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A Soldier from the 4th Attack Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd CAB loads a 2.75-inch Rocket onto an AH-64 Apache during the Jik-do gunnery qualifications Aug. 5



An AH-64 Apache helicopter from 4-2nd Avn., fires a 2.75-inch rocket at laser designated targets Aug. 5 at the Jik-do Instrumented Range Facility located on two islands off the coast of Kunsan Air Base.

'Death Dealers' team up with US Air Force for biannual gunnery

Story and photos by Cpl. Tim Oberle 2nd CAB Public Affairs

After weeks of non-stop precipitation and the looming arrival of Tropical Storm Muifa in South Korea, the skies cleared long enough for the 4th Attack Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, and the 494th Fighter Squadron out of Lakenheath Air Force Base, United Kingdom, to conduct joint gunnery qualifications.

The U.S. Army 4-2nd Avn., also known as the Death Dealers, teamed up with four F-15E Strike Eagle fighter jets from the Air Force squadron to conduct the battalions biannual Hellfire missile gunnery qualifications Aug. 4-7 at the Jik-do Instrumented Range Facility located off the coast of Kunsan Air Base.

The JIRF is the only venue in the Korean theater of operations capable of supporting Hellfire missile livefire qualifications.

"The Jik-do Islands provide an exceptional place to hold the Hellfire missile gunnery qualifications," said Capt. Nikolas Folgert, the officer in charge of the exercise from 4-2 Avn.

"Because their location is far enough away from shipping and fishing lanes to maintain a high level of safety, but also close enough to Kunsan Air Base to refuel and re-arm between firing iterations."

The exercise began with an Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise from Camp Humphreys. Soldiers from 4-2 Avn. immediately deployed on a convoy down to Kunsan Air Base to set up a fueling and re-arming point and a tactical operations center for command and control during the exercise.

"Once the exercise shifted into high gear, the four F-15E Strike Eagle fighter jets from the 494th FS sent coded information from a laser designator to the AH-64 Apache's and the Apache's consequently locked onto the targets and laid down fire with Hellfire missiles, 30 mm munitions and 2.75-inch rockets," Folgert said.

Keeping in line with 2nd Infantry Division readiness standards, "our battalion has to ensure that they are completely ready at the drop of a dime to load up, move out and setup an operations center at any location on the peninsula," Folgert said. Although this was the first joint effort between the two units, sufficient planning and coordination was conducted to ensure the gunnery ran smoothly for all.

"The exercise went extremely well for a joint effort consisting of two units which have never worked together before," said Maj. Paul Bradley, the ground liaison officer for the 494th FS.

"Joint exercises like this one really translate well to a combat environment," said Bradley, "because the pilots are able to work out a lot of the issues that come up in a combined training atmosphere."

The two units, as well as the medical evacuation teams from the 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 2nd CAB, 2nd ID, helped ensure the success of the qualification.

"Combining with the U.S. Air Force has gone so well during the exercise that we are going to maintain a working relationship with the 494th FS and are working out the details on another joint exercise later this year," said Folgert.

"In the end though, everything went according to plan and we managed to deploy back home just in time to avoid Tropical Storm Muifa."



Soldiers line-up on the fueling and rearming point at Kunsan Air Base before one of the companies from the 4th Attack Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade lands to fuel up and re-arm.

Raining Hellfire from above



VOICE OF THE WARRIOR: What is your biggest pet peeve?



"People who micromanage."

Pfc. Donald Hargis D Co., 3-2nd Avn.



Staff Sgt. Manuel Montalvo A Co., DSTB



"Someone messing up an area I just cleaned."

Pfc. Taquita Johnson HHC, 1st HBCT

"Falling short of achieving my goals."

> **Pfc. Azor Hentz** E Co., 4-2nd Avn.





"Nosy and talkative people."

Spc. Sherard Foworth HSC, DSTB

"Getting last minute" changes and being the last to know about it."

Sgt. Jonathan Bangs HHC, 1st HBCT



Commander's Corner Ulchi Freedom Guardian

By Maj. Gen. Michael S. Tucker 2nd ID Commander

Now that our summer transitions are almost complete it is once again time for us to test our METL during Ulchi Freedom Guardian.

As the events of last week revealed, we must always be vigilant to what our neighbors to the north are up to.

The artillery exchange in the Yellow Sea was the most recent in a series of acts of aggression that serve to remind us of the importance of our mission, partnering with our ROK Allies to defend the Korean Peninsula.

This is why we train as hard as we do. This is why we maintain our vehicles and equipment at the high-state of readiness we do. And, this is why we must ensure the Division's greatest asset, its Soldiers, are trained and prepared to "Fight

Ulchi Freedom Guardian is a U.S. Forces Korea/Combined Forces Korea/8th Army combined and joint theater-level computer-assisted command post exercise focusing on deterrence, stability, and if necessary the strategic deployment and use of augmentation forces to the Korean

Ulchi Freedom Guardian also reminds us of our purpose here and provides us a great opportunity to stress the importance of NEO packets with our new Soldiers and their Families.

> Maj. Gen. Michael S. Tucker 2nd ID Commander

Theater of Operations. UFG is the largest such exercise conducted in the world.

For a great number of our Soldiers and leaders UFG means only one thing, lots of taskings and more work.

However, UFG offers the 2nd ID the opportunity to execute an embedded Command Post Exercise and to work closer with our ROK alliance partners.

This exercise provides us a superb opportunity to hone our warfighting capabilities, validate our mission essential tasks, enhance the interoperability 2nd ID forces, and more importantly, improve



the combat readiness of the Alliance.

Even though the primary training audience is at theater-level, UFG still allows us the opportunity to train the 2nd ID Staff on the art of Mission Command and to individually and collectively command and control Noncombatant Evacuation and Full-Spectrum Combat Operations. This helps all of us better prepare for our Warpath Exercises this October.

Ulchi Freedom Guardian also reminds us of our purpose here and provides us a great opportunity to stress the importance of updating NEO packets with our new Soldiers and their Families.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention safety to you.

Our Soldiers will be supporting UFG from various locations all over the peninsula. We must remain vigilant and not let safety and proper risk assessments take a back seat.

Leaders at all levels must ensure that standards are understood and strictly enforced throughout the exercise.

Apply the composite risk management process for all activities, including operations considered to be low risk.

The loss of institutional knowledge caused by the summer transition increases the risk and the potential for errors. As professional Soldiers, risk is a part of what we do. If we don't manage risk, it will manage us! Our Warriors are our greatest asset and as leaders we owe it to every one of them to keep them safe.

UFG is a one of kind exercise which will allow us, our higher headquarters, and our ROK partners to be ready if necessary to stabilize conditions on the peninsula. Conducting such training regularly allows us to remain, Second to None!

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Tonight" at all times.



1HBCT first in Army to receive newest Bradleys

Story and photo by Sgt. 1st Class John D. Brown Ist HBCT Public Affairs

The Army's newest fighting vehicle arrived to Camp Casey Aug. 11.

"Today is the first time that the Army is fielding the newest version of the Bradley Fighting Vehicle. It's the A3 Bradley Fire Support Team Vehicle with the integrated Fire Support System," said Lt. Col. Glenn Dean, the Product Manager for Bradley Fighting Vehicle Systems.

Eleven of the new vehicles were issued to the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team.

The A3 BFIST with FS3 contains the latest in fire support technology and is designed to provide the greatest amount of security to the fire support team.

"This is a brand new configuration of the vehicle that takes the existing long range scout surveillance system, or laser designator module, and integrates them onto the vehicle turret so the fire support team can perform their laser designation and target identification mission completely under armor," said Dean.

He went on to say that with the success the Army has had in Afghanistan and Iraq, coming to the 2nd Infantry Division is particularly important to the Bradley fielding team because "this is the place where if you're going to fight, you're going to 'fight tonight' and we need to have the finest equipment we have in the inventory in the division's hands."

Colonel Ross E. Davidson, commander of the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, told the fire support



1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team's fire support teams conduct inventories of the A3 Bradley Fire Support Team Vehicles with Integrated Fire Support System during the initial fielding of the new vehicle Aug. 11 on Camp Casey.

teams involved in the fielding that they were being exposed to cutting edge technology and the newest training in the Army.

"When you go through this training program, you will come out of it so confident in yourselves and each other that you will know that there is nothing on the face of the Earth that would be foolish enough to get in your way," said Davidson. Brigadier Gen. Charles L. Taylor, the 2nd ID assistant division commander of maneuver, reiterated Davidson's comments by telling the fire support teams that "this is just a pile of very expensive equipment without all of you.

"So what we have at the end of the day is the best Army in the world fighting in the best Alliance in the world with the best equipment and the best Soldiers."

Soldiers contend for Expert Infantry Badge

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Bunn 1st HBCT Public Affairs

The 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, hosted an Expert Infantryman Badge qualification test July 25-29 at Warrior Base.

During the five-day qualification, more than 450 U.S. and Republic of Korea infantrymen stationed throughout the South Korean peninsula contended for a coveted EIB.

"When you reflect on how the EIB came about, there is something special about being an infantryman," said Col. Ross Davidson, commander of 1st HBCT. "There have always been infantrymen who have borne the brunt and been the tip of the spear in battle."

The Expert Infantryman Badge was conceived in 1943, when few infantrymen were happy with being in the infantry or with their current assignments.

The badge was created to boost the prestige of the infantry and its perception as the Army's premier combat arms branch.

The badge is awarded to infantrymen who meet a set of rigid standards developed by the Department of the Army. The EIB is considered to be a symbol of tradition for the U.S. infantrymen who play a vital role in the defense of our nation's past, present and future. "Throughout my Army career, I already knew everything [that I was tested on]," said Sgt. Jon Fanlo, a Schaumburg, Ill.,-native, assigned to United Nations Command Honor Guard, Special Troops Battalion Korea. "During the testing, it was how to incorporate the tasks and when to do them that was the key to success."

The candidates spent several days brushing up on their basic infantry tasks before the test started.

During the five-day course, the Soldiers were tested on more than 30 tasks and had one minute to complete each task. Among the tests, these infantrymen must qualify expert on the M16 range, pass an Army Physical Fitness Test with at least 75 percent in each event, and complete a 12-mile ruck march in less than three hours.

Captain Leon Lee, a Torrance, Calif.,native, who is assigned to United Nations Command Security Battalion in the Joint Security Area, was the first Soldier to cross the finish line of the 12-mile ruck march and earn the EIB.

"It [earning the badge] is one of the things I have always wanted to do," explained Lee. "It is kind of a rite of passage for every infantryman."

Only 22 U.S. and ROK Soldiers were still in the running for the coveted badge at the start of the ruck march. But out of the 453 infantrymen who started the test, only two would actually earn the right to



Captain Leon Lee, assigned to United Nations Command Security Battalion in the Joint Security Area, finishes the last few steps of the 12-mile ruck march during the Expert Infantry Badge qualification test July 29 at Warrior Base. Lee was one of two Soldiers who earned the badge that day.

wear the EIB.

"Honestly, I wish more guys got over the line," Lee said. "I wish more Soldiers got the EIB with me."

Lee and Fanlo are the only two infantrymen who successfully completed all the tasks to standard to receive the badge, but all the EIB candidates gained something from their experience.

"There is no luck involved, you don't just show up and get it," said Davidson. "It takes a bit of sacrifice and commitment to being the best one can be and to stand amongst the best.

"All Soldiers have learned something about themselves and built upon their skills," he said. "Although they are not receiving their award today they certainly have left with a greater understanding of the levels of commitment, dedication and sacrifice it takes to be the best they can be."

USO supports separated Families through book-reading program

Story by Pfc. Chang Han-him

Staff Writer

U.S. Soldiers encounter many difficulties when stationed overseas.

One such difficulty is leaving their Family in the States, this is especially true for Soldiers with young children.

Camp Casey's United Service Organization has a way of helping Soldiers face this obstacle via the United Through Reading Military Program.

The program provides books for Soldiers to read aloud to their children. The USO staff films the bookreading and makes a DVD they mail to the Soldier's Family with the actual book.

"The book, DVD and the shipping fee are all paid for by the USO," said Sophia Lim, the program coordinator at Camp Casey USO. "All they need to do is just call us and schedule the time to choose a book and read it in front of the camera."

Staff Sgt. Jericho Anthony Del Rosario from E Company, 302nd Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, is one of the program's repeat customer.

For his recent visit, he chose a book called "One cent, two cents, old cent, new cent" by Bonnie Worth.

"This book will be great for kids to understand where money comes from," said Del Rosario.

"My grandchildren will love to learn about how each coin represent their countries and how perceptions and ways of treating money are different in each culture."

He started the video with mentioning his grandchildren's names – S'ven, Donshay, Lincoln and Stephanie. He read the book aloud as if they were right next to him, pointing out the illustrations and narrating his own opinions along with the text.

"When I was there with my two daughters and four grandchildren back home, I used to read books for them at night beside their beds," said Del Rosario. "This program gives me a confirmation that I am actually trying to spend my time for them. I hope the kids can feel from the video that I always think about them."

When he was deployed to Saudi Arabia and Iraq, Del



Staff Sgt. Jericho Anthony Del Rosario from E Company, 302nd Brigade Support Battalion, 1st HBCT, reads in front of a video camera at the Camp Casey United Service Organization to take part in the United Through Reading Military Program on Aug. 11.

Rosario utilized USO programs to relieve the stress of separation.

"I first participated in the program when I stopped by Texas on my way to Iraq," said Del Rosario. "I read the books for my grandchildren, but later my daughters told me that the whole Family gathered up in the living room and saw the DVD with the kids.

"We realized that it is not only good for the kids but also for the entire Family since the video ensured that I am doing fine overseas and they could feel my presence through it." The children's guardians at home are encouraged to capture the children's reaction to the book-reading on camera and send the video back to the Soldier.

"Most of the Soldiers visit us again since this circulation system encourages them to read for their child again," said Lim. "Even though we now have many ways to communicate overseas such as Skype or Facetime, I think this program provides the Family a special moment that they will never forget."

For more information, contact the Camp Casey USO at 730-4812 or 730-4813.

Email changes coming for Department of Defense personnel

Story by Sgt. Mark A. Moore II
Assistant Editor

Although the road toward Enterprise e-mail may seem complicated, there is a clear map. Leaders know where the effort is headed, and the economy sized e-mail box Soldiers have now is about to become a luxury sedan, about 40 times bigger.

There is more great news. Soldiers moving to a new assignment will be able to turn on their computers and instantly access their e-mail. While this may sound too good to be true, by the end of this year it will be reality for Department of Defense personnel.

Later this year, all Army e-mail users will migrate to Enterprise e-mail service. Instead of accessing e-mail through local servers at each installation, users will reach through the network to access e-mail services from centralized servers known as the DOD cloud.

The migration of e-mail services to the Defense Information Systems Agency, or DISA, is part of a larger DoD effort to consolidate information technology services, improve capabilities, and reduce overall costs.

Key advantages of Enterprise e-mail are:

- Access to e-mail anywhere, at any time, from any authorized, CAC-equipped computer.
- E-mail accounts remain active during duty station moves and unit relocations.
- Share individual, organizational, and resource calendars across the enterprise.
- Find e-mail addresses and contact information of Army and DoD e-mail
- users at other locations across DoD.Enable e-mails with larger attachments than is currently allowed.
- Four gigabytes of online e-mail storage for standard e-mail account holders.
- 500-megabyte webmail accounts for those who don't normally use Army e-mail to perform their duties.

The migration to this new capability began in mid-February 2011 with an initial "fielding" to about 2,000 selected e-mail users, according to Brig. Gen. La-Warren Patterson, commanding general, 7th Signal Command (Theater).



"This first step will allow the Army to refine the migration process and ensure a smooth transition. It will provide a validation of migration techniques, e-mail functionality, and system management procedures," Patterson said.

According to Patterson, by the end of this year, all Soldiers will be migrated to this system.

"On the Korean Peninsula, the 2nd Infantry Division is scheduled to make the transition around October 3" said Capt. Sang M. Yim, the 2nd ID automations management officer. "The conversion should take about one month to complete.

"G-6 is putting together a detailed packet to help users configure their current accounts in preparation for the change to the Army Enterprise e-mail system," Yim said. "We want this to be as smooth of a transition as possible."

In preparation for migration, all users can perform some simple maintenance tasks that will help the transition go smoothly.

"Clean up your mailbox as much as possible," said Yim. "Your mailbox should less than 50 megabites, this will allow for a smooth transfer to the new system."

Shrinking the size of your e-mail account is not the only suggestion Yim had to offer.

"It is important to follow the guidance set forth in the operation orders that are published in regards to the system transfer," said Cpt. Yim. "Second ID Unit Information Management Officers should play a proactive role in the change, the better they prepare account holders the fewer issues they may encounter."

Users must also ensure their blackberries are turned on the night prior, and in an area with a strong signal. If the blackberry loses signal and is not communicating with its server properly, the device will have to be adjusted manually the following day.

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Education classes help Soldier improve GT scores

Story and photo by Pfc. Ro Jin-hwan Staff Writer

Soldiers in the 2nd Infantry Division are now able to improve their General Technical scores by attending classes that will begin Aug. 22 on both camps Red Cloud and Casey.

"The program is called the Basic Skills Education Program," said Byron Johnston, the education service officer at the Education Center on Camp Red Cloud.

"It is an Army program to help Soldiers with basic high school level knowledge, specifically in English and Math. The program is free to Soldiers and is taught by a subject matter expert Ijoema Johnson.

"It is specifically designed to help Soldiers raise their GT scores in an effort to change their Military Occupation Specialties, re-enlist, apply for Officer Candidate School or better prepare themselves for college classes and the Scholastic Aptitude Test and the ACT, a national college admissions examination," said Johnson.

The classes will be held on camps Red Cloud and Casey in turns. Classes will first be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Camp Casey Education Center, beginning on Aug. 22. To enroll,



Soldiers must take the Test of Adult Basic Education.

Soldiers who graduate from the course will be able to take the Armed Forces Classification Test which evaluates in-service personnel who wish to improve their Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery scores in order to qualify for re-enlistment, an MOS change, Warrant Officer Training, OCS or Reserve Officers Training Corps. The AFCT is a battery of nine subtests, from which ten composite scores are derived. The test is conducted online and administered at the camps Red Cloud and Casey Education Centers.

"The Soldiers will be evaluated on performance after completing the test to determine if they would improve their GT scores," said Johnston. "If so, then they will be recommended to take the AFCT. If not, further remedial training will be recommended and provided."

Low scores can affect a Soldier's abil-

ity to re-enlist, change MOS or attend officer training. The Army is considering a 100 GT score as the minimum score for retention in the Army, but certain MOSs require higher GT scores for Soldiers wishing to reclassify their MOS.

"Higher scores open up more career fields to the Soldier whereas lower scores close out certain career fields," said Johnston.

"This program will become a guideline for the Soldiers to earn a better life."



Unique re-enlistment ceremonies for staying 'green'

Photo by Cpl. Tim Oberl

First Lt. Joshua Redmond, a personnel officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, administers the oath of enlistment to Sgt. Roberto Avialescortes July 19 on a Korean hillside. The 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade often holds unusual enlistment ceremonies as a bonus to Soldiers who make the decision to stay "green." For more information, visit the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade Career Counselor's Office on the third floor of the One-Stop Building on Camp Humphreys.

6 NEWS

New trial allows Familes to utilize Troop Medical Center

Story and photo by Pfc. Ro Jin-hwan Staff Writer

Area I Family members will now be able to use the Camp Red Cloud Troop Medical Clinic as part of a 90 day trial that began Aug. 9 to determine the medical needs of Families living in the Uijeongbu area.

"This is a pilot program," said Lt. Col. David W. Wolken, a Family practitioner, and division surgeon for the 2nd Infantry Division. "The goal of this program is to specify how big the need is. Through this program, the clinic will be able to determine what type of medical care the Families need, how often they need it, and the number and type of providers needed in order to better assist Family members."

The satellite program still requires Family members to contact the Camp Casey clinic to make an appointment. The TMC at Camp Red Cloud is scheduled to be open for Families from 1 to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and Wolken will be seeing the patients himself. The results of the trial will determine if more days are required to meet the needs of the CRC community.

"All you have to do is call the Camp Casey clinic and tell them that you are a Camp Red Cloud Family member and that you want to make an appointment at the TMC on Camp Red Cloud," said Wolken. "If there is a place available, that's great; but even if there isn't, you will still be able to make an appointment at the Camp Casey clinic without making another phone call."

So far the project has received a positive response from Family members.



Lieutenant Col. David Wolken, the 2nd ID division surgeon and a family practitioner, performs a medical check-up on Moses Hotton, a 6th grader at Casey Middle School, Aug. 16, as part of a 90-day pilot program at the Camp Red Cloud Troop Medical Clinic.

"I think this is a huge benefit for the Families," said Dacia Eady, an Area I spouse. "I have two boys in high school, and they receive many injuries from playing sports. Whenever they are hurt, I have to take them all the way up to Camp Casey or down to Yongsan just to see doctors. But now that they are opening the TMC here in Camp Red Cloud again, it's going to make my life much easier."

Prior to this trial, the Camp Red Cloud TMC treated children periodically by rotating the pediatrician from Camp Casey, however, that position has been vacant since May and will not be filled until this October.

"This is something that has been needed for a long time," said Lindsey Delgado, an Area I spouse. "The commuting problem had been a big issue. We would sometimes not be able to resolve our problems in a single visit. Now that the clinic is near, it makes me feel much safer and protected."

A recent increase in the amount of Families living in the CRC vicinity led to the need for the trial.

"The number of Family members has increased dramatically since 2010," said Wolken. "From about 70 last year, to approximately 650 now. This is a significant growth, yet it is still not enough to require a full-time Family Physician. However, this is another reason why we are conducting this trial program. We need to determine what type of Family Physician or Pediatrician rotation is needed to best meet the needs of the Camp Red Cloud community."

Three health care providers are scheduled to arrive at the Camp Casey clinic from August to October. The results from this program will be used to determine how many and how often these providers will be needed at the Camp Red Cloud TMC.

"Our goal in the Army Medical Department is to put the right patient with the right provider, at the right time, at the right place," said Wolken. "I hope this program becomes a cornerstone to a better medical environment for all the Families in Camp Red Cloud."

During the trial, Family members can be seen at the CRC clinic for acute/sameday and routine appointments; wellwomen and well-men exams; as well as sports, school and Child and Youth Services physicals; however, x-rays are not available on Tuesdays and Thursdays at this time. Wolken hopes to start wellinfant/child exams by September and pre-natal care by October/November. To make an appointment, call 737-2273 (CARE), then choose option three, then option one (Camp Casey Clinic) and identify yourself as a Camp Red Cloud Family member.

Health care has benefits off-post

Story by Spc. Mardicio Barrot

USAG Red Cloud Public Affairs

Due to the vast number of Families entering Warrior Country recently, some patients must be referred to offpost medical facilities for medical care. In most cases, the first option is the 121st Combat Support "Brian Allgood Army Community" Hospital.

First Lt. Leif Vestermark, United Service Association for Health Care, Camp Casey executive officer, said if 121st CSH is unable to accommodate patients, there are a variety of off-post hospitals that on-post doctors will refer them to.

"There are 38 hospitals off-post throughout Korea that will accommodate patients and all of them have what it takes to take care of our Warrior Country Families," Vestermark said. "These hospitals provide operating rooms, ICU beds, NICU beds, a number of physicians and nurses, helipads, and they are able to speak English."

TRICARE will cover expenses to the off-post facilities as long as Soldiers and Families have a referral in the system.

"If a patient receives a referral for an off-post hospital, the TRICARE liaison will schedule an appointment to escort patients to the hospital and provide any necessary translations that may be needed," Vestermark said.

For TRICARE Prime beneficiaries, Soldiers should

wait at least one to two weeks to contact the TRICARE Service Center.

After that time, authorization is provided for the patients' care. For TRICARE Standard, the referral is reviewed and an appointment date and time is arranged. Courtesy transportation is available if needed.

The cost of TRICARE will remain the same and will not change due to the off-post care, Vestermark said.

"The TRICARE Prime beneficiaries have no outof-pocket charges for care," Vestermark said. "The TRICARE Standard beneficiaries will pay a 20 percent co-pay fee for active duty Family members and a 25 percent co-pay fee will be charged for retirees and their Family members."

Warrior Country is currently working with the administration office at Uijeongbu St. Mary's Hospital and Dongguk hospitals on scheduling monthly tours so that Families can visit the facilities before-hand, Vestermark said.

"These tours will provide transportation to 10 Family members per tour so that they have the opportunity to know what they can look forward to if they are in need of healthcare during their stay in Korea," Vestermark said.

"We want to provide everyone with the best possible care because we care about all of our Army Families."

For more information about hospitals, TRICARE, or other healthcare services, contact the Camp Casey Troop Medical Center at 737-2273 or your local TMC.

Camp Red Cloud Veterinary Clinic

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NEWS

Costs offset for Active duty under G.I. Bill changes

Story by C. Todd Lopez

Army News Service

WASHINGTON – Active duty Soldiers and their spouses will soon be able to get funding for books and supplies as part of the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill.

Beginning Oct. 1, active duty members and their spouses can receive up to \$1,000 for books and supplies, per academic year, as part of the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill. Active duty members were not previously eligible for the books and supplies funding.

Additional benefits to servicemembers and veterans include reimbursement of fees for exams used for admission to colleges. Such exams include the ACT, GMAT or SAT. Changes to the bill also mean reimbursement for more than one licensing or certification examination.

Additionally, there are expanded benefits for non-college degree programs, on-the-job training, apprenticeship training, flight programs and correspondence training.

"I think the great thing about these changes (is) that it brings a lot more training options under the umbrella of this already robust program," said Keith Wilson, director of education service at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

New enrollees in the program will also find that if they are entitled to the housing allowance (active duty and their spouses are not) they can receive that benefit while enrolled in certificate or other non-college degree programs or even long-distance learning.

Those enrolled in distance learning could receive up to 50 percent of the housing allowance provided to those





who enrolled in on-campus education programs. The housing allowance for those in resident training is now prorated based on a student's course load. A student taking a course load that is approximately 80 percent of what a school deems "full time," would receive 80 percent of the housing allowance. Housing allowance for an in-resident student taking a full load is equivalent to the basic housing allowance for an E-5 with dependants.

Additional changes to benefits under the bill include elimination of housing payments for even short gap periods between enrollments.

In the past, during the less-than-one-

month breaks between semesters, beneficiaries could continue to receive housing payments. But that is no longer the case, Wilson said.

While Wilson said VA is working to keep students informed of the changes, students will have to practice some "sound financial management" on their own to make rent payments during the short non-enrollment periods between semesters.

Wilson pointed out that under the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, beneficiaries have never received housing allowance during the three-month summer break.

Wilson added that, when beneficiaries did receive housing payment between Courtesy graphic

enrollments, they were actually burning up part of their benefits.

The bill provides for 36 months of benefits.

If a student was getting just housing benefits for the nearly one-month period between the fall and spring semesters, for instance, that would burn up a month of benefits.

The new change in law also affects payment eligibility, and now accounts for active duty service performed by National Guard members under Title 32.

A summary of recent changes to the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill can be found at http:// gibill.va.gov/benefits/post_911_gibill/ Post911_changes.html.

'eArmyU' outgrows mission, moving to 'GoArmyEd'

Story by Rob McIlvaine

Army News Service

ARLINGTON, Va. – In the past 10 years, online computer technology has grown exponentially to a point where eArmyU officials said they will culminate their program March 31, 2012.

The purpose of eArmyU – an online degree program which began in 2001 – was to provide Soldiers access to a college education.

Officials said the need for that program has been overshadowed by other booming distance-learning resources.

Since World War II, and in the years leading up to 2001 when eArmyU became a Soldier's entry point to higher education and personal growth, the only courses available were those offered at the time in the on-post brick-and-mortar classrooms. Obtaining a degree, with the constant movement a Soldier experiences, was very difficult.

"Back in 2001 the world was changing. Technology was becoming much more prevalent and distance learning came in," said Ileen Rogers, director of Army Continuing Education at Human Resources Command, Fort Knox, Ky.

Accessing instruction via the Internet, she said, was becoming a viable means of getting an education.

The Army decided to take advantage of this by initi-

ating eArmyU and giving Soldiers the tools they needed to continue their education and not be confined by the traditional brick-and-mortar classroom to do it.

"But a laptop was an expensive piece of equipment, so at the onset of the program, Soldiers lined up to receive a free laptop and a liberal education assistance package. As long as they completed enough course work in eArmyU they were allowed to keep it," Rogers said about the laptop computers.

Colleges had to work hard to be part of the Army's program.

"When the program started there were about 23 colleges.

"Over the years, it has grown to include 45 colleges. But to be in the program, the college had to be regionally accredited and be a member of the Servicemembers Opportunity College," Rogers said.

SOC was created in 1972 to provide educational opportunities to servicemembers who, because they frequently moved from place to place, had trouble completing college degrees.

Funded by the Department of Defense through a contract with the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the contract is managed for DOD by the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support.

"Before 2001, distance learning was insignificant," Rogers said. "Today, more than 72 percent of all our enrollments are in distance learning. The original concept was to expand access. We have.

"Instead of 45 schools, Soldiers now have more than 2,000 choices out there. So, their options for selecting a home college, transferability, degree completion has just expanded beyond the original concept of eArmyU," she continued.

In spite of the current optempo, she said, enrollment in college programs has increased every year.

"Right now, at GoArmyEd.com, our Soldiers enroll in 2,600 colleges across the nation and around the world," she said.

"Technology has driven our access so that Soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq, Africa, no matter where they are, they are online, they're doing distance learning through all kinds of modes, not just the Internet," Rogers said.

Schools, she said, have stepped forward to provide pre-loaded courses on PDAs, tablets, and other devices.

"Our schools are out there pushing distance learning and access so that we can't keep up with it. Every time you turn around, there's some new media out there where Soldiers can access and continue their education," Rogers said.

Tuition Assistance, she said, will continue because the Army is committed to Soldiers and their personal and professional growth.

To find out more about the program, go to a local education center, or go online at GoArmyEd.com to access a list of all Army education centers and applicable points of contact.

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Soldiers from the 70th Brigade Support Battalion, 210th Fires Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division dig out mud from a landslide in front of the battalion headquarters on Camp Casey. Office space resided on the first floor and barracks on the top two floors.



2nd Infantry Division Soldiers dig out a turtle ditch adjacent to a barracks on Camp Casey.



When flood waters receded, 1st Brigade Combat Team Soldiers assisted the Korean National Police and ROK Army by loading trash and debris into civilian and military trucks in an effort to help expedite the recovery of the Dongducheon community.



Kim Kwan-jin (third from left), the Republic of Korea minister of national defense, surveys flood damage in the city of Dongducehon.

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2nd ID Soldiers continue clean-up after historic flooding

Story by 2nd ID Public Affairs

Soldiers from the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team and 210th Fires Brigade joined with ROK Army soldiers, Korean National Police, and military spouses to begin the clean-up ninsula devastating Camp Casey and the sur- damage. rounding Dongducheon community.

Dongducheon officials estimated approximately 250 U.S. Soldiers, 400 ROK soldiers, 100 KNPs, and more than 80 U.S. military dependants joined the city's efforts to clear the critical military supply route and assist residents and local business owners clean the area outside of Camp Casey in Dongducheon.

riod of time caused local streams to overflow diers to visit.

in the Dongducheon area and resulted in severe property damage," said Kim Kwan-jin, the ROK minister of national defense. "The efforts of the 2nd Infantry Division in flood relief have been a great source of support and encouragement to flood victims."

During the recent flooding local businessprocess after record rain fell on the Korean pe- es in the Ville were severely affected by flood

> Sales goods, food products and service items were submerged as water levels reportedly rose to five-feet, leaving about one- foot of sediment in some buildings.

In the coming week, the 2nd ID Division Surgeon's Office and 1HBCT will work with local Korean authorities to conduct safety and sanitation inspections of establishments in the "The heavy rain which fell over a short pe- Ville to ensure establishments are safe for Sol-

SPECIAL TO THE INDIANHEAD: TRAVEL COLUMN Village reveals insights into central Asian culture, Genghis Kahn



A nine-piece ensemble performs traditional Mongolian music, including throat singing, during a folk art performance at the Mongolia Culture Town in Namyangju.

Story and photo by Kevin Jackson

USAG Red Cloud Public Affairs

Adventure travel can be a budget buster, but a short drive to the Mongolia Culture Town here offers an alternative and is an unbeatable bargain.

Greeting visitors at the entrance is an imposing statue of Genghis Kahn (1162-1227) – the father of Mongolia, who conquered nearly half of the Asian continent.

The exhibition hall with its 800 artifacts is a veritable treasure chest of Mongol culture containing kitchenware, clothing from some of the 20 Mongol tribes, musical instruments, ceremonial masks, children's toys, weapons, tughrik currency and more.

Among the most impressive items are a large mural depicting nomads, hunters and a marriage ceremony, and a book chronicling the life of Genghis Kahn. Tour guide Rinchinbadam "Riki" Jamsranjav said Kahn's image in the book is believed to be the most accurate. Display information is in Korean only so bring a Korean friend.

In the experience hall, children have an opportunity to play Mongolian board games made of sheep's wool and bones, read books and watch a video. Adults can try on traditional Mongolian clothing and play an instrument such as the horse head violin or morin khuur.

A history museum chronicles the life of Kahn and the Mongol Empire through today and the ecology museum documents the discovery of dinosaur bones in the Gobi Desert and has mounted animals.

While these are all interesting, the folk art performance is the showpiece and is not to be missed. The 19-member troupe, who were all recruited from Mongolia, provide a dazzling performance of dance and music dressed in traditional attire. The unique throat singing or khoomi is unlike anything you will ever hear and is amazing.

The Mongolia Horse Theater shows off some of the Mongols renowned horsemanship skills. The 12-member cast, which includes acrobats, provides spectators an enjoyable action-packed 40-minute performance.

Jamsranjav highly recommends that visitors watch both shows because they capture the essence of Mongols, who she said are sometimes misunderstood.

"Mongolian people live in a vast land and because of it they have a generous mind," she said. "They are kind and try to treat their guests like Family."

If you work up an appetite, don't neglect to sample a delectable variety of traditional Mongolian food. The barbecued sheep meat and vegetables sautéed in a mildly sweet sauce and large crescent-shaped fried mandu are tasty and two excellent choices.

So if you can't make the trip to the steppes and the world's 19th largest

country in central Asia, get a Korean friend and head to Mongolia Culture Town. You'll be glad you did, but don't forget your camera!

Hours: Open 9 a.m.-7 p.m., March to November, and 9 a.m.-6 p.m., December through February. Closed on Mondays.

Admission: Entrance to the village is 4,000 Won for adults, 2,000 Won for teenagers, Soldiers, senior citizens and children age 6 and under. Folk Art Show cost is 2,000 Won for adults, 1,000 Won for teenagers and Soldiers, 500 Won for senior citizens and children, and free for kids 5 years and below. There are two shows daily, except July and August when there are three. Mongolia Horse Theater has two shows daily and the cost is the same as the folk art show.

Address: Namyangju, Sudongmyeon, Naebang-ri 250 (enter address in GPS).

Phone: (031) 590-2793

SPECIAL TO THE INDIANHEAD: SPOUSES' COLUMN *Take advantage of the exciting organized group tours on base*

Story by Kelley Scrocca

Warrior Country Spouse

Exploring Korea on your own can be an exciting, but also frustrating, experience. One convenient option is to check out the various organized tours available from organizations right on post.

I have participated in two organized tours, both through Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

The first was the Korean Folk Village. This was a simple tour with FMWR, who provided transportation, purchased entrance tickets, and informed us when to be back on the bus for departure.

Grab an English map when you go in because the Folk Village covers many acres. There are examples of traditional homes from different regions and classes of wealth. Many of these homes have "living history" type actors performing traditional chores. There is also a performing arena where you can see a traditional farmers dance, tightrope acrobats and an equestrian demonstration. Nearby you can observe a traditional wedding ceremony. Check your map for times of upcoming performances.

There are museums, shops and even a small amusement park. About 20 different types of Korean dishes are also available for purchase during lunch, but you can also bring your own meal. We had plenty of time to explore the exhibits, see some performances, have lunch and get back to the bus.

The second tour I went on was Hantan River Rafting. The drive was about 80 minutes from Camp Casey. They provided some quick instruction in English, gave us life jackets, helmets and paddles and we were off to the river. Each boat had five to eight people plus a guide.

The rapids were exciting, but not really dangerous. We were on the river for about two hours with occasional rapids. At one point we stopped, where they had made a slide out of an upside-down raft.

You will get wet on this tour. The guide will make sure of it, bringing you under waterfalls, and in my case, pushing me off the raft. Overall this was a fun trip. I would highly recommend bringing a waterproof camera. Invest in a disposable one if you have to.

The river scenery is absolutely beautiful with huge

rocky cliffs and waterfalls surrounded by wilderness. We brought our own lunch, but the lunch served was basic beef and leaf. They do have changing rooms and showers, but they are communal. Wear clothes and shoes that you are OK with getting wet, and bring dry clothes to change into after. They do have plastic shoes you can use for 2,000 Won.

These same trips, and many more, are offered by FMWR on most posts, with transportation and costs varying depending on where you live. Flyers are available at your post Community Activity Center, and many are highlighted in the monthly *In the Zone* magazine. Another convenient organized tour provider is the USO. They have calendars available at their offices, the CAC, and are accessible online at www. uso.org/korea. They have many of the same tours that FMWR provide including a many tours to the Demilitarized Zone. They also offer various activities in Seoul, including city tours, Han River cruises and dinner/theatre experiences.

Have you been on an organized tour? What was your experience? I would love to hear from you: spouse2ID@yahoo.com.

FEATURES 11

My Korea, My Life

A brief insight into Soldiers, civilians and Family members in Warrior Country

My name: Cpl. ParkHyun-jun

My job: I am a supply clerk, with 3rd Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, and the 2011 2nd Infantry Division Korean Augmention to the U.S. Army Soldier of the year.

My childhood ambition: I wanted to be a scientist. I was really good at the math and science at that time.

My first job: I used to tutor a student in English and math. But it was not an official job.

My soundtrack: "My Heart Will Go On" from the movie "Titanic."

My last purchase: My last purchase was a digital camera. I purchased the digital camera because I thought taking pictures would be the only way to leave records of the moments of my life.

My alarm clock: My alarm clock is a normal one. It is as loud as a siren.

My fondest memory: When I got my admission letter from my university.

My retreat: A quiet seaside.

My perfect day: Every weekend when I see the faces of my Family members.



My indulgence: All of the food from Popeye's Chicken.

My wildest dream: To get a 10-day pass.

My hobbies: I like to sing. When I sing loudly it

relieves all of my stress, so I like it.

My biggest challenge: I failed the university entrance test once. I had to study for one more year to go to a university that has a good reputation. I think that was the toughest year of my life.

My proudest moment: When my mother gives me a compliment like "you did a good job."

My favorite music: There is a song called "This is a Moment." I love that song because its lyrics give me strength when I'm in a tough situation.

My inspiration: My mother. Even during times of hardship she always stands by me and lifts my spirits.

My Korea, My Life: Every Korean man has to serve in the military one way or another. I didn't want to join the military and hated it.

I have completed 19 months of military service for my country and have seen all of the North Korean provocations.

I now have come to think about serving in the military differently. I love this country and I have learned what I can do for my country.

I am proud of guarding my country as a strong soldier. After my service I will do my best for my life and for my country.



2nd ID Tae Kwon Do team shows off skills at Camp Red Cloud Gym

Private First Class Cho Jin-hee, a member of the 2nd Infantry Divsion Tae Kwon Do Demonstration Team, snaps a wooden board with a jumping front kick, Aug. 3 at the gym on Camp Red Cloud.

WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS

Casey 60th Anniversary

U.S. Army Installation Management Command Korea and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, will host the Casey 60th Anniversary and Labor Day Festival Sept. 2 at the Camp Casey Gateway Club. The festival which runs from 4 - 10 p.m. includes a ceremony to commemorate Camp Casey's 60th Anniversary, petting zoo, horse and donkey rides, carnival games, kiddie corner, art/crafts and bazaar, and a 2nd ID tank display. Carnival food will be served.

The festival will be hosting an Area I Chili Cook-Off. To sign up for the cook off, call 732-7519.

Korean-American Festival

The 7th annual Korean-American Friendship Festival will be held at ROK-US Cultural Plaza Downtown Bosan-dong Sept. 3 from 2-4 p.m.

This year's festival celebrates not only 60 years of Friendship with the Camp Casey community, but also Labor Day and the Korean National Holiday Chuseok.

Events will include traditional Korean food making demonstrations, traditional Korean tea tasting, photos with Korean folk-dress and many interesting performances including b-boy teams, Tae Kwon Do demonstration and Korean music.

In appreciation for the assistance rendered by 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers after the recent flooding in Dongducheon, entrance to the festival and all food will be free.

TDY travel advisory

2nd ID Soldiers and Family members going on TDY are advised not to book hotel lodging or rental car reservations through online sites such as: hotels.com, priceline.com, orbitz.com, ect.

Lodging or rental car reservations must be made through the Defense Travel System at your local Commercial Travel Office when available.

Booking directly through rental car agencies or hotels via their Web site or telephonically may be permitted when CTO or DTS is not available.

For more information, contact Sgt. 1st. Class Daniel Coleman at 732-7488.

Gyeonggi Peace Marathon

Gyeonggi Province is scheduled to host a peace marathon Sept. 25 at 9 a.m., to enhance community relations between 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers and the Republic of Korea's populace. Events will include a 10K run and a 6K walk.

A free lunch will be offered to those who participate. Soldiers may sign up through their respective companies no later than Sept. 15.

For more information, contact Cpl. Soobum at 732-8950 or Soobum.E@ us.army.mil.

Finance hours

The Camp Casey finance office located in Bldg. 2440 is open 9:30 a.m.-4:30

p.m., Mon.-Fri., and closed Thursdays. The Camp Stanley finance office located in Bldg. 2245 is open 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri., and closed Thursdays.

The Camp Red Cloud finance office located in Bldg. 267 is open 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Fridays.

Family members allowed to eat in Area I dining facilities

Military Family members are permitted to eat in all dining facilities on Area I installations as part of a 60-day trial, except Camp Casey's Iron Horse Café. The Iron Horse Café will not participate because it's operating above 100 percent capacity.

Family members will pay the existing rates based on the pay grade of their sponsor. The program runs until January.

For more information, call Chief Warrant Officer Frederick Wood at 732-6586.

Camp Hovey post office

The Camp Hovey Post Office, Bldg. 3808, will be closed until Sept. 30 for renovations.

In the interim, customers should use the Post Office in Bldg. 3001 at Camp Casey. It is open Mon. - Wed. and Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday from 1-5 p.m., and Saturday and training holidays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

For more information, call 730-4767.

Vehicle inspection site

The Area I vehicle inspection office has moved from Camp Mobile to the Auto Skills Shop Bldg. 2230 on Camp Casey. Hours of operation are 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Wed.-Sun.

For more information contact the Camp Mobile Auto Skills Shop at 730-6028.

New Yongsan PT run routes

The following roads at Yongsan Garrison will be closed Mon. - Fri. from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. due to physical readiness training: all roads on Camp Coiner through 8th Army Drive; 8th Army Drive to the fire station; and X Corps Boulevard to 3rd Division Road through the commissary.

Area I - Camp Humphreys shuttle

A shuttle bus service is now running between Area I and Camp Humphreys Mon. - Fri., except U.S. holidays.

One trip leaves Camp Casey daily at 6 a.m. and Camp Red Cloud at 6:50 a.m., and arrives at Camp Humphreys at 9 a.m.

Another bus running the opposite direction leaves Camp Humphreys at 6 a.m., and arrives at Camp Red Cloud at 8 a.m. and Camp Casey at 9 a.m.

The return trip from Camp Humphreys departs at 5:15 p.m., and arrives at Camp Red Cloud at 7:15 p.m. and Camp Casey at 8 p.m.

Another bus departs Camp Casey at 5:15 p.m. and Camp Red Cloud at 6 p.m., and arrives at Camp Humphreys at 8 p.m.

Chapel service times

The Camp Red Cloud Chapel hosts a Catholic service Sunday at 9 a.m. A Protestant service follows at 11 a.m. A COGIC service starts at 12:30 p.m., and a KATUSA service begins at 7 p.m.

For more information call 732-6073/6706.

The Camp Casey Stone Chapel hosts a Protestant service Sunday at 10 a.m. The Camp Casey Memorial Chapel hosts a Gospel service at 11 a.m. and their KATUSA service begins at 6:30 p.m. The West Casey Chapel hosts a Protestant service Sunday at 10 a.m. The West Casey Chapel also hosts a Catholic service that starts at noon, an LDS Worship service that starts at 4 p.m., and a LDS Bible study Thursday at 7:30.

For more information contact the Memorial chapel at 730-2594 or the West Casey Chapel at 730-3014.

The Camp Hovey Chapel hosts a Catholic service Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and and is followed by the Protestant service at 11 a.m. The KATUSA service is held Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. The Old Hovey Chapel hosts an Orthodox service every first and third Sunday of the month at 10 a.m., and the Crusader Chapel hosts their Protestant service Sunday at 11 a.m.

For more information call 730-5119.

The Camp Stanley Chapel hosts a Protestant service Sunday at 10 a.m., and a Gospel service Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

For more information call 732-5238. The Camp Humphreys Freedom Chapel hosts a Catholic service Sunday at 9 a.m., followed by a Protestant service at 11 a.m., then a Gospel service at 1 p.m., and will have a Church of Christ service at 5 p.m. The Freedom Chapel will also hold a KATUSA service Tuesday at 7 p.m.

For more information call 753-7952.

