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Warriors, a New Year is upon us and I hope you enjoyed the Holiday season and found time to relax with Family and friends. As you know, the past several months have been filled with many opportunities and challenges for the Soldiers, Civilians, and Families of the 2nd Infantry Division, each of which we met head on together.

Over the holidays, I had time to reflect on this past year, and frankly we have accomplished a great deal. I could not be more pleased with the results of all the hard work and efforts of everyone in making 2013 a successful year for the Division. Our warpath exercises, culminating in the Division and Brigade MCTP Warfighter Exercise in December demonstrated that the Warriors of the 2nd Infantry Division are truly Ready to Fight Tonight. The feedback from the After Action Review is that all of those involved in the WFX demonstrated our ability to perform our combat mission in accordance with our OPLAN, and the Division's performance demonstrated that we are truly "2nd to None".

As we move forward into the New Year, we will certainly have more challenges and opportunities for our Soldiers and the division. My goals remain pretty straight forward from when I assumed command in June last year. Foremost, we must ensure the readiness of the division and our ability to perform our mission to deter possible conflict on the Korean peninsula and "fight tonight" if called upon. Continue to ensure your individual readiness (weapons qualifications, Battle Drills, being Fit to Fight, and CBRNE skills) and that you ensure your section/squad/crew is trained and certified as a lethal team that is ready for the challenges of combat.

Secondly, my goal is to continue to build upon our Alliance that has existed between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea for the last 63 years. We must continue to develop our professional relationship with our ROK army counterparts by conducting combined training at all levels, Key leader Engagements to develop our relationships,

and combined tactical discussions with our ROK counterparts to understand our TTPs and to work through our interoperability challenges. We'll need to remain good stewards within surrounding communities of Dongduchun, Uijeongbu, and Pyeongtaek by participating in Good Neighbor activities, and the various cultural engagements and Headstart programs. And last, our continued goal and focus is always on Soldiers, Civilians and their Families. As leaders, we must continue to take care of our own as they support and defend our Nation and the Republic of Korea on the peninsula. This is absolutely critical and will always remain a priority for this command. Care for the Soldiers means developing their competence, character, and commitment through a leader development program at all levels focused on these attributes.

Last year our Warpath exercises provided us with the opportunity to demonstrate that our Soldiers, units and allies are ready "to fight tonight". I am inspired and encouraged by the innovation, adaptation and the learning environment I witnessed in the weeks of planning leading up to the exercise. We were able to integrate a variety of units both on and off the peninsula while working alongside our ROK allies to conduct successful combined operations. This level of commitment and professionalism seen by both U.S. and ROK Soldiers only demonstrates our capacity and capability to work together in executing the mission while continuing to learn from each other.

Warriors, I look forward to this coming year with a sense of excitement and anticipation. There is no doubt that on the peninsula there will be plenty of challenges and opportunities, but by working together with our allies, the Republic of Korea, we can accomplish anything. We will continue to look for every opportunity to improve our operational capabilities with more combined training, modernized equipment fielding and through supporting the Army's rebalancing efforts with the Asia-Pacific region which reinforces our enduring relationship with our Korean ally.

You play a critical role in the 2nd Infantry Division mission to ensure



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

security and stability in the region. Our Soldiers are role models for our nation, and representatives of America while they serve abroad here in Korea. As leaders, we must take pride in educating and shaping the values of our Soldiers to ensure they understand their role in strengthening the ROK-US Alliance and the ultimate sacrifice Korean and US Soldiers have made for our mission. We must continue to strive to produce Soldiers of character. The Army values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Self-less Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage will result in each Soldier being successful not only in the Army, but as a Spouse and as a parent. They are truly values that if inculcated into a Soldier's way of life; will always result in success for themselves, their families and the United States Army.

As we move ahead, I am excited and look forward to building an even stronger division over the next year. We know our readiness could be tested at any moment, and rest assured that with our ROK partners, we will stand ready. The resiliency of our Alliance with the ROK is certain, and we need no clearer message to remind us that our mission here on the Korean peninsula is real and vitally important to national priorities. For it is together that we can and will ensure 2014 is a year that is truly, "Second to None."



The 2nd Infantry Division band performed a concert to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 21, 2013 at Talon Dining Facility, Camp Humphreys. (Courtesy photos)



Officials from Gyeonggi Province and the 2nd Infantry Division hosts the Principal Meeting of the Korea America Partnership Council at the International Conference Room, Uijeongbu Art Center, Dec. 19. Since April 2003 leaders from both organizations have met 39 times in order to better understand and enhance the relationship between residents in Gyeonggi Province and service members of U.S. Army. The group aims to solve local issues such as civil complaints by residents living and working near U.S. Army installations in the province. (Photo by: Pak, Chin-u, 2ID PAO)



Lt. Col. Will Freds, deputy commanding officer for 210th Field Artillery Brigade, presents the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara to Brig. Gen. Park Kyung-soo during a ceremony at the Third Republic of Korea Army headquarters in Yongin, South Korea Dec. 4. (Photo courtesy of CW2 Jim Verschueren, 210th Field Artillery Brigade LNO)

ACT OF HEROISM RECOGNIZED, AWARDED

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Army values guide Soldiers through their Army careers and simple demonstration of these values can have profound impact.

Army Staff Sgt. Baharri T. Weston, an infantryman with Company A, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, and a native of New York, N.Y., was awarded the revered Soldier's Medal on Jan. 9, 2014 at the 1st Bn., 72nd Armor Regt. motor pool at Camp Casey, South Korea, for saving the life of a fellow Soldier during a live grenade range.

The Soldier's Medal is awarded to a member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America who performs an act of heroism while not serving in combat. The medal is the highest honor that a Soldier can be given for an act of selfless valor in a non-combat situation.

While working as a member of the cadre at Robin Range at Fort Jackson, S.C., on May 5, 2013, Weston saved the life of a fellow Soldier when a recruit failed to follow the proper procedures, resulting in an emergency situation with a live M-67 fragmentation grenade.

"When the recruit went to throw his second grenade it landed in a can right in front of the wall," said Weston. "I grabbed him and removed him from the live bay and jumped on top of him."

With quick thinking, decisive action and total disregard for his own personal safety, Weston pulled the recruit to safety and the grenade exploded without injuring either of them.

"It was just enough time before the grenade went off and we were both able to escape," said Weston.

Soldiers serving in the cadre at the grenade ranges go through rigorous training twice a year to ensure that they will be able to act quickly and appropriately in the event an incident occurs. The training involves approximately three weeks of classes, field training and a hands-on exercise.

"We're trained for that, we have to go through everything Soldiers go through, twice a year," said Weston.

A brush with serious injury or death often causes a Soldier to reflect on the aspects of life that truly are important, a reminder to appreciate the gift of life.

"I was so happy to leave in one piece and go home and see the family," said Weston. "I was able to have fun with them and start all over again the next day."

Weston's heroic and selfless act of integrity demonstrates his willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty. His heroism and display of Army values reflects that of the United States Army.

When asked to reflect on his act of valor, Weston's reply was, "Go Army!"



Staff Sgt. Baharri T. Weston, an infantryman with Company A, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, and a native of New York, N.Y., is awarded the Soldier's Medal for an act of selfless heroism during training at Robin Range at Fort Jackson, S.C.



SOLDIERS, COMMUNITY COME TOGETHER FOR HABITAT HUMANITY PROJECT

Soldiers of the 1st Armored Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division teamed up with Republic of Korea Army Soldiers and members of the Dongducheon, South Korea community to rehabilitate a home through the Habitat for Humanity organization in Dongducheon, South Korea on Dec. 18, 2013. The renovation will turn a former cafe into a home for a poverty stricken family in the Dongducheon community.



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In every community there are not only wealthy and middle class citizens, but less-fortunate members as well. Through selfless acts and the teamwork of Soldiers and fellow citizens, the hardships of some were eased just in time for the holidays.

Soldiers of the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division teamed up with Republic of Korea soldiers and members of the community Dec. 18 to rehabilitate a home through the Habitat for Humanity organization near Camp Casey.

Members of the community collaborated their efforts to refurbish a former café in the community into a habitable home for a family struggling with poverty.

The Habitat for Humanity organization has been present in South Korea for 15 years, yet it is new to the Dongducheon community.

"This Habitat for Humanity program started two months ago," said Kim Atyongam, a Civil Relations Officer, about the Dongducheon program.

The family that will be residing in the newly renovated home consists of a mother and her three daughters. The father and husband of the family, is hospitalized due to illness, placing more burden and responsibility on the members of the family to compensate for his absence in the household. With a home provided through the Habitat for Humanity program, and volunteer assistance from members of the community, the burden this family had to endure was alleviated.

More than 30 Soldiers from three battalions volunteered their time and effort to help local citizens in need, coupling their enthusiasm with that of members of the community.

"It's a very meaningful event for the needy, so by introducing the Habitat for Humanity program to the Dongducheon community we bring Soldiers and civilians together," said

Atyongam.

The project began with wallpapering the building. The next projects will be to remove trash from inside the dwelling and clean the floors. The tasks are often delegated through body language and gestures to overcome language barriers between the Korean people and the Soldiers.

"We communicate through body language, it's kind of cool because you don't need words to convey thoughts," said Sgt. Joseph Ray Gardon, a tank gunner with , Company D, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment and a native of Olongapo, Philippines.

Community activities such as Habitat for Humanity projects also give the Soldiers activities to participate in as part of Korean society, interacting with the Korean people, and meeting Soldiers of different units who they may not necessarily meet otherwise.

"We're working with Soldiers who have different military occupation specialties than us and with civilians so it's good for the spirit," said Gardon. "It gets Soldiers away from doing the same routine every day and allows us to get out of our rhythm and try new things."

This project allows Soldiers to show gratitude to the Korean people for the hospitality they show American Soldiers living and working in Korea.

"The Korean people do so much for the Soldiers and show respect and appreciation for what the Soldiers do, so I wanted to give back," said Pvt. Brian Joseph McCleary, an infantryman with 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, who is originally from Orlando, Fla.

The team effort displayed by the 2nd Inf. Div. Soldiers and the local citizens greatly benefitted the Dongducheon community, as every volunteer pitched in to build rapport and have a positive impact on those in need.

"It strengthens our alliance with the locals," said Gardon. "I wish that we did events like this more often."



Army Sgt. Peter Adams, a unit public affairs representative with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, and a native of Kenai, Alaska, performs his role as Fagin at the Community Activity Center during the rehearsal of the play "Oliver!" on Dec. 17/2013. (Photo by: Jessica Kim, USAG Humphreys PAO)

HAVING RESILIENCY WITH A TWIST



Army Sgt. Peter Adams's, a unit public affairs representative with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, and a native of Kenai, Alaska, children Joy Adams (black scarf) and Joshua Adams (grey scarf) performs their role as Fagin's children at the Community Activity Center during the rehearsal of the play "Oliver!" on Dec. 17, 2013. (Photo by: Jessica Kim, USAG Humphreys PAO)

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Everyone experiences some level of good or bad stress in their lives. Many people are able to manage their stress levels. For one person, 'acting out' is his stress reliever.

A native of Kenai, Alaska, U.S. Army Sgt. Peter Adams starred as Fagin, the play's villain, during the performance of the classic play "Oliver!" Dec. 19, 21, 23, and 24, 2013 at Camp Casey.

From acting part-time to being a full-time Soldier, Adams remains resilient even when his job as a Unit Public Affairs Representative with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, is at its most stressful.

The Army attempts to combat the negative aspects of stress with training in the six resilience competencies. These are self-awareness, self-regulation, optimism, mental agility, strengths of character, and connection. A Soldier will be continually exposed to this training and encouraged to develop resiliency skills throughout his career.

Having these skills is important for all Soldiers. According to a CareerCast.com's annual rankings, enlisted military personnel have the most stressful job in 2013. Adams's job as a UPAR includes aspects of other careers that appeared on the list. These include the functions of a public relations executive at number five, a photojournalist at number seven, and a newspaper reporter at number eight.

"We have deadlines that we have to make because news is only news for a short period of time so you have to make sure you are on top of it and where you need to be," said Adams. "Sometimes that means you have to be at six different places at one time covering six different events and of course the one you are going to miss is going to be the one everyone is upset you weren't there for. It can be stressful"

Adams handles the stress of his job by staying involved in the community. While for some, performing on stage might be a daunting experience, Adams finds relaxation in the chance it gives him to have a social circle separate from those he works with.

"It adds a different kind of stress to my life because it can be difficult to put on and perform in a show but it is not the negative kind," said Adams. "It is nice to get wrapped up in something different to take your mind off of what is going on at work. Not to mention, I get to work with just a ton of really fun people and it is another community that is there for you if you had a bad day at work."

This type of activity allows him to maintain the close relationship with his wife, Breanna and their four children, who were also involved in the production of the stage play. Two of his children held starring roles and his wife was the choreographer. The community theater provides his family with an activity that they all can participate in while making friends with people they would not have had the chance to meet otherwise.

"It gives us something to do that we all can be a part of," said Breanna. "We all participate; it is not just something else that pulls him away or me away. It has become part of who we are as a family and it has made our time in Korea really nice."

Their time spent here is drawing to a close, and soon the Adams family will be saying goodbye to the friends they have made here. Adams will be facing unique stresses as he embarks on the newest challenge being offered to him by the Army as he transitions to the chaplaincy. The stress of moving his family and changing career fields is sure to be daunting, however, his family is prepared to face it together and remain 'Army Strong'.



Area III Republic of Korea Army Support Group commander, Maj. Soon Keun Hong (outgoing) finishes his tenure in Area III and comes back to the ROK Army to continue his career.

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Area III Republic of Korea Army Support Group commander, Maj. Soon Keun Hong, relinquished command Dec. 23, 2013 to incoming commander, Maj. Seung Gon Park, in the MP Hill Fitness Center at Camp Humphreys.

Hong, a native of Seoul, South Korea provided leadership and direction to all Korean Augmentees to the United States Army assigned to Area III for the past year. His reputation working to enhance support to U.S. commanders and the local community earned him praise by the Eighth United States Army ROKA Support Group commander, Col. Suk-Jae Lee, during the change of command ceremony here.

"Maj. Hong has maintained strong combat support readiness ensuring the successful operation of the combined forces through continuous liaison work with the Eighth United States Army," said Lee. "He also planned and supported various ROK-U.S. friendship events and formulated a detailed wartime KATUSA management plan."

Lee went on to praise Hong for establishing positive relationships with the local community by providing English classes to children of low-income and multi-cultural families while starting various programs for the disabled and senior citizens who live alone.

Hong earned a positive reputation as the Area III ROKA Support Group commander but is perhaps better known for his service as the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade's ROKA Support Group commander during his tenure from July 2011- Nov. 2012 where he led KATUSA's assigned to the aviation brigade. Known as a motivated commander, Hong never hesitated to include U.S. Soldiers in KATUSA training such as his regular quarterly ruck marches. His contributions to the effectiveness of teamwork between U.S. and KATUSA Soldiers were well received by senior leaders within the brigade.

"Major Hong's was such a great guy to work with and I feel he represents the true meaning of [we go together]," said 1st Sgt. Mark A. Bedwell with Company B, 4th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd CAB and native of Broken Arrow, Okla. "His

leadership and dedication to the KATUSA's and U.S. Soldiers is a key component to the continued strengthening of our Alliance and I will certainly never forget what he has done for 2nd CAB and Camp Humphreys."

During his drive to ensuring the Alliance remains strong, Hong placed a strong emphasis on reaching out to U.S. Soldiers while conditioning and mentoring the KATUSA's under his direction by instilling pride and a sense of purpose in them.

"KATUSA's, you are the representatives of a 75-yearlong ROK-U.S. combined force," said Hong during his final remarks during the ceremony. "The rapidly changing situation in north Korea is threatening the safety of our nation and there could be a provocation at any unexpected moment. In such a reality, KATUSA's become more important as they show the unity of the ROK-U.S. Allied Forces. KATUSA's should engrave the true meaning of their existence and place the ROK-U.S. Alliance in your hearts to further strengthen this combined force."

Park, a native of Jeonju, South Korea, supercedes Hong and has vowed to dedicate himself to the mission he inherited. Hong will move on to another position in the ROK Army as he continues to serve his country and soldiers.



Maj. Seung Gon Park takes over the position of the Area III ROKA Support Group commander.

210 SOLDIERS DELIVER CHARCOAL DURING GPO CHARITY EVENT



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Forward deployed Soldiers experience what it's like giving to the less fortunate community. More than 70 Soldiers from 210th Field Artillery Brigade and 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, delivered charcoal briquettes to less fortunate families in Dongducheon, South Korea to support a charity event sponsored by Gyeonggi Province Dec. 18.

A unit supply specialist assigned to 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st ABCT, Pfc. Jessica Jones, a Spartanburg, S.C., was excited to volunteer to give back to the local community.

"To be able to help people out who do not have much makes me feel like a better person," said Jones.

Volunteers from the Dongducheon community were happy to have the Soldiers' help. "We are thankful for the Soldiers who take their time out of their day to come here and do the things to help the community," said Gil, Tae-uel from Dongducheon.

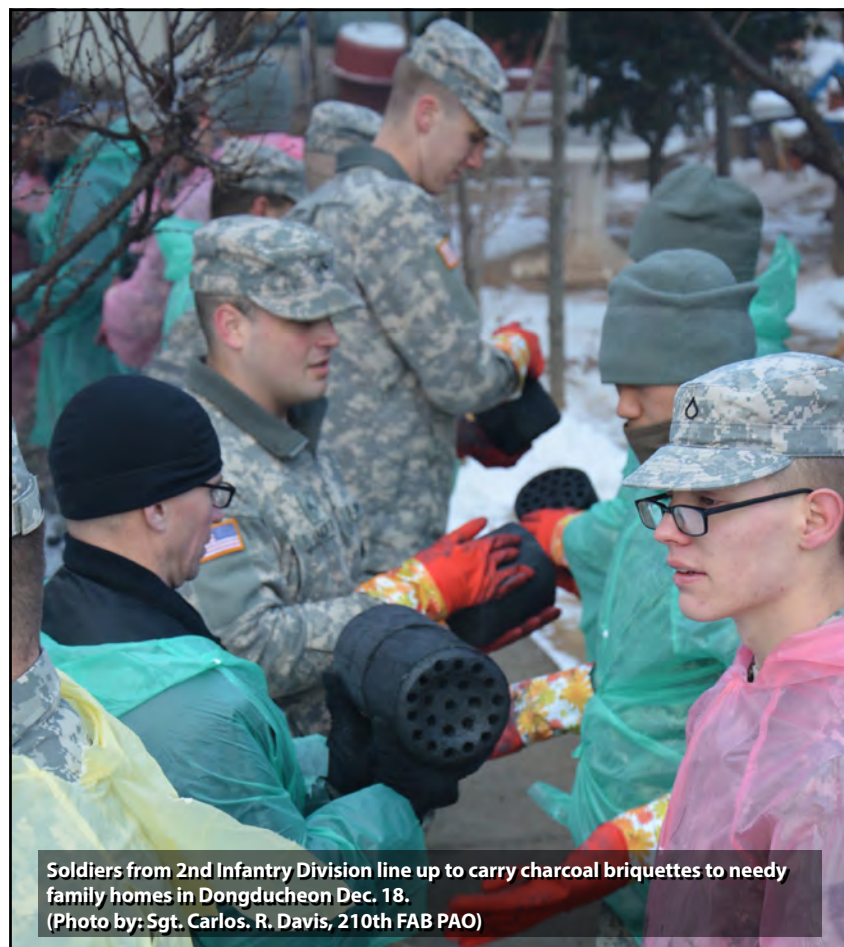
Throughout the morning, some Soldiers hand-carried and some used wheeled barrels to bring the charcoal briquettes up steep hills and deliver them to the homes of families who need them most.

"This is only one event that we participate in," said Jones. "We also help plant trees, clean up the river when it is dirty, and make kimchi. We try to be a part of the community as much as possible. Not because we have to, but because we want to."

The Soldiers from 2nd Inf. Div., have a built strong bond with the local community through volunteer programs that help make it better.

"The relationship between the ROK and U.S. has been very strong for a long time," said Lee, Chul-hee a Dongducheon volunteer. "The Soldiers always come out and do things for the community, and I am very thankful!"

The charcoal briquettes provide much-needed heat for homes of people that cannot afford gas or electric heat.



Soldiers from 2nd Infantry Division line up to carry charcoal briquettes to needy family homes in Dongducheon Dec. 18.
(Photo by: Sgt. Carlos. R. Davis, 210th FAB PAO)



Soldiers assigned to A Battery, 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Fires Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division conduct section certification training Jan. 6 - 10 on Camp Casey, South Korea, which qualifies them to participate in upcoming live-fire exercises.

210th FA Bde. Qualifies Soldiers, Shoot Live Artillery Rounds



**STORY AND PHOTO BY
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As missions evolve, so does training. Soldiers are required to hone their skills by recertifying in their trainings to maintain mission readiness.

Soldiers from Battery A, 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, conducted section certification training Jan. 6 - 10 on Camp

Casey, which qualifies them to participate in upcoming live-fire exercises.

"We are starting the table five certification for multiple launch rocket system crewmembers," said Sgt. 1st Class Chad Burns, from Salem, Neb., a platoon sergeant. "This training allows us to see what areas we need to focus on as we create our training plans in order to be an effective firing battery."

The training allows the unit to gauge their crews as a team. They hone their firing skills in order to be able to accomplish its mission.

"If we are not cleared to fire by the master gunner, then we cannot do our job. If we cannot do our job, then we cannot help with the defense on the Korean Peninsula," said Burns. "We take this training serious, and we train hard so that we will be able to accomplish the unit mission."

The 1st Bn., 38th FA Regt. trains to be able to alert, deploy, and provide artillery fires to support Combined Forces Command and destroy long range artillery.

Section certification training challenges the crews to react correctly to possible malfunctions pertaining to the M270A1 Multiple Launch Rocket System and how to correctly process different fire missions.

"We are going to be doing crew drills, loading and unloading rocket pods and how to react to a hang fire or pod fire," said Staff Sgt. Nathan Mace, from Lovespark, Ill., a section chief.

Crews must be trained and ready to react to dangerous situations before they work with live ammunition.

According to Mace, a hang fire is when there is a delay in the functioning of a weapon. It can be dangerous and must be handled as a worst case scenario. A pod fire is when the MLRS ammunition pod catches fire from the rocket exhaust, which can cause the whole system to burn down.

Mace also said the crew conducts an after action review at the

end of each task to see what they could do better.

Being a crew chief, Mace approached the training with goals he wanted his Soldiers to focus on.

"The hardest and the most proficient thing I want my guys to do is the unloading and reloading of the ammunition pods," said Mace. "It has the most steps to it, and since we started doing re-loads we've gone from about eight minutes to six minutes. Making sure we do the reloads, upload and download right and doing the fire missions correctly allows us to fight tonight."

Each section is required to complete this training 30 days prior to going to the field. However, this isn't the only training that keeps crewmembers ready to fight tonight.

"If we do not have anything scheduled for training my NCOs (noncommissioned officers) like to keep us busy by having us doing warrior tasks and drills as a crew," said Spc. Matthew Burian, from Wayne, N.J., also a multiple launch rocket systems crewmember.

"That way, we have constant repetition with our skills which can be anything from driving the MLRS to weapons," he added. "This training allows us to be proficient with any task our command wants us to accomplish."

The battery certified more than six multiple launch rocket systems crews during the week-long training on Camp Casey.



ROK-US Field Artillery Share Knowledge



**STORY AND PHOTO BY
SGT KIM HAN-BYEOL
210TH FAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Cooperation is very important when working as a team. This applies to the U.S. and Republic of Korea armies. In defending South Korea from threats, knowing and understanding each other is essential.

Leaders from the ROK Field Artillery School, including Lt. Col. Jung Jung-gyu, the head of school affairs, visited the newly-renamed 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division Dec. 9 on Camp Casey, South Korea.

"They came here because we always try to share our expertise with those who are teaching the future field artillerymen in South Korea," said Lt. Col. Will Freds, the deputy commander of 210th FA Bde. "They always want to be skilled and knowledgeable about the most current tactics, techniques and procedures."

The 210th FA Bde., invited the ROK FA School trainers to look at the brigade's progress during the annual training exercise and discuss the two armies' differences in training and briefed on the latest U.S. techniques in the field artillery.

Leaders from the ROK FA school visited the tactical operations centers of 210th FA Bde., and 1st Battalion, 38th FA Regiment. They also viewed a demonstration of an M270A1 multiple launch rocket system.

During the visit, they discussed technical fire direction and how to manage artillery.

"We were able to learn and actually see what we knew just theoretically before," said Maj. Kim Ki-ang, a tactics trainer at the ROK FA school. "We learned about a system of conducting counter fire, how

division and brigades work together and communicate, and how U.S. forces conduct operations with the Republic of Korea Army."

Kim believes this kind of close relationship can enhance both armies' capabilities to conduct operations and accomplish the mission more efficiently.

"Controlling field artillery tactically is a very precise business, and it's very complicated," said Freds. "The visit gives them perspective on what they are teaching, so that they understand not just how the ROK army conducts operations, but also how the United States Army does it."

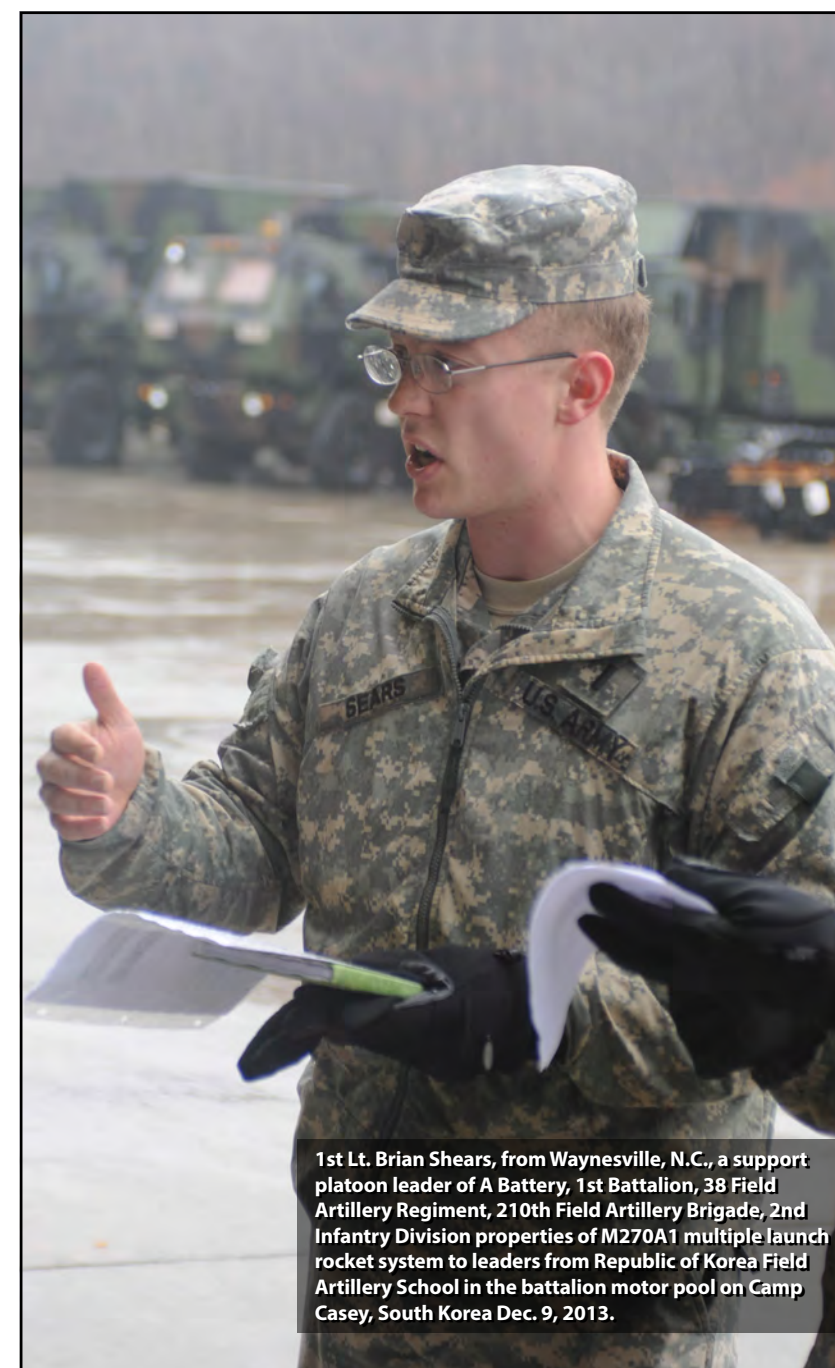
Korean Augmentation to the United States Army soldiers translated for leaders of each army during the visit. The role of KATUSAs is also important for interactions between the two.

"Translating complicated concepts of operations and systems is not that easy," said Sgt. Hwang Seung-man, from Busan, a liaison office senior KATUSA assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 210th FA Bde. "I am happy and proud that I can help both armies communicate better and contribute to the Alliance to defend our country."

After the visit leaders of both sides, hope this interaction and relationship continues to develop in the future.

"It's always a lot of fun to meet with our Republic of Korea counterparts because they are bright, knowledgeable and have great personalities," said Freds. "We always learn as well whenever we engage with them."

The brigade had an opportunity to closely work together with their ROK counterparts enhancing the Alliance between both armies.



1st Lt. Brian Shears, from Waynesville, N.C., a support platoon leader of A Battery, 1st Battalion, 38 Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division properties of M270A1 multiple launch rocket system to leaders from Republic of Korea Field Artillery School in the battalion motor pool on Camp Casey, South Korea Dec. 9, 2013.

Weather Doesn't Stop 2ID, Competition Continues

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The sun beats down, glistening on the ice, covering the leafless trees up ahead. Although it's freezing, senior Soldiers remain motivated as they huff and puff the ice-cold air burning their lungs competing to be the best in the Warrior competition.

Second Infantry Division senior leaders competed in the Warrior Leader's Crucible Jan. 14 at Camp Casey to build leader cohesion and demonstrate leader proficiency in Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills.

"The competition started off cold," said Davenport, Iowa native Command Sgt. Maj. Ann Sydnor, the Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion senior enlisted leader. "I started to warm up and got excited when I saw the Soldiers in formation watching us."

Soldiers throughout the base watched in curiosity as they saw high-ranking leaders run up and down through obstacle courses competing for the highest points in each event.

The leaders pushed through the cold weather and proved low temperatures would not stop them from competing in a Hum-vee push, weapons check, nine-line medical evacuation and land navigation competitive events.

While refreshing their skills in the training competition, the leaders were amped up, with full battle gear on and carrying a ruck sack weighing more than 35 pounds.

With the frigid air blowing in their face, almost making it impossible to see, the leaders continued to hit their boots on the pavement. They completed each station and finished strong as curious young eyes passersby and stared at the senior leaders.

The leaders went in pairs to each station, cheering each other on to finish strong. Not only did the leaders compete, they also had an opportunity to build a stronger bond amongst each other as they push through showing that they can do it.

"I'm proud to have had the opportunity to promote cohesion with my fellow leaders and lead by example," said Sydnor, who earned an Indianhead plaque for having one of the highest scores.

Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal, 2nd Infantry Division commander, Command Sergeant Major, Sgt. Maj. Andrew J. Spano, division senior enlisted leader, presented 2nd (Assault) Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade leaders a coveted division tomahawk for winning first place during the competition.

"All the Soldiers came out to make this a great training event," said Vandal. "This was a great opportunity for competition, to hone

our skills and to demonstrate that we can do what we train our Soldiers to do."

Leaders from across the division participated in the team building event. Through rain, sunny or even cold weather, leaders continue to be ready to fight tonight and lead by example.



Leaders from 2nd Infantry Division competed for the Warrior Leader's Crucible on Jan. 14 at Camp Casey to build leader cohesion and demonstrate leader proficiency in Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills. The 2nd (Assault) Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade received accolades from the divisions Commander, Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal and the divisions Command Sergeant Major, Sgt. Maj. Andrew J. Spano for winning first place during the competition. (Photo by: Pak, Chin-u, 2ID PAO)



Spc. Kimberly Harris, a signal support Soldier in Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 4th Attack Reconnaissance Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment and native of Brooklyn, N.Y., watch as a child from AE Hyang Child Welfare Center plays with their new toys. Soldiers from 4-6 ARS, a rotational unit attached to 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, delivered large boxes of presents to the center on Dec. 21, 2013.

Kiowa Unit Spreads Christmas Cheer to Orphans

STORY AND PHOTO BY
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4-6 ARS UNIT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The air cavalry delivers more than hellfire missiles.

Soldiers from 4th Attack Reconnaissance Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, saw smiles and heard squeals of joy made by orphans in Area III after delivering presents before Christmas Dec. 21, 2013.

They arrived by bus with gift donations in hand at the AE Hyang Child Welfare Center in Songtan, near Osan Air Force Base. The toys were handed out after the children performed several Christmas-themed skits.

The Soldiers lined up on stage and handed out their presents one by one to the children. The youngsters, after eagerly waiting, each selected a gift and accompanied their benefactor to play with their presents nearby.

Before the flurry was over and packages and wrapping paper left undone, the spirit of Christmas-giving and good cheer continued to fill the scene as a friendly snowball fight was followed by several of the boys

competing in a frosty game of soccer, and the girls showing off their skills with new hula hoops. Finally, a large box of chocolates proved to be the most popular hit of all.

Christmas music played as children laughed around Soldiers, one commenting that he felt as if they were in a movie.

The experience was special for Pfc. Kyle Yeatter, an automated logistical specialist in Delta Troop, 4th ARS, 6th Cav. Regt., and native of Medina, Ohio. He said he enjoyed interacting with the children and felt the unit's work there made them feel important.

This was the second trip that unit has made to AE Hyang. During their nine-month rotation in Korea, the unit will continue to sponsor the child welfare. They have made plans for additional teams to visit the children twice a month while in country.

The AE Hyang Child Welfare Center was founded in 1953, thanks to the work of a man who made it his duty to take into his home orphaned or abandoned children to care for them after the Korean War. The center currently houses 72 children whose ages range from preschool to high school. All of them have been orphaned, abandoned or removed from the care of their parents.

The children attend school in the surrounding community, but are clothed, fed and housed at the center. Each child is assigned to one of the 22 social workers who work at the facility. These social workers organize extracurricular activities, mentor the children and help develop their talents, some of which were on display during visit.

"We really appreciate what you are all doing. The kids really appreciate it," said Kim Yong Sook, AE Hyang director, through a translator. "These kids have been abandoned, so you are like parents to them."

The 4th ARS, 6th Cav. Regt., is an OH-58D Kiowa Warrior squadron from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., which is currently attached to 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade at Camp Humphreys. The unit participates in community events in support of the Alliance of Republic of Korea and U.S., making one child at a time happy by sharing Christmas cheers.

The 2nd Battalion, 100th Regiment, 17th Infantry Division of the Republic of Korea Army invited Soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division to the special air assault training at the Rodriguez Live Fire Complex from Jan 14 -16. (Photo by: Pak, Chin-u, 2ID PAO)

Unique Event, 2ID Holds Special Bond



STORY BY
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2ID PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Hundreds of combined exercises are being conducted, under the Alliance between the Republic of Korea and the United States. Nevertheless, it is true that combined exercises have been limited mostly to simple technological exchange and fire supports. However, an exercise which happened at the Rodriguez Live Fire Complex from Jan 14 -16 was totally different from before.

In the beginning of January, a squad from 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division trained within the ranks of the 2nd Battalion, 100th Regiment, 17th Infantry Division of the Republic of Korea army during a combined air assault training exercise.

"This time we formed a special platoon with ROKA Soldiers," said Spc. Robert Smith, infantryman of Company A. "That means we have to always be together throughout the whole exercise."

During the first day of the exercise, Soldiers of different nations gathered in the 17th Inf. Div. base and to introduced themselves and assimilate to each other, comparing battle uniforms and teaching each other military terms. Then they participated in a departure ceremony and moved to the Rodriguez Live Fire Complex on UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters. While practicing their air assault training, Soldiers practiced hand signals and showed each other's way of their reconnaissance.

"We shared our knowledge about mission under urban tactics," said Sgt. Kenneth McKinney, infantryman of Company A. "We made time to review performances of each team, make assessment and provide feedback."

During the second day Soldiers participated in air assault and building raid against enemy, who are actually ROKA Soldiers of 17th Inf. Div., Soldiers. They climbed a mountain and occupied two buildings. The Soldiers completed the mission successfully with the help of engineers and ROKA Explosive Ordnance Disposal team.

"There were some unexpected situations and mistakes during the mission, but we dealt with them quite well," said Smith. "We had difficulty communicating with each other but my Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army (KATUSA) Soldiers helped out."

At the end of the exercise, Soldiers exchanged their Meals Ready to Eat (MRE) and shared snacks. The final day was for their victory and farewell party. Soldiers enjoyed arm wrestling, tug of war, push-up and sit-up competition and had a barbecue party at the 17th Inf. Div., base.

"Everybody tried their best with their mission and it was a great experience for me," said Pfc. Jae-ho Seo, infantryman of Company A. "I am legally part of the ROK army but since I work with U.S. Soldiers, I have always been curious about ROKA battle buddies. It was a great chance to know each other and I think this kind of exercise should be conducted frequently to maintain a stronger alliance."



Soldier, Families receive unexpected holiday gift



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Normally around this time of year most people are trying to finish up their holiday shopping, but a few lucky fanatics received an early holiday gift at the Hansen Field House Gymnasium and the Community Activity Center on Camp Casey.

Twelve Dallas Cowboys' Cheerleaders visited with Soldiers, Family members, Department of Defense civilians, and Korean nationals Dec. 20, 2013.

"This is a once in a lifetime experience," said Sgt. 1st Class Edward Smith, from Oklahoma City, Okla., a platoon sergeant assigned to 333rd Field Artillery Target Acquisition Battery, 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division. "I think it is a great opportunity for the kids to interact with one of America's favorite teams."

As much as the troops and Family members were happy to receive their holiday gift, the cheerleaders were honored to meet some of their heroes.

The United Service Organizations and the Dallas Cowboys' Cheerleaders have been teaming up to visit troops all over the world in a tradition that has been growing strong for 77 years.

"First of all I, am honored to be one of the 12 cheerleaders chosen to be a part of this opportunity," said Olivia Rene, from Dallas, Texas, in her second year as a Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader. "We have been doing this for a really-long time and not a lot of people get to go and visit troops in their environment and to be able to tell them thank you face-to-face during the holidays."

During the visit the cheerleaders interacted with more than 60 boys and girls in a two-hour football and cheer youth clinic and signed more than 100 autographs.

According to Rene, their overall message to the kids during the clinic is teamwork, being a good leader, and health and nutrition.

For Maj. Michelle Myers, from New Orleans, La., a communications officer assigned to 2nd Infantry Division, having the cheerleaders here in Korea for the children is a wonderful opportunity.

"It is a great motivation for the girls," said Myers. "They are able to learn the importance of everything that is incorporated in being a cheerleader, not just cheering."

"They must have other skills associated with that," Myers continued. "When



the cheerleaders introduced themselves, a lot of them went to college and received their degrees. Just by them doing that it shows the girls it's more to being a cheerleader than just the games."

Having the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders here in Korea was a wonderful experience. Whether Cowboys fans or not, everyone involved made memories for lifetime.

"Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts," said Rene. "It really means a lot to us that you accommodate us and let us come visit you. We are so thankful for your service, and as much as we can give back to you we are willing to do that."



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SPOUSES' COLUMN A Day on the Farm

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
ASHLEY HOLLEY

Anseong Farmland, just 70 kilometers south of Seoul in Anseong city, is a haven for animal lovers of all ages. The farm is truly picturesque with its open pastures, colorful wildflowers, and buildings that mimic farmhouses of 13th century Germany. The farm is divided into five parts: Moo Moo Ville, Horse Ville, Food Ville, Deutsche Ville, and Miru Hill. Each section provides unique experiences, such as tractor rides and animal feeding, which allow patrons to escape city life for a few hours.

Housing everything from cattle to dogs, Moo Moo Ville is ultimately a giant petting zoo. At the section's entrance, visitors can explore nature within the confines of a bush labyrinth. On the other side of the labyrinth, there is a stand where patrons can purchase feed for 1,000 won per basket. The feed can be fed to animals occupying the stalls surrounding the stand, such as goats, sheep, ponies, and donkeys. The animals are very friendly, and they love when visitors give them a snack.

There are also pens next to the feeding area, which house rabbits and a wide variety of birds. Further into this area, there is a play pen of sorts for rabbits, where visitors can actually enter the pen to hold and pet rabbits of all sizes. There is also a snack bar and a playground nearby for guests to stop to take a rest and purchase refreshments. Past the rabbit play area, a field and a barn house several cattle, including a few massive bulls. Outside the barn is an ostrich pen. At the exit of Moo Moo Ville is a stand where visitors can rent bikes to ride around the farm. These bikes seat anywhere from one person to an entire family. Next to the bike stand, there is a gift shop that sells farm themed toys and household items.

In Horse Ville, visitors are able to get up close

and personal with majestic horses for a small additional fee. Carrots are available for purchase at the information desk for guests who would like to feed the horses. Guests are also permitted to ride the horses around the stables with a guide's assistance.

Food Ville and Deutsche Ville are home to the farm's dining facilities. There are a couple Korean cuisine choices, a coffee shop, and a restaurant that serves a Korean take on German food, including special kinds of beer. This section of the farm also has a history center, which teaches guests about the history of Korean farming and agriculture. There is also a market in this area where guests can purchase organically produced Korean goods.

Miru Hill is comprised of beautiful green, open fields that are filled with wildflowers. On the hill, there are a few horses and sheep that love attention from farm visitors. This hill makes



for a nice walk, and from the top, one can enjoy a view of the farm. Tractor rides around the hill are another fun option. Miru Hill is also home to the set of a Korean soap opera. The set depicts historical Korea and is open for visitors to explore.

From tractor rides to sweet baby rabbits, Anseong Farmland has all the essentials for a

fun-filled day on the farm, without all the hard work! Anseong Farmland allows visitors to explore the beauty of nature, while also learning about agriculture and livestock. The farm truly refreshes the mind and body and soothes the spirit with its open air, beautiful animals, and lush meadows, in an otherwise urbanized area of the country.



Children of 2nd Infantry Division Families enjoy playing and petting animals at Moo Moo Ville petting Zoo, Anseong Farmland, September 5, 2013. The children explore nature and feed animals.

LEISURE Rock Climbing



STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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210TH FAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS

As 2013 ends and 2014 begins many people have something in mind that they want to accomplish in the upcoming New Year. This goal can lead to success in a career, physical fitness or health, happiness within their family, or exploring a new hobby.

Sebastopol, Calif., native 1st Lt. Elyse Ping Medvigy, a field artillery officer assigned to Battery A, 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, enjoys rock climbing in her spare time.

"I rock climb with the local Dongducheon climbing team," said Ping Medvigy. "I try to go every night, but it depends on work, so I usually go three to four times a week."

Ping Medvigy has always been an avid mountaineer. She joined this climbing team when 1st Lt. Kevin Peltto from 70th Brigade Support Battalion, 210th FA Bde., who was the only American on the team, invited her to come out climbing with him.

"Being a strong rock climber really benefits me in mountaineering," said Ping Medvigy. "I started rock climbing when I was a kid and didn't really do it very much until I came out here and joined the team."

Ping Medvigy added that rock climbing tests her both mentally and physically the same way the military tests her military bearing and discipline.

"Physically, it benefits my upper body strength," she said. "A lot of different challenging routes require mental toughness, so it helps me fine-tune my discipline and my drive to accomplish difficult tasks."

According to Ping Medvigy, her leisure activity is a good opportunity to hang out with local Koreans. The language barrier presents a challenge, but Ping Medvigy enjoys spending time with her Korean teammates.

"There aren't any Americans that climb on this team; I am like an ambassador for the Army," she said. "It's a really tight community."

She best describes it as playing a game of charades. Teammates use demonstrations to share different rock climbing skills and use hand gestures to encourage each other.

By getting to know her teammates, Ping Medvigy has had the opportunity to discover the Korean outdoors.

"There are a lot of great outdoor activities in the summer and ice climbing in the winter," she said.

Even if you are not a climber, Ping Medvigy suggests getting outdoors and exploring. By participating in a new hobby with local communities, Soldiers can see all the things Korea has to offer.

SPIRITUAL JOBS

**STORY AND PHOTO BY
CPL PARK JAE-HYUNG
2ND CAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

The Army has many different Military Occupational Specialties and there is one MOS that helps other Soldiers maintain mission readiness at all times; chaplain assistants are always there and ready to help.

Chaplain assistants go through their Advanced Individual Training at Fort Jackson, S.C. It is a nine-week course that teaches incoming chaplain assistants the fundamentals of Army Doctrine and their role in accommodating religious support and education within their respective units.

"Chapel service is extremely important for the Army," said Spc. David Medina, a chaplain assistant with 4th Attack Reconnaissance Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade and a native of Milpitas, Calif. "It's crucial for the Army to provide chapel service for Soldiers, because I believe that in some way it completes the Soldier and helps them maintain mission readiness at all times."

His daily mission is to include the Unit Ministry Team (one chaplain and one chaplain assistant) in normal battle rhythm operations.

"I take apart orders and find ways of

accommodating religious support and pastoral counseling within the unit," said Medina. "It also consists of completing any administrative tasks my chaplain may have."

One of the responsibilities that the job entails is observing and listening to what other Soldiers go through on a daily basis. Chaplain assistants hear a lot of things which could be overwhelming and sometimes they find themselves at a stalemate.

"I truly care about the Soldiers that I have inherited and at times you simply can't help everybody. It can be saddening," said Medina.

Chapel duty's NCO support channel is not like that of other duties, there is another challenge chaplain assistants face. A chaplain assistant's supervisor is generally an echelon higher than that of their own. This means it takes a lot of initiative to find out what the mission is and what exactly can be done to support that mission.

"It is hard for a chaplain assistant's supervisor to help develop their subordinate chaplain assistants grow professionally. But I do my best to learn about my job and what I can do to better care for Soldiers," said Medina.

Even though Medina has these challenges, he likes his job because he likes watching the many breakthroughs that the Soldiers under his care experience. There have been countless times



MOS 56M – Chaplain's Assistant

when his unit Soldiers have faced adversity and just by being there for them it has helped their situations tremendously.

"I am confident in my ability as a chaplain assistant and I am completely satisfied with the care and concern I offer to the Soldiers in my unit every day," said Medina. "I'm here for them and if I can help in any way so be it."

My Korea, My Life

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

Units deployed in Korea usually have strong relationships with local nationals and society. Those relationships are the result of continuous effort from the Civil Affairs Office.

Staff Sgt. Kevin L. Barbour, a newly assigned Civil Affairs non-commissioned officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, is about to bring the relationship with local society to a higher level.

"It is my first deployment to Korea in 18 years of Army career. I am getting excited to work with Korean civilians for a stronger alliance of United States and South Korea," said Barbour.

Barbour, a native of West Palm Beach, Fla., used to be an Infantryman until he joined the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team S-9 Civil Affairs Office. A few days after he had begun working in Civil Affairs, he had a chance to meet Korean civilians at a combined volunteer service for local nationals.

"I just had an opportunity to distribute charcoal to houses around Camp Hovey and interact with Koreans. It was a great experience, and I would like to have more interactions with them while I am in Korea," said Barbour.

Even though it is the first time for him to work in Civil Affairs and deploy to Korea, he sees it as a great opportunity for him.

"One of the positive consequences of

working in Civil Affairs in Korea is that I learn more chances to learn and experience their culture," said Barbour.

Barbour has not had time to explore Korea much yet, so he has only been to Uijeongbu and Dongducheon. However, he is willing to go out and see all the memorials and sights. He frequently checks for tours offered by Better Op-Soldiers Service (BOSS), United States (USO) and and Recreation (MWR). "Since I work with Korean Unit- ed States



Army (KATUSAs) now, I would go out with them. They are local nationals who know Korea better than most U.S. Soldiers," said Barbour.

Pfc. Ahn Sin-ho, one of the KATUSAs who work with Barbour in Civil Affairs in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, says that he has always wanted to take newly assigned Soldiers to show how beautiful Korea is.

"KATUSAs spend only 19 months in their units, and in our Civil Affairs Office, we only have KATUSAs except our NCOIC and OIC," said Ahn. "I will be done with my mandatory military service before Staff Sergeant Barbour deploys to another unit."

Ahn, a native of Asan, Chungcheongbukdo, now has an opportunity to take Barbour, who has never been to Korea, so he has planned some trips since Barbour first arrived. Since Barbour is Ahn's last NCOIC, Ahn is planning to keep in contact with Barbour even after his ETS, so he still can meet up with Barbour to show more of Korea.

Barbour has not experienced a lot about Korea, but he already loves his fellow Soldiers, KATUSAs, Korean civilians and Korea itself. He plans to come back after he retires.

"It is probably the last deployment in Korea, but I want to come back on my own as a tourist and explore more of Korea- I love Korea," said Barbour.



WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS



SHARP:

The Sexual Harassment Assault and Response Prevention Program reinforces the Army's commitment to eliminate incidents of sexual assaults through a comprehensive policy that centers on awareness and prevention, training and education, victim advocacy, response, reporting, and accountability. The Army's Policy promotes sensitive care and confidential reporting for victims of sexual assault and accountability for those who commit these crimes.

The Hotline is available 24/7 call DSN 158 or from any phone, 0503-364-5700

EDUCATION SERVICES:

There is a new online college, career, and transition system planning tool specifically designed for the U.S. military. Soldiers and veterans can learn from "Kuder Journey" about their interests, skills and work values to build a personal career plan, explore occupational information and plan for their future success. To get started, go to www.dantes.kuder.com. For more information, contact the Education Center, at 753-8904/8901.

SHARP TRAINING:

If you like helping Soldiers then this is the job for you.

February
Sexual Assault Awareness Month
April 2014

SHARP Stand-down Training April 2014

The Hotline is available 24/7 call DSN 158 or from any phone, 0503-364-5700.

LEGAL UPDATE:

Effective 1 November 2013, the Judge Advocate General is responsible for assigning a Division level Special Victim Advocate Counselor. The Counselor provides legal advice and representation to victims of sexual assault throughout the military justice process.

The Hotline is available 24/7 call DSN 158 or from any phone, 0503-364-5700.

MILITARY SEPERATION:

Initiating Separation Proceedings and Prohibiting Overseas Assignment for Soldiers Convicted of Sex Offenses (Army Directive 2013-21)

Commanders will initiate the administrative separation of any Soldier convicted of a sex offense, whose conviction did not result in apunitive discharge or dismissal. This policy applies to all personnel currently in the Army, regardless of when the conviction for a sex offense occurred and regardless of component of membership and current status in that component.

For more information, visit: http://armypubs.army.mil/epubs/pdf/ad2012_24.pdf

FAMILY BENEFITS:

Extending Benefits to Same-sex Spouses of Soldiers (Army Directive 2013-24)

The Army will treat all married couple Soldiers equally. The Army will recognize all marriages that are valid in the location the ceremony took place and will work to make the same benefit available to all spouses, regardless of whether they are in

same-sex or opposite-sex marriages.

For more information, visit: http://armypubs.army.mil/epubs/pdf/ad2013_17.pdf

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

The Secretary of the Defense has directed that all military evaluations covering rating periods after Sept. 27, 2013 will be in compliance with Army Directive 2013-20, Assessing Officers and Noncommissioned Officers on Fostering Climates of Dignity and Respect and on Adhering to the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Program. For more information contact your local personnel office.

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.

MILITARY TRAINING:

The latest Army Directive 2013-15 (Noncommissioned Officer Promotions)

This directive establishes Army policies that link completion of struc-

tured self development and professional military education courses with promotions under a newly defined select-train-promote methodology applicable to the Army Soldiers.

SSD is required before attaining eligibility for promotions starting with specialists and continuing to get promoted up in ranks.

For more information contact your school's Noncommissioned Officer.

For more information on Army Directive 2013-15 visit: <http://www.ncosupport.com/military-news/promotions-directive.html>

TRAINING PHOTOS:

Please look at the 8A's Facebook page for PRT photos. Our aim is to easily identify Soldiers as they train. <https://www.facebook.com/Eighth.Armory.Korea>

Knowledge Bowl

2ID Equal Opportunity Team is holding a Knowledge Bowl on 18 February at 1500-1600 at CRC Theater.

RSVP your team by 7 Feb. Teams must have a minimum of two no more than four per team. No exception to RSVP Date.

For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class. Lassiter at 732-6549 or 010-6479-9612.

African American/Black History Month Observance

2ID Equal Opportunity Team is hosting a African American/Black History Month Observance on 12 Feb. at 0900-1000 at the CRC Theater.

This event is open to everyone. For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Lassiter at 010-6479-9612.

HOLIDAYS ARE COMING UP

February 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 LUNAR NEW YEAR
2 GROUNDHOG'S DAY	3 SUPER BOWL XLVIII	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 PRESIDENT'S DAY	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 KEY RESOLVE BEGINS	26	27	28	

March 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 ROK INDEPENDENCE DAY
2	3	4	5	6	7 KEY RESOLVE ENDS	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 SAINT PATRICK'S DAY	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29



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우리는 지금처럼 서로 지내면 될것 같아. 그러면 297일이 후딱 지나가겠지?! 벌써 2014년이고 어쨌든 자기 올해 전역하는거니까~

지금까지 시간이 참 빨리갔던것 같고 앞으로도 그럴거야! 제대하면 지금보다 더 잘해준다고 약속했으니까! 히히 요즘 항상 자기옆에 두고싶고 이야기하고 싶고.. 다들 이랬서 결혼하나 싶어~ 아맞다 자기가 20살 되자마자 나한테 결혼하자고 막 조르고 그랬잖아ㅋㅋ

내가 친구들이랑 술먹고 집갈때 무섭다고 대리러 오라고 쩡쨌던데 맨날 투덜대면서 결국 대리다준거 항상 고맙고 자기가 늘 말했듯이 나두 자기랑 평~생 함께 하고싶어 그런날을 위해서 우리는 계속 열심히 살아야겠지?♡ 자기야. 항상 아껴주고 믿어줘서 정말 고마워. 지금처럼 재미있게 만나면서 앞으로 계속 오랫동안 만나자.

올해 생각하는 목표 꼭 서로 이룰 수 있게 노력하고 남은 군생활도 파이팅 넘치게 지내길 바래 항상 응원할게. 사랑해 자기야♡

-예진이가-

자기가 안녕ㅋㅋ 국방부 시계가 움직이진 움직이나봐. 아직도 난산훈련병인가 같은데 벌써 내가 상병을 달고 있어. 자기 내가 난산 들어가던날 기억나?

정작 입대하는 나보다 더 슬퍼해주고 걱정했잖아. 입대 전날에 뭐뭐 필요한지 다 찾아서 사주고 편지써주고. 그때 얼마나 고마웠는지 몰라!

훈련소에서 자기한테 처음 전화한 날, 통화 끝나구 자기 울었다고 했을때 울보라고 막 놀렸지만 사실 나도 전화했을때 눈물 참느라 혼났어ㅋㅋㅋ

그때 정말 정신없고 밤도 제대로 못먹어서 배고프고 훈련도 힘들었는데, 자기의 쏟아지는 편지를 읽으면서 시간을 보냈던 것 같애. 난산 동기들이 정말 나를 부러워했고 항상 저녁시간마다 자기가 보낸 편지가 쏟아지니까 웬지 모를 자신감도 생기고 더 훈련을 열심히 받을 수 있었던 듯거 같아.

자기를 만날때 마다 느끼는 거지만 순진하고, 밝고, 내가 하는 이야기에 항상 웃어주고, 요즘 여자를 갈지 않게 남자지갑 사정도 생각해줄 줄 알고.

단점이 있다면 요리를 조금 못한다는거? ^^; 사먹으면 되지 그치~?ㅋㅋ 그러려면 돈 많이벌어야겠다.

요즘 이별을 겪는 커플이 주위에 많이 생겨나는데 난 애초에 입대할때부터 자기가 날 못 기다릴 거란 생각은 정말 요만큼도 안했어. 군생활 21개월 조차 못 기다릴 여자인 애초부터 글러먹은 여자라고 생각해.

내 기대 이상으로 자기는 날 지금까지 잘 기다려와줬고 앞으로도 그럴거란 걸 잘알아. 자기 내가 군생활을 버틸 수 있게 하는 소중한 사람들 가운데 하나이고, 아직도 난 자기가 내 여자친구라는게 너무 자랑스럽고 고마워. 군인 남자친구 기다리는게 쉽지 않을텐데 힘들다는 말 한마디 안하고 묵묵히 기다리는것도 고맙고 제대하면 더 잘해줄게. 사랑해 자기야

-문규가-



이달의 사진

12월 17일 제 602항공지원대대의 피터 아담스(Sgt. Peter Adams) 병장이 "올리버"("Oliver") 연극에서 패긴(Fagin)으로 분하여 열연하고 있다. <사진 _ 제시카 킴(Jessica Kim) / 미국 사설사령부 험프리스(USAG Humphreys) 공보처>



많은 좋아요 & 공유하기 부탁드립니다.

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인디언헤드 한글판은 미 2사단 카투사들을 위해 공보처에서 발행하는 미 국방성 공인신문입니다. 신문 내용은 미 육군의 의견과 다를 수 있습니다. 인디언헤드지는 일성 인쇄소에서 월간지로 발행됩니다. 취재 요청은 732-9132로 전화 바랍니다.

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"2014년 새해에 이루고 싶은 것은?"



제 302여단 지원대대 본부중대 미군 인사과
행정/PC 운용병 병장 실명우

세상의 모든 외로운 영혼들이 그러하듯이, 올해엔 저 역시 아리따운 애인과의 교제를 하고 싶습니다. 연애라는 것을 해 본지 몇 해가 흘러가다보니 연애하는 방법을 전부 잊은 듯하여, 지인들의 형식적인 안부인사 한번에도 마음은 눈독들 녹아버리고 상상의 날개는 저를 착각의 늪으로 데려갑니다. 그 착각의 늪 속에서 어느덧 그녀는 열심히 일하고 퇴근하는 저를 위한 화려한 저녁상을 준비하고 있습니다. 하지만 꿈에서 헤어나오고 나면 보이는 제 모습은 가여웠습니다. 잠시 눈을 좀 닫겠습니다.

올해엔 저에게 전역과 복학이라는 기쁜과 희망찬 일들이 있을 예정입니다. 이를 고려한다면 저의 올해 목표는 화사한 캠프에서 이루어질 것만 같습니다. 여러분, "연애합시다!"



제 302여단 지원대대 본부중대 A중대
편성부대 보급병 상병 탁현

체력 단련을 통해 PT점수를 크게 향상시켜서 후임 병들에게도 좋은 본보기가 되겠습니다. 또한 구기 운동 등의 스포츠에도 시간을 쏟아 더 잘하게 된다면 좋겠습니다. 지난 한 해 동안 안타까운 운동 실력으로 인해 중대 대항전에서 기여를 해 본 적이 없다는 사실이 슬펐는데, 올해에는 제가 중대간 시합에 출전하여 이기는 경기가 꼭 나오길 바랍니다. 또한 올해엔 책을 더 가까이 하려 합니다. 책을 더 많이 읽어 더 나은 사람, 더 나은 군인이 되려고 합니다. 스스로에게 더 엄격하고, 다른 사람들에게는 관용적이고 관대할 줄 아는 사람, 중대원들과 동료 미군들 간의 인간관계가 좋고, 인정받고 신뢰받을 수 있는 사람이 되려고 합니다.



제 302여단 지원대대 본부중대 B중대
편성부대 보급병 상병 김준형

2014년 남은 군 생활동안 영어 회화실력을 늘리는 것이 저의 가장 큰 목표입니다. 자대 전입 후 미군들과 생활하면서 영어 회화실력이 향상되었습니다. 그러나 저는 제대 후 1년 정도의 세계여행을 계획하고있기때문에 여행하면서 무리없이 다양한 사람들과 만나 많은 이야기를 나누기 위해서는 지금의 영어 회화실력에 만족하지 않고 더욱 노력해야겠다고 생각했습니다. 이를 위해서는 일하면서 미군들과 대화하는 것에 그치는 것이 아니라 일과 외의 한미 우호활동에도 적극적으로 참여하고, 주말에도 부대에 남아서 친한 미군들과 이야기도 많이하며, 회화공부도 따로 할 생각입니다.



제 302여단 지원대대 C중대
편성부대 보급병 일병 김진영

올해 저의 계획은 운동을 열심히해서 몸짱이 되는 겁니다. 군입대 전에 엄청난 몸무게로 입대하고 나서 지금은 그 전보다 다소 많이 빠졌습니다. 나이가 지금보다 더 낫겠고 맛있게 몸을 만들자는 것이 올해의 각오입니다. 제가 몸짱이 되고 싶은 또 다른 이유 중에 하나는 작년말에 오랫동안 사귀었던 여자친구와 헤어지게 됐습니다. 지금은 만날수 없지만 나중에 혹시라도 다시 만나게 되면 더욱더 멋진모습을 보여주고 싶습니다. 올해는 많은 여성분들에게 대한민국 카투사로 복무하는 군인이 얼마나 멋진지를 보여주고 싶습니다. 올해도 모든 대한민국 카투사 여러분들 새해복 많이 받으시고 화이팅하십시오!

인- 자기소개를 부탁드립니다.

이- 안녕하세요! 저는 302여단지원대대 본부중대 Sr. KATUSA, 병장 이상재입니다. 1991년 4월 11일에 태어났으며, Sr. KATUSA가 되기 전에는 중대본부의 ORDERLY ROOM(중대 행정반)에서 행정/PC운용병으로 근무하였습니다. 입대 전에는 대학에서 영어영문학을 전공하던 평범한 대학생이었습니다. 관심사와 취미는 재즈 음악 듣기와 노래부르기입니다.

인- 가장 기억에 남는 일은?

이- 신병 시절, 동기인 설명우 병장과 서울역에서 집어가는 기차를 기다리며 맥주 한 캔씩 마시던 때가 가장 기억에 남습니다. 그 때까지만 해도 시간이 너무 안 간다고 생각했었는데, 어느새 둘 다 병장이 되어있는 것이 신기하기만 합니다.

인- 여태까지 본 미군중 가장 독특한 사람은?

이- 현재는 전출하여 미국으로 떠난 '1LT KIM'이 가장 독특했던 미군이었습니다. 1LT KIM은 Ranger Course를 이수한, 뛰어난 한국계 미군으로서, 특히 카투사들을 동생같이 여기며 매우 좋아했습니다. 카투사들은 평소 이 미군을 '김중위남'이라 부르며 친하게 지냈습니다. 또한, 배울 점도 많았습니다. 항상 기본에 충실하는 것을 강조했는데, 자칫 나태한 군 생활을 할 수도 있는 카투사들에게는 하나의 교훈 그 자체였습니다.

인- 입대후 지금까지 가장 하루했던 하루는?

이- 중대 본부 행정반에서 근무할 때 같이 업무를 1년간 봤던 친한 미군이 작별인사도 없이 미국으로 전출을 갔을 때입니다. 평소 서로를 형제라 부르며 전우애를 느꼈는데, 무슨 이유에 선지 한 마디도 하지 않고 가버렸습다. 지금도 잘 이해가 되지 않습니다.

인- 부대 근처에서 가장 맛있는 음식점은?

이-Camp Casey 주변에는 은근히 맛집이 많습니다. 그 중에서도 '진성 식당'이 제일 맛 좋은 음식점이라고 말씀드리고 싶습니다. 이 음식점은 매운돼지갈비집으로 유명합니다. 가격은 살짝 부담스러우나, 맛은 최고입니다. 부대 회식 장소로도 손색이 없는 곳입니다.

인- 부대 내에서 자신의 외모 순위는?

이- 살짝 피하고 싶은 질문입니다. 우리 부대 현 인원이 총 59명인데, 이중 에 한 29등은 하지 않을까 싶습니다. 한 가지 희망이 있는데, 전역한 하먼 못생겼던 선임병들도 다 잘생겨지는 것을 보니, 저도 곧 잘생겨지지 않을까 싶습니다.

인- 만약 전역한 뒤 재입대 해야한다면?

이- 솔직히 말씀드리자면, 상상도 하기 싫은 질문입니다. 난 산훈련소부터 지옥같았던 KTA, 그리고 매일 눈치판을 먹고 사는 신병생활까지 다시 시작하는 것은.. 상상이 안됩니다. 현재 남은 군생활에 최선을 다하겠습니다.

인- 전역 후의 계획은?

이- 현재 계획한 바로는, 전역 후 복학하지 않고 여행 겸 진로 탐색을 위해 해외로 갈 것입니다. 또한, 제가 아꼈던 후임병들의 전역식에 민간인의 신분으로 참석해보고 싶습니다.

인- 전역 후 꼭 한번 다시 보고싶은 부대원은?

이- 제가 사랑하는 우리 동기들입니다. 군 생활의 대부분, 아니 전부를 항상 함께 했기에, 인생 전체를 두고 꾸준히 만남을 가져갈 계획입니다.

인-중대원들에게 한마디 부탁드립니다. 이-그 동안 못난 Sr. KATUSA를 잘 따라줘서 항상 고맙습니다. 아직 함께할 시간들이 좀 남긴 했지만, 벌써부터 미안한 마음이 앞섭니다. 제가 전역할 때까지 계속해서 화목한 본부중대가 되길 희망합니다!

SECOND TO NONE!

2014년 1월 간추린 뉴스

매달 영문판에는 들어가지만 한글판에는 들어가지 않는 기사들을 보면서 아깝다는 생각을 했습니다. 그래서 만들었습니다! 간추린 뉴스! 한글판에는 넣지 않았지만, 영문판에 실린 기사들을 사진으로 정리하는 지면입니다.



12월 20일 캠프 케이시(Camp Casey)에 방문한 12명의 달라스 카우보이즈(Dallas Cowboys) 치어리더들이 60여명의 아이들과 함께 시간을 보내고 있다.
〈사진 _ 하사 카를로스 데이비스(Staff Sgt. Carlos R. Davis) / 제 210화력여단 공보처〉



12월 18일 제 210화력여단과 제 1전투여단 장병들이 동두천에 있는 불우이웃에게 연탄을 전달하고 있다.
〈사진 _ 하사 카를로스 데이비스(Staff Sgt. Carlos R. Davis) / 제 210화력여단 공보처〉



12월 9일 아전포병학교 상급자들이 제 210화력여단 1-38야전포병대대를 방문하여 M270A1 다연장 로켓포 발사기에 대해 교육받고 있다.
〈사진 _ 병장 김한별 / 제 210화력여단 공보처〉



1월 8일 네이션스 메이스(Staff Sgt. Nathan Mace)하사가 M270A1 다연장 로켓포 발사기 탄환을 내리기 위해 수신호를 보내고 있다.
〈사진 _ 하사 카를로스 데이비스(Staff Sgt. Carlos R. Davis) / 제 210화력여단 공보처〉



12월 18일 제 17기갑전투여단 장병들과 한국군 장병들이 동두천 시민들과 함께 불우이웃을 돕기 위해 카페를 집으로 고치고 있다.
〈사진 _ 상병 제큐라인 다우렌드(Spc. Jacqueline Dowland) / 제 17기갑전투여단 공보처〉

한미 문화 교류

마틴 루터 킹 데이

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미국의 흑인 운동 지도자이자 목사인 마틴루터 킹(Martin Luther King, Jr. 1929~1968)은 1963년의 워싱턴 대행진을 비롯한 수많은 흑인 인권운동을 이끌어 공민권법과 평등의 원칙을 기초로한 투표권을 성립시켰다. 그의 공로로 기관 수상을 제외한 수상자들 중에 최연소의 나이로 1964년 그의 나이 35세에 노벨 평화상을 수상하였다.

이러한 마틴루터킹의 행보는 인종차별 철폐와 식민지 해방을 비폭력적인 저항으로 실현하고자했던 간디의 영향을 크게 받았으며 펜실베이니아 주 제스터의 크로저 신학교를 졸업하고 철학박사 학위를 받은 보스턴 대학원을 거쳐 1954년 엘라메마주 몽고메리에서 침례교회의 목사가 되었다.

이듬해 그의 인권해방 운동에 시발점이 되었던 사건이 일어났는데 몽고메리에서 로자 파크스라는 흑인 여성이 버스에서 백인 남성에게 자리를 양보하지 않았다는 이유로 체포, 연행되는 사건이 일어났다. 그는 이에 대항하여 몽고메리의 모든 버스를 보이콧하는 운동을 지휘하였고 미국 연방 최고 재판소는 버스 내 인종 분리법이 위헌하다는 판결을 내렸다. 그 이후에 남부 그리스도교도 지도회의(SCLC : Southern Christian Leadership Conference)를 결성하고 미국 각지에서 흑인의 인권 해방운동을 주도하는 지도자가 되었다. 그는 간디의 영향대로 비폭력



주의를 끝까지 고수하였으며 1963년에는 항의 데모에서 체포되기도 하였다. 1963년 8월 28일 ‘일자리와 자유를 위한 워싱턴 행진’에서 워싱턴의 링컨 기념관 광장에 모인 25만여명의 군중 앞에 ‘나에게는 꿈이 있습니다(I have a dream)’라는 인종 차별의 철폐에 대한 진설되고 단순한 소망을 연설하여 수많은 사람들의 가슴을 울렸으며, 이후 인종차별철폐 운동에 기폭제가 되었다. 연설의 내용은 다음과 같다. “나에게는 꿈이 있습니다. 조지아 주의 붉은 언덕에서 노예의 후손들과 노예 주인의 후손들이 형제처럼 손을 맞잡고 나란히 앉게 되는 꿈입니다. 나에게는 꿈이 있습니다. 이글거리는 불의와 억압이 존재하는 미시시피 주가 자유와 정의의 오아시스가 되는 꿈입니다. 나에게는 꿈이 있습니다. 내 아이들이 피부색을 기준으로 사람을 평가하지 않고 인격을 기

준으로 사람을 평가하는 나라에서 살게 되는 꿈입니다. 지금 나에게는 꿈이 있습니다! 나에게는 꿈이 있습니다. 지금은 지독한 인종 차별주의자들과 주지사가 간섭이니 무효니 하는 말을 떠벌리고 있는 앨라배마 주에서, 흑인어린이들이 백인어린이들과 형제자매처럼 손을 마주 잡을 수 있는 날이 올 것이라는 꿈입니다.”

안타깝게도 그는 1968년 4월 4일(그의 나이 39세)에 테네시 주 멤피스에서 극우파 백인인 제임스 얼 레이에게 암살되었지만 그의 업적을 기리기 위해 그의 탄생일을 연방공휴일로 1986년부터 지정(공휴일은 매년 1월 셋째 주 월요일)되었고 현재까지도 비폭력주의에 입각한 ‘공민권 운동’의 지도자로 범국가적인영향을 미치고 있다.

〈기사 _ 일병 윤임준 / 미 2사단 공보처〉

한미교류

‘진정한’ 한.미 연합훈련

한미동맹의 이름 아래 무수히 많은 연합훈련이 시행되고 있다. 그럼에도 불구하고 대부분의 연합훈련들이 단순 기술지원 혹은 화력지원에 한정되어 있는 것이 사실이다. 그런데 이번 1월 14일부터 16일까지 로드리게즈 실사격 훈련장 (Rodriguez Live Fire Complex)에서 진행된 훈련은 지금까지와 매우 다른 광경이었다.

1월 초 미 2사단 제 1 기갑전투여단 제 2-9 보병대대의 병사들은 예상치 못한 소식을 접하게 되었다. 한국군 17사단 제 100연대 2대대가 특별 공중강습훈련에 그들을 초대한 것이다.

제 2-9 보병대대 A중대 소총병 로버트 스미스(Spc. Robert Smith) 상병은 “이번에 우리는 한국군 병사들과 함께 새로운 소대를 구성했다”고 말하고 “그 말은 우리가 훈련기간 내내 함께 먹고 자며 생활해야 한다는 뜻이다”고 덧붙였다.

훈련 1일차, 국적이 다른 병사들은 한국군 17사단 기지에 모여 전투복을 비교하고 군사용어를 가르쳐주면서 서로를 소개하고 동화되는 시간을 가졌다. 이후 그들은 훈련 출정식에 참가한 후 UH-60 블랙호크(Black Hawk) 헬기에 탑승하여 실사격 훈련장으로 향했다. 공중강습 훈련을 연습하면서 병사들은 수신호를 맞추고 서로의 수색방법을 시연했다.

제 2-9 보병대대 A중대 소총병 케네스 맥키니(Sgt. Kenneth McKinney) 병장은 “도시지역 전술상황에서의 임무에 대한 지식을 나누었다”고 말하고 “각 팀의 임무 수행을 관찰하여 복습해보고 그에 대한 평가와 피드백을 제공하는 시간도 가졌다”고 덧붙였다.



12월 23일 제 3지역대장 홍순근 소령이 임기를 마치고 박승곤 소령에게 지휘권을 인계했다.

12월 23일 캠프 험프리스 (Camp Humphreys) 체육관에서 제 3지역대장 이취임식이 거행되었다. 이것으로 제 3지역대장 홍순근 소령은 지역대 지휘권을 박승곤 소령에게 공식적으로 이양했다.

서울 출신의 홍순근 소령은 지난해 3지역대장으로 근무하면서 3지역에 근무하는 모든 카투사들을 이끌었다. 이번 이취임식에 참석한 미 8군 한국군지원단 장 이석재 대령은 제 3지역 미군 지휘관들에 대한 지원과 지역사회와의 관계 개선을 위한 그의 노력에 찬사를 보냈다.

이석재 대령은 “홍순근 소령은 미 8군과의 끊임없는 연락업무를 통해 한미동맹의 준비태세를 완고히 함으로써 성공적인 작전수행을 보장하였다”고 말하고 “그는 또한 한미동맹 강화를 위한 다양한 행사를 주최하였고 전쟁시 카투사 운용계획을 체계화시켰다”고 덧붙였다.

이석재 대령은 홍순근 소령이 지역사회 저소득층, 다자녀 가정 아이들을 위한 영어교육을 실시하고 장애인, 독거노인들을 위한 다양한 프로그램을 시작하여 지



1월 14일 미 2사단 제 17기갑전투여단 2-9보병대대 장병들이 17사단 100연대 2대대 장병들과 함께 공중강습 및 건물침투 훈련에 참가했다.

다음날이 밝아오자 병사들은 본격적인 공중강습과 건물침투 훈련에 나섰다. 가상의 적군은 한국군 17사단의 다른 병사들이 맡았다. 그들은 헬기에서 내려 산을 타고 올라가 건물 2채를 점거했다. 공병들과 한국군 폭발물처리반의 도움을 받아 임무를 성공적으로 완수했다.

스미스 상병은 “몇가지 예상치 못한 돌발상황과 실수들이 있었지만 잘 대응하였다”고 말하고 “서로 의사소통하는 데도 문제점이 있었지만 카투사 장병들이 통역을 해준 덕에 일이 수월해졌다”고 덧붙였다.

훈련이 끝나고 병사들은 서로의 전투식량 (MRE, Meals Ready to Eat)을 교환하고 간식을 나눠먹었다. 마지막날에는 승리를 자축하는 파티가 인천의 17사단 기지에서 열렸다. 병사들은 팔씨름, 줄다리기, 팔굽혀펴

기, 윗몸일으키기 경기 등을 즐기고 삼겹살을 구워먹으며 담소를 나눴다.

제 2-9 보병대대 A중대의 소총병 서재호 일병은 “모두가 임무에서 최선을 다해주었다. 이 훈련은 나에게 아주 특별한 경험으로 남을 것 같다”고 말하고 “나는 카투사로서 법적으로 한국군 신분이지만 미군들과 함께 일하기 때문에 언제나 한국군 전투들에 대해 궁금했었다. 그들과 서로 알아갈 수 있는 매우 귀중한 기회였다고 생각하고 굳건한 한미동맹을 위해서는 이런 훈련이 더욱 자주 시행되어야 한다고 본다”고 덧붙였다.

〈기사 _ 상병 이동현 / 미 2사단 공보처
사진 _ 박전우 / 미 2사단 공보처〉

제 3지역 대장님께 대하여 경례!!

역사회와의 원만한 관계를 유지한 공을 크게 칭찬하였다.

홍순근 소령은 제 3지역대장으로서의 명성 뿐만 아니라 2011년 7월부터 2012년 11월까지 제 2항공여단 카투사 지원대장으로서 근무한 이력으로도 유명하다. 그의 욕이 넘치는 지휘관으로서 홍순근 소령은 휘하의 카투사 장병들과 함께하는 훈련에 미군 장병도 포함하여 함께하는 거침없는 모습을 보였다. 미군과 카투사 장병들의 협동심을 기르는 데 커다란 일조를 한 그의 업적은 여단 내 상관들에게도 인정받았다.

제 2항공여단 제 4-2공격정찰대대 B중대의 일등상사 마크 베드웰 (1st Sgt. Mark Bedwell) 일등상사는 “홍순근 소령과 함께 일하는 것은 매우 즐거운 일이었다. 그는 ‘같이 감시다’의 의미를 가장 잘 보여주는 사람이었다”고 말하고 “그의 리더십과 카투사와 미군장병들을 위한 희생은 한미동맹의 강화를 위한 중요 요소였으며 우리는 그가 항공여단과 캠프 험프리에 남기고 간 업적을 잊지 않을 것이다”고 덧붙였다.

한미동맹 강화를 위해 홍순근 소령은 미군들에게 적

극적으로 다가갔고 카투사들에게는 목표의식을 설정하고 자부심을 갖도록 교육했다.

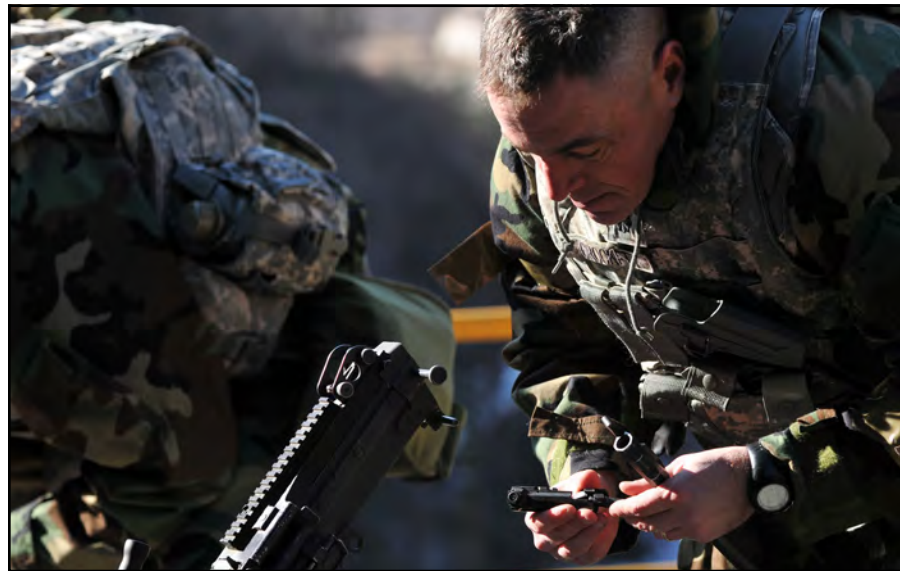
이취임식 연설에서 홍순근 소령은 “카투사들은 75년간 이어져온 한미 연합 전투력의 대변인이다”고 말하고 “급변하는 북한의 상황과 더불어 도발의 가능성이 높아지고 국가안보가 위기에 처한 상황이다. 이런 상황에서 한미 연합 전투력의 대표인 그들의 역할이 중요해지고 있다. 카투사들은 그들의 존재와 위치가 어떤 의미를 갖는지 되새겨야 한다”고 덧붙였다.

새로운 지역대장으로 취임하는 박승곤 소령은 홍순근 소령이 물려준 임무를 잘 이행할 것을 약속하였다. 홍순근 소령은 한국군으로 돌아가 계속해서 국가와 민족을 위해 일할 예정이다.

〈기사 _ 중사 빈센트 에이브릴(Sgt. 1st Class Vincent Abril) / 제 2항공여단 공보처
사진 _ 상병 박재형 / 제 2항공여단 공보처
연예 _ 상병 이동현 / 미 2사단 공보처〉



1월 14일 미 2사단 주요지휘관들이 워리어 리더스 크루시블(Warrior Leader's Crucible) 훈련에 참가하여 기량을 뽐내고 있다.



우리는 언제나 준비되어있다

햇볕이 추위 속 앙상한 나무위를 덮고 눈 위에서 부서지는 지난 1월 14일, 캠프 케이시(Camp Casey)에서 미 2사단 상급 지휘관들은 실재 없이 거친 숨을 쉬어가며 최고의 전사가 되기 위한 경쟁적 훈련을 수행하였다.

미 2사단 주요지휘관들은 워리어 리더스 크루시블(Warrior Leader's Crucible) 훈련을 진행하며 리더로서의 역량과 전문성을 보였다.

미 2사단 본부 및 본부 대대의 주임원사 앤 시드너(Command Sgt. Maj. Ann Sydnor) 주임원사는 “이번 경쟁 훈련은 강추위에도 불구하고 시작되었다”라고 말하고 “준비운동을 하고 있는데 우리를 지켜보며 응원하는 부하들의 시선을 느꼈을 때 훈련에 대한 열의가 불타오르기 시작했다”고 덧붙였다.

부대 내 사병들은 높은 지휘관들이 장해물이 형성되어 있는 훈련장을 경쟁 속에서 더 높은 점수를 취득하기 위해 최선을 다하는 모습을 보며 궁금해 하면서도 진지한 자세로 지켜보았다.

영하의 날씨에도 상급 지휘관들은 험비(Humvee, High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle) 달기 훈련, 화기점검 훈련, 9라인 응급 후송(Nine-line Medical Evacuation) 훈련 그리고 지상탐색 훈련이 어떠한 장애도 되지 않음을 증명하였고 추위를 헤치며 최선을 다했다.

그들은 35파운드가 넘는 완전군장과 장비를 착용하고 이전에 익혔던 병기본지식을 되새기며 경쟁에 임했다.

어린 사병들은 호기심 가득한 눈으로 진지하게 훈련에 임하는 지휘관들을 지

켜보았고 이에 보답하듯 지휘관들은 추위 속 거친 숨을 몰아쉬며 뜨거운 가슴으로 훈련장을 누볐고 각 훈련을 성공리에 마쳤다.

지휘관들은 짙은 지어 각 훈련장으로 이동할 때에도 서로를 응원하고 훈련을 마무리 지었다.

지휘관들은 단순히 훈련에 임했을 뿐만 아니라 이번을 기회로 그들 사이에 끈끈한 유대감을 형성하고 할 수 있다는 자신감을 보였다. 가장 높은 점수를 기록한 사람 중에 한명인 시드너 주임원사는 인디언헤드 명판을 수여받으며 “나의 동료들과 유대감을 형성하고 모범이 되어 지휘할 수 있는 역량을 기를 수 있는 기회를 가져 굉장히 자부심을 느낀다”라고 말했다.

미 2사단 사단장 토마스 밴달(Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal) 소장과 사단주임원사 앤드류 스페노(Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew J. Spano) 주임원사는 우수한 제 2-2 전투항공대 지휘관들에게 미 2사단을 상징하는 토마호크(Tomahawk) 도끼를 수여하였다. 그리고 밴달 소장은 “모든 지휘관들이 훈련에 참가하여 기술과 체력을 연마하는 좋은 기회로 가졌고 사병들의 훈련을 직접 해보이며 그들이 지휘관의 역할을 충분히 지냈음을 보였다”라고 말했다.

사단 전반에 있는 지휘관들이 이번 훈련에 참가하였으며, 출고 번덕스러운 날씨 속에서도 사단의 신념인 ‘오늘밤 싸울 준비를 하자’와 ‘모범으로 이끈다’를 직접 보였다.

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