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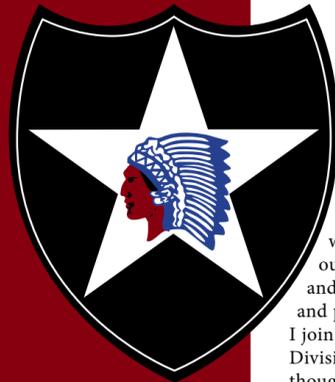
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FOR THE LATEST



COMMANDER'S CORNER: WELCOME



I want to thank all of the Soldiers who participated in the change of command ceremony this week. It is an honor to join the Warriors of the 2nd Infantry Division and to have the opportunity to add to the tremendous history of this storied division with you. You looked absolutely outstanding during the ceremony and truly represented the essence and proud tradition of the 2nd ID. As I join your team here in the Warrior Division, I want to provide some initial thoughts on my focus as the division commander.

The strength of the Warrior Division is our Soldiers, Civilians and our Families collective ability to meet the challenges of the mission here in Korea. Preserving and improving our readiness to "Fight Tonight" is critical for us in the 2nd Infantry Division. We must focus on our Soldiers and Families being "Fit to Fight Tonight" by being ready and resilient: physically, mentally, and morally. Our units must train in the fundamentals of combined arms and develop lethal squads/platoons/companies. We can only accomplish our mission through teamwork and working together with our ROK allies. We must each be an integral part of the team, and focus on building our units at all levels into a cohesive team built on mutual trust and respect. Likewise, we must strive to be strong partners with our ROK allies and actively work at being good neighbors with our surrounding Korean communities.

Leadership is the key to the success of our mission here. Each of us: Soldier, NCO, Officer and Civilian must lead by example and strive to live the Army

Values every day. As Soldiers, we are professionals and role models for our Families, our Army, and our nation. That requires each of us to do what is right every day, to live the values of our profession, and represent our nation and our Army to the Korean people and the ROK Army. Discipline and professionalism are our trademarks as we live the Army values and represent our nation in Korea. Each of us is individually accountable for our actions, on and off duty; but we also share a collective responsibility to ensure our partner's actions are always in concert with our Army values and the Warrior Ethos.

As the Army's only forward stationed division, we must maintain our readiness and ability to execute combined arms maneuver and our Counter-WMD mission. The Army has placed us at the tip of the spear on the Korean peninsula, manned with the best Soldiers and equipped with the most modern and lethal weapons in the world. Warrior Soldiers are motivated and well trained; remaining ready to "Fight Tonight" if called upon.

We will stay committed to strengthen one of our nation's strongest alliances; that between the United States and the Republic of Korea. I look forward to continuing to build on that partnership as we serve side-by-side with our ROK comrades-in-arms. We will continue to strengthen our combined capabilities to enhance the security of the Korean Peninsula and the stability of the region. We will strengthen the alliance through innovative, tough, realistic, combined training as we work with our ROK partners to deter aggression and maintain peace here in Korea.



Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal
2nd Inf. Div. Commander

With the division's leadership, I am committed to care for Soldiers and their Families both here and back home. Our most valuable asset is a strong bond between leaders, our Soldiers and their Families. Soldiers who are serving unaccompanied tours and also our geographically separated Soldiers; your sacrifices do not go unnoticed.

Finally, I want to thank you and your families for the sacrifices you make for the nation and the American people every day. After 35 years in the Army and with three sons that also serve in the armed forces, I am well aware of what sacrifices are asked of our Soldiers and their Families. Your sense of duty, professionalism and selfless service are an inspiration to us all – it is truly an honor to serve as your commander.

Second to None!



Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal assumes command of the 2nd Infantry Division during a change of command ceremony on Indianhead Field at Camp Casey, June 24. The ceremony was attended by gen. James Thurman United States Forces Korea, Lt. Gen. John Johnson 8th Army Commander, Gen. Kwon, On Sung Deputy commander Combined Forces Command (Photo by Pak, Chin-U, 2ID PAO)

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INDEPENDENCE DAY



An Independence Day celebration is scheduled for 3 to 9 p.m. July 4 on Camp Casey in the post golf course parking lot. The celebration is to feature carnival games, food booths, a kiddy corner, inflatable games, family kite-flying, mule and donkey rides, face-painting, a Warrior Country chili cook-off, a display of 2nd Infantry Division tanks and weapons, live entertainment that will include music and dance performances and the 2nd Infantry Division Concert Band, all capped by a fireworks display.

SOLDIER 20/20

The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff released the Women in Service Implementation Plan that would expand the opportunities for women by opening all remaining closed Areas of Concentration, Military Occupational Specialties, units and positions no later than Jan. 1, 2016.

The Army is moving forward by opening positions to women that were previously restricted by the 1994 Direct Ground Combat Definition and Assignment Rule. The Army is working on validating gender-neutral occupational standards, conducting a gender integration study and coordinating with all services' special operations commands to develop a plan for integrating women in special operations and long-range reconnaissance.

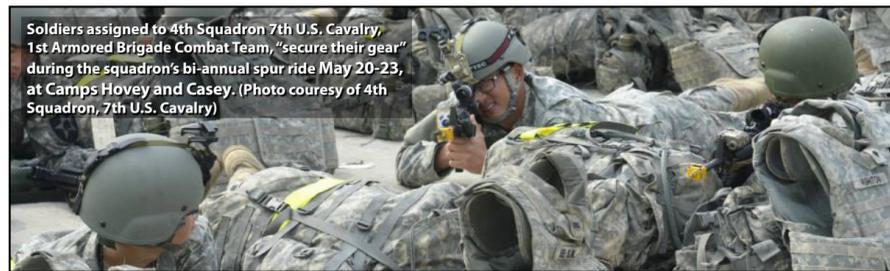
By December 2015, Army leaders will have a system in place to actively assess the impact of opening physically demanding AOCs and MOSs to women, the development of the gender-neutral standards; and the effectiveness of gender integration study.

In implementing these changes, Defense Department will ensure the success of our nation's warfighting forces by preserving unit readiness, cohesion and morale.

The official party consisting of from left to right Col. Tracy P. Banister, outgoing commander, Maj. Gen. Edward C. Cardon, former 2nd Infantry Division Commander, and Col. Michael J. Lawson, incoming commander take their place in front of the formation during the 210th Fires Brigade Change of Command ceremony at Camp Casey June 19. (Photo by Pak, Chin-U, 2ID PAO)



CAVALRY TROOPS EARN SPURS



Soldiers assigned to 4th Squadron 7th U.S. Cavalry, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, "secure their gear" during the squadron's bi-annual spur ride May 20-23, at Camps Hovey and Casey. (Photo courtesy of 4th Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry)

STORY BY
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Harsh jeers from the seasoned spur holders echoed as they steadily paced through the ranks of exhausted candidates. The start of day three left the Soldiers with little recovery time as they headed out on a 12-mile ruck march.

With 21 hours of mental and physical hurdles remaining, the candidates' perseverance and determination would have to survive its final test in their quest to earn their beloved spurs.

Approximately 150 Soldiers, Korean Augmentation to the United States Army, and Republic Of Korea army cavalry Soldiers assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division participated in the 4th Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry Regiment's Spur Ride May 20-23, at Camps Hovey and Casey.

As a major part of cavalry tradition, earning spurs also earns a Soldier respect, and separates its holders from their peers. During this test of mental and physical fortitude, candidates strive to become a part of cavalry history, and embrace the pride and honor associated with it.

"It's an opportunity to accomplish a very difficult goal that not many Soldiers have or can," said new

spur holder, Pfc. Chris Hunt, Bradley Fighting Vehicle System Maintainer, 4th Squadron, 7th U.S. Cav. Regt.

To become eligible for spur candidacy and participate in this event, Soldiers must be assigned to a cavalry unit, achieve a minimum score of 270 points on their Army Physical Fitness Test and qualify as a sharpshooter or above with their assigned weapon, said spur holder Staff Sgt. Ruben Ojeda, Light Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic, 4th Squadron, 7th U.S. Cav. Regt.

During this event, candidates must successfully complete a series of warrior tasks, including a APFT, a four-mile run, 12-mile ruck march, and a 20-question test challenging the candidates' knowledge of cavalry history.

The spur ride is also rich in camaraderie as it encourages teamwork and discipline. Candidates were split into teams and tasked with completing missions as a cohesive unit. At seven different stations, the slew of the battle drills included casualty evacuation and first aid, reaction to contact, calling for fire, establishing a fighting position, performing radio communication, executing a vehicle recovery, and displaying their knowledge and proficiency on five different weapons.

"It's a team effort, you can't do it all by yourself," said Pfc. Luis Zaruma, Track Vehicle Repairer, 4th Squadron, 7th U.S. Cav. Regt. "We made it our jobs to



Spur holder, Command Sgt. Maj. Kim Bradshaw, the senior enlisted advisor of 4th Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry Regiment, briefs spur candidates on upcoming tasks May 22 at Camp Hovey.

motivate each other to get through it."

Though sheer will and physical strength are both necessary characteristics to achieve the feat, it all comes down to a key intangible shared by all spur holders.

"All it takes is heart, that's all there is to it," said Zaruma.

Togetherness, overcoming adversity, and pushing yourself above and beyond limitations are all trademarks of the Spur Ride and cavalry tradition. Though spurs are the physical reward for the candidates' commendable effort, the honor of becoming a spur holder through blood, sweat and tears accompanies them throughout not only their military careers, but also their lives.

CSM GARRYOWEN KEEPS TROOPS IN LINE

STORY AND PHOTO BY
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The reference Garryowen is known across the Army, Soldiers at Camp Hovey, South Korea, know it by something different.

Garryowen is the regimental namesake for 4th Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team. It's a traditional greeting of the day to its officers, and somewhere, the famous Irish quickstep of the same name can still be heard on a regular basis. But for those familiar with the local Garryowen legends, they are probably more knowledgeable of his current legacy of defending the Soldiers in the brigade.

Garryowen, the mascot, might not be the manliest breed anyone expects to see with hardened Soldiers in a forward deployed brigade like the 1st ABCT, however, he has found his niche. A dedicated cavalry scout, he resides happily amongst his squadron brothers in the lobby of the company barracks where he has a bed that gets a little extra heat from the nearby vending machine and has a clear view of Soldiers as they hurry to physical fitness training in the morning.

Command Sgt. Maj. Echo Garryowen, as he's known to some, is a mixed-breed collie perfectly suited for the cavalry lifestyle.

"He's definitely a master of reconnaissance," said Pfc. Shayne M. Kennedy, a cavalry scout for 1st Platoon, Company B. "He knows every inch of Hovey, every grid, he's scruffy...he's old school [cavalry] that's for sure. I've seen him with a Stetson on a couple of times, it looked good on him."

Kennedy is the primary caretaker for Echo, who has protected these Soldiers for the last 10 years. As to the question of how old he really is, that's just another part of the legend.

First Sgt. Michael Udell has a longer history with Echo than the average Garryowen Soldier, even though he currently serves as a first sergeant at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash. He made it a point to incorporate Echo into his training when he was serving as the first sergeant of the "Blackfoot" Soldiers of Company B.

"Soldiers who wanted to pitch in to help take care of him would," said Udell. "The caretaker role is passed on from Soldier to Soldier before the other PCSs. Caretakers are hand-selected; it just doesn't go to anybody. The next Soldier



Soldiers assigned to 4th Squadron 7th U.S. Cavalry, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, do push-ups at the request of Command Sgt. Maj. Echo Garryowen outside the squadron barracks on Camp Hovey.

must prove that he is worthy of such an honor."

In the decade he has been protecting these Soldiers, Echo has met hundreds of Garryowen Soldiers every few months with the rapid personnel turn over in Korea, so he's considered to be a good judge of character. But even once the caretaker is chosen, when it comes to this dog's care, it really takes a village.

"Echo attended every gunnery range from 2010 to 2012," said Udell. "He would ride with me in the humvee to check on the troops and to chase a few Bradleys.

The Soldiers' morale would sky rocket when they saw Echo jump out of the vehicle. He would walk with me 'trooping the line' saying hello to every Soldier.

Now that he's a little older, exercise is a stroll out front and chasing the occasional cab. He's even gotten his kicks by chasing the car of the 1st ABCT chaplain. He must have been forgiven though, because he is still healthy enough to waddle down the road and join Soldiers for a barbecue every now and again. As a wise old dog, he also helps enforce the curfew.

"He's so much more than a dog in the barracks; I couldn't imagine the barracks without him," said Kennedy. "He'll be one of the things that I'll really miss."

Thanks to caretakers like Kennedy, Udell and the rest of Echo's village, he has the support and title to continue to make hard working Soldiers smile a little wider while so far from home.

501 CHEMICAL COMPANY RECEIVES SIBERT AWARD



Soldiers participate in the capabilities demonstration. The demonstration highlights the abilities the unit has to support Combatant Commanders or other governmental agencies in order to counter full-spectrum CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Nuclear, and high-yield Explosive) threats. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Juan F. Jimenez, 1st ABCT PAO).

STORY BY STAFF SGT
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The Soldiers in the 501st Chemical Company (Technical Escort), 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team showed expertise, fidelity, and commitment as well as surpassing the Army standards by winning the Maj. Gen. William L. Sibert Award for excellence in the chemical field.

The Sibert Award recognizes the most distinguished chemical units in the active Army, National Guard, and Army Reserve components. The 501st Chemical Co. made top honors throughout the entire active duty chemical corps.

The Sibert Award is granted to a chemical unit based on overall mission readiness, training, physical fitness, discipline, organizational skills and most importantly attention to details.

"The Sibert Award program takes a look at every metric that goes into being a company-sized element and compares that unit across the Army for a 12-month period," said Lt. Col. D. Sean Crockett, battalion commander for the 23rd Chemical Battalion.

During the first half of the review period, the 501st Chemical Co. fell under the 110th Chemical Battalion then realigned with the 23rd Chemical Bn., in Aug. 2012. Through meticulous record keeping, hard work and training above and beyond the standards, the unit proved worthy of the award.

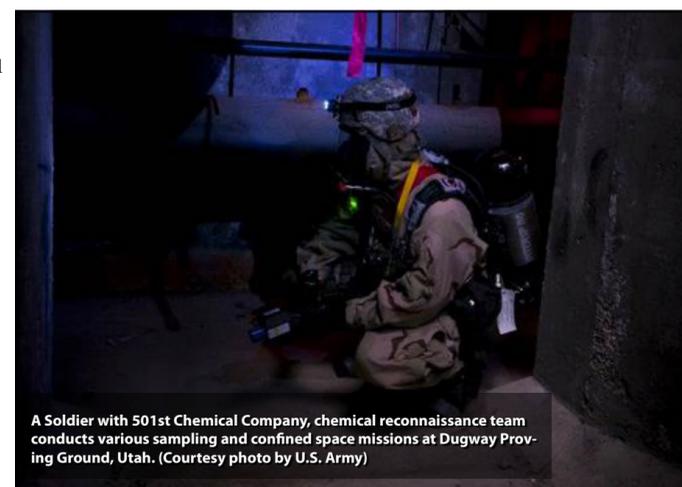
"The 501st 'Vipers' have been through a lot in the last 12 months," said Crockett. "They conducted several real world missions back in the states. They reflagged under the 23rd Chem. from the 110th Chemical Battalion. Then on top of meeting all training requirements, half of the 501st deploy to Korea as the advance party to help prepare for the rest of the battalion. So at that point, you had the Vipers running full spectrum operations on two continents."

Transitioning between battalions then a move to Korea, all on top of the real world missions and training was not an easy task for the unit. However, the Soldiers and leadership continued with business as usual.

"The move to Korea didn't really affect my team or myself," said Staff Sgt. Omarley Ritter, Bronx, N.Y. native and a team leader for 501st Chemical Co. "Everyone was pretty excited about coming over. Plus we knew that once we got to Korea there would be a lot more missions. We were in 'go mode' once the boots hit the ground."

"Winning the Sibert Award has not affected the quantity of the missions or the attitudes of the Soldiers," said Ritter. The Viper Soldiers and leaders enjoy the notoriety and recognition but are planning to continue their day-to-day mission. Ritter added they enjoy doing their jobs.

"We didn't win the award based on one particular event," said Maj. Rogelio Pineda, Monterey, Calif., commander for the 501st Chemical



A Soldier with 501st Chemical Company, chemical reconnaissance team conducts various sampling and confined space missions at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah. (Courtesy photo by U.S. Army)

Co. "The Sibert Award is based off of Soldiers' hard work. This award is the accomplishment of the Soldiers. Everything about their soldiering is reviewed and graded. I want my Soldiers to know this honor belongs to them. If at any point, any of my Soldiers have ever thought that their hard work has gone unnoticed, well it hasn't because this is their award."

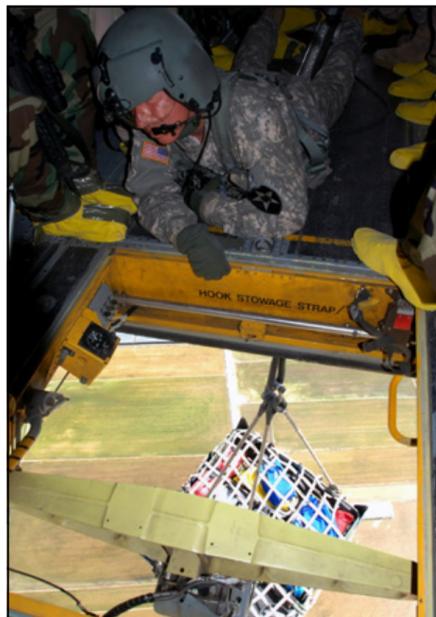
While the 501st Chemical Co. has already been announced as the winner of the 2013 Sibert Award, the battalion commander, company commander, and guide-on will fly to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. toward the end of June to receive the award at the regimental headquarters.



Soldiers with 23rd Chemical Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, help clean the streets of Uijeongbu April 17. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Kyle Richardson, 1st ABCT PAO).



Spc. Carlos Estrella participates in door gunnery qualification during a 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade gunnery May 31 at Rodriguez Range.



SOLDIER TEST SKILLS DURING DOOR GUNNERY

Crew Chief Uses Past Experience to Enhance Military Service

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
STAFF SGT VINCENT ABRIL
2ND CAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS

In an instant clear skies and a slight breeze turn to hurricane like winds as a CH-47 Chinook helicopter hovers. Ground troops struggle to keep their balance. They thrust large reach tubes onto the dual cargo hook points connected to a humvee and trailer for air transport.

While it takes an entire team to perform sling load operations, Spc. Carlos Estrella bears a big portion of the mission's responsibility ensuring the safe transport of the load while in mid-air. This is a responsibility he regularly accepts as a crew chief.

Estrella, a CH-47 helicopter repairer and crew chief with Company B, 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, participated in the "Nightmare" battalion's door gunnery qualifications May 31, at Rodriguez Range, near Pocheon, South Korea.

A native of Mexico, Estrella earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the Instituto

Tecnológico de Veracruz prior to migrating to the U.S. Once settled in the U.S., he began working as an electrician. Estrella decided to serve the nation prior to becoming a U.S. citizen and went to the local recruiter's office in downtown Salt Lake City with a mindset to work in a field in which he already possessed the skill.

"When I joined the Army, I tried to get in the electrical or electronic field but my recruiter could not give me any of those jobs because I did not qualify for a security clearance since I was not yet a U.S. citizen," Estrella said.

After doing some research, the recruiter was able to offer Estrella a job that he could use his past experience and skills to benefit military mission.

"Before I went to the States, I worked as a quality assurance engineer for a company that does exactly what we do here," Estrella said. "The company I worked for used helicopters to transport people from an island to oil rigs in the ocean, so when they offered me that job, I felt I would do really well."

During gunnery, Estrella's words and past mirrored his actions as he was responsible for passengers and equipment on his aircraft. He communicated with his

pilots while bearing the responsibility for ensuring the safety of human cargo on board and the equipment slung below, as they flew above the mountainous terrain of Korea.

Estrella hopes to learn and excel to the next level as a flight engineer.

"I studied engineering because I like science and technology and this is a very complex machine," said Estrella. "To become a flight engineer is a challenge and will give me an opportunity to face that challenge and complete my goal."

Capt. Victor A. Munoz, Estrella's platoon leader and officer in charge of the range, recognized the value of his prior aviation experience.

"His prior aviation experience and knowledge has been an invaluable asset to bravo company and its crewmembers," said Munoz. "His oversight enabled our younger crewmembers to qualify during gunnery."

Providing his unit with experience and dedication, Estrella continues to serve his country but now as a full fledged patriot swearing in as an American Citizen with 20 Soldiers on Feb. 14, 2013 at the U.S. Embassy in Seoul.

TOWER POWER

Air Traffic Control Operators Ensure Safety during gunnery

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"Dealer Tower this is Archangel One-Niner, currently on maintenance pad one-four; would like to reposition to the range with your permission."

"Archangel One-Niner, winds calm, altimeter two-niner-eight-six; proceed directly to firing point two and contact fires one; five-two point eight-two-five clear for takeoff."

Those radio calls are not from a video game or the infamous 1986 motion picture "Top Gun". That was Pfc. Ivan Cross, a native of Cleveland and member of Company F, 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, as he directs a pilot to reposition.

Cross maintained radio communication and continuity with all aircraft in the vicinity while serving as shift leader in a tactical control tower during the 4th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion's bi-annual gunnery May 15, 2013, at Rodriguez Range near Pocheon, South Korea.

Gunnery is a time for pilots, crew members and their supporting elements to get certified on tactical operations involving the AH-64D Longbow Apache helicopter, while the 2nd Battalion (Assault) assisted in training by providing air assault capabilities with their UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters.

As helicopters engaged targets with powerful 30mm cannons and 2.75-inch rockets creating a thunderous sound that echoed throughout the mountain side, Soldiers on the ground loaded additional helicopters in

a queue with rockets, ammunition and fuel.

With so many moving parts, it's essential that someone maintain control of the moving aircrafts and ground elements. This is key to overseeing the safety to all operators on the range.

"I am responsible for maintaining visual separation and control of the aircrafts to ensure they move about the training area in a safe and expeditious manner," said Cross. In other words, nothing or no one crashes into anything or anyone.

While communicating with the aircrafts, Cross provided precise instructions to pilots who requested movement clearance. This type of direct communication is not what he had in mind when he joined the Army in 2011 as an air traffic control operator.

When he enlisted for the job, Cross thought he would be on the ground guiding aircraft, not in direct radio contact with pilots and crew members from a tower.

"I didn't think it was like this at first," Cross said. "I thought I was going to be standing on a runway with illumination lights guiding aircraft in one-by-one. I'm fortunate because I'm getting more hands-on training while learning about tactical tower operations, radio communications and talking to pilots."

Air traffic control operators conduct their business primarily behind the scenes; yet play an important role in the safety of the entire operation enhancing mission effectiveness.

"Air traffic controllers keep all the aircraft safe as they transition inbound and outbound from the parking pads to the [Forward Area Refueling Point] on the range," said Cpt. Victor A. Kareh, assistant operations

officer of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Aerial Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment. "Without our air traffic controllers, air crews would not have that sense of safety that comes with knowing that someone is out there watching and making sure they are safe while conducting their movements."

Kareh, who served as a range officer during gunnery and an Apache pilot himself, was especially proud of the air traffic controllers who served on his team during training because they primarily work with UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters which required even more concentration than usual.

"It's their first time out here controlling AH-64D Apache helicopters and they picked it up quickly and they knew exactly what was going on," said Kareh. "They did an outstanding job facilitating the safe completion of our battalion's gunnery."

Cross and his co-workers worked day and night ensuring safety was a number one priority while they instructed aircraft movement about the range, which is no simple task as the operation can be tedious and stressful at times.

"I sometimes get a little nervous as I direct aircraft," said Sgt. Jayson Lee, an air traffic control operator of Company F, 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion and a native of Seoul, South Korea. I have to remain very concentrated during my shift so I can make sure we maintain a good flow of aircraft movement."

As gunnery came to its end, and the battalion met its training needs, not one incident occurred on the range, making these air traffic control operators successful at their assigned duties as Soldiers headed home safe.

SIGNAL COMMUNICATING AS A TEAM

STORY AND PHOTO BY
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2ND CAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Army has over 100 military occupational specialties; more than a dozen are in communications and not one of them is the same. No matter what their specialty or unique training, the mission of the signal corps is to build teams with various capabilities to ensure commanders can communicate with subordinate units and exchange information on the battlefield or in training.



Pvt. Michael Brown, a signal support systems specialist assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade prepares to plug in a cable to the Combined Operation Very Small Aperture Terminal Network-Korea satellite during training at Camp Humphreys, May 29.

One of these training events bringing Soldiers with different MOS together as a team is Combined Operation Very Small Aperture Terminal Network-Korea training.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion (Assault), 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade Soldiers conducted COVN-K, training to enhance teamwork and cross train in the various military occupational specialties involved at Camp Humphreys, May 29 to 31.

"The goal of COVN-K training is

to help our leaders, such as company commanders and first sergeants, communicate well and help them connect to the Republic of Korea Army," said Pvt. Myrha R. Miranda from El Paso, Texas, a signal support systems specialist assigned to 2nd Bn., 2nd Avn. Regt. "By doing this kind of training we learn how to be effective in the actual battlefield."

Soldiers who participated in COVN-K training enhanced solidarity, fellowship and grew closer as a team. They had to handle equipment together and draw on each person's specialties to complete the training, the importance of teamwork was tremendous.

"Teamwork is very important in this training," said Spc. Colin J. Oakley from Las Vegas, an information technology specialist assigned to 2nd Bn., 2nd Avn. Regt. "All the missions we have to complete start with teamwork and end with teamwork. As COVN-K training pulls us together, we get to know each other better. Also working as a team enables us to enjoy our work and have fun."

Not only did COVN-K training provide Soldiers a chance to work together as a team, it was also a great opportunity for Soldiers to develop individually. The

training provided a chance for Soldiers involved to apply this training to their overall job skills.

"We don't work on satellites that much, but the training helped me learn about other parts of signal in the signal world," said Oakley. "I also had a great time looking over other similar [Military Occupational Specialties] because we did the training together. This will be a great asset for me in the future."

Soldiers participating for the first time gained insight. The training allowed them to understand a larger view of their daily tasks and how they contribute to the overall mission.

"At first I wondered why we had to do this, but I later found out that it leads to everything we do in our shop," said Miranda. "I also had a great time learning about overall radio systems and learned how to connect my radio to the satellite."

The intent of the annual training is for Soldiers to continue to grow as a team and to provide the best possible communication system in battlefield. Most importantly, the training is designed to teach Soldiers that in order to be ready to fight they need to be ready to communicate.

210th FIRES BRIGADE CONDUCTS DECONTAMINATION TRAINING



Soldiers assigned to 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Brigade and 4th Chemical Company, 23rd Chemical Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team joined partner Republic of Korea army unit 9th Division, 26th Regiment to conduct thorough decontamination training of ROK Kia km420 light utility vehicle during Steel Zenith.



STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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An explosion goes off in the distance. "Gas, gas, gas" is echoed from Soldier to Soldier alarming each other that a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threat may be in the area. Soldiers pull their M40A1 gas masks out from their carriers and within nine seconds, they are fitted with an airtight seal. The Soldiers' quick response leaves no time for their skin to be contaminated. Next they put on the rest of their protective gear.

Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Brigade and 4th Chemical Company, 23rd Chemical Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team joined partner Republic of Korea army unit 9th Division, 26th Regiment to conduct thorough decontamination training during Steel Zenith May 17, in Paju. The units tested their systems and defensive capabilities to improve their preparedness to respond to CBRN threats.

"We do this training so Soldiers will know how to react to a chemical attack, but more importantly they will know how to operate in a chemical environment," said Capt. Spenser C. Weddington, from Tulsa Okla., a chemical officer assigned to 1st Bn., 38th FA Regt.

Members of 210th Fires Bde., trained more than 140 Soldiers in thorough decontamination procedures. The 4th Chemical Co., sprayed, scrubbed, and rinsed more than 30 vehicles ranging from M998 humvees to M978A4 heavy expanded mobility tactical trucks and M931A2 5-ton military trucks.

According to Weddington, there are three phases for the decontamination process. First the vehicle is

sprayed with water mixed with a detecting agent by the 4th Chemical Co., to determine if the vehicle is contaminated. Second, if the vehicle is confirmed as contaminated, the Soldiers will dismount the vehicle and proceed through detailed troop decontamination, where they will be checked one-by-one to determine if they were exposed to harmful chemicals during the CBRN attack. The last phase of the decontamination process consists of the vehicle along with its driver proceeding through equipment decontamination lane.

Wearing the protective gear in rising temperatures gives the Soldiers more realistic and challenging conditions to train.

The Soldiers wore in mission-oriented protective equipment for more than four hours. On a hot day, the temperature inside the suit can rise as much as 15 degrees above the ambient temperature, said Weddington.

"We do this not only to make it challenging, but the Soldiers will know the physical and mental implementation that comes with wearing the mission-oriented protective posture," said Weddington.

"This training is for defense purposes only," said 1st Lt. Li Xu, executive officer assigned to 4th Chemical Co. "It's only to prepare us and ROKA units in case something does happen."

Throughout the training the two Armies worked to increase their combined capabilities.

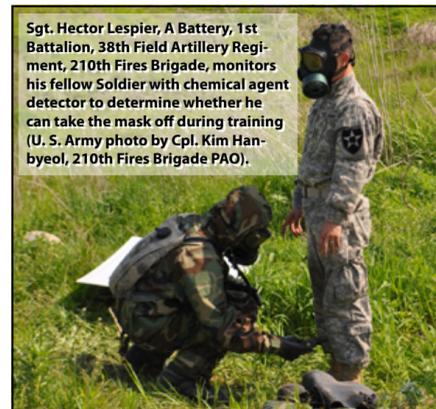
"The purpose of this training is for the U.S. Army and the ROK army to learn about each others' procedures, operating procedures and equipment," said Capt. Daniel Dotson, from Hampton, Ga., commander of B Battery, 1st Bn., 38th FA Regt. "So, if something does happen, we have the ability to work with each other, and understand each others' procedures."

"During the training today, you will see ROK [army]

officers working side-by-side with U.S. officers," said Weddington. "You will see ROK [army] sergeants working side-by-side with U.S. sergeants."

Steel Zenith focused on developing effective partnerships with the ROK army to gain the confidence to persevere against a real threat on the Korean Peninsula, explained Dotson. Combined and joint training improves interoperability and builds trust. The CBRN training enables U.S. and ROK Soldiers to strengthen their alliance and accomplish the assigned mission he added.

"At the end of the day, these great ROK and U.S. Soldiers will have the necessary skills required to continue to do their jobs if they are exposed to any kind of chemical agent," said Lt. Col. Mark O. Bilafer, commander of 1st Bn., 38th FA Regt. "They will know how to deal with it on the battlefield and decontaminate both their equipment and their personnel."



Sgt. Hector Lesprier, A Battery, 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Brigade, monitors his fellow Soldier with chemical agent detector to determine whether he can take the mask off during training (U.S. Army photo by Cpl. Kim Han-byeol, 210th Fires Brigade PAO).

SOLDIERS, LOCAL STUDENTS SHARE CULTURAL DIPLOMACY OVER PIZZA



STORY AND PHOTO BY
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On a typical Thursday night on a typical college campus, students gathered in a hybrid conference center meets student lounge for an evening of learning. The lecture began, Power Point slides and all, with Dr. Paul Tonks, associate dean of the Office of International Affairs at Yonsei University. But this wasn't a typical lesson.

Soldiers from 70th Brigade Support Battalion, 210th Fires Brigade, joined students and faculty at Yonsei University for a cultural exchange seminar, May 23. The program, "Cultural Diplomacy in Action," brought 12 American Soldiers and 11 Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers together with more than 25 Korean and international students.

After presentations by Tonks, Kevin Son, manager of the Office of International Affairs at Yonsei, and Lt. Col. Eric L. Jackson, 70th BSB commander, students and Soldiers gathered in small groups to share pizza and discuss topics ranging from Korean culture to the U.S. Army's role in Korean defense.

The culture topics provided first-hand interaction building positive relationships while developing cultural understanding.

"A lot of times walking around the city or meeting with locals in Korea, it's just a friendly greeting and normally go our own ways. This was the first chance where I can meet, 33 people in my age group

or close to it, and actually have a conversation with them," said 2nd Lt. Adam Fisk, a retransmission platoon leader with 579th Signal Company from Atlanta, Ga.

It was also a unique opportunity for most of the students who attended.

"This is my first time speaking with a U.S. Soldier," said Cheong Ji-yon, a biotechnology major from Seoul.

The Yonsei University International Office hosted the seminar as part of its effort to develop globalized students.

"This is a good opportunity to understand American culture and American society, in terms of globalization, especially with the U.S. Army in Korea," said Son. "It is very important to understand how the U.S. Army is working here in Korean society."

Soldiers of 70th BSB shared stories of their military service, life in America, and experiences while living in Korea.

"They had a lot of questions about the military," said Spc. James Rosales, a water treatment specialist with Company A, from Jourdanton, Texas. "I've deployed, so they asked me how Iraq was, and I let them know it is very, very hot."

The students and Soldiers also found surprising areas of common ground they share amid laughter and high-fives.

"One of them was a big major league baseball fan, so I was pretty interested in that, because I love softball. I thought that was kind of cool," said Pfc. Tanya Peddy, a native of Pasadena, Texas and a small

arms and artillery repairer with B Company.

"It's always reassuring to see similar interests with someone thousands of miles away from you," added Fisk.

As battalion commander, Jackson stressed the importance of this kind of positive interaction between his Soldiers and their Korean peers.

"This program gives us an opportunity to be able to reach a segment of the Korean population in a positive, engaging way that we can't get in a club or in a bar. It's a positive engagement that allows them to see Soldiers demonstrating exceptional American values and Army values," he said.

Was the program successful? Based on the students' reactions, yes it was.

"Soldiers are so kind," said Cheong, with a slightly surprised expression,

"I found a lot of them very friendly, very outgoing, very pleasurable to talk to," added Yoon Junil, an economics student from Seoul. "I think Korean people get this image of American Soldiers through news channels and media, and a couple of instances where U.S. Soldiers are involved. In many cases those are negative ones."

However, after an evening talking one-on-one, Yoon can share his own personal experience to change that perception.

"I think that image is not certainly representative of what each and every individual U.S. Soldiers are like, and I thought today was a good chance to find out the truth behind those veils and for better and deeper understanding of each other," he said.

FUNDRAISER FOR DISASTER VICTIMS



STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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CARLOS R. DAVIS
210TH FIB PUBLIC AFFAIRS

From the kindness of their hearts Soldiers, family members and civilians came to the Post Exchange and the thrift store to give and the size of the donation was the least of their worries.

The Area I community hosted a fundraiser on Camp Casey, May 28, 2013 to help the Oklahoma Disaster Relief. In addition to cash donations, 100 percent of the proceeds from items purchased at the Casey's Closet thrift store were donated to the cause.

Military Families will come together and help out others who need it the most," said Nina Land, from Germany, the vice president of Casey's Closet.

"My husband and I were stationed

at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., when the post office there and in Joplin got hit with the tornado," said Land. "So I saw firsthand the devastation it can cause and the effect it has on a family and community."

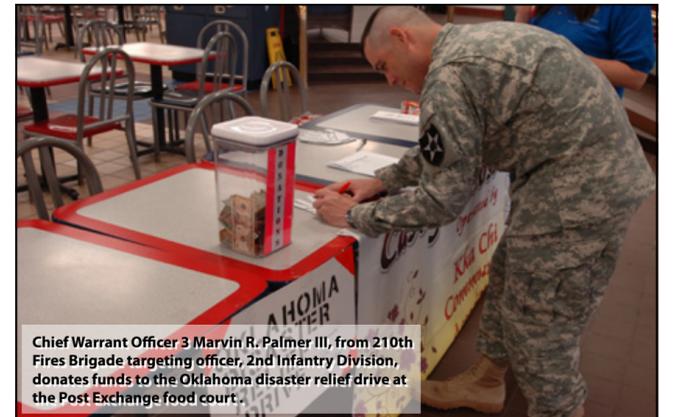
That experience is not the only reason Land wanted to send aid and hope to the Sooner state. Her husband, Warrant Officer Jacob Land, is assigned to the 333rd Field Artillery Target Acquisition Battery, 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Brigade, is from Oklahoma City.

"My mother-in-law has a co-worker at the Oklahoma Heath Center who lost everything because of the tornado. (She) became very teary-eyed when she found out about the Soldiers and civilians who are donating money to the families there," said Land.

Gladys Banks, from Yorktown, Va., who lost her home three times to tornadoes, understands what it means to have to start from scratch.

"It feels good to help someone else in need because you have to think what if the shoe is on the other foot and you are the one who is in need," said Banks, an employee at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. "You would want someone to help you out. You should always try to help someone if you can."

Everyone who chose to donate



Chief Warrant Officer 3 Marvin R. Palmer III, from 210th Fires Brigade targeting officer, 2nd Infantry Division, donates funds to the Oklahoma disaster relief drive at the Post Exchange food court.

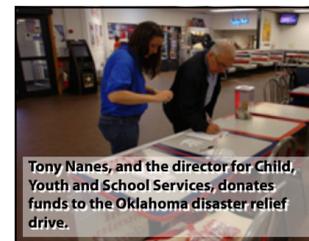
something may not have of been affected by the tornado directly, but those who gave are already making an impact on the residents of Oklahoma.

"The Army and its Families are like well-trained muscles that automatically come together when something bad happens," added Paula Walsh, from Fort Worth, Texas, the publicity coordinator for Casey's Closet.

After the tornado hit Moore, Okla., the all-volunteer group Kka Chi Community Association, which operates Casey's Closet, donated five boxes of goods to the survivors. The small community in Area I, more than 7000 miles away from their beloved homeland, was able raise more than 2000 dollars for Moore.

The Kka Chi Community Association is a nonprofit organization established to provide the Area I communities opportunity for growth through social, learning, cultural and volunteering experiences. Part of their mission is to give back to the Area I community; thus, Kka Chi Community Association operates Casey's Closet. Casey's Closet continues to provide gently used, economically priced goods for local community members. The proceeds from Casey's Closet are in turn given back to the Area I communities through welfare requests.

No matter how big the problem is; Soldiers and their family member always answer the call when they are needed.



Tony Nanes, and the director for Child, Youth and School Services, donates funds to the Oklahoma disaster relief drive.

REMEMBER THE BATTLE OF CHIPYONG-NI



(Right to left) Lt. Gen. Park, Chan-joo, the 7th Corps commander, Maj. Gen. Edward Cardon, the former 2nd Infantry Division commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Spano, the 2nd Infantry Division command sergeant major salute all of the nation's flags during the Chipyeong-ni Memorial.

VETERANS AND SOLDIERS GATHER TOGETHER TO HONOR HEROS

**STORY AND PHOTOS BY
SGT ANGE DESINOR
ZID PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

The air was heavy and thick with emotions. Officials and veterans gather around reminiscing about their role in history. Some of the veterans fought back their tears. A few sobbed lightly as if they were reliving a moment in time where American, French and Korean Soldiers fought bravely against the communist Chinese in the Battle of Chipyeong-ni.

Over 290 personnel attended the annual Chipyeong-ni memorial ceremony to show their respect in remembrance of their fallen comrades. Gone but not forgotten, the Chipyeong-ni ceremony highlights a time when brave men from different nations congregate and remember a time where bravery, hard work and dedication proved that the Chinese were no match for them.

"I'm a proud former member of the 23rd," said Yoshito Nishioka a Korean veteran from the 23rd Infantry Division. "I appreciate being able to attend the memorial and it's my second time here."

Many of the veterans returned to Korea for the first time in over 60 years. Others have visited the memorial before.

"I'm enjoying the ceremony dedicated to the Soldiers who died here," said Wayne E. Perry an Army veteran. "It's great to honor those who lost their lives in the battle."

Maj. Gen. Edward Cardon, 2nd Infantry Division commander, was a guest speaker at the memorial ceremony. The Republic of Korea hosted a ceremony for the Army's 20th Mechanized Infantry Division in Jipyeong-ri previously known as Chipyeong-ni during the Korean War.

"Together, with our French brothers-in-arms and



French veterans participants in memorial ceremony are escorted by Korean Soldiers

our Korean Allies, we honor the legacy of the great Soldiers who fought so bravely at this bloody battlefield 62 years ago," said Cardon.

The Battle of Chipyeong-ni was a substantial battle during the Korean War that took place Feb. 13 through 15, 1951.

United Nation Forces proved they could stand and fight the numerically superior Communist Chinese Forces. This achievement proved how Soldiers from different nations came together successfully and fought as one force.

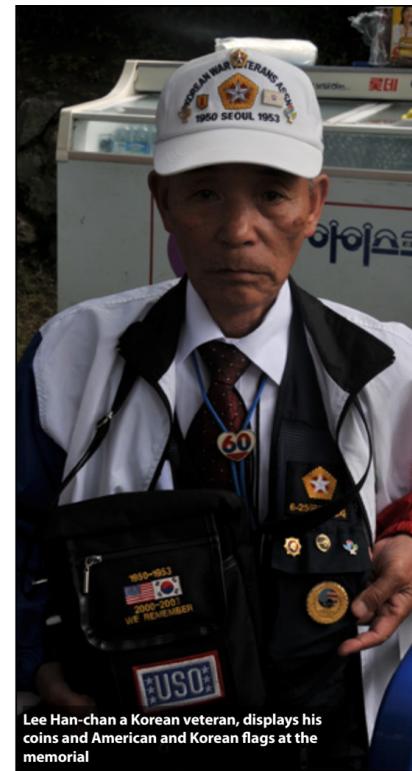
The U.S. Army's 23rd Regimental Combat Team and a French army battalion were completely surrounded by a much larger Chinese force. Outnumbered five to one, the U.S. and French Soldiers valiantly defended a tiny village at a vital road intersection on low ground. They held off "wave after wave" of Chinese "human sea" attacks during three nights of devastating fighting.

"At the time of the battle, they felt that all of the Soldiers were one team, regardless of their nations," said Lee Han-chan a veteran that was wounded while a member of Capital Division Command. "Today we all come here in memory of the ones who died and the ones who are here today."

Cardon told the veterans and guests that today's soldiers can learn from their sacrifices.

"The sacrifices made by these men in the name of liberty are a gift that free people everywhere can never forget," said Cardon. "So we gather here today not only to honor the memory of the 51 UN Soldiers killed, 250 wounded and 42 missing, but to celebrate their victory and learn from their example."

During the memorial ceremony, the Korean Armistice Agreement was also mentioned. The KAA was an agreement to "ceasefire" to the Korean War to this day. The agreement meant that both parties agree to stop fighting without either of them officially surrendering. The KAA was signed on July 27, 1953, by Lt. Gen. William Harrison Jr., who at the time represented United Nation Command, north Korea Gen. Nam Il who represented the north Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's Volunteer Army. The armistice was designed to "insure a complete cessation of hostilities and all acts of armed force in Korea until a final peaceful settlement is achieved. No 'final peaceful settlement' has been achieved yet."



Lee Han-chan a Korean veteran, displays his coins and American and Korean flags at the memorial



Lt. Col. Joseph E. Scrocca, 2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs officer, shakes hands with Ahn, Byung-young, Uijeongbu city mayor at Camp Red Cloud, South Korea June 14. The mayor presented Scrocca as gratitude for his outstanding work in maintaining the good relationship between the U.S. Soldiers and Uijeongbu citizens with a certificate. (Photo by Pak, Chin-U of ZID PAO)

ZID SOLDIER'S HARD WORK EARNS HONORARY CITIZENSHIP

**STORY BY
PFC LEE DONG-HYUN
ZID PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

The city of Uijeongbu Korea, population 400,000, added one more citizen who just happens to be a U.S. Army officer. Lt. Col. Joseph Scrocca, 2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs Officer, received an honorary citizenship from Uijeongbu city June 14, during the Army's Birthday celebration on Village Green, Camp Red Cloud.

The honorary citizenship is one of the most valued awards that foreigners can be given from Uijeongbu city. It is given to foreigners who make remarkable achievements in developing the city.

"It is really meaningful," said Uijeongbu city mayor Ahn, Byung-yong. "The honorary citizenship is literally 'honorable' since we have to get the city council's approval to give this. We are giving it to him on behalf of the citizens of Uijeongbu."

Scrocca is the first lieutenant colonel to receive the honorary citizenship. So far Uijeongbu city has been giving the honorary citizenship to division commanders or deputy commanders. No one below colonel has ever received it before.

"He was especially outstanding in trying to understand the culture of Korea and introduce the culture of America to Koreans," said Ahn. "He spared his personal time helping local neighbors and it played a positive role in our relationship."

Scrocca dedicated a lot of his time in working

with the people of Uijeongbu city.

"Working with Uijeongbu city staff has been great. All the events we did together like cleaning outside of gates, partnership councils and music festivals have been fantastic," said Scrocca. "It was like being part of the same family. That was what made my almost 3 years so grateful."

After being appointed 2nd Inf. Div. Public Affairs Officer in January 2011, Scrocca has been working as the senior leader of newspaper, broadcast and online social media business. He strived to let local Koreans and international audiences know the stories of Soldiers working together.

He also served as the division spokesman and primary public affairs advisor to the commanding general. Scrocca was the one who stood at the front of the whole division, interacting with the public.

"The relationship between the U.S. Army and Uijeongbu city is very important because Soldiers have been stationed here for about 60 years and we depend on the city to support Soldiers," said Scrocca. "Obviously, today is very special, becoming an honorary citizen. I want to thank Mayor Ahn and Uijeongbu city for their continuous support, not just for me but all the Soldiers in the 2nd Infantry Division."

Scrocca will continue his service in Chicago at the Office of the Chief of Public Affairs Midwest. He is to assume the position of the liaison officer for the military and the entertainment industry.

OVER THE RIVER



COMBINED ALLIANCE MAKES TRAINING A SUCCESS

STORY BY
STAFF SGT KYLE J. RICHARDSON
1ST ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Years ago an Army recruiting video asked the question "What do you do when you get to a river that you can't cross?" Some bright-eyed recruits may say, "You can swim across." That's true for personnel but in this case tanks, humvees, and five-ton trucks can't swim. The answer to the question in the commercial is, "You build a bridge."

The Republic of Korea 6th Engineer Battalion, River Crossing Company showed they can do more than just build a bridge, they can float equipment across a river just as efficiently.

The River Crossing Company trained U.S. Soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, how to build bridges and float equipment across a river during a combined alliance training exercise in Paju, South Korea, May 30.

The ROKA soldiers lashed together and floated

equipment across Imjin River. The river crossing training event was the first event of its nature for the Manchu Soldiers in 10 years.

"We're doing a wet-gap crossing using our ROKA engineering assets and U.S. tanks," said Capt. Paul Volkert, Seattle native, and assistant plans officer for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt. "This is a method used to move heavy equipment across a body of water, usually a river or a lake. The primary bridging assets for the peninsula are our Korean counterparts. It's important for us to know the training to safely move our equipment across water. Plus this is the first time that the River Crossing Company has handled the new U.S. M1A2 tank, which is significantly heavier than the Korean tanks."

As the training began, the ROKA soldiers dropped the expandable pieces of ribbon bridge into the water with a splash, creating a mini tidal wave. The tugboats revved their engines and maneuvered the sections around like a jigsaw puzzle lining up pieces accordingly.

After the floatation bridge set was built, things became tense. As the U.S. M1A1 tanks moved out of the holding area, crewmembers now took all orders from River Crossing Company commander, Maj. Song Bong-kyu.

"We've trained with the ROK army before, but this is the first time that I've done a river crossing exercise," said Pfc. Patrick O'Malley, Cary, Illinois, native, and tank driver for Company C, 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt. "When my tank first hit the barge, I was like—okay here we go. You could feel the barge sink down a little, but I knew we would be okay. At that point there's no going back, you just have to believe in yourself, team and your training."

The seasoned ROKA soldiers commanded the rafts and tanks with ease around river. Their training on the river crossing equipment showed they were just at home on water as they were on land.

"Having prior experience with this unit, I was confident in their abilities to get us safely across the river," said O'Malley. "On solid ground, we command

attention in our tanks, but being weightless on water, not so much. It's up to the ROK army to get us to the other side so we can continue our mission."

As the tactical river rafting spectacle was complete, the crew prepared for constructing the bridge. Everyday doesn't prove to be the best conditions to build a bridge, so the River Crossing Company filled the area with smoke to limit visibility.

"I've been in the Army for 22 years and this is the first time that I've been in a tank, on a float, going across a river," said Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Sanders, Greentown, Ky. native, and tank platoon sergeant for Company C, 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt. "We train with this unit a lot, so the cohesion between the two units is huge. Every time we train we try to up the level of intensity."

With the proven support of ROK army engineers, Manchu Soldiers can move across a river on to their objective. Successful training builds mutual trust and a strong partnership showing their ability to fight tonight.

"Manchu" Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, work with the Republic of Korea army's 6th Engineer Brigade to get equipment across the Imjin River May 30, 2013. The ROK army engineers constructed a temporary bridge for them and their Manchu M1A2 Abrams tanks to cross. This is the first large-scale river crossing training in 10 years. The training event highlights the longstanding and enduring U.S.-ROK Alliance and the commitment to ensuring peace and security in the region. (Photos by: Pak Chin-u, 2ID PAO)

AMERICAN FATHER SURPRISES SOLDIER

STORY AND PHOTO BY
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As beads of sweat rapidly accumulated and trickled down his face, Pvt. Benjamin Rankin III, M1 Armor Crewman, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, refused to let the humidity-plagued morning dampen his stride, June 13, 2013, at Camp Casey, South Korea. After being selected to be the subject of an on camera interview, the eager Pvt. Rankin was focused, but clueless to the fact that this was all a part of a master plan.

Just one day away from his 25th birthday, and the Army's 238th, a surprise gift shipped all the way from his hometown of Campbellsburg, Ky., was unnoticeably delivered during his interview. That gift, standing to his right, beaming with pride as he smiled ear to ear, was Benjamin Rankin Jr., his father.

"I knew nothing of this," said a startled but reserved Pvt. Rankin. "When I finally noticed someone was standing to my right I said wait? That's my dad," he said.

The two had not seen each other since Rankin III's Advanced Individual Training graduation in January 2013, at Ft. Benning, Ga., after which he left immediately to his first assigned duty station, Camp Casey, South Korea. During their last encounter, the well-calculated plan for this surprise visit had already been in motion a week prior, when the father received knowledge of his son's future destination, said Benjamin Rankin Jr., Crane Operator,

from Campbellsburg, Ky.

"I had to start saving up, applied for my passport, and calculated my vacation time," said Rankin Jr., "With this being his first duty station and first job away from home, I just wanted to come out and give him a nice pat on the back," said the proud father.

After 16 years of Army Reserve service, Rankin Jr. is well aware of the importance of family support, as he, his wife Ellen, and Pvt. Rankin III's three older siblings remain proud of the youngest of the group, said Rankin Jr. Though he takes little credit for his son's decision to follow his footsteps to a Soldier's path, he expressed nothing but love and support towards the career choice.

"I think it's great that he chose to serve," said Rankin Jr. "I've always left it up to him to choose his path."

Along with good planning and organization, this stealthy operation could not be conducted without the help of his Delta Company, 1-72nd Arm. Regt. peers and superiors, as they contributed by secretly coordinating with Pvt. Rankin's father and ensuring the father and son received quality time not only for the soldier's birthday but Father's Day as well, said Sgt. Larry Werkheiser, the Soldier's first line supervisor, 1-72nd Arm. Regt.

This family oriented gesture provided by through his unit's efforts, was a direct reflection of the brotherhood and bond shared between the Tankers of 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment,



Mr. Benjamin Rankin Jr., a native from Campbellsburg, KY, and his son, Pvt. Benjamin Rankin III, M1 Armor Crewman for Company D, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, pose for photo in front of M1 Bradley Fighting Vehicle at motor pool June 13, 2013 at Camp Casey.

Company D.

"I love my unit," said Rankin III, "It's good to know they would do something like this for me."

With a birthday and Father's Day to celebrate, this reunion was a timely and genuine display of affection, reflecting the unbreakable bond of a supportive father and son. As the two looked to enjoy

their time together in Korea this should go down in the books as a birthday to remember, said Pvt. Rankin III.

Though Rankin Jr's short trip, which ends on June 16, 2013, may have cost him financially, the reward of being his son's surprise birthday present and embracing his Father's Day gift in person was priceless, he said.

2ID SOLDIERS CHEER BEARS TO VICTORY

STORY BY
STAFF SGT KYLE J. RICHARDSON
1ST ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

If several hundred raucous fans could squeeze into a large jersey, then it is just as easy to say that the crowd took on the persona of the 10th player on the field.

A half-full stadium of cheering, singing, dancing, and excited Koreans, along with expatriates, Americans and many more nationalities joined in the zealous noise meant for encouraging the home and away teams during a Korean Baseball Organization League game at the Jamsil Stadium in Seoul, May 23.

The Soldiers in Company B, 1st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, added their voices and energy to help the crowd transcend into the extra player during the Doosan Bears and Nexen Heroes' game.

"I've been to a lot of American baseball games before. I'm a big Tampa Bay Devil Rays fan," said Pfc. Matthew Negri, a native of Anna Maria Island, Fla. and a communications specialist.

"The hype of the crowd was a different experience. In American baseball there's a lot of bantering and degrading but in Korean baseball there's a lot of cheering-on; the whole crowd was cheering loudly



The Soldiers in Company B, 1st Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, added their voices and energy to help the crowd transcend into the extra player during the Doosan Bears and Nexen Heroes' game. (Photo by Pak Chin-u, 2ID PAO)

for the home team."

The Company B, 1st BSTB leadership took the Soldiers to a Korean baseball game to help increased morale, motivation, team cohesion and also to encourage the Soldiers to experience more Korean culture.

"At first, I thought this was going to be more like a work related function," said Negri. "But when we got here, I had a blast. I actually found it more exciting than American baseball."

"The main purpose of doing events like this is to get the unit together and boost morale," said Staff Sgt. Randy Branun, a native of Granbury, Texas a section supervisor.

"Everyone had fun, it's a good way to get your mind off work and have fun as a team. This was my first Korean baseball game and I really enjoyed it."

By the time the game reached the top of the fifth inning, the score was tied 1-1. However, no matter the

score, the 10th man stood tall, cheering, singing and dancing for both sides.

"The involvement of the crowd was nice," said Pfc. Alonso Dellgado, satellite specialist, native of Killeen, Texas.

"It made me more active, the crowd made me want to participate more. I thank each and every one of us that supported the unit and created this opportunity for us. Hopefully we will be able to do it again and those who come after me."

Down to the final out of the game, the 10th player continued to cheer. In the end, the Bears out scored the Heroes 2 - 1. As the two teams shook hands and congratulated each other, the extra man disbanded into a disbursing crowd. While the Company B Soldiers regrouped and prepared to head back to Camp Hovey, most of the Soldiers left with new experiences of a fun night.

OVERSEAS MILITARY FAMILIES COMBINE ACS PROGRAMS FOR UNIQUE CHILD CARE

STORY BY
SGT ANGE DESINOR AND
PFC KIM, DONG-SU
2ID PUBLIC AFFAIRS

There are two types of tours for service members assigned to 2nd Infantry Division; accompanied or unaccompanied. Military families that decide to serve in Korea together face unique challenges but discover or tailor unique solutions.

Even in tough situations, a lot of Families are able to work out their situations with family-friendly programs and the support of family.

The 2nd Inf. Div. Soldiers assigned to Camps Casey, Hovey and Humphreys are likely to enroll in programs offered by the Army Community Services and Family Morale, Welfare and Recreations. Child and Youth Services (CYS) provide full and half-day on-post daycare and before 8 a.m. and after 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. hourly care. For school-aged children, child growth services provide activities during and after school.

"The after-hour care is especially helpful because they give homework on different subjects to my child, from whom they earn more educa-

tional opportunities," said Staff Sgt. David J. Ezzio, Multiple Launch Rocket System Crewmember, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Brigade. "I am able to pick my daughter up after work."

Additionally, different camps are available to children. During the month of June CYSS offers summer camp. The children will go through a lesson plan which develops a variety of skills such as teamwork, creativity, self discipline and respect.

"It gives my children structure and instills discipline and confidence," Ezzio said.

But not all services are available throughout Area I. At Camp Red Cloud there are no school services or daycare available. High school students are bused to Area III, Yongsan in Seoul. Middle school students will attend class at Camp Humphrey. Camp Casey's middle school is scheduled to open Aug. 26. For some pre-schoolers other family members have filled in, stepped up to fill the role of childcare provider.

"There are other programs that support military Families," said Sgt. 1st Class Lisa David from Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion. "But I have my mom with me instead to make it easier for me."

CHILD SERVICE PROGRAM

Soldier and their Families who receive orders to the 2nd Infantry Division need to know what family programs and services are available. For more information about the programs contact:

From commercial to Korea defense switched network [DSN], dial 011-82-31 plus the number.

•**Child and Youth Service:**
Camp Humphreys 753-8507
Camp Casey 730-3953
www.mwrkorea.com

•**Army Community Service:**
Camp Casey 730-3107
Camp Humphreys 7538401/8804

•**Middle School and teen center:**
Camp Humphrey 753-5614

•**School liaison officer:**
Camp Humphrey 753-8820

•**Army One Source**
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SPOUSES' COLUMN

A Jeju Island Paradise Escape

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If you are of thinking an island getaway this summer but do not want to break the bank, Jeju-do may be the vacation destination for you. Located just south of the Korean peninsula, Jeju is truly an escape from your day-to-day life in South Korea. Whether you are a thrill seeker, an outdoor explorer, or more of a museum-goer; Jeju is sure to have something for everyone.

Planning a trip to Jeju is simple. Luckily, because it is a province of South Korea there is no need to obtain a traveler's passport before visiting the island. You must book your flight and hotel online or with a local travel agent. Domestic flights to Jeju are extremely affordable, usually less than two-hundred-thousand won (approximately 190 USD) roundtrip. The quickest way to get to the island is to fly out of Gimpo Airport in Seoul. However, if you are not short on time and are looking to even more money you can take the train to Busan and fly from there. There are many hotel choices on the island and the majority of them are located near the airport. Two of the most popular hotels for Americans to stay in are the Hyatt Regency Jeju and the Ramada Plaza Jeju Oceanfront. If you are looking for luxury then the Lotte Hotel Jeju is the perfect choice. On the other hand, if you are looking for a place to stay that is more practical than, the Ocean Suites Jeju may be a better choice.

Getting from your hotel to the local restaurants and attractions is a breeze. The front desk staffs can assist you by translating, making recommendations, calling a cab, or making reservations for the many popular activities on the island. Furthermore, the majority of tourist spots on the island are no more than an hour taxi ride from most hotels and some are even close enough to

walk or take the bus. In order to make the most of your time on the island it is best to plan how to spend your days ahead of time. This way you can spend an entire day seeing things on one side of the island rather than spending all your time and money on traveling back and forth.

The most popular food on the island is of course, seafood. There are countless restaurants that offer fresh seafood either cooked or sashimi style. However if seafood is not your thing, the island also houses some familiar eateries such as Korean style McDonald's, Pizza Hut, and Dunkin Donuts which are some familiar American friendly restaurants on the island.

Thrill seekers will love the array of daring things to do on Jeju-do. Scuba diving is offered at several different locations. While most of them require a diver's certification some also offer a beginners course that will provide a brief lesson and diving experience. Another way to explore the beautiful turquoise waters surrounding Jeju is by submarine. There are a few different submarine tours on Jeju, each of them guaranteeing a spectacle you will never forget. For a bird's eye view of the island you can try paragliding, which is also offered at several different locations. On the other hand if you prefer to stay grounded, you can go horseback riding, clay pigeon shooting, or rent an ATV to ride.

Jeju provides many incredible natural wonders for the outdoorsman including the tallest mountain in South Korea, Mount Hallasan. Located at the center of the island Mount Hallasan, a dormant volcano, is one of Jeju's most intriguing tourist attractions. Whether you are an avid hiker or just a beginner, Hallasan is sure to captivate you with its enormous size and majestic beauty. Another volcanic wonder of Jeju is Seongsan Ilchulbong Peak, which was recently named one of the New Seven Wonders of Nature. Seongsan Ilchulbong,

also known as Sunrise Peak, is an enormous crater that was formed many thousands of years ago as a result of the eruption of an underwater volcano. While the climb to the top is tiring, the breathtaking view from the summit is well worth the effort. If relaxing outside is more your style, take a break on one of Jeju's beautiful beaches including the famous Samyang black sand beach; or row a clear bottom kayak down the picturesque Soesakk Estuary where fresh water overflows into the ocean.

Jeju also provides many typical tourist attractions for those who like to browse museums and theme parks. The Chocolate Museum on Jeju allows you to experience how their delicious, island exclusive, chocolates are created. Another popular museum on the island is the Glass Museum which displays many unique glass art pieces. The list of museums on the island is almost endless. They have exhibits of everything from teddy bears to the human body. Love Land is quite possibly Jeju's most unique tourist attraction. Very popular among Korean honeymooners, Love Land is a theme park based on love and sex. The park has countless risqué exhibits and even a gift shop for curious lovers. A more family friendly park is Jeju's Mini-Mini Land which features miniature versions of famous landmarks from all around the world. A great park for children is the Cocomung Eco Park. Based on the popular Korean cartoon, the park has lots of fun things for children to play on and do while remaining friendly for the environment.

With options for relaxation, exploration, and even education Jeju-do is a must see during your time here in Korea. Whether you are traveling with your spouse, friends, or your family there are endless possibilities to be discovered. A trip to Jeju is a trip you will never forget, be sure to stock up on chocolate before you leave!

DIRTY JOBS



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Fuel; every time a truck, tank, or aircraft moves, or a generator runs, it is needed. We seldom think about the people responsible for getting us that fuel in the military, the "fuelers" are spread across units in the Army.

The dedicated Soldiers who take up the challenge of becoming petroleum supply specialists spend 11 weeks in advanced individual training at Fort Lee, Va., learning how to perform their primary responsibility of supervising and managing the reception, storage and shipping of bulk or packaged petroleum-based products.

"I supply all of class three; fuel, lubricants and anything that has to do with petroleum products," said Cpl. Christopher C. McKimney, from Hastings, Neb. a petroleum supply specialist assigned to Company A, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division. "A large part of our jobs involve safety. We also run M978s, which is a Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck tanker, that holds 2500 gallons of fuel and we also use M969s that are 5000 gallon semitrailers."

For Soldiers like McKimney this can be a very different experience than the jobs they performed in civilian life. He now is responsible for safety and environmental stewardship, along with ensuring the fuel, that all the equipment necessary for an army to run, is not contaminated.

"When I get to work the first thing I have to do is to test the fuel for water," said McKimney. "That involves going out to trucks and re-circulating the fuel and performing aqua-blow tests that tell me how many parts-per-million of water is in the fuel."

To accomplish their responsibilities, fuelers must be acutely aware of safety hazards present in their duties. The chemicals and even the fuel that is essential on the battlefield in and of itself, carry risks as well as rewards.

"I handle hazardous material, waste oil, and waste fuel. If there is a petroleum spill we would clean that up," said McKimney. "Just the fuel itself; the vapors are harmful and skin contact can actually burn you if left untreated. You also have a lot of heavy equipment moving around"

Safety is not their only concern though; environmental damage is something the military takes very seriously. To stay within the laws regarding environmental protection Soldiers are responsible for keeping current on the laws that apply to their location as they change from unit to unit because the laws can differ from state to state and country to country.

"Good environmental stewardship has to be there, said McKimney. "If it is in America, the EPA [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency] plays a big role, and when outside America, you have international HAZMAT [hazardous materials] and environmental programs that have to be followed. If we have any fuel spills whatsoever we have contingency



MOS 92F - Petroleum Supply Specialist

plans we go through to contain and clean up the spill. If it touches any waterways or soil we have to immediately alert environmental so they can come in and access it."

For those considering this career field in the military, McKimney had one piece of advice to pass along gleaned from his experience.

"Take care of yourself and your Soldiers; it is a very dangerous job," said McKimney. "If you are not looking out for yourself and your battle buddies, someone is going to get hurt."

My Korea, My Life

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

My name:

Spc. Jason M. Lavelly and I am from Spencer, Massachusetts.

What is your job?

I am a field artillery radar operator (currently serving as training room clerk) assigned to 333rd Field Artillery Target Acquisition Battery, 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Brigade.

Why did you join the Army?

The reason I decided to join the military is because I wanted to serve my country, gain leadership experience and pay back student loans from college.

What do you like about Korea?

Some of the things I like about Korea are the people, the food especially Korean BBQ, visiting Seoul, and how easy the public transportation makes it to get around.

What meal do you miss the most?

The meal I miss the most is a home-cooked steak, fresh corn on the cob and mashed potatoes.

Where do you see yourself in five years?

In five years, I would like to be either working as a civil engineer or crossing over to become an officer in the Army.

Who inspires you?

My parents and fellow battle-buddies in my unit inspire me the most.

In a fight, who would win and why?

Chuck Norris because he is the bearded ninja.

What is the worst band or artist in history? Why?

The worst artist in history is Justin Bieber because no one has done less to be famous; although, the Hanson Brothers are a close second.

A meteor is headed toward earth and Bruce Willis isn't around to blow it up. The planet will be destroyed in one week. How will you spend your time?

I would spend time with family and close friends and have a beverage.

Do you have a story to tell?

If you would like to share your experiences in Korea with the division, please contact your public affairs office.



WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS



Kickstart program

The AFCT Kickstart program is a product of Area I education centers and the University of Maryland University College.

Soldiers can enroll in college math and English courses with books loaned from the education center and all application fees waived.

For more information, contact your local education centers:

- CRC Education Center, Building S-58 — Byron Johnston, 732-7015
- Camp Casey Education Center, Building 1747 — Carroll Chapman, 730-1802
- Camps Hovey or Stanley Education Center, Building 3754 — Kristi Noceda, 730-5252
- Camp Humphreys Education Center, Building S-3000 — Shin Hwa-joo, 753-8906

Education centers are open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Suicide hotlines

Anyone in Warrior Country considering suicide or trying to help someone who may be suicidal can call any of these numbers, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

- Area I: 010-3762-0457
- Area II: 737-4673 or 737-0508
- Area III: 753-7657 or 753-8111

Hangul Facebook page

As we strive to embody the Katchi Kapshida mindset, the 2nd Infantry Division wants to share those stories with our Korean allies. We are proud to announce our new Hangul Facebook page. Please visit and share with friends and family at www.facebook.com/pages/주한미군-제2-보병사단-2nd-Infantry-Division-Korean-ver/318145054942383?fref=pb.

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- Area I — 730-4739 or 730-4734, sunchae.chang.kor@dla.mil
- Area III — 784-6234,

chongyong.pak.kor@dla.mil

Flea markets

The Dongducheon Tourism District hosts flea markets at the Korean-American Cultural Plaza in Bosan-dong (near the civil-military operations box next to Bosan station) on the third Saturday of every month. This is a unique chance for you to sell and buy goods, meet local citizens or just get out and browse.

For those looking to browse, you need only show up. The flea market is open at 11 a.m.

For those looking to sell, follow these steps:

- Pre-register over the phone the day before the market by calling 031-857-3077 or register in person the day of the flea market at 9:30 a.m.
- Keep in mind that this is strictly a personal sale venue, like a yard sale, and no commercial or home business products are allowed.
- The items for sale must be registered.
- After the market closes, you can either take back your goods or donate them.

Veteran employment resources

The DoD has established a special website to help provide veterans with all the resources they need during their employment search. For more information, please visit www.defense.gov/home/features/2012/0712_vetemployment/

Veteran professional assistance

Resources for several veteran professional assistance programs are available from the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs. Updates or changes have been made to the following programs:

- Veterans Retraining Assistance Program
 - The Vow to Hire Heroes Act of 2011
 - New benefits to veterans
 - Special employer incentives
 - Work opportunity tax credits
- For more information visit www.benefits.va.gov/VOW, or call 1-800-827-1000.

Problems with computers

When having problems with a

computer, unplug the network cable (the one on the back of the system that looks like a big phone cable) and do not power off or unplug your power cable! Then contact your unit IMO. Put a note or a piece of paper on the monitor of the system stating not to use it.

Girl Scouts

The Camp Humphreys Girl Scouts are looking for volunteers for the following positions: leaders and co-leaders for Daisies, Brownies and Juniors. Admin positions include: secretary, event planner, web page manager, overseas chair and overseas co-chairs. No experience needed.

For more information, email humphreysgirlscouts@yahoo.com.

DFAS myPay

MyPay is the online pay management system for payroll customers of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. Users are required to change their passwords every 60 days, using 15 to 30 characters.

For more information, visit <http://www.dfas.mil/dfas/mypayinfo.html>

Thrift Savings Plan changes

Thrift Saving Plan now offers ROTH TSP after-tax contributions. For more information, visit www.dfas.mil/militarymembers/rothtspformilitary.html.

Changes to the Army's Early Retirement Option

The new Army Directive 2013-14 Temporary Early Retirement Authority applies to active duty and National Guard Soldiers. Eligible are active duty Soldiers denied continued service as a result of the Qualitative Service Program or non-selection for advancement by promotion selection boards and completed 15 but less than 20 years of service. Also National Guard Soldiers denied continued service as a result of a centralized selection board process may be eligible for TERA. Basic requirements may not be waived. For more information, contact your unit personnel office.

Army Benefits

Effective immediately, GoArmyEd will apply the Army Personnel Fitness Test (APFT) and Army Weight Control

Program (AWCP) Flags to all TA Eligible Soldier accounts, regardless of component. Active duty and National Guard Soldiers with a current APFT/ AWCP Flag in their ITAPDB record will see their GoArmyEd record go on hold. GoArmyEd already enforces this policy with USAR Soldiers.

Do you want to "Stay Army?"

Retention priorities and policies are evolving. Contact your local retention office for more details on your career options.

- *Command Career Counselor:*
730-3140 - Sgt. Maj. Willene Orr

- *Division Retention Operations:*
730-3139 - Master Sgt. Jeffrey Helmes

- *1st Armored Brigade Combat Team:*
730-1133 - Master Sgt. Enrique Rose

- *2nd Combat Aviation Brigade:*
753-8892 - Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Smith

- *210th Fires Brigade:*
730-2656 - Sgt. 1st Class Walter Simmons

- *HBN, 2ID:*
010-6339-0587 (government cell) - Staff Sgt. Robert Goulsby

June is the PTSD Awareness

Up to 20% of veterans returning from Iraq or Afghanistan have PTSD. Some estimates indicate that almost two-thirds of those struggling do not seek treatment. Fear of reliving the event, worry about appearing weak, or concern for their career are some common reasons service members hesitate to get help.

June is PTSD Awareness Month. In observance of this public health campaign, Military Pathways is offering service members, veterans and their families the opportunity to take a free, anonymous online self-assessment for PTSD or other related conditions at www.MindBodyStrength.org

<<http://www.mindbodystrength.org/>>. While the assessment does not provide a definitive diagnosis, it will provide information on how to seek help if someone is experiencing PTSD symptoms.

SHARP Program

Sexual Harrassment / Assault Response & Prevention

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The 2nd Infantry Division is conducting a Sexual Assault Prevention and Response stand down in accordance with the Army's plan. This is a review of Sexual Assault Response Coordinators, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocates and recruiters. During June leaders will be given refresher training followed by all DoD military and civilian personnel. For more information contact your unit SHARP representative or visit www.sexualassault.army.mil.

2013년 6월의 간추린 뉴스



지난 5월 13일 세인트 바바라 (Saint Barbara's Training Area) 훈련지역에서 제 210 화력여단 1-38 야전포병대대와 제 17기갑전투여단 23화력대대 4중대 병사들이 오염제거훈련을 하고있다. <사진 - 제 210 화력여단 소속>



6월 14일 미군과 한국 시민들 사이의 좋은 관계 유지를 위해 힘쓴 미 2사단 공보처 조셉 스크로카(Lt. Col. Joseph E. Scrocca) 중령은 안병용 시장으로부터 명예시민상을 받았다. <사진 - 박진욱 / 미 2사단 공보처>



제 2 전투항공여단 3대체항공지원대대 병사들이 탑승한 치누크 (Chinook) 헬리콥터가 헬비 (Humvee) 차량을 운반하고 있는 모습이다. <사진 - 빈센트 애브릴(Staff Sgt. Vincent Abril) 하사/ 제 2 전투항공여단 공보처>



지난6월 19일, 왼쪽으로 부터 트레이시 밴시터(Col. Tracy P. Bansiter) 대령, 에드워드 카돈(Maj. Gen. Edward C. Cardon) 소장, 마이클 라우슨(Col. Michael J. Lawson) 대령이 제 210 화력여단 새 지휘관 취임식에 참석한 모습이다. <사진 - 박진욱/ 미 2사단 공보처>



지난 5월 23일 제 210 화력여단 미군 및 카투사 병사들이 연세대학교 학생들과 문화외교시간에 같이 식사하는 모습이다. <사진 - 켈리 맥켄지(Capt. Kelly E. McKenzie) 대위/ 제 210 화력여단 공보처>

한미 문화 교류

미 육군 창립 238주년

미2사단에 속한 군인들과 한국군 및 수 많은 지역주민들이 미 육군 창립 238주년을 맞이했다. 이날 음악공연과 미국식 바베큐와 케이크가 포함되었다.

미2사단은 6월14일인 육군 창립을 기념하기 위해 캠프 레드클라우드(Camp Red Cloud)에 속한 빌리지 그린(Village Green)으로 시민들을 초대했다.

미2사단 사령관 에드워드 카돈(Maj. Gen. Edward C. Cardon) 소장은 "육군 창립 238주년과 한미 연합 60주년을 기념하기 위해 참석 한 지역주민들에게 감사의 말씀을 전하고 싶습니다"고 말했다고 "이날을 기념하기 위한 유일한 방법은 친구, 이웃 및 가족들과 함께 하는 것입니다. 창립 파티에 참석한 모든 사람들에게 감사합니다"고 덧붙였다.

미2사단 군악대와 한국군의1사단 군악대가 관중들이 케이크와 바베큐를 즐기는 동안 연주를 했다.

카돈 소장은 "저는 오늘 특히 육군 창립을 기념하기 위해 고생한 모든 한국군과 한국군의 1사단 군악대에게 감사의 말을 전하고 싶습니다"고 말하고 "합동 공연은 우리의 연합과 전진을 상징하는 것입니다"고 덧붙였다.

미2사단은 창립 기념 케이크 만들기 대회를 개최했다. 제2전투항공여단의 취사병들이 대회에 참가한 모든 케이크들은 사람들에게 제공되었다.

아이들이 미끄럼틀과 놀이집에서 놀고 있는 동안 다수의 지역주민들은 미국식 바베큐를 즐겼다.

뉴양동 지역주민인 박영란씨는 "나는 이러한 행사로 부대앞으로 오는 것은 처음이다"고 말하고 "나는 준비된 음식과 행사를 매우 즐기고 있는 중이다."고 덧붙였다.

경기도 최승대 부지사가 연합과 축제에 대해 연설을 했다.

최승대 부지사는 "올해는 한미 연합 60주년이기 때문에 특별한 의미를 갖는다"고 말하고 "오늘 공연은 지역주민들과 미군들 뿐 아니라 가족들에게 경기도정 및 의정부시청과 미2사단의 연합 관계를 보여주는 것 입니다"고 덧붙였다.

카돈 소장은 사단을 위해 희생하고 도움을 주는 모든 사람들에게 감사의 말을 끝으로 연설을 끝마쳤다.

카돈 소장은 "육군 창립 238주년을 맞이해 저는 오늘날의 사단이 있게 해준 모든 미2사단 군인들과 시민들 및 가족들의 헌신, 임무와 이타적인 봉무에 대해 매우 감사의 말씀을 전하고 싶습니다"고 말했다.

행사의 마무리를 장식하기 위해 한국 가수 BMK의 공연이 있었다.

다리가 완성된 이후, 분위기는 긴장감으로 넘쳤다. 미군의 M1A1 탱크들이 대기지역에서 벗어나자, 승무원들은 도하

미군과 미군가족들이 미 2사단 밴드 음악에 맞춰 춤을 추고 있다. <사진 - 박진욱 / 미 2사단 공보처>

<기사 - 일병 김홍수 / 미 2사단 공보처>

한미교류

지평리전투 영웅들을 추모하며

주변의 분위기는 감회로 가득 차다. 공무원과 퇴역 군인들이 역사에 쓰여진 그들의 옛 일을 회상하며 모였다. 어떤 이들은 눈물을 가깝스로 억누르고 있었다. 몇몇은 미국, 프랑스, 한국의 병사들이 중공군에 맞서 용감히 싸웠던 지평리 전투를 다시금 떠올리는 듯 훌쩍이고 있었다.

카돈 소장은 "자유 이름으로 목숨 바친 이들의 희생은 모든 자유인들에게 바쳐진 절대로 잊을 수 없는 선물이다"고 말하고 "따라서 우리는 전사한 51인과 부상당한 250인과 실종된 42인의 유엔 연합군인들을 기리기 위해서만이 아니라 그들의 승리와 그들의 본보기로 인해 배울 교훈을 기억하기 위해 모인 것이다"고 덧붙였다.

카돈 소장은 퇴역 군인과 손님들에게 오늘의 군인들이 그들의 희생으로부터 얻을 교훈이 있을 것이라 말했다.

부상을 입었지만 수도방위사단 사령부의 일원이었던 퇴역군인 이한찬은 "전투를 할 당시, 그들은 모든 병사들이 국적에 관계없이 한 팀이 된 것을 느꼈다"고 말하고 "오늘 우리는 그날 여기서 죽어간 이들과 오늘 여기 살아있는 이들을 기억하기 위해 모였다"고 덧붙였다.

미 육군 23전투연대와 프랑스 육군 대대는 수적으로 훨씬 많은 중공군에 둘러싸여 있었다. 5대 1의 수적 열세로 밀리던 미국과 프랑스 병사들은 저지대에 위치한 전략 요충지인 교차로에서 용맹하게 싸워 작은 마을 하나를 지켜냈다. 그들은 3일간의 처절한 전투 끝에 중공군의 인체전술을 이겨내고 말았다.

유엔 (UN, United Nations) 연합군은 수적으로 많은 중공군에 맞서 싸울 수 있다는 것을 증명했다. 이 성과는 서로 다른 나라 출신의 병사들이 어떻게 성공적으로 하나가 되어 싸울 수 있는지를 보여주었다.

지평리 전투는 한국전쟁 당시 1951년 2월 13일부터 15일에 걸쳐 치러진 격렬한 전투였다.

카돈 소장은 "우리는 프랑스 형제들과 한국 친구들과 함께 62년 전 피비린내 나는 전장에서 용감하게 싸운 위대한 병사들의 발자취를 기린다"

추모식에 초대된 연설자 중에는 미 2사단장 에드워드 카돈(Maj. Gen. Edward Cardon) 소장이 있었다. 대한민국 정부는 한국전쟁 당시에는 지평리 (Chipyeong-ni) 로 알려진 지평리 (Jipyeong-ni)에서 미 육군의 20번째 기계화 보병사단을 위한 행사를 주최했다.

퇴역 군인인 웨인 페리(Wayne E. Perry)는 "나는 여기서 전사한 병사들에게 바쳐지는 이 행사를 즐기고 있다"고 말하고 "이 전투에서 목숨을 잃은 이들을 기리는 것은 멋진 일이다"

추모식을 방문한 많은 퇴역 군인들에게 이번 한국 방문은 대략 60년만에 처음이다. 다른 이들은 이전에 추모식을 방문한 적이 없었다.

23 보병사단의 한국군 퇴역군인인 요시토 니시오카는 "나는 이전에 자랑스러운 23사단의 일원이었다"고 말하고 "이 추모식에 올 수 있게 되어 감사하다. 여기에

오는 것은 이번으로 두 번째다"고 덧붙였다.

290명이 넘는 인파가 전사한 전우들을 추모하기 위해 매년 열리는 지평리 전투 추모식에 참여했다. 그들은 이제 사라졌지만 잊혀지지 않았다. 지평리 전투 추모식은 서로 다른 나라에서 온 용사들이 협력했고, 용기와 노력과 희생의 힘은 중공군도 막을 수 없었다는 것을 증명했던 시절을 기억하는 행사이다.

추모식 와중에는 한국유전협정에 대한 이야기 또한 언급되었다. 한국유전협정은 1953년 7월 27일에 당시 유엔군 사령부를 대표하던 윌리엄 헤리스 2세(William Harrison Jr.) 중장과 북한의 인민군과 중공군 대표인 남일 대장이 참석서 체결되었다. 휴전협정은 "한반도 내의 폭력과 군사행동이 완전히 끝나고 마지막으로 평화로운 상태를 보장하도록" 설계되었다. 마지막으로 평화로운 상태는 아직 이뤄지지 않았다.

<기사 및 사진 - 앤지 테지너(Sgt. Ange Desjard) 방장/ 연병 이동현/ 미 2사단 공보처>



공무원들, 퇴역 군인들, 현재 복무중인 군인들과 가족들이 지평리전투 추모식에 조의를 표하고 경례를 하고 있다. 지난 5월30일 지평리에서 미2사단 사령관 에드워드 카돈(Maj. Gen. Edward Cardon)소장이 추모식의 초대 연사였다.



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2-9 보병대대 제 6 공병대대 한미연합 임진강 도하훈련

몇 년 전 미 육군 구인 비디오를 보면 "당신은 건널 수 없는 강을 마주치면 어떻게 합니까?"라는 질문이 있었다. 몇몇 열의에 찬 지원자들은 "수영해서 건너갑시다"고 말하곤 했다. 사람의 경우라면 가능하겠지만, 탱크나 헬비 (Humvee), 5톤 트럭의 경우엔 수영을 할 수가 없다. 여기에 알맞은 답은 "다리를 만듭시다"이다.

대한민국 제 6 공병대대 도하작전중대는 그들이 다리를 건설할 뿐만 아니라 효율적으로 장비를 강가에 띄워 이동시킬 수 있다는 것을 보여주었다.

도하작전중대는 5월 30일 파주의 320 수송훈련장에서 열린 합동훈련에서 1여단 2-9 보병대대의 미 육군 병사들에게 다리를 건설하고 장비를 띄워 보내는 방법을 가르쳤다.

2-9 보병대대 본부 및 본부 중대의 보조작전참모인 폴 볼커트(Capt. Paul Volkert) 대위는 "우리는 한국군 공병 자산과 미군 탱크를 이용해 도하 훈련을 한다"고 말하고 "이것은 강이나 호수와 같은 하천 너머로 무거운 장비를 옮길 때 사용하는 방법이다. 근본적으로 필요한 교각 건설 장비는 우리 한국군 동료들의 것이다. 강 너머로 우리의 장비를 안전하게 옮기기 위해서는 이 훈련을 제대로 아는 것이 중요하다."

훈련이 시작되자, 한국군 병사들은 풍덩 소리와 파문을 일으키며 다리 부품들을 강에 떨쳤다. 예인선들은 엔진을 켜고 나아가 조각 파들을 맞추듯 부품에 붙어 다리 부품들을 맞추기 시작했다.

다리가 완성된 이후, 분위기는 긴장감으로 넘쳤다. 미군의 M1A1 탱크들이 대기지역에서 벗어나자, 승무원들은 도하



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작전 사령관인 송봉규 소령의 지시를 전달받았다.

2-9 보병대대 C중대의 탱크 조종사인 페트릭 오말리(Pfc. Patrick O'Malley) 일병은 "우리는 한국군과 합동훈련을 해본 경험이 있지만 도하훈련은 나에게 처음이다"고 말하고 "나의 탱크가 바지선에 부딪혔을 때 나는 '그래, 한 번 가보자' 이런 심정이었다. 바지선이 조금 가라앉는 것을 느꼈 수 있지만, 나는 우리가 괜찮을 것이라곤 할 수 없었다. 그 시점에서 다시 불안할 수는 없었다. 자기 자신과 팀과 훈련의 힘을 믿을 뿐이다."

오말리 일병은 "이 부대와 1차 훈련을 하면서, 나는 그들이 우리를 강 너머로 운반해주는 능력에 확신을 느꼈다"고

말하고 "딱딱한 대지 위에서는 탱크 안의 우리가 주목받는 이들이지만, 물 속에 있다면, 별로 그렇지 않다. 이는 한국군이 우리가 임무를 계속 수행하도록 강제로 보내줄 수 있는나에 달려 있는 것이다"고 덧붙였다.

전술 레프팅이 끝난 뒤, 승무원들은 다리를 만들기 시작했다. 언제나 다리를 만들기에 좋은 날씨일 수는 없으므로 도하작전중대는 연기를 뿜어 시야를 가렸다.

2-9 보병대대 C중대 탱크 소대장 스티븐 샌더스(Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Sanders) 중사는 "22년 동안 군에 몸담아왔는데, 강 위에 떠 있는 탱크에 몸을 실어본 일은 없다"고 말하고 "우리는 이 부대와 함께 훈련을 많이 한다. 그렇기

때문에 부대 간 친밀감이 남다르다. 훈련을 할 때마다 우리는 강도를 높여 한다"고 덧붙였다.

검증된 한국군 공병들의 지원이 있기에, 만추 병사들은 그들의 목표를 향해 강을 건너 전진할 수 있다. 성공적인 훈련은 상호간의 신뢰와 강한 동반자 관계를 형성하여 '오늘날 싸울' 능력을 보여주고 있다.

<기사 - 캐일 리처슨(Staff Sgt. Kyle Richardson) 하사/ 제 1기갑전투여단 공보처/ 연병 이동현/ 미 2사단 공보처>

항공교통 관리 관제탑



AD-64D 롱 보우 아파치 (Longbow Apache) 헬리콥터가 전술 관제탑으로부터 비행 허가를 받고 이륙중이다.
사진_ 애런 던컨(Staff Sgt. Aaron Duncan) 하사/ 제 2 전투항공여단 공보처>

관제, 여기는 아크엔젤 (archangel) 19호 현재 14 정비장에 있다. 사격장으로 위 치 이동을 위해 허가 바란다.
아크엔젤 19호, 바람은 잔잔하고 고도는 2986 피트이다. 제 2 사격지점으로 바 로 나아가라. 52.825번, 이륙을 허가한다.
위의 무전 대화는 비디오 게임이나 86년의 유명한 영화 '탑건(Top Gun)'의 대 사가 아니다. 제 2 전투항공여단 2항공연대 3 일반지원항공대 F중대의 이반 크로 스(Pfc. Ivan Cross) 일병이 조종사에게 위치이동을 지시하는 모습이다.
크로스 일병은 이번 5월 15일에 포천 로드리게즈 사격장 (Rodriguez Range)에 서 1년에 두 번 있는 제 4 공격정찰대대 사격훈련의 관제탑 교대근무 책임자로 일하 면서 주변의 모든 항공기 무선통신과 보수 유지를 담당했다.
관제탑 위에서 크로스 일병과 그의 동료들은 마치 사냥에 나선 독수리의 눈처럼 날카로운 시선으로 침착하고 조심스럽게 훈련 전반을 내려다보며, 시야에 들어오는 모든 이들의 안전한 이동을 보장하기 위해 항공 교통 관제사로서 그들의 임무를 완 수했다.
사격훈련은 조종사들과 승무원들 그리고 그들을 돕는 장비들이 전술 작전에서 견 증받는 시간이다. 여기에는 AH-64D 아파치 롱보우 (Apache Longbow) 헬리콥터 도 포함된다. 제 2 공중강습대대는 UH-60 블랙호크 (Black Hawk) 헬리콥터를 공 중강습 장비로 제공하여 훈련을 도왔다.
헬리콥터들이 막강한 30밀리미터 대포와 2.75인치 로켓으로 표적을 맞추자 산 전체에 우레와 같은 평음이 울려 퍼졌다. 그 동안 땅 위에 있는 병사들은 줄지어 있는 추가적인 헬기들의 로켓과 총알, 연료를 충전했다.
이렇듯 움직이는 것들이 많기 때문에 광중의 항공기들과 땅 위의 요소들에 대한 통제를 하는 누군가가 필요하기 마련이다. 이 중요한 요소는 사격장 모든 인원들의 안전을 맡는다.
크로스 일병은 "나는 항공기들이 시작적으로 분리되도록 하고 움직임을 통제함 으로써 안전하고도 신속하게 훈련장에서 이동하도록 한다"고 말했다.
항공기들과 통신하면서 크로스 일병은 이동 허가를 요청하는 조종사들에게 명확 한 지시를 내렸다. 이렇게 직접적인 통신은 그가 2011년에 항공 교통 관제사로 입대 할 당시에는 상상하지 못했던 것이었다
항공 교통 관제사들은 기본적으로 무대 뒤에서 일하는 이들이지만, 그들의 역할

은 임무의 효율적 수행을 위한 안전을 보장한다는 측면에서 매우 중요하다.
4-2 항공대대 본부 및 본부 중대의 작전 보조 장교인 빅터 카레(Cpt. Victor A. Karez) 대위는 "항공 교통 관제사는 모든 항공기가 이착륙장과 전방지역 제급유장 을 오고갈때 안전을 보장하는 이들이다"고 말하고 "우리의 항공 교통 관제사들이 없 다면 승무원들은 누군가가 밖에서 그들을 지켜보면서 운행을 통제하고 안전을 보장 해준다는 사실에서 오는 안도감을 느낄 수 없을 것이다"고 덧붙였다.
크로스 일병은 "처음에는 이게 이런 일인 줄은 몰랐다"고 말하고 "나는 내가 활 주로서 신호봉을 들고 착륙하는 비행기를 하나 하나씩 안내하는 일을 할 줄 알았 다. 여기서 전술 관제탑 작전과 무선통신에 대해서 배우고 조종사들과 얘기할 수 있 게 되었고 실전훈련을 받을 수 있게 되어 행운이다"고 덧붙였다.
크로스 일병과 그의 동료들은 사격장에서 가장 중요한 항공기 이동 안전을 보장 하기 위해 밤낮을 가리지 않고 일했다. 이는 때때로 지루하고 짜증날 수도 있는 작전 상황에서 절대 간단한 일이 아니다.
서울 출신인 3세대 F중대의 항공 교통 관제사 제이슨 리(Sgt. Jayson Lee) 병장 은 "나는 때때로 항공기에 지시를 내릴 때 꽤나 심각해지곤 한다"고 말하고 "나는 근무시간에 매우 집중해서 항공기 이동이 원활하게 이뤄지도록 보장해야 한다"
아파치 헬리콥터 조종사로서 사격장 장교로 일해본 바 있는 카레 대위는 훈련 중 그의 팀을 맡아준 항공 교통 관제사들을 특별히 자랑스러워 했다. 왜냐하면 그들은 원래UH-60 블랙호크 헬리콥터를 사용하기에, 이번에는 평소보다도 더한 집중력이 필요했기 때문이다.
카레 대위는 "이것은 그들이 여기서 AH-64D 아파치 헬리콥터를 통제하는 첫 경 험이었는데 그들은 신속하게 적응하였으며 정확히 무슨 일이 일어나는 지를 알고 있 었다"고 말하고 "그들은 우리 대대의 사격연습이 안전하게 끝나는 데에 있어 큰 공 을 세웠다"고 덧붙였다.
사격연습이 끝나고 대대가 훈련 요구조건을 모두 충족시킬 때까지 단 한 건의 사 고도 일어나지 않았다. 항공 교통 관제사들은 병사들의 안전한 귀가를 위해 성공적 으로 그들에게 주어진 임무를 마쳤다.

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M-1 Garand Rifle 미국

M1 소총 재원
Specs of M-1 Garand
무게 Weight: 4.31kg
길이 Length: 1,100mm
사용 탄종 Ammo: .30-06(7.62x63mm)
급탄 방식 Feed System: 내장형 8발 탄창 Internal 8-round Clip mag
유효사거리 Effective range: 457 m(500 yd)
작동방식 Action: 가스작동식, 회전 노리쇠 Gas Operated, Rotating Bolt

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Comic panel 1: A female soldier asks a male sergeant about the M-1 Garand rifle. The sergeant explains it's a 'Ho-guk Bo-hun' (Patriotism and Merit) month special. The female soldier asks how it's so good, and the sergeant says it's the only one of its kind.

Comic panel 2: The sergeant explains the M-1's semi-burst firing mechanism. A comparison shows the M-1's 50-round magazine versus a bolt-action rifle's 15-20 round magazine. The sergeant notes the M-1's accuracy and ease of use.

Comic panel 3: The sergeant explains the M-1's reliability and ease of use. The female soldier asks if it's really that good, and the sergeant says it's the best. A historical photo shows soldiers celebrating with an American flag.

Comic panel 4: The sergeant explains the M-1's maintenance and reliability. The female soldier asks if it's really that good, and the sergeant says it's the best. A historical photo shows soldiers celebrating with an American flag.

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