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New commander rolls into 'Thunder Brigade'

By Master Sgt. Michael Pintagro

2nd ID Public Affairs Chief

A combat-tested leader who wore the Indianhead patch as a maneuver battalion commander in Iraq assumed leadership of the 210th Fires Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division during a ceremony conducted the morning of July 8 at Camp Casey, Korea.

Col. Steven A. Sliwa succeeded Col. Brian J. McKiernan, who will serve as Chief of Staff for Strategic Effects with Multi-National Force-Iraq.

A brief awards presentation in honor of McKiernan and his Family preceded the change of command ceremony. U.S. and Republic of Korea Army leaders, Dongduchon community representatives and local government officials offered the McKiernans gifts, congratulations and kind words.

Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, the 2nd ID commander, paid tribute to the outgoing commander and his Family before presenting McKiernan the Legion of Merit. McKiernan's wife, Sharon, an active duty lieutenant colonel and pediatrician who served as deputy commander for clinical services with the 65th Medical Brigade and 121st Combat Support Hospital as well as an important Family Readiness Group leader and community volunteer, received a certificate of appreciation.

The change of command followed promptly. Key leaders from 8th U.S. Army, 2nd ID and the Dongduchon community joined around 700 brigade



Yu, Hu-Son

Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, the 2nd ID commander, passes the 210th Fires colors to the "Thunder Brigade's" new commander, Col. Steven A. Sliwa, during a ceremony held July 8 at Camp Casey.

Soldiers and well-wishers amid hot, humid weather for a ceremony punctuated by dynamic music and customary parade-field pomp and circumstance.

After the ceremonial inspection of the troops and passing of the unit colors, Morgan paid tribute to the

outgoing commander.

"Col. McKiernan displayed exceptional leadership and keen insight during a period of challenge and

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Division Soldiers celebrate July 4th with softball record

Story & photos by

Lt. Col. Russ Goemaere

2nd ID Public Affairs Officer

Day weekend with relaxation, family fun, fireworks and perhaps some barbecue. But 35 Warriors from the 2nd Infantry Division exceeded the standard, celebrating the nation's founding by setting a world record.

The Soldiers, who represented units

across the Division, completed a record-shattering 100-hour softball marathon 6:02 p.m. July 4 at Camp Casey.

The Warriors eclipsed the previous record of 96 hours, set last year by a team in Canada.

After 451 innings and well over 2,000 runs scored the players and organizers feel confident the record is now theirs.

"We taped the entire game and will send it in to the review committee. The authorities have very specific rules on how the softball marathon must be conducted but we followed all the guidance and think by September, or so, it will be official," said James Williams, a supervisory sports specialist with IMCOM Korea and Camp Casey.

According to Williams, the Soldiers lived at the ball field throughout the four-day softball extravaganza. Tents and cots were provided; medics were present in case of injury; cooks delivered hot chow from the dining facility; and jerseys were cycled in and out of use so they could be laundered.

Soldiers said they had no idea how challenging playing softball for 100 hours straight would be.

Many of the players wanted to quit after they realized just how hard it would be; but "it was the years of building stamina – that can-do attitude, (that) helped us all get through it," said Sgt. 1st Class Roland Valenzuela of Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, who described the event as something all Division Soldiers "can be proud of."

"The opportunity 2nd ID put forth to allow us to do this is great and makes me feel proud that I am part of this Division," the San Antonio native added.

Another plus for the Soldiers was the presence of family and friends who turned up regularly to cheer them on.

"I was out there with my son for about 60 hours," said Samantha Velasquez, wife of Pfc. "Mario" Velasquez, a Fontana, Calif.

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Pfc. "Mario" Velasquez of the "Tomahawk" team awaits his pitch July 4 during a record-shattering 96-hour, 451-inning softball marathon held at Camp Casey.



VOICE OF THE WARRIOR:

If you could go anywhere for summer vacation, where would it be?



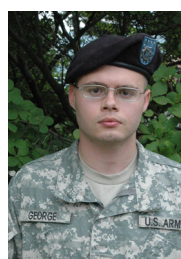
"East coast of the Peninsula."
Cpl. Jin Won Kang
HHSC, DSTB

"It's a good opportunity to visit China from Korea."
Sgt. Guy Collinsworth
HHC, DSTB



"Hawaii, because of its warm weather and the beach."
Pfc. Chad Lee Knight
HHSC, DSTB

"Germany."
Spc. Justin George
HHC, DSTB



"Somewhere near my hometown."
Cpl. Chang Hee Yang
65th Medical Brigade,
106th Medical Detachment

"China, because I like the people."
Spc. Wayne Griffith
HHC, DSTB



COMMANDER'S CORNER: Strong Families bolster Division combat readiness

By **Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III**
2nd Infantry Division commander

This Division embodies the American commitment to the security, freedom, and prosperity of the Republic of Korea. In return for what our Soldiers do in support of our nation and its allies, we must keep faith with them and their Families. Family readiness is an important aspect of unit and military readiness as informed and prepared Families maximize Soldier success. Ill-informed and unprepared Families detract both personally and professionally from their Soldiers' lives and unit morale suffers.

In the 2nd Infantry Division we hold regular forums in support of Family readiness. Our next "Family Readiness Group Roundup" is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22 at Camp Humphreys.

We have an aggressive agenda that includes updates from installations throughout the Division footprint, a command sponsorship update, a review of the Division's master calendar and a review of outstanding issues raised during previous FRG Roundups.

My intent is for these "Roundups" to provide a dynamic forum for 2nd ID senior leaders from the battalion through Division echelons, garrison commanders, FRG leaders and representatives of other agencies to raise, address and act on important issues confronting Division Families – both on the peninsula and in the States.

The FRG program represents all our Families and provides an important link between Soldiers and their Families. It also improves operational readiness and helps ensure we are ready to "Fight Tonight." FRGs recognize the need to maintain an appropriate balance of mission and Family priorities.

While the maintenance of high training standards for our Soldiers and units is not negotiable, with creativity, ingenuity and innovation we can achieve greater predictability and more opportunities for Families to thrive. Our guiding principle is "mission and Soldiers and Families first."

Active command involvement is essential to maintaining successful FRG programs throughout the 2nd ID area of responsibility. To maximize consistency and effectiveness, we must ensure our FRG programs are nested with those of higher headquarters and our own subordinate units. We must syn-

chronize our support to Families across our subordinate commands, supporting agencies and units in Areas I, II and III.

The command sponsorship program, for instance, requires united effort across echelons, organizations, installations and activities.

Gen. Sharp has provided us some very specific guidance on command sponsorship and how new tour length and incentive policies have changed the paradigm of Korean tours by making them more Family-friendly. It is my intent to move forward with this concept, synchronizing systems and practices to ensure none of our Families are left behind. To meet this requirement I have directed our personnel offices to work with commanders at all levels to ensure incoming Families are briefed on the advantages and limitations of command sponsored tours in Areas I and II as our footprint gravitates southward.

I am particularly concerned about incoming families who have school age children. Strong sponsorship programs, command involvement and effective staff coordination will help ensure incoming Division Families understand the local education situation.

We must ensure no parents arrive in Korea convinced their child has a DODDS school slot only to learn he or she does not. I ask key leaders and all senior personnel to join sponsors in their outreach to incoming Soldiers. Please provide them timely, accurate and responsive information about their local housing, schooling and economic situations.

In advance of the FRG Roundup I want to thank all our Family members for their involvement in FRGs throughout this great Division. We need your continued active support in order to help make places like Casey, Hovey and Red Cloud as well as Yongsan "stations of choice" for Soldiers and their Families.

Second to None!



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Yu, Hu Son

Aim high!

Staff Sgt. Donald Melendy of 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, briefs Air Force Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Remington, the Seventh Air Force commander, and Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, the 2nd ID commanding general, on range safety procedures the afternoon of July 10 at Rodriguez Range. Remington spent the day with 2nd ID Warriors, receiving informational briefings and demonstrations on the capabilities and operations of Division tactical equipment.

Warriors ‘crawl’ through urban operations

By Maj. Michael Nicholson

1st HBCT Public Affairs

CAMP HOVEY, Korea – The rotation of personnel during the summer “permanent-change-of-duty-station season” can be challenging for units assigned to Korea’s 2nd Infantry Division. The constant rotation in and out of country by large numbers of personnel can pose significant challenges for leaders focused on training Soldiers and ensuring their units are ready to “Fight Tonight.”

One way to address personnel turnover in units is to employ a “crawl/walk/run” training process. The “crawling” phase breaks an event like military operations in urban terrain, or “MOUT,” down to its most basic tasks so that Soldiers can learn or re-learn the training from the ground up.

“We’ve had a high rate of personnel turnover and this was one of the first opportunities to get all our new Soldiers out training,” said Sgt. 1st Class Tom Sales, 1st Platoon sergeant for “Easy” Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd ID.

“For these two days we were able to get both the mounted and dismounted crews training together and start working on the crawl phase of urban operations.”

Sales walked members of his platoon through the training without weapons or gear, using only the outline of a building so his Soldiers could both see and, hopefully, understand the basic fundamentals of urban operations.

“This was the beginning stage of occupying urban terrain. We went



Pfc. Ho Young Jung

Soldiers from 2-9 Infantry walk through stacking and clearing rooms procedures using the “crawl/walk/run” training process at Camp Casey’s Military Operations in Urban Terrain training site July 9.

through establishing a foothold, the ‘four-man stack,’ and basic clearing and entering of a room. We then went into moving from room-to-room in order to clear a building,” said Sales.

Pfc. Clayton Wells, a Bradley Fighting Vehicle gunner for the platoon, found the training to be a useful start to the year he’ll spend with the unit.

“We had a couple days of training and are out here getting ready for the big event to be done later this month at the Korean Training Center. It’s been a good start,” said Wells.

Spc. Tristan Minnis, a team leader

with the platoon, has been in Korea for two years but still found it useful to start a training event from the earliest stages. “I was working with a reduced section today and it was a learning experience,” said Minnis.

“The most challenging thing was when I had a man go down,” he added. “He got a (simulated) gunshot wound to the inner thigh. We had to pull security around him, talk to him, call in a (medical evacuation) and still work on accomplishing the mission.”

The unit will continue to work through the “crawl/walk/run” phases of urban

operations training and is scheduled for a larger training event later this month at the Combined Arms Collective Training Facility, an urban operations training site located at the Korean Training Center.

Sales described the event as a useful exercise that helped identify strengths, weaknesses and skills to train further on.

“We identified some weaknesses and we know what we need to work on,” he said. “Some Soldiers can take the ball and run with it while others need some more training time. On a scale from one to 10, today I give them a six. We still have some work to do.”



Warrior NCO Spotlight

Division Sergeants celebrate Year of the NCO



By Master Sgt. Michael Pintagro

2nd ID Public Affairs

Around 200 noncommissioned officers from throughout the 2nd Infantry Division and guests celebrated one special night in the "Year of the NCO" the evening of July 10.

NCOs from corporal through command sergeant major representing every organization and installation in the Division participated in the event, sponsored by the 2nd Infantry Division and Area 1 Sergeants Major Association and held in the Naija Ballroom of Yongsan's Dragon Hill Lodge.

The "Year of the NCO Black Tie Affair" featured fine dining, drinks, music, dancing and socializing as well as professional development for enlisted leaders in the form of constructive table-talk and a discussion of past and present visions of enlisted leadership by Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin L. Hill of U.S. Army Central Command, the event guest speaker.

The principal speaker aside, guests donned formal civilian rather than military attire. Men wore lavish tuxedos and suits, women lovely dresses and gowns.

Organizers consciously chose civilian dress to encourage informal interaction and constructive dialogue.

"It was an outstanding event, drawing the ranks together and showing, especially through the video, how our NCOs are achieving Warrior tasks and building the Warrior Ethos."

1st Sgt. Takisha Benitez
A Company, 1st HBCT

logue.

"We wanted to give everyone an opportunity to talk to each other about different ideas and leadership experiences," said Sgt. 1st Class Corye Carrington, the 2nd ID chaplain operations NCO and a key event organizer. "We wanted them to be able to interact as NCOs and mingle regardless of rank, to feel comfortable instead of going to parade rest."

The NCOs and guests feasted on a scrumptious buffet including turkey, ham, sausage, fish, grains, fruits, vegetables and desserts, bolstered by wine, soda and other beverages.

Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, the division commander and the event's only commissioned guest, and Warrior Command Sgt. Maj. Peter D. Burrowes headed one table. Sergeants Major Association officials filled another. Organizers seated the remainder of the guests by brigade.

The 2nd ID Band's "Jazz Combo" performed during the meal. The musical entertainment also included a saxophone solo by Sgt. Maj. Christopher A. Pritchard, the Division Special Troops Battalion sergeant major and another key organizer. A disc jockey played a variety of contemporary dance tunes when the enlisted leaders and guests took to the floor.

A video presentation honoring the Division's role in the Year of the NCO, a series of toasts delivered by NCOs of each grade, and a poem written and recited by Pritchard calling on NCOs to "do more" highlighted the theme of the Black Tie Affair. According to senior participants, the event effectively communicated the Division's role in the Year of the NCO campaign.

"The Year of the NCO was an outstanding theme at the event and throughout this year," said 1st Sgt. Takisha Benitez, the A Company, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team first sergeant.

"It was a great idea by Command Sgt. Maj. Burrowes and the other organizers to get the Division senior NCO leadership together informally out of uniform to express camaraderie and unit cohesion. It was an outstanding event, drawing the ranks together and showing, especially through the video, how our NCOs are achieving Warrior tasks and building the Warrior Ethos," she added.

"I've noticed that deploying Soldiers are being taught to sustain and return from combat zones and that's good," Pritchard said. "However many of them are missing the basic NCO fundamentals: teaching, coaching and mentoring. So I wanted to leave those NCOs with a message: to take an honest inventory of their character using my poem, 'To Be a Noncommissioned Officer.' After taking a good self-inventory, Division NCOs should ask themselves, 'are we ready to fight tonight?'"

Organizers and guests alike described the Black Tie Affair as an unqualified social success as well as a forum to highlight the Year of the NCO.

"It was a great chance for NCOs to step up and put their best foot forward while celebrating the NCO corps," said Staff Sgt. Eleazar Craig, who served as emcee.

"In terms of how they looked and how they presented themselves, they did. Everyone looked great – the tuxes and suits were sharp. The dresses were beautiful.

"You could feel the camaraderie and the 'hooah-ness,'" Craig added with a smile. "NCOs from all over the Division don't usually have a chance to attend events as a team. When Command Sgt. Maj. Hill mentioned 2nd ID during his remarks, people really sounded off with 'Second to None' and meant it. It wasn't false motivation."

"It went very well," Staff Sgt. James Lockett, the Division personnel plans and operations NCOIC, said of the event. "The organizers did a fine job in bringing this together. I was very impressed.

"The thing that stood out to me was this was the first NCO event in 20 years," he added. "Every year should be the year of the NCO. And it shouldn't take another 20 years to have another event like this."

"It not only met but exceeded my expectations," Carrington said. "Everyone seemed to enjoy it, and we had more and more phone calls as we got closer to the event."

"Word on the street was that this was the hottest ticket in town over the weekend," she added with a smile.

"This is definitely an important milestone," she continued. "It established a base for more events to come that are more NCO-focused and NCO-driven. It set the stage for things to come."



Sgt. 1st Class William Puppio

Sgt. 1st Class Corye Carrington and Staff Sgt. Eleazar Craig dance the night away during the 2nd ID "Year of the NCO Black Tie Affair" July 11.

WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

Triathlon registration

The 8th Army Triathlon is slated for 8 a.m. July 18 at Camp Casey’s Hanson Field House. Registration for the event will be held from 7-7:45 a.m. A mandatory pre-run briefing will be conducted at 7:50 a.m. For more information, call 725-5064.

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.

Korean language classes

The Northern Gyeong-gi Provincial Office will offer Korean language courses at Camp Casey to 50 U.S. ServiceMembers. The classes, which will last until Aug. 27, will be held at the Camp Casey Educational Center every Tuesday and Wednesday for three hours.

Focusing on reading, writing, speaking and listening parts of Korean, students will study the Korean alphabet and will learn topics related to everyday lives, such as how to make self-introductions.

Community job fair

The Army Community Service Center will present its “Fresh Start

Carrer Community Job Fair” 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 31 in the USAG-Casey Digital Conference Center. For more information, call 730-3032.

Camp Adventure

The Summer Trek 2009 Day Camp Program will last until 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.

Babysitters’ course

The American Red Cross in Area 1 is slated to hold its first-ever babysitting course 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 22-23 on Camp Casey. Classes will be conducted in the Family Readiness Group Building (2403) on Camp Casey. Students will learn proper babysitting techniques such as diapering and feeding as well as good decision making skills. Students will also be certified in infant and child CPR. The course is specially designed for young people ages 11 to 17. Cost of the two day course is \$40.

For more information, interested parties should contact the Red Cross at 730-3184 or 732-6160.

JAG education program

The Office of the Judge Advocate General is accepting applications for the Army’s funded legal education program. Up to 25 active duty commissioned officers in the rank of second lieutenant through captain may attend law school while remaining on active duty starting in fall of 2010 under the program.

Interested officers should review Chapter 14 of AR 27-1 (JAG Funded Legal Education Program) to determine their eligibility.

Applicants must have two to six years of total active federal service when their legal training begins.

Eligible officers interested in applying should register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admission Test.

Applicants must send their request through command channels, including the officer’s branch manager at AHRC, with a copy furnished to the OTJAG, Attn: DAJA-PT (Ms. Yvonne Caron-10th Floor), 1777 N. Kent St., Rosslyn, VA 22209-2194. Applications must be received before Nov. 1, 2009. Early submission is recommended.

Interested officers should contact their local staff judge advocate for more information.

Movies

Camp Casey

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

July 17...Ice Down of the Dinosaurs, Angels and Demons
July 18... Ice Down of the Dinosaurs, Star Trek
July 19... Ghosts of Girlfriends, X-Men Origins: Wolverine
July 20...Angels and Demons
July 21...No Showing
July 22...X-Men Origins: Wolverine
July 23...No Showing
July 24...Battle for Terra, Terminator Salvation: The Future Begins, I Love You Beth Cooper
July 25...Drag Me to Hell, I Love You Beth Cooper

Camp Red Cloud

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

July 17...Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen, The Soloist
July 18...We Were Soldiers, Star Trek
July 19...X-Men Origins: Wolverine
July 20...Star Trek
July 21...Sunshine Cleaning
July 22...No Showing
July 23...Angels and Demons
July 24...Drag Me to Hell, X-Men Origins: Wolverine
July 25...Terminator Salvation: The Future Begins
July 26...Dance Flick
July 27... Crank High Voltage
July 28...Star Trek

Camp Hovey

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

July 17...X-Men Origins: Wolverine
July 18...Angels and Demons
July 19...Star Trek
July 20...No Showing
July 21...X-Men Origins: Wolverine
July 22...No Showing
July 23...I Love You Beth Cooper
July 24...Angels and Demons
July 25...Terminator Salvation: The Future Begins
July 26... I Love You Beth Cooper
July 27...No Showing

Camp Stanley

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

July 17...Earth, Angels and Demons
July 18...Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen, The Soloist
July 19...X-Men Origins: Wolverine
July 20...Sunshine Cleaning
July 21...No Showing
July 22...I Love You Beth Cooper, I Love You Beth Cooper
July 23...Battle for Terra
July 24...Star Trek, Angels and Demons
July 25...We Were Soldiers, X-Men Origins: Wolverine, Drag Me to Hell
July 26...Terminator Salvation: The Future Begins
July 27... X-Men Origins: Wolverine

Camp Humphreys

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

July 17...Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs
July 18...Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs
July 19...Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs
July 20...Star Trek
July 21...Star Trek
July 22...X-Men Origins: Wolverine
July 23...X-Men Origins: Wolverine
July 24... I Love You, Beth Cooper
July 25... Battle for Terra, I Love you Beth Cooper
July 26... Battle for Terra, I Love you Beth Cooper
July 27...Terminator Salvation: The Future Begins
July 28...Terminator Salvation: The Future Begins

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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730-5119
Memorial Chapel:
730-2594
West Casey:
730-3014
Stanley:
732-5238
Humphreys:
753-7952
Castle: 730-6889
LDS: 730-5682

Chemical Soldiers gas up their chamber skills

By Maj. Michael Nicholson

1st HBCT Public Affairs

CAMP CASEY, Korea – Running a training event that Soldiers do not look forward to participating in can be a challenge, but leaders from Recon Platoon, 4th Chemical Company, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division do just that in operating a “CS gas” chamber. The training, however unpleasant, reinforces crucial Nuclear, Biological and Chemical defense skills.

“Nobody likes doing this - going into the CS chamber - but it is an annual requirement,” said Sgt. 1st Class Dale Cline, the Recon Platoon sergeant. “It is also important to help maintain your NBC skills in the event that we would ever have to use them during wartime.”

Soldiers from 4th Chemical Company have received their fair share of NBC training, but this event had another goal besides maintaining skills and fulfilling the annual requirement.

“This is basically to give our Soldiers experience running a CS chamber so that when they go back to a parent unit, they can hopefully run a good training event,” said 1st Lt. Jung Oh, Recon Platoon leader. “Most of our Soldiers are first-term Soldiers just out of (advanced individual training), so it is very important to get them experienced doing this sort of thing.”

Jung recently moved into his position after serving in the 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, and he sees the value in training up young Soldiers so they perform better when not assigned to a chemical unit.

“Having just come from a non-chemical unit, I think it’s important for us to train ourselves on how to be better chemical officers, noncommissioned officers and Soldiers, and make sure we know how to run a



Pfc. Ho Young Jung

Soldiers from the 4th Chemical Company, 1st HBCT practice running a CS gas chamber and meet their annual NBC training requirements July 9 at Camp Casey.

good CS chamber,” said Jung.

Conducting the CS chamber training outside of an academic environment also gives newly arriving Soldiers additional confidence in their unit equipment.

“Some of these Soldiers don’t think we really have CS gas in the chamber when they first walk in,” said Cline. “As soon as we tell them to take off the mask, they know we’re not kidding.”

Adding to the challenges of conducting training

that deliberately induces intense physical discomfort, trainers and training Soldiers alike had to contend with scorching mid-July heat. Participants of all varieties seemed to regard the training the same way: as unpleasant but essential preparation for whatever battlefield contingency an enemy might present.

“I don’t think they liked doing it,” Cline said of the training. “It’s MOPP 4, CS gas and summer heat. But I think they appreciated the training and understand how it will make them a better chemical Soldier.”

Departing from Korea with your new plasma television?

Division JAG provides guidance for plasma television shipment during PCS moves

By Capt. Ronald Freeman

2nd ID Judge Advocate General

Plasma televisions can cost several thousands of dollars. Not only are they expensive, they are also delicate and sensitive. Something as simple as laying one flat or taking it to a high altitude – in an

airplane for instance – can break a plasma television.

Soldiers may not realize how delicate and sensitive plasma televisions are. For example, when installing a plasma television for the first time, some dealers recommend you allow the television to warm up to room temperature before turning it on. Some manufacturers also pro-

vide detailed instructions to ensure safe shipping. These instructions can include costly, specialized crates and temperature controls during transportation. Some manufacturers may even recommend a professional media technician install and uninstall these televisions.

When undertaking a Permanent Change of Station, inform the transportation office that you own a plasma television.

Some carriers may choose not to ship plasma televisions because of the constraints shipping these televisions. It is therefore strongly recommended that owners keep the original manufacturer’s container and have it available for the movers (if the movers want to use it).

If the owner does not have the manufacturer’s original container, plasma televisions should be packed and shipped in a container that meets the manufacturer’s or carrier’s specifications.

Other “do’s and don’ts” of the pre-move process include:

- Do not ship your proof of ownership documents (purchase receipts, appraisals, pictures of your personal property, etc.) with your household goods. Carry these important documents by hand.
- If items are extremely valuable, you

might want to obtain an appraisal. The burden will be on you to prove ownership and value. For example, if you cannot prove you own a particular valuable comic book or baseball card and its condition prior to shipment, you should consider some type of professional appraisal to substantiate ownership and value.

• If you own a large number of items such as expensive comic books, baseball cards or compact disks, make sure you do a separate inventory of each item prior to shipment. Such an inventory will help you account for these items if some or all of them are lost in shipment. But bear in mind the list alone cannot substantiate value or prove it was tendered to the carrier.

• Computer printers must have the toner cartridge removed by you prior to shipment in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions.

• Take pictures of household property. This will help prove you owned and shipped the items.

For more information concerning shipping and storage of plasma televisions, contact the Transportation Office at 730-3362. For more information regarding claims, contact the Camp Casey Claims Office at 730-3655.



A plasma television set awaits shipment prior to a PCS move.

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change for the brigade and the Division,” the Division commander said. “Due to his tactical acumen, unique operational perspective, expert guidance and tireless personal efforts, the brigade and the Division remained combat-ready and capable of executing theater counter-fire missions with lethal precision.”

“Amid continuing change to the ROK/U.S. command relationship, his expertise has been invaluable to the transformation process and to the continued development of the ROK’s counter-fire capability,” Morgan added. “Overall, his remarkable contributions to the brigade and beyond have significantly improved the warfighting capability of the 2nd ID and contributed enormously to the security of the ROK.”

Morgan also offered words of praise, confidence and encouragement to the incoming “Thunder Brigade” commander.

“As Col. Sliwa assumes leadership of this fine brigade, I have every confidence the unit will continue to achieve, and indeed to set, the standard,” the

Division commander said. Sliwa, he added, “brings with him battle-tested experience and wisdom that will fit perfectly into this outstanding team.”

McKiernan praised his leaders, colleagues, subordinates and Korean partners during remarks that closed out his tenure on the peninsula.

“It has been my distinct honor and privilege to serve the Soldiers of the 210th Fires Brigade for the past two years,” the Providence, R.I. native said. “Serving in the ROK, alongside our nation’s strongest ally, in a brigade with a central role in the first critical fight on the Korean Peninsula is perhaps the greatest gift the Army could bestow on an artillery colonel.”

The outgoing commander praised Morgan, assistant division commanders, fellow brigade commanders, the local community and his Family members. He also thanked his command sergeant major, subordinate commanders and Soldiers. “They are Warriors,” he said of his team. “Their performance as the U.S. component of the counter-fire taskforce

with a ‘fight tonight mission’ is the stuff of legends.”

Sliwa followed his predecessor to the podium and spoke briefly.

The incoming commander thanked Morgan as well as McKiernan for his work during their transition. Addressing his Soldiers for the first time as their commander, he told them, “Team you look great. You are an inspiration. To you, I promise my very best at all times.”

Prior to his arrival in Warrior Country, Sliwa served as chief of the Current and Future Warfighting Capabilities Division at Department of the Army level with the office of the deputy chief of staff for operations.

The Tinton, Falls, N.J. native compiled a distinguished operational record after graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. in 1986.

Sliwa served as division artillery liaison officer during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He assumed command of the 1st Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, part of the 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd ID,

in 2002, deploying the battalion to Mosul as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom the next year.

The colonel’s varied career includes diverse missions, units and assignments. He served in a number of company-level leadership and staff roles at the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky., and as an artillery officer in Europe and Hawaii. Sliwa served as a field artillery assignment officer and as aide de camp to the commander of U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command. He also served as a brigade fire support officer and a battalion executive officer with the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, N.Y. prior to his tenure as a strategic planner at the Pentagon.

In addition to his education at West Point, the incoming 210th commander graduated the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in 1998 with a Master of Military Art and Science in Military Space Applications. Sliwa also served as a National Security Fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

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Velasquez said she just wanted to support all of the Soldiers. “It takes a lot of pride for these Soldiers to come out here and do what they are doing,” she said.

As great as the achievement is, many of the players said they were unsure if they would ever want to try it again.

“Never, ever again, will I play softball in my life,” Pfc. Brandon Bell of A Co., 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment said with a smile.

But the New Hope, Ala. native also said it was important to be a part of the event and to represent fellow infantrymen. “I feel I am definitely representing all infantry Soldiers in the Division,” he said, adding that he hopes his mother and friends back home will be proud of what he and the other Soldiers accomplished.

Participating Soldier-sluggers presented signed softballs to Maj. Gen. John W. Morgan III, the division commander, as well as the 2nd ID Museum.

The Division commander put the achievement and his Soldiers’ broader mission in perspective after the game.

“You’re now the proud owners of a world record,” Morgan said. “You represent the very best that our U.S. military has to offer.

“As we celebrate here today, on the fourth of July, Independence Day,” he added, “it shows what happens when the American fighting Soldier is committed to a cause. Now today’s cause was.... softball, but your cause here on the Korean peninsula for 59 years has been keeping peace and prosperity here in the Republic

of Korea.”

Despite their exhaustion, some of the participants also began putting the accomplishment in perspective immediately after the game.

“I think these Soldiers will look back on this event in 30-40 years and realize they were part of something very special,” said Michael Byrd, a retired first sergeant who once served with 1st Battalion, 15th Artillery Regiment and who umpired the game.

It really is about balance, “the elusive work – life balance. You work hard as a Soldier and you ought to be able to play hard as well – and these Soldiers proved they could do both,” said Sgt. Maj. James Addie, the Division operations sergeant major and a native of Shepherdsville, Ky.



A batter puts a ball into play and races toward first base as the runner advances and infielders react July 4 during the softball marathon at Camp Casey.

Warriors, Families explore Korean commerce

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When there is a tour for Soldiers in Korea, it usually involves visiting historical sites and experiencing Korean culture. However, one special tour conducted by the People to People Chapter of Uijongbu June 26 took 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers and Family members to see some famous Korean industrial and manufacturing sites.

The places selected for this event were the Seoul Milk Company and the Hyundai motors factory. Many Soldiers and their Families gathered this day not to miss the opportunity to see how popular products in Korea are actually made.

The organizers eagerly embraced the opportunity to conduct the tour. "I'm so glad we had the opportunity today to have Soldiers join this tour," said Choi, Gyu Hyung, the president of the Uijongbu People to People Chapter. "I hope you guys have good time on the tour," he added.

Soldiers and Family members enjoyed snacks and beverages while they rode the bus to Ansan, the site of the first tour.

Despite a long ride, the Division tourists were excited as the bus finally arrived at Seoul milk factory in Ansan. Most had never seen a milk factory before and looked forward to seeing the inside. English-speaking company guides greeted the Soldiers and Family members at the bus stop.

The guide showed the guests the process of making milk and cheese in the factory, explaining the whole process to the visitors. It was a short tour



Soldiers of the 2nd ID and members of the Uijongbu People to People Chapter listen to an employee of Seoul Milk Company June 26 during a Korean commerce tour. The participants also visit the Hyundai motor factory.

but it was sufficient to provide an understanding of how dairy products we consume are made.

The Soldiers and Family members sampled products and watched a video describing the company and its operations. Guests received additional products as parting gifts.

The milk factory tour complete, the bus was on the road to the next stop, this one further south from Ansan. It was another long trip but some Soldiers talked about cars made by Hyundai, demonstrating their interest in the car industry.

The Hyundai tour in Asan was similar to that of Ansan. The employee, who spoke good English, greeted visitors and described the company and its operations. According to the guide, the Asan factory is not the largest of the Hyundai motors factories, but it still produces some of the company's most popular cars.

Then the real tour began, as visitors saw the entire process used to make cars. As the tour continued, the guide explained very proudly that all the sophisticated robots and machines used in the process are made in Korea and

not supported by any foreign products. Inside the factory, it was hot and loud but everyone concentrated on what the guide was saying, astonished by the technology and the process of manufacturing cars.

When the tour was finally over, the tourists received a gift of small Hyundai car figures and left the factory. Everyone knew it would take more than two hours to get back to Camp Red Cloud, so many napped during the bus ride home.

"I hope we have more of this kind of trip in the future for the Soldiers," Choi said as the tour concluded.



Spc. Mark Whitford

Incoming typhoon!

Soldiers from 2nd Battalion (Assault), 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade fold the blades of a Blackhawk helicopter battalion aircraft as part of a severe weather alert rehearsal conducted July 2 on K-16 Airbase. The rehearsal prepared Soldiers, aircraft, equipment, vehicles and the base for a potential typhoon strike. Soldiers also conducted flood area reconnaissance during the rehearsal. The rehearsal enhanced the battalion's preparation for severe weather and validated tactics, techniques and procedures employed by its Soldiers.