltage, The Taking of Pelham 123
June 29...The Taking of Pelham 123
June 30...No Showing

Camp Red Cloud

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

June 19...Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian
June 20...Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian, Fighting
June 21...Observe and Report
June 22...Hannah Montana: The Movie
June 23...Knowing
June 24...No Showing
June 25...The Hangover
June 26...The Hangover, Obsessed
June 27...Sunshine Cleaning
June 28...Crank: High Voltage
June 29...17 Again
June 30...Dragonball: Evolution

Camp Hovey

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

June 19...Dragonball: Evolution
June 20...Observe and Report
June 21...The Hangover
June 22...No Showing
June 23...Fighting
June 24...No Showing
June 25...The Taking of Pelham 123
June 26...State of Play
June 27...Fighting
June 28...The Taking of Pelham 123
June 29...No Showing
June 30...Crank: High Voltage

Camp Stanley

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

June 19...Observe and Report, 17 Again
June 20...Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian, Dragonball: Evolution
June 21...Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian
June 22...Fast and Furious
June 23...No Showing
June 24...The Taking of Pelham 123, The Taking of Pelham 123
June 25...State of Play
June 26...Fighting, Hannah Montana: The Movie
June 27...The Hangover, Crank: High Voltage
June 28...The Hangover

Camp Humphreys

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

June 19...The Hangover
June 20...Dragonball: Evolution, The Evolution
June 21...Dragonball: Evolution, The Evolution
June 22...Fighting
June 23...Fighting
June 24...Crank: High Voltage
June 25...Crank: High Voltage
June 26...The Taking of Pelham 123
June 27...Hannah Montana: The Movie, The Taking of Pelham 123
June 28...Hannah Montana: The Movie, The Taking of Pelham 123
June 29...Obsessed
June 30...Obsessed

CHAPEL SERVICE TIMES

Camp Red Cloud

Protestant:
11 a.m. Sunday
Catholic:
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:
10:30 a.m. Sunday
Catholic:
Noon 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
Sundays

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

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732-6016

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730-5119

Memorial Chapel:
730-2594

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Stanley:
732-5238

Humphreys:
753-7952

Castle: 730-6889
LDS: 730-5682

Warriors prep cadets for future leadership

By Pfc. Brian Glass

Staff Writer

Cadets from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. came to the 2nd Infantry Division to train with lieutenants and experience what the “real Army” has in store for them once they are commissioned.

The training started May 25 and ended June 17. In that time the cadets saw a world they never knew existed.

“It has been a great opportunity to see what the Army is like,” said Cadet Richard Naseer. “When we are at West Point, it (West Point) is all we think about.”

The cadets’ status allowed them to mix easily with the Warriors they trained alongside.

“There are no Soldiers at West Point,” said Cadet Michael Weigand. “Because we aren’t commissioned yet, Soldiers have been more down to earth with us and told us more than they would their officers.”

The cadets were assigned to lieutenants and given various tasks to learn their future day-to-day duties.

“We learned about doing hand receipts and we (performed maintenance) in the motor pool,” said Weigand.

Some cadets participated in A Company, Division Special Troops Battalion’s field training exercise June 2-5. They received valuable hands on

leadership training.

“We pulled sight security at the field training sites,” said Cadet Nicholas Martinez. “When the lieutenants weren’t around, we became acting platoon leaders. The Soldiers were very receptive.”

The assignment of taking a cadet under their wings certainly wasn’t an easy thing for the lieutenants to do.

“The cadets are ahead of my expectations,” said 2nd Lt. Demetrius Haeffner, a platoon leader with division maintenance support. “I’ve assigned my cadet reading assignments and had him issue an (operation order). They need to be flexible and learn from their mistakes.”

Flexibility is a particularly important quality, according to the cadets.

“We know that the Soldiers should come first,” said Weigand. “It is also important to let the senior noncommissioned officers do their jobs and to learn from their guidance.”

The cadets haven’t skipped out on physical training since their arrival in “Warrior Country.” Some cadets participated in company runs while others ran the “Green Mile” on Camp Red Cloud.

The future officers took a lot away from their training with 2nd ID. The knowledge and motivation gained in Warrior County will remain with them when they return to West Point.

“We now see what the real Army has in store,” said Martinez. “We see the light at the end of the tunnel and will work every day to get to that light.”

West Point Cadets learn Army duties, responsibilities

By Sgt. 1st Class Krishna M. Gamble

2nd CAB Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS, Korea – For approximately three and a half weeks, six cadets from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point will be the newest, and quite possibly the youngest, platoon leaders in 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division.

These juniors and seniors are participants in the Cadet Troop Leadership Training program. This program provides U.S. Military Academy and Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets with active-duty leadership opportunities and experience by placing them in platoon leader positions.

“CTLT offers cadets the chance to shadow platoon leaders and learn from them by watching them handle different situations,” said 2nd Lt. Kirstin Strobel, project officer for the 2nd CAB CTLT program and former CTLT participant.

Strobel, a graduate of Penn State University, participated in the ROTC CTLT in the summer of 2003 in Brunssum, Netherlands. She was assigned as an executive officer for a headquarters company that sup-

ported NATO.

“I got to plan their organizational day even though it happened after I left, but they sent me pictures,” said Strobel who served as the 2nd CAB medical plans officer. “It was interesting and a lot of fun.”

That’s the same sentiment the West Point cadets expressed about their experiences with 2nd CAB.

“This is a great opportunity to see what a platoon leader actually does on a daily basis, and how he interacts with Soldiers. It’s very interesting and very different,” said Justin Langreck, a senior at West Point majoring in biology. Langreck said he hopes to enter the medical services branch and eventually go into pharmacy.

Langreck is assigned to 2nd Lt. William D. Gowin, a platoon leader with Company C, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion. Godwin is a signal officer and his interaction with Langreck gave the 21-year-old cadet from San Antonio a second option for branch selection.

“As the most deployed company in the brigade, I’m showing him what it takes for us operate,” Gowin said. “I’m showing him proper accountability procedures

for the more than \$5 million worth of signal equipment in 2nd CAB.”

2nd CAB is scheduled to host cadets from the U.S. Military Academy and Reserve Officers’ Training Corps in four iterative groups until Aug. 18. Cadets will receive an officer evaluation for the time spent in the unit.

“This is a good program. We didn’t have this opportunity in Officer Candidate School,” Godwin said. “I hope (the cadets) enjoy it and get as much out of it as (they) can.”

“The general told us to listen twice as much as we talk,” Langreck said of the advice Brig. Gen. Walter M. Golden recently imparted to them at a private luncheon held in the 2nd CAB Dining Facility. Golden is the assistant division commander - maneuver for 2nd ID.

Langreck said CTLT was a valuable way to embark upon the military career he seems destined to fulfill.

“My dad was career Air Force and my brother is in the Navy ROTC at The Citadel in Charleston, S.C., but I wanted to be in the Army,” Langreck said. “He is happy and my mom preferred I joined the Army.”

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a “great Army family that has touched us in so many ways.” The commander presented Gehler the Legion of Merit during the awards ceremony. He also presented Mrs. Denise Gehler the Commander’s Award for Public Service and the Helping Hand Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service.

Morgan focused on Gehler’s role as Warrior chief of staff and accomplishments with the Division during the patch ceremony held immediately following the awards presentation.

The commander described the chief of staff as “a linchpin connecting the staff and subordinate leaders to the commander. To be effective, the chief has to merit the commander’s implicit trust. He is, often, the eyes and ears of the commander during the staffing process.”

“My vision,” Morgan added, “has

never been so acute, and my hearing so attuned” as during Gehler’s tenure. “Thank you. As the chief, you have superbly mentored and coached my staff to hone their abilities to receive, analyze, interpret and present actionable information.

“This actionable information,” he continued, “is what allows commanders the ability to ‘fight tonight,’ enhance combat readiness, strengthen our ROK-U.S. alliance, and continue to improve the quality of life for Soldiers and Families here on the Korean Peninsula.”

The commander closed on a personal note, thanking Gehler and his wife for their friendship and work on behalf of Division Soldiers and Families. “On behalf of the Warriors of the 2nd ID, I thank you and your family for service and support to this great Division and our Army.”

Gehler followed his commander to the podium. During his remarks, the outgoing chief of staff offered high

praise to participants in his farewell ceremony and the Division as a whole, describing its Soldiers as “a testament to our nation’s resolve in the face of tyranny, shoulder to shoulder with our great ROK allies and friends. Your determination, training, readiness and sacrifice ensure that others enjoy freedom and liberty.”

The outgoing chief praised senior brigade leaders and Division command group colleagues, describing them as “awesome. Our Soldiers benefit every day from your leadership, selfless service and caring attitudes.” Gehler congratulated the staff he led for overcoming “seemingly insurmountable and relentless challenges with grit, sweat and determination” and forging “a great team.”

Turning to Morgan, he thanked his commander “for the opportunity of a lifetime.” “The Division is a full-spectrum leadership battle lab,” he added, “and you, sir, are the mentor training the

Jedi.” Gehler returned the commander’s compliments to his family, describing the general and his wife, Mrs. Debbie Morgan, as “perfect role models who we all strive to emulate.”

After an emotional tribute to his wife – coincidentally celebrating her birthday – and children, Gehler bid the Division and the peninsula goodbye in true Warrior idiom.

“It’s time to transition and bid farewell,” he said in closing. “But regardless of where I go or where I serve, my Warrior soul will always wear a big black patch. Thank you,” he told the assembled crowd, “this is Warrior 5 signing off. Second to none!”

A ceremony punctuated by parade ground pomp and circumstance, performances by the 2nd ID Band and a ceremonial volley concluded with the singing of the 2nd ID and Army songs.

The incoming chief of staff, Col. Michael A. Coss, is scheduled to arrive later in the month.



Ancient Chinese city shatters preconceptions

Commentary & photos by
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As I read through a local magazine I see an advertisement for a trip to Beijing, China. What is my first thought? China is a huge land-mass of a country and visiting there will greatly increase my percentage on the social network application "Countries I Have Visited."

After that thought, random images from the site of the 2008 Olympics and historical locations in the vicinity of Beijing start running through my head. I send a text message to my wife and the planning begins.

As I review the itinerary during the two-hour flight to Beijing my excitement builds. Upon landing, the city catches me completely off guard. My assumptions about Beijing – built from a lifetime of news stories about a city of 17 million people, memories of events in Tiananmen Square in 1989 and news reports of traffic control before and during the Olympics – are about to be shattered.

The tour guide greets my group and so begins the adventure into Beijing. As I ride on the tour bus, I gaze at what is, indubitably, one of the cleanest, greenest and best-organized modern cities I have ever seen. Traffic is flowing smoothly, and though there is a slight haze in the air, the sky is blue – not at all what I expected from such a large city.

Among the tree-lined streets and new high-rise buildings are historical and government buildings. And in the midst of all of this are treasures like Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City and the Temple of Heaven.

Tiananmen Square, the site where Chairman Mao Zedong declared the founding of the People's Republic of China, is the world's largest public plaza and can hold up to one million people during special events. Other than size, the most impressive aspect of the square is the number of political and cultural buildings surrounding it – including Chairman Mao's Mausoleum, his final resting place.

The Forbidden City was the symbolic center of the Chinese universe for more than 500 years. It is also large, with 9,999 rooms – it would take hundreds of visits to see them all. After entering the third gate into the city, I realize I've made a good choice by wearing comfortable walking shoes. A good tour guide is required to explain the symbolism, colors and decorations of the buildings. Thanks to my tour



Sgt. Scott Kim, public affairs noncommissioned officer, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division enjoys a snack of fried seahorse on the Wangfujing Street Market in Beijing, China. The market is known for serving traditional Chinese foods like fried scorpions, crickets, starfish and snake.

guide, I will always be aware I must step over the doorway threshold instead of on it so I can always have good luck.

The highlight of the tour for me was seeing the Great Wall of China. The actual length, with all of its branches, was recently expanded to over 5,500 miles. There are two options for getting to the best views from the Great Wall, climbing the steep side or the "not-so-steep" side. I convinced myself, and my wife, to climb, and I do mean "climb" the steep side. People in incredibly great shape are gasping for air, so I do not feel too bad that I found it to be a "slight" challenge. But the view was spectacular, with the wall running off into the distance on the ridges. It is the site to see in Beijing.

I am amazed by our tour of the Temple of Heaven, a structure made completely of wood with no nails. It has survived earthquakes and is definitely among the most beautiful buildings in Beijing. This is where the emperor would make sacrifices and pray to the gods. One act I find fascinating is a performance by the Chinese who gather in the gardens and dance to ballroom music. This is strange, yet true, and just one more fascinating thing to see in Beijing.

Another location – once exclusive to emperors – to see is the Summer Palace. Overlooking what once was the largest man-made lake, my group walks a corridor along the lake and into the gardens. We enjoy a very relaxing and scenic view.

We stop by the "Bird's Nest," home of the 2008 Olympic opening and closing ceremonies, for a daytime viewing. Though it was incredible to be there, I believe the nighttime view is much

more worthwhile. The nighttime lighting makes the Bird's Nest and the "Water Cube," home of the swimming events, much more photogenic.

I could discuss shopping in the jade and silk factories, or shopping in the markets – where my haggling skills are tested like never before. However, I

want to conclude by talking about the food.

Real Chinese food is not the sweet-and-sour shrimp I order at my favorite Chinese restaurant at home. The food is shared by everyone at the table, so I hope that no one else likes the slightly spicy beef and bamboo shoots. No such luck, because that plate did not make it around the table a second time. Each meal was very good, but I have to admit I found myself at an American hamburger restaurant each night because I was still hungry.

No matter how hungry I might be, there are some traditional Chinese foods on Wangfujing Street that I will not eat. Some of the braver people in my group ate fried scorpions, crickets, starfish, snake and stomach – of what I do not know, but it is still a stomach, so yuck! There are many exotic foods in this market and just watching people eat these snacks was worth the time there.

As I return home, I begin sorting through three gigabytes of photographs and updating a certain social network application. Score! But it is time to travel some more. There are a lot of places I have not been – yet.



The majestic view from one peak on the Great Wall of China.

Runners remember fallen with 5K



Spc. Jamie Riddle, WRC inbound, crosses the finish line after completing the 5K Run/Walk for Fallen Comrades May 30 at Camp Stanley. The event's winners received various prizes.

Story & photo
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Staff Writer

A Soldier dying is an unfortunate aspect of war. For the battle buddies of the fallen and fellow Soldiers who have to live on, the memories never fade.

Some 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers honored their deceased brothers and sisters in arms by participating in the 5K Run/Walk for Fallen Comrades May 30 at Camp Stanley.

The event, which was sponsored by Family Morale Welfare and Recreation, attracted approximately 60 people.

For some of the participants, the event was much more than a reason to run.

"I've been in the Army 18 years," said Sgt. 1st Class Gera Foushee, platoon sergeant, Company B, 304th Signal Battalion, Camp Stanley. "I've had some friends of mine die during combat. I'm doing this for them."

A large contingent of runners belonged to the Warrior Readiness Course and had just arrived in country.

"I had just got to Korea two days ago," said Capt. Jamie Stahl, currently en route to

Camp Humphreys. "This run is good to maintain physical fitness, and it's important to know the sacrifices of others."

The weather held up beautifully and the race went off without any hiccups. Prizes were awarded for the first and second place finishers of each event.

The different categories were over and under 30-years-old groups for male and females. Prizes included a new pair of running shoes for the first place winners, \$30 AAFES gift certificates and \$25 worth of savings bonds to name a few.

Even with the large turn out, some participants felt more should come out to pay tribute to fallen comrades.

"I believe this event should be made mandatory," said Pfc. Paul Golden, Headquarters and Headquarters Support Company, Division Special Troops Battalion. "It's good to go out and do great things like this."

With the event completed, the participants left with a better appreciation for the meaning of the run.

"I'm here in support of the fallen comrade run," said 1st Sgt. Carol Hymes, WRC first sergeant. "Knowing fallen comrades personally, this means more to me than a run."

English unites Soldiers, school children

Story & photo by Sgt. Scott Kim

1st HBCT Public Affairs

CAMP HOVEY, Korea – Forging good relations with the local community is critical when Soldiers are stationed overseas because they are representatives not only of the U.S. Army but of the American people.

Events such as the English Camp program held June 1 - 5 at Camp Casey help showcase outreach efforts by the 2nd Infantry Division and its personnel and strengthen bonds with neighbors.

During the camp, Soldiers and students from the surrounding Dongduchon area were able to experience different aspects of each other's culture through various activities, including a trip to Soyosan Mountain, a tour of the 2nd ID Museum and classes in English.

"This was a good opportunity to explore the two different societies better and it helps us, the Soldiers, understand more of the Korean traditions while the kids get to see what U.S. Army life is like," said Pvt. Thomas Hamblin, artilleryman for B Company, 1st Battalion,



Pvt. Thomas Hamblin, artilleryman with B. Co., 1st Bn., 15th FA Regt., 1st HBCT, 2nd ID shares a laugh with his student, Ahn, Ye Ji, during the English Camp Program held June 1 - 5 at Camp Casey. The program allowed Soldiers who volunteered the opportunity to teach local students English.

15th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 2nd ID.

Throughout the event, Soldiers were paired with students to create a more personal atmosphere in order to make the camp more enjoyable.

"Everyone got assigned a local

Korean student," said Hamblin. "Basically, it's so that we'll be able to bond with the kids and hopefully make learning English and American culture more fun."

The students seemed eager to learn. The Soldiers' energy played an impor-

tant role, as did students' eagerness to experience new aspects of Army life.

"I enjoyed myself very much," said Ahn, Ye Ji, a student in the camp. "I loved learning about what our teachers do in the Army and the different places we went."

Students were not the only ones who learned valuable lessons during the camp. The children also taught Soldiers various phrases to help them better interact with the local community.

"My student taught me a few sentences that should help me to communicate what I want when I'm out shopping or something," Hamblin said. "It also shows the Koreans that we respect their culture and that we're not just haughty tourists."

Experiences such as these not only help Americans and Koreans alike learn more about each other's way of life, but create relationships that will help both communities grow together.

"This has been one of the most fulfilling experiences I've ever had," said Hamblin. "I learned a lot more about the country I'm in and hopefully I was able to show these Korean students what Americans are all about."