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UNDER THE OAK TREE:

Warriors, as the weather has improved here on the Korean Peninsula, Soldiers and their Families have started to get out and enjoy the local community. We have had several great events recently to include the Best Warrior Competition, where the 210th Field Artillery Brigade made a clean sweep of the Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, Soldier and KATUSA categories. These "Best of the Best" Warriors will go on to compete at the Eighth Army Best Warrior Competition, where I am sure they will show everyone on the peninsula that 2ID Soldiers truly are "Second to None."

We are scheduled to host the annual Warrior Friendship Week which focuses on the special relationship between 2ID Soldiers, our KATUSA counterparts, and our friends at the ROK army. This event will showcase the strongest Alliance in the world. I'm proud to be a part of the friendship and camaraderie with the ROK army, the KATUSAs and the local community that continues to grow more and more each year.

While events like these strengthen the division, there is another unfortunate part of the warm weather that seems to happen each year. As Soldiers venture out of the barracks and from their homes into the community, careless misbehavior sneaks into our formations and impedes all of our positive activities and actions.

Issues with misconduct are not limited to the different military installations where 2ID Soldiers live and work, it is also happening out in the community where the Korean people look at each and every one of us as a representative of the United States, the United States Army and the 2nd Infantry Division. If we are not mindful about our behavior and the importance of the Alliance, we could be our own misdoing.

As 2ID Soldiers and guests in Korea, please remember that your actions as an individual affects us all as a whole. Having enjoyed more than 60 years with our host nation partners, the division's ability to "Fight Tonight" is greatly impacted by our actions each and every day as members of the ROK-U.S. Alliance. Misconduct negatively impacts our mission requirements, does not reflect our Army Values or the Warrior Ethos, and it erodes our capabilities as a force. Whether you realize it or not, Soldiers who misbehave out in the community erode what so many before us have built in the division.

When out and about in the community, remember to not lose focus. We are here in Korea for a reason. Remember our Army Values. Keep close to your heart the NCO Creed, which states "My two basic responsibilities will always be uppermost in my mind-accomplishment of my mission and the welfare of my Soldiers." If you see something that doesn't look right, then it is YOUR



Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew J. Spano
2nd Inf. Div. Command Sergeant Major

responsibility to make the correction. Yes, competence is my watchword, but we need leaders and Soldiers of high character to represent this division. The Korean people not only expect nothing but the best from us, they deserve it.

I urge everyone (Officers, NCOs, Soldiers, civilians and Family members alike) to take care of each other and don't forget who you are, where you are, and why you are here. Misbehavior erodes the great history that so many 2ID Soldiers have built throughout our history here in Korea and throughout the world. Second Infantry Division Soldiers represent only the best.

Second to None!

Groundbreaking; The Start to 2ID's New Home



The 2nd Infantry Division Command Team, Maj. Gen. Thomas Vandal and Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Spano break ground for the new 2nd Inf. Div. Headquarters Building during ceremony held at United States Army Garrison Humphreys in Pyeongtaek, South Korea, April 7, 2014.

STORY BY CPL LEE DONG-HYUN 2ID PUBLIC AFFAIRS

At last, the construction of Freeman Hall in Pyongtaek, South Korea, has started. A ground breaking ceremony for the new 2nd Infantry Division Headquarters was held April 7 at Camp Humphreys.

"It officially recognizes the beginning of the 2nd Inf. Div. repositioning, which is part of the United States Forces Korea re-stationing and transition plan through-

out South Korea," said Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal, 2nd Inf. Div. commander.

The repositioning of 2nd Inf. Div. to Area III is one of the biggest projects throughout the USFK re-stationing and transition plan. It includes moving thousands of forward-stationed Soldiers and equipment from Area I.

The new headquarters is scheduled to provide a three-story climate controlled complex that will house the 2nd Inf. Div. command team staff with public service functions, related units, joint use confer-

ence, and support facilities. The project also includes a operations and network center, and the division's parade field.

The 2nd Inf. Div. Headquarters has been located in several areas to include France, the U.S., Ireland, England, Belgium, Germany, and the former Republic of Czechoslovakia before finally settling down in the Uijeongbu city, Republic of Korea.

"As our Soldiers and Families move to Camp Humphreys, 2ID will continue to engage and build an even closer relation-

ship with the surrounding government officials and communities in the southern Gyeonggi province and northern Chungcheongnam province. Much like the relationships that we have developed in the northern part of Gyeonggi province," Vandal said.

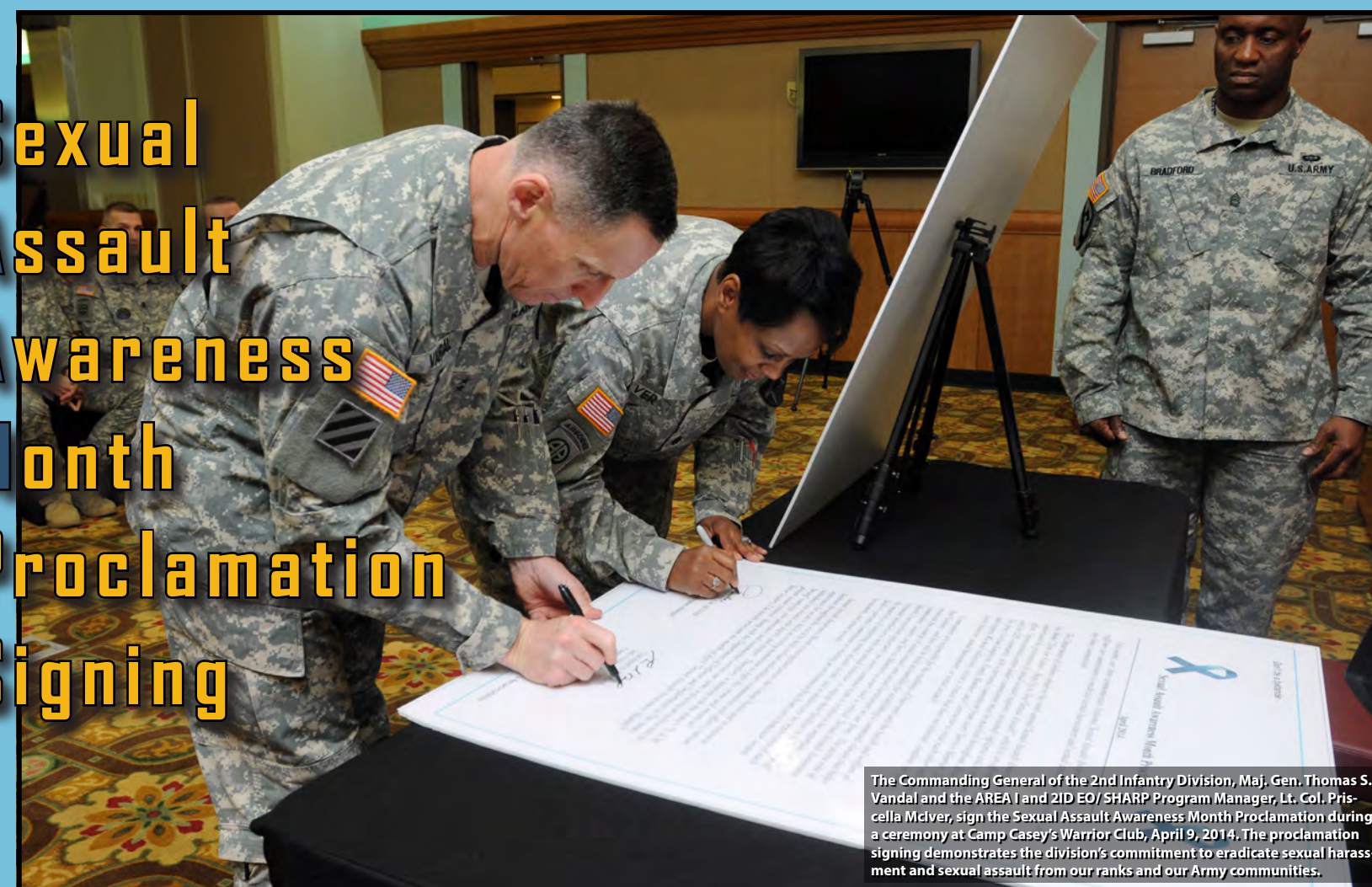
"We are sorry to say goodbye," said Ahn, Byung-yong, mayor of Uijeongbu city.

"The 2ID has been stationed in the northern part of Korea for about 60 years. They are still contributing to not only the safeness of South Korea, but also world peace," Ahn said.

The budget for the construction of the new Freeman Hall is about \$39.8 million which is being funded by the Korean government. Pohang Iron and Steel Company Engineering & Construction (POSCO E&C) serves as the contractor. The expected date of completion is February 2016.

"We are going to do our best," said Kim, Hyung-pil, vice president of POSCO E&C. "POSCO E&C is proud to contribute to the ROK-U.S. Alliance. We will fully engage ourselves in the construction as we think of ourselves as part of the Alliance."

Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation Signing



The Commanding General of the 2nd Infantry Division, Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal and the AREA I and 2ID EO/SHARP Program Manager, Lt. Col. Priscella Mdiver, sign the Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation during a ceremony at Camp Casey's Warrior Club, April 9, 2014. The proclamation signing demonstrates the division's commitment to eradicate sexual harassment and sexual assault from our ranks and our Army communities.



PHOTO OF THE MONTH

SPIRIT OF MANCHU MILE INSPIRES NEXT GENERATION

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Division joined Republic of Korea army Soldiers to participate in the 25-mile Manchu Mile at Camp Casey/Hovey, South Korea, on April 3, 2014.

The Manchu Mile March honors the 85-mile march of the 9th Inf. Regiment during the 1900 Boxer Rebellion in China. The history of this march is revered and passed down through the generations of Soldiers, inspiring them to participate.

"My grandfather is a retired sergeant in the United States Army, and I grew up listening to him talking about the Manchu Mile, so I wanted to honor that tradition," said Pfc. Thomas Michael Bostick, a Bradley driver with 2nd Battalion, 9th Inf. Regt. Div., 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Inf. Div., and a native of Dallas.

The semi-annual Manchu Mile March incorporates teamwork and camaraderie to drive and motivate participants to push through pain and fatigue, allowing them to finish the march.

This sense of teamwork is a characteristic of the march that Sgt. 1st Class Carlos Hernandez, an M1 Armor crewman with Company C, 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt., 1st ABCT, and a native of Clint, Texas,

appreciates and knows well as he's had to lean on the help and encouragement of others to finish the seven Manchu Mile marches that he's participated in since 1999.

"Talking to battle buddies helps me to pull through when I'm tired," said Hernandez. "We start making jokes and talking about fun stuff, and time just flies."

Each Soldier had their own personal motivation for wanting to finish the march, from not wanting to be a burden on their battle buddies to honoring the tradition of the march and proving to themselves that they could tackle and finish the challenge. Yet others did it for loved ones back home.

"I wanted to do the march to prove to myself that I could complete it," said Pvt. Jesse Lopez-Thompson, an infantryman with 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Regt., and a native of Erie, Penn. "I also was driven by my unborn child. Thinking of him pushed me on every time I wanted to quit."

Soldiers continue to push themselves so that they wouldn't let their fellow Soldiers carry their weight if they couldn't keep up or fell out of the march.

"What motivated me not to quit was when we were told that if anyone fell out, then the other marchers would have to carry our ruck sack," said Bostick. "I wasn't going to be the Soldier who did that to their battle buddies."

As fatigue set in, Soldiers pushed through the discomfort as they took solace in thinking of the things that many people take for granted when not faced with such an arduous task.

"All I thought of was a hot shower, a massage and sleeping until about 1800 the following afternoon," said Lopez-Thompson.

Many participants found challenges in unexpected areas, aspects that they originally thought would be minor setbacks or even welcome breaks, causing them to have to dig down and find the will to drive on.

"The hills were what really got me, because if there had been no hills, I'd do the march again right now," said Lopez-Thompson. "But the breaks were the hardest part of the march because after each break I didn't want to get up and do it anymore."

Despite the pain and exhaustion, the Soldiers who were able to complete the march earned a belt buckle with the motto, "Keep Up the Fire" printed on it, demonstrating their ability to fight tonight if need arises.

"This march prepares us to fight tonight if we need to since North Korea is closer than 25 miles away," said Lopez-Thompson. "If a vehicle breaks down and we need to get supplies, we've got our feet and manpower to get us there so we can keep up the fire."



Soldiers with 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, prepare to do the Manchu Mile March at Camp Casey, South Korea, on April 3, 2014. (photo by Spc. Jacqueline Dowland, 1st ABCT, PAO)



Soldiers from 70th Brigade Support Battalion, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division conduct a field training exercise March 10, near Yeoncheon, South Korea. The battalion-level exercise took place from March 3 to March 12, 2014. This training was set up to help Soldiers practice their field craft skills. The 210th FA Bde. is ready to "Fight Tonight" with continuing efforts on training and developing its Soldiers. (photos by Pfc. Song Gun-woo, 210th FAB PAO)

BLACKSMITH EXERCISE RENEWS ALERTNESS

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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210TH FAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Soldiers from 210th Field Artillery Brigade participated in a field training exercise March 3-12 near Yeoncheon, South Korea, to hone their skills in a field environment.

It is the first time that the Soldiers of 70th Brigade Support Battalion have practiced field operations as a whole battalion.

Lt. Col. Shane Barna, battalion commander of the 70th BSB, explained how his Soldiers learned to properly use cover and concealment, set up equipment, and conduct convoy missions.

The realistic training helped the Soldiers refresh on their tactical skills, said Barna, an Omaha, Neb., native.

The goal is that by the end of the exercise, the Soldiers can walk away confident that they know what to do if they were called to "fight tonight," said 1st Sgt. Susan Floyd, from Brentwood, Md., the senior enlisted adviser for Company B.

During the training, Soldiers not only improved in their specific duty positions, but also familiarized themselves in other career fields.

"I was able to learn about what the signal company does and how their equipment works," said Spc. Won Jun, a wheeled vehicle mechanic assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company. "It helped me integrate with the other companies within the battalion and learn their roles as we worked together."

Jun, from Riverside, Calif., also added the training taught him to have situational awareness.

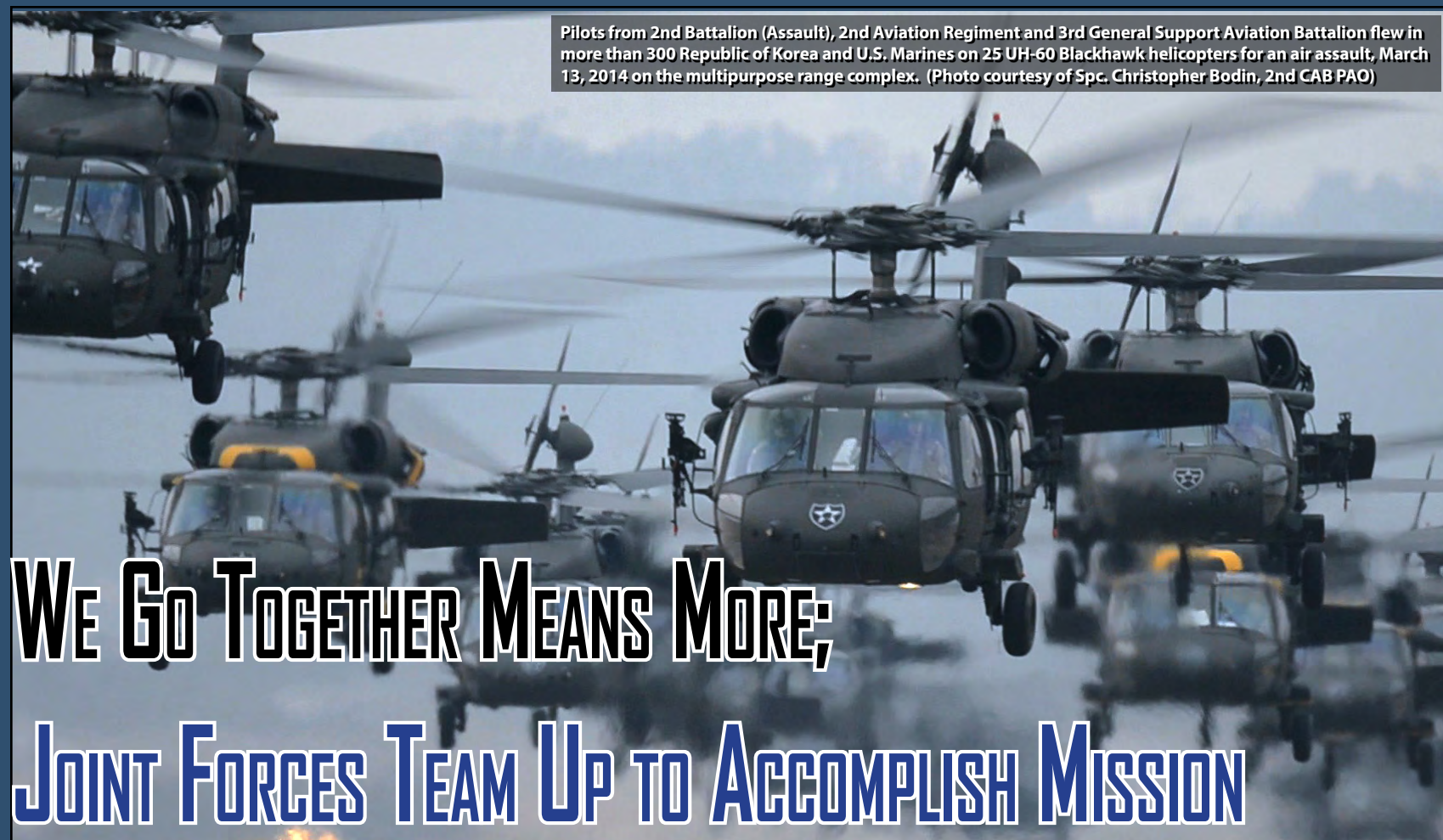
According to Capt. Jeffrey Teplis, from Marietta, Ga., the training was broken down to the squad and platoon level.

"I think this exercise will open their eyes to field craft: the complexities of moving a unit to the field, basic reactions to contact drills, Nuclear, Biological and Chemical drills, and defensive drills," said Teplis, the battalion operations officer. "They will experience a lot and learn a lot from this."

The 10-day exercise provided Soldiers a chance to get hands-on experience and renew their sense of alertness.



Soldiers from Company B, 70th Brigade Support Battalion, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division take cover during a simulated combat situation March 10 near Yeoncheon, South Korea. (photo by Pfc. Song Gun-woo, 210th Field Artillery Brigade Public Affairs)



Pilots from 2nd Battalion (Assault), 2nd Aviation Regiment and 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion flew in more than 300 Republic of Korea and U.S. Marines on 25 UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters for an air assault, March 13, 2014 on the multipurpose range complex. (Photo courtesy of Spc. Christopher Bodin, 2nd CAB PAO)

WE GO TOGETHER MEANS MORE; JOINT FORCES TEAM UP TO ACCOMPLISH MISSION

STORY BY
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'Katchi Kapshida' or 'We go together,' doesn't only apply to the friendship between the Republic of Korea and United States Army. It also describes the relationship between all U.S. military branches stationed in Korea.

Soldiers from 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade assisted the ROK and United States Marines in completing an air assault mission, March 13, 2014, at a multi-purpose range complex in Northern South Korean.

Aviation Soldiers from 2nd Battalion (Assault), 2nd Aviation Regiment and 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion provided air support to more than 300 ROK and U.S. Marines on 25 UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters for the air assault.

"In my three years with this unit, I have never been a part of such a large operation," said Richmond,

Va. native Spc. Christopher E. Bodin, a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter repairer, assigned to Company B, 2-2nd Avn. Regt. "Seeing 25 helicopters take off at one time was simply amazing as well as a good show of force."

All battalions in 2nd CAB had a part in making the mission a successful one. Even though 2-2nd Avn. Regt. had the lead, the brigade as a whole worked as a team to complete the mission.

"All Soldiers from the youngest private that is pumping fuel, gathering parts, or turning wrenches in support of the mission gets to see and understand what it takes to support the war time mission," said Florence, Mo. native, Command Sgt. Maj. James Johnson, 2-2 Avn. Regt. senior enlisted advisor.

Soldiers from Company E, 2-2 Avn. Regt., established a 10-point forward area refueling point on a runway for all helicopters involved in the assault. Pilots from 4th



Aerial Reconnaissance Battalion (Attack), 2nd Aviation Regiment flew AH-64 Apache helicopters, assisting Blackhawk pilots with overhead security and navigation to the landing zone.

"This type of training ensures that the ROK-U.S. Alliance has faith in one another's ability to support

and defend, should the armistice fail," said Johnson.

2-2 Avn. Regt. and other units in 2nd CAB conduct assault training various times throughout a year, and at least biannually there are chances to conduct air assaults with other branches of the U.S. and ROK military.



Soldiers from Company E, 2nd Battalion (Assault), 2nd Aviation Regiment, establish a 10-point forward area refueling point for all helicopters involved in the 2-2 Avn. Regt. Republic of Korea/ Marine air assault, March 13, 2014 in South Korea. (Photo courtesy of Spc. Christopher Bodin, 2nd CAB PAO)

AVIATORS COMPETE TO SURPASS THEIR PEERS



STORY BY
SGT NICOLE HALL
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Soldiers from 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, competed in the Best Warrior Competition March 24-27 on Camp Humphreys, South Korea.

The individual competition tested the Soldiers' ability to perform with their peers physically, mentally and tactically. There were four categories of competitors: commissioned officers, noncommissioned officers, Soldiers and Korean Augmentees to the U. S. Army.

The competition is a Department of the Army annual competition where Soldiers from 12 major commands across the Army compete in hopes of making it to Fort Lee, Va., where the final competition is held.

The competitors were tested on Army knowledge, warrior tasks and battle drills, rifle marksmanship, physical fitness and their appearance in front of a board.

On day one, the competition began with the Army Physical Fitness Test. Immediately following the APFT, Soldiers began a six-mile ruck march carrying an M-16 rifle and a ruck sack full of gear. As competitors finished ruck marching, they had to complete various exercises with their weapons until it was time to qualify at the range.

"It was pretty difficult to do a PT test and go straight into a ruck march," said Cpl. David Cotton, a Los Angeles native and a power generation equipment repairer, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd CAB. "At about the third mile into the ruck march, I started running out of gas and had to pace myself to make it through."

After a physically draining first day, the second day

proved to be just as, if not more, difficult.

On day two of the competition, Soldiers were evaluated on operating a single-channel radio, land navigation, operation of chemical masks, first aid and how to request a medical evacuation.

After two days of grueling physical tasks, the competitors were rewarded with a day of rest. Many used the time to study and continue preparing their Army Service Uniforms for the upcoming board. Soldiers went before a board of command sergeants major and a first sergeant from within the brigade, during the final portion of the competition.

"The most challenging part of the competition was appearing before the board," said Copperas Cove, Texas native Sgt. Marshall Duran, an aircraft power plant repairer assigned to Co. C, 602nd Avn. Support Battalion. "Being put on the spot and not messing up was on my mind throughout the board. I wanted to do my best and set a good example for my Soldiers."

Board members tallied results and announced the winners of the competition. Four Soldiers were presented coins for their success and will advance to the 2nd Inf. Div. Best Warrior Competition in April.

"It was a very challenging week for me," said Spc. Raul E. Garza, a flight medic assigned to Co. C, 3rd General Spt. Avn. Bn., from Spring, Texas. "I spent long days in the books trying to soak in as much as I could. Participating in this competition really increased my motivation to want to accomplish more in the division competition and in the Army. I gained more self-esteem competing."

TALON CAFÉ AIMS TO PLEASE SOLDIERS' PALETTES

STORY BY
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Once a month, junior Soldiers come together at the Talon Café dining facility on Camp Humphreys, South Korea, in between serving hours. Their notebooks are full of ideas and feedback from their peers and other Soldiers about their experiences while dining.

Leaders from the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade Talon Café hosted a council meeting at the DFAC March 21, in order to give 2nd CAB Soldiers a chance to have their feedback heard.

Soldiers appointed by their command as Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers representatives, an Army program of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, attend council meetings as advocates for single Soldiers and unaccompanied bachelors in their battalions.

"We get all the BOSS reps involved from each battalion that uses our DFAC," said Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Welker, food service manager assigned to Headquarters Support Company, 602nd Avn., Support Battalion, native of Wheeling, W.V. "The purpose of this meeting is to find out what the Soldiers are looking for in

their DFAC, how we can improve and make any necessary changes to be the best."

During the meeting, BOSS representatives read notes from Soldiers about possible improvements from adding cheese to eggs during breakfast to adding extra cashiers during busy times.

"Recommendations are heard from Soldiers and changes are made on a regular basis," said Welker. "Soldiers seem more enthusiastic since we began changing the menu. I see more smiling faces during breakfast and lunch times."

The Talon Café also uses feedback collected from comment cards, face-to-face conversations and interactive customer evaluation reports to improve service.

"We've already included an espresso machine from feedback previously received," said Welker. "Our goal is to make the Soldiers experience at the Talon Café what they want it to be. Before they would go purchase a \$5 coffee, now they come to the dining facility."

The group also discussed facility cleanliness, midnight hours, customer service and continuing to expand the menu to keep Soldiers running to the Talon Café.

"As a single Soldier myself, I have the opportunity to get first-hand honest feedback from Soldiers on what they think about the DFAC," said Pfc. Fernando Reyes-Flores, a quartermaster and chemical equipment repairer and battalion BOSS representative, assigned to Company E, 3rd General Support Avn. Bn., 2nd Avn. Regt., and native of Compton, Calif. "I come here every day too! I talk with single Soldiers prior to council meetings to get their opinion on their DFAC. So far, I've noticed the DFAC incorporate more serving lines, helping Soldiers spend less time waiting. I definitely feel that Talon Café is listening to the feedback from

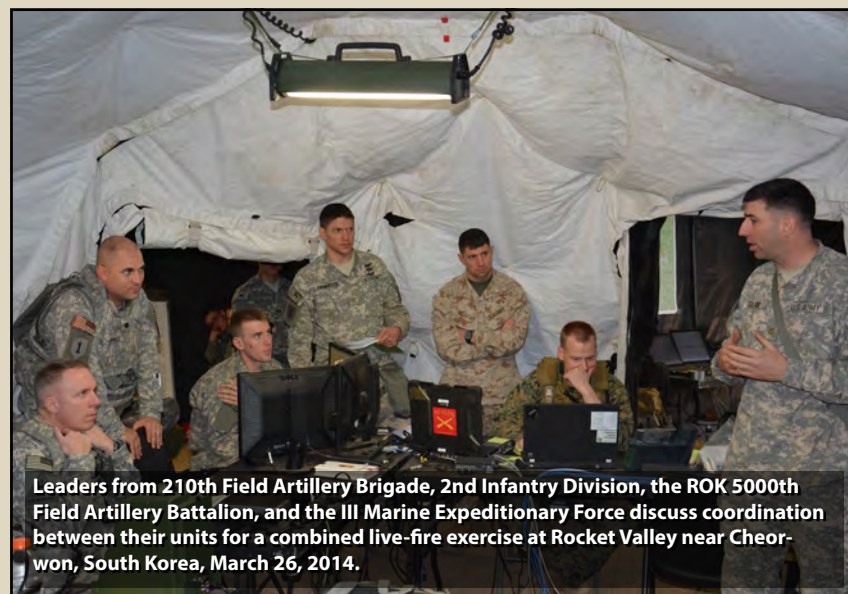
council meetings."

Units from different areas of Camp Humphreys are welcomed to dine at the Talon Café. Non-meal card holders and civilians can dine for a small fee and submit feedback as well.

Talon Café will continue to hold monthly council meetings to improve the quality of life of Soldiers. Anyone from Camp Humphreys is welcomed to attend and contribute feedback to improve services. For more information on the Talon Café and the next council meeting, contact the chief food operations manager Master Sgt. Walter Moore at DSN: (315) 753-8218.



INTEROPERABILITY IMPROVES UNITS' FIRE SUPPORT OPERATIONS



Leaders from 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, the ROK 5000th Field Artillery Battalion, and the III Marine Expeditionary Force discuss coordination between their units for a combined live-fire exercise at Rocket Valley near Cheorwon, South Korea, March 26, 2014.

**STORY AND PHOTOS BY
STAFF SGT CARLOS R. DAVIS
210TH FAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

The 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division joined U.S. Marines and Republic of Korea Army Soldiers for a combined joint live-fire exercise in Rocket Valley near Cheorwon, South Korea March 24-28.

The three services worked together to enhance the interoperability of the units to provide coordinated fire support.

"We are able to demonstrate our ability to use U.S. Army technology and integrate it with our Korean counterparts and show our joint capability by working with the U.S. Marine Corps to provide accurate, lethal

and timely artillery fires," said Lt. Col. Mark Brock, the commander of 6th Bn., 37th FA Regt., 210th FA Bde.

U.S. Marines from III Marine Expeditionary Forces traveled more than 6,700 miles from El Paso, Texas, fired rockets side by side with ROK 5000th Field Artillery Battalion and 6th Battalion, 37th FA Regt., in the Republic of Korea for the first time using the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System.

"This is something we typically do not have a chance to do often as reservists and something I never had a chance to do on active status," said Capt. John Hiett, from Albuquerque, N.M., the platoon commander for D Battery, 2nd Bn., 14th Marine Corps. "Normally our annual training is down in El Paso, Texas, so this is definitely a change of scenery, and it is

definitely a great place to train."

The units tested their equipment, developed cohesion between branches, and built confidence in their skills while firing live rockets at a target more than 10 kilometers away.

"This is a terrific opportunity for us to come out and train with our ROK partners as well as the U.S. Marines," said Brock, from Stillwater, Okla. "Combined joint live-fire exercises enhance 210th Field Artillery Brigade's readiness to deter aggression against South Korea."

Through integrating their command and control processes, the organizations gained a better understanding of how each of their systems operate when receiving, transmitting and processing fire missions.



LOCAL UNIVERSITY'S HEAD START PROGRAM BUILDS STRONGER RELATIONSHIP



Soldiers from 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division participate in the Head Start program March 19, at Shinhan University, Dongducheon, South Korea. The program is designed to help Soldiers understand Korean culture.

**STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division joined community members from Kyungmin University at the opening ceremony of the Head Start Program in Uijeongbu, South Korea, March 19, 2014. Shinhan University in Dongducheon also held its opening ceremony for the program March 11, welcoming new Soldiers to the program.

The Head Start Program is designed to help U.S. Soldiers understand and learn the Korean culture. The three-day course includes the history of the Republic of Korea and U.S. Alliance, basic Korean language and history, and cultural topics such as Taekwondo and calligraphy.

"It's a great introduction to Korea," said Maj. Grant Brayley, from Toronto, Ohio, information operations officer for 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Inf. Div. "It can help incoming Soldiers understand the Korean culture."

The ceremonies highlighted the enduring partnership between the division and its Korean allies.

"Shinhan University successfully performed the Head Start Program last year with more than 400 U.S. Soldiers in cooperation with Gyeonggi-do," said Dr. Kim Byung-ok, the president of Shinhan

University. "By the same token, the scale of the training is further expanded this year and participants have increased more than 1,700."

Yoon Chun-mo, Kyungmin University Dean of the Institute of International Education, highlighted the program's role in introducing the importance of the ROK-U.S. Alliance.

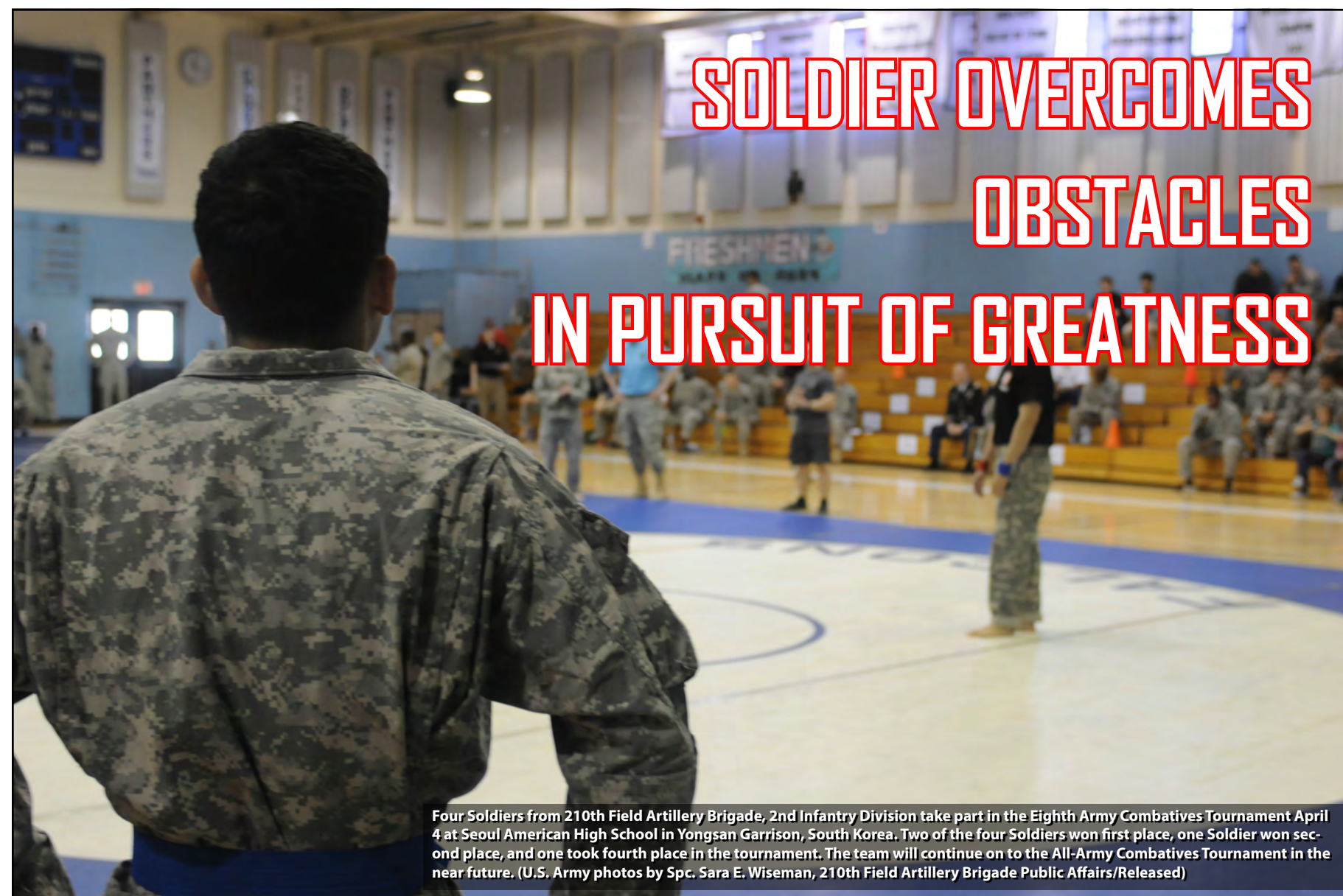
"Through this program, you will know the significance of the Alliance between the two countries and how important your service is in Korea," he said.

For Pvt. Xavier Jenkins, from Tampa Bay, Fla., the program helps him understand the culture of Korea.

"I'm learning how to conduct myself within the modern society of Korea and how to get along with the civilians," said Jenkins, a signal support system specialist assigned to 579th Forward Signal Company, 70th Brigade Support Battalion, 210th FA Bde. "I strongly believe if Soldiers continue to participate in this program it will continue to build a stronger relationship with the two countries."

The program is held weekly beginning in March and continues through December. Professors and faculty members from the universities, as well as instructors from the local community, teach the classes.

SOLDIER OVERCOMES OBSTACLES IN PURSUIT OF GREATNESS



Four Soldiers from 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division take part in the Eighth Army Combatives Tournament April 4 at Seoul American High School in Yongsan Garrison, South Korea. Two of the four Soldiers won first place, one Soldier won second place, and one took fourth place in the tournament. The team will continue on to the All-Army Combatives Tournament in the near future. (U.S. Army photos by Spc. Sara E. Wiseman, 210th Field Artillery Brigade Public Affairs/Released)



**STORY BY
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As the 2nd Infantry Division Combatives Tournament at Camp Casey, South Korea, came to a close in March, Pfc. Michael Gales, from Atlanta, Ga., was presented with a bronze medal for his efforts.

His hopes and dreams of making it to the Eighth Army competition were just that, hopes and dreams.

Gales, a motor transport operator assigned to 579th Forward Support Company, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Battalion, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, didn't let his dismay stop him from helping his teammates prepare for the upcoming competition.

"Every member on the team has one goal and that goal is to finish the fight and dominate every tournament they compete in," said Sgt. 1st Class Justin Prince, from Clifton, Texas, the 210th FA

Bde., senior intelligence noncommissioned officer and coach of the 2nd Inf. Div., team.

After demonstrating his determination to help others improve in their craft, Gales was awarded a slot on the division's team to replace a fellow teammate in the Eighth Army tournament.

"The harder I work, the luckier I get," Gales said. "This opportunity allows me to focus on my techniques a little more. I must remember to slow down and not be so anxious when it's time to fight."

With his wrestling and mixed martial arts background, Gales hopes to redeem himself after the last tournament showing.

"I have wrestled since I was nine years old," he said. "I was state champion as a kid. I was a three-time high school state placer and four-time county champion, so I expect to win at the Eighth Army tournament."

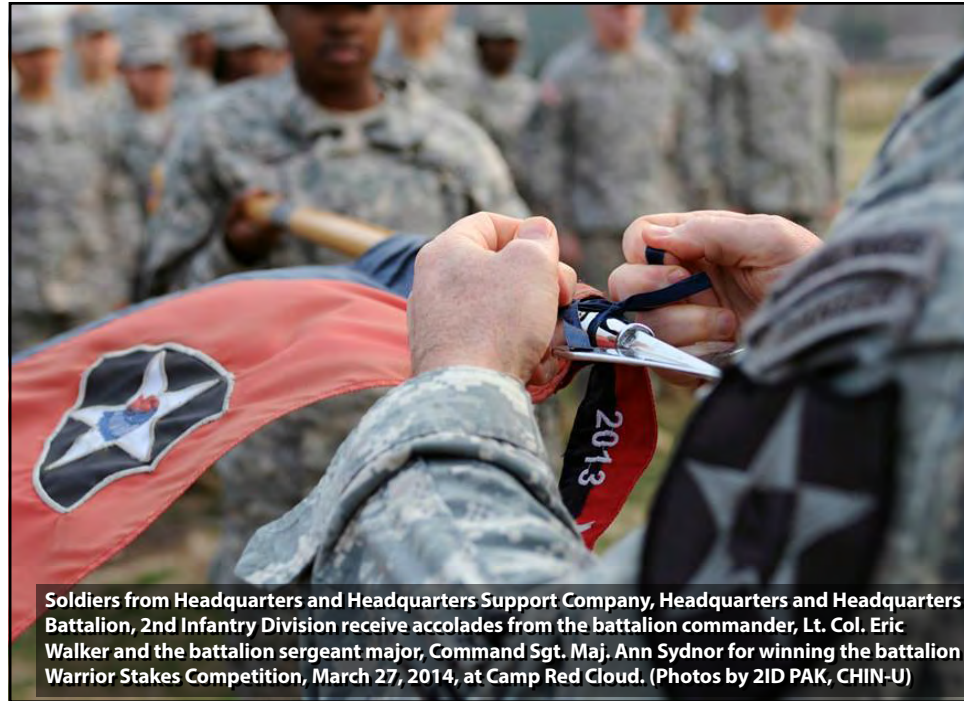
The upcoming Eighth Army Combatives tournament will take place April 4 at Seoul

American High School at Yongsan Garrison in Seoul, South Korea.

The U.S. Army first established combatives as a tool in 1995 to teach Soldiers how to protect themselves in a close-quarters fight.



2ID SOLDIERS TRAIN, COMPETE IN WARRIOR STAKES



Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division receive accolades from the battalion commander, Lt. Col. Eric Walker and the battalion sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Ann Sydnor for winning the battalion Warrior Stakes Competition, March 27, 2014, at Camp Red Cloud. (Photos by 2ID PAK, CHIN-U)



**STORY BY
SGT ANGE DESINOR
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Soldiers from 2nd Infantry Division honed their basic Soldier skills during the unit's Warrior Stakes training and competition March 20-21 and 25, at Camp Red Cloud, South Korea.

The first two days of training consisted of Soldiers rotating through various stations, which included execute a mounted patrol, react to contact, radio operation, conduct weapons marksmanship, establish security and evacuate a casualty.

"The tasks that the Soldiers executed were tasks learned in basic training," said 1st Sgt. Curt Reid, from Fitzgerald, Ga., Co. B, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion. "This is really a great training skill level task and it's important for Soldiers to continue to maintain their readiness while competing."

Soldiers in every company throughout the battalion went through Warrior Stakes. The Soldiers had to get a "go" on each station for the first two days before some were selected to compete on the third day.

Soldiers, regardless of rank, trained side by side with each other. Some were straight out of basic training and some were 'seasoned' leaders.

"This training also led Soldiers to train and compete with people of all ranks or military occupation," said Reid.

Although the training was a refresher, one Soldier felt that that the competition was challenging.

"I really think that this competition was very challenging," said Pvt. 1st Class Ekoue Ayivi, from Headquarters Support Company. "The training felt very realistic and I learned a lot from the group I trained with. The leaders in the group mentored me and that mentorship and guidance helped me pull my weight during the competition."

Ayivi said that honing his skills has really helped him a lot. He enjoyed the adrenalin rush when he trained on reacting to live fire, returning fire and looking making sure he does every movement right to avoid friendly fire.

"I hope we have more training like this in the near future," said Ayivi. "Competing made the training more intense and fun."

On March 28, Ayivi and his group represented HSC by winning the Warrior Stakes Competition for the whole battalion. This is HSC's second time winning the Warrior Stakes Streamer in a row.

"Overall this training was a great opportunity for Soldiers to polish up on their training while competing and representing HSC," said Cpt. David Nelson, HSC company commander.



2ID LEADERS PARTICIPATE IN STAFF RIDE



Second Infantry Division leaders participate in a staff ride March 28, 2014 at Chipyeong-ni to commemorate a decisive Korean War battle that took place there Feb. 13-15, 1951 between the U.S. 23rd Infantry Regiment and various Chinese People's Volunteer Army units. Noted as "one of the greatest regimental defense actions in military history," the famed Battle of Chipyeong-ni was the first major defeat for the Chinese army and proved to be the turning point of the Korean War. (Photos by PAK, CHIN-U, 2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs Office.)



**STORY BY
PFC SEONG HYEON BAEK
2ID PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Education does not end at school. People continue learning throughout their life, whether from work, from society or from their friends or families. Leaders from the 2nd Infantry Division participated in a staff ride, March 28, at Chipyeong-ni, South Korea and learned about the Battle of Chipyeong-ni.

"The leaders had an opportunity to visit historical sites and study the battle of Chipyeong-ni," said William Alexander, the division's museum director. "After the leaders gain knowledge of their roles,

they apply those tasks."

Alexander also talked about the history of the battle and the importance of it.

"We take leaders out to the battlefield of a historical fight and study the battle. Then we will apply the lessons we learned to the case today," said Alexander, 2nd Inf. Div., "Battle of Chipyeong-Ni is important because it was the first major defeat of the Chinese Forces and the 2nd Infantry Division played a major role. Our Soldiers were outnumbered and surrounded by the Chinese force but we came out with a victory, so the battle was a turning point in the Korean War."

After Alexander presented the information on the battle to the division leaders, they picked out

key leaders to role-play. Some of the things that the leaders did were: conduct research on the persons they were assigned and briefed each other on what they were going to do.

The event took place near the Jipyeong Station, which is near the site of the battle.

Later that afternoon, the leaders moved on to the buses to visit the Chipyeong-ni Memorial Monument. It was not only infantry that fought in the battle, but with the assistance of artillery, cavalry and air forces, the 2nd Inf. Div., could achieve the victory. Afternoon briefs focused more on those members of combined arms and reviewed the battle in their perspectives.

The staff ride was a valuable experience for all those who participated and it provided lessons both on the decision making in the battlefield and history of the division.

"Today's staff ride was very educational and it is important to remember those who served before us," said Lt. Col. Michael Reyburn, native of DeWitt, Mich., the commander of 602nd Aviation Support Battalion.

Rayburn also briefed about Gen. Matthew Ridgeway during the battlefield circulation.

"I knew a lot about General Ridgeway's history in World War II but I didn't know what he did with the Eighth Army in Korea," said Reyburn. "So my research enlightened me on the later part of his career. I think he definitely came in and it was key point in turning the tide of the war in Korea with his philosophy and approach to the war."

The staff ride closed with some remarks from the instructor and the commanding general. Then the division leaders had time to meet the Korean War veterans who fought in the battle of Chipyeong-ni. Veterans gave a warm welcome to the 2nd Inf. Div., leaders with rice cakes and Korean beverages.

"Their warm welcome shows how strong the Alliance is," said Alexander. "The 61 years Alliance is the strongest in the world."

2ID OBSERVES WOMEN'S HISTORY



**STORY AND PHOTOS BY
SGT ANGE DESINOR
2ID PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Equal opportunity leaders of Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division hosted a National Women's History Month event featuring a guest speaker within the division March 21 at Camp Red Cloud, South Korea.

March is Women's History Month. It is a time to celebrate their contributions and honor the sacrifices and accomplishments of women who not only shaped the service, but the country as well. The theme for

the observance is "Celebrating Women of Character, Courage, and Commitment."

The observance kicked off with the 2nd Inf. Div., Band singing the Korean and U.S. national anthem. After the anthems, Monica K. Guthrie, a native of Fort Worth, Texas, took the lead of the song "Fly me to the moon" while the band supported her vocals.

Master Sgt. LaShanda A. Brewer, an Enid, Okla., native and the noncommissioned in charge of the equal opportunity office, Sgt. 1st Class Karen Lassiter, Selma, N.C., native and an NCO at the EO office, and Sgt. 1st Class Vernice Green, the divisions commanding general's administrative assistant all sang "How excellent is your name."

Following the vocals, the masters of ceremonies announced the guest speaker, Command Sgt. Maj. Petra M. Casarez, a logistic maintenance sergeant major and a native of Finland.

Casarez started off reciting the Soldiers Creed displaying passion in her voice and explaining what it means to her.

"The creed is not about race, color, religion or sexual preference," said Casarez. "It's about serving together as one, living the Army values and warrior

ethos."

Casarez held up a coin that she had when she was in college in Finland.

"My mother said that I can be anything that I want to be," said Casarez.

Casarez said she wanted to be a Soldier and she came to the U.S. fulfilling her dreams in serving her country. Her persistence and passion led her to be where she is at today.

"I will persist until I succeed," she said as she recited Og Mandino's poem.

Adding to women's history and paving the way for young women to succeed in the Army, her words of encouragement and enthusiasm to succeed influenced a young Soldier during the ceremony.

"I can definitely understand the hardships the command sergeant major had to overcome and her will to push on," said Pvt. 1st Class Nini Puella, a native of New York, N.Y., with 618th Dental Company. "As a woman, it's a challenge being in the military. The fact that she is a woman from a different country and is able to succeed in the Army is inspiring. I'm originally from another country as well so I can relate on her drive and her struggles."

At the end of the ceremony, participants and volunteers received accolades from Maj. Gen. Thomas Vandal, 2nd Inf. Div., commanding general and the EO team for their contributions to the ceremony.

210TH SOLDIERS WIN COMPETITION



STORY BY
SGT **ANGE DESINOR**
21D PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Four Soldiers from 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, received accolades from the division command sergeant major, Sgt. Maj. Andrew Spano and command sergeant major of the Republic of Korea army, Sgt. Maj. Jeong, Woo-jin, for winning the Best Warrior Competition at Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, April 11.

The BWC is a five-day Department of the Army, yearly competition event that measures Soldiers' mentality and physical capabilities.

Sixteen Soldiers from four different units in the division competed in the competition. Each unit consisted of one commissioned officer, one non-commissioned officer, one junior enlisted and one Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army soldier.

"This competition has been very competitive," said Sgt. Alex Garcia, from Weslaco, Texas, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment 210th FA Bde., and a multiple launch rocket system operator. "The purpose behind this competition is honing our fundamental skills each and every Soldier is required to do. So it really tests your physical endurance, your mental strength and overall stamina."

Each Soldier was required to get a high score in water survival, write an essay, conduct a combat Fitness Evaluation Army Physical Fitness Test, day and night land navigation and complete a series of Soldier common tasks; marching with more than 20 kilometers with a full ruck sack, stopping only to assemble and fire a variety of weapons, render first aid, call in medical evacuation and conduct a M4/M16 stress shoot.

Spano said that the Soldiers told him this was the hardest and most challenging part of their military career.

He encouraged them during the competition, telling the Soldiers to never quit and never accept defeat.

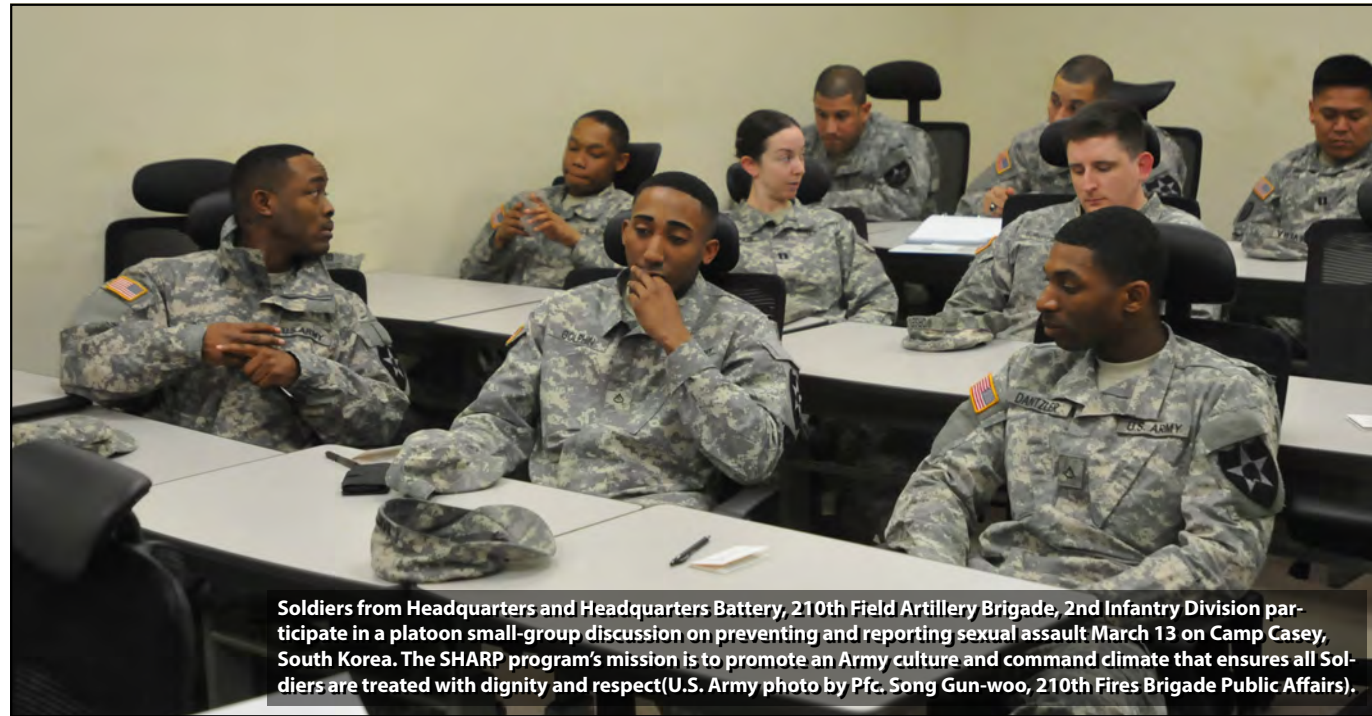
After the competition was over, the winners of the 2014 BWC were announced at the Commanding General's Mess on the fifth day. First Lt. Stephen Hill, Sgt. Alexis Garcia, Spc. Nickolaus King and Cpl. Cho, Jung-hee hailed as the division's best warriors.

The 210th FA Bd. Soldiers will move on to compete in Eighth Army BWC as 2nd Inf. Div. representatives.



Soldiers from 2nd Infantry Division participate in 2nd Infantry Division Best Warrior Competition at Camp Casey, South Korea, April 7-11, 2014. The competition included a written exam, water survival test, combat focused fitness test, land navigation, foot march, live fire, and day stakes course. (Photos by Sgt. Kwon Yong-joon & Spc. Jacqueline Dowland, 1ABCT PAO)

SHARP from the Soldier Perspective



Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division participate in a platoon small-group discussion on preventing and reporting sexual assault March 13 on Camp Casey, South Korea. The SHARP program's mission is to promote an Army culture and command climate that ensures all Soldiers are treated with dignity and respect (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Song Gun-woo, 210th Fires Brigade Public Affairs).

**STORY BY
CAPT KELLY MCKENZIE
210TH FAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Sexual harassment and sexual assault in the military receive frequent media attention. Leaders at the most senior levels have taken steps to improve the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program. The question at the most junior Soldier level is: Is the SHARP program effective?

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel recently announced initiatives to improve efforts to prevent and respond to sexual assault, to enhance the quality of the military investigative and legal processes, and to improve victim support.

"My overriding objective as the commander is to ensure all Soldiers within the brigade are treated with dignity and respect, regardless of their gender, duties, or rank," said Col. Michael J. Lawson, the commander of 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division.

Leaders across the 210th FA Bde. are actively involved in the SHARP program, and their Soldiers are taking notice. Prior to the announcement of the 2014 program changes, 26 Soldiers from the Thunder Brigade answered a series of questions about the SHARP program. The Soldiers included males and females ranking from private to captain and ranging in age from 19 to 54 years old.

The majority of these Soldiers agreed that the training they receive has an impact on them. Several Soldiers credited SHARP training with helping new Soldiers understand that sexual harassment and sexual assault are real issues that affect the military.

"I never thought stuff like this happens before I joined the military. The more people talk about it and the more open it is -- helps," Rigaud, a native of Waianae, Hawaii, added.

Throughout the brigade, Soldiers

are getting the SHARP message and what the program is all about.

According to Spc. David Rigaud, an armorer and supply clerk with 580th Forward Support Company, 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, the unit takes sexual harassment and sexual assault very seriously.

"It's not just degrading to a person, it's degrading to a mission," he said.

Not only is the content useful, but the classes are frequent enough to keep it fresh in Soldiers' minds.

"We make sure that everyone gets the training on it. No one really gets left behind or slips through the cracks," said Sgt. Jacob Porter, the operations noncommissioned officer for 579th Forward Support Company, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment and a native of Marietta, Ohio.

"We talk about it in formations pretty regularly, so everybody knows, if they do need help, who they can come and see."

Not all Soldiers have full confidence in the system, though. Some Soldiers were not comfortable taking an issue to the Unit Victim Advocate within their company, but nearly all trusted their chain of command to do something about a SHARP complaint.

"Absolutely, without a doubt. We saw someone go through the process because it was unrestricted," said Pvt. Michael Nolan, a medic from Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 210th FA Bde. and a native of Corvallis, Ore.

Assessing the program as a hypothetical victim, most Soldiers said they think they would get the help they need as a victim.

"From what I've gathered from all the classes, the victim is pretty well taken care of," said Staff Sgt. Michael Adams, a native of Mobile, Ala. and squad leader with 579th FSC, 6th Bn., 37th FA Regt.

However, some Soldiers also see very real reasons why a person would choose not to report an incident using

the SHARP reporting options.

"You automatically think everybody's going to find out about it, or what if they don't believe you," said Pfc. Stephanie Villalvazo, an orderly room clerk with 579th FSC and native of Denver, Colo.

Other concerns included fear that they may face negative consequences for making a report, embarrassment, and worries about privacy. The majority of these concerns can be attributed to stigmas and old ways of thinking, according to Porter.

"The Army has to change as an entire culture in the military," he said. "People say 'Don't bring your problems to work,' but if work is your problem, who are you going to take it to?"

Nearly every Soldier had a suggestion for making the program better. Many of them had the same ideas, particularly to improve the training sessions as the Chief of Staff of the Army directed in Feb. 2014.

As part of the new directive, the brigade has begun changing how it trains its Soldiers on SHARP. Soldiers now have monthly classes in platoon-sized and smaller groups that include local real-world scenarios, vignettes

of recent cases, role-playing skits, and interactive, small group discussion, according to Sgt. 1st Class Dean Crist, the brigade sexual assault response coordinator and a native of Canton, Ohio.

In addition, conversations with several Soldiers indicated they do not fully understand the reporting options or the process that each follows. Many of the most junior Soldiers expressed that the primary deterrent from reporting an incident is the fear the whole company or battery would know about it. Whether restricted or unrestricted, they did not trust their report wouldn't become public business.

Villalvazo's suggestion to make the program more accessible is "reassuring more that it's okay, there are different options and not all options make it public."

Several female Soldiers also commented on the small number or complete lack of female Unit Victim Advocates in their units. Female Soldiers who do not feel comfortable talking to a male Victim Advocate has the option to speak with a female advocate from their unit, or if one isn't available at their unit, they have the option to speak with one from an outside unit. The brigade also hired a full-time, civilian, female Victim Advocate to provide assistance to Soldiers.

"My message as a commander to all the Soldiers in the brigade is, whether it's a restricted report or an unrestricted report, victim advocacy is available to Soldiers," said Lawson.

While there is no magic bullet to "fix" sexual harassment and sexual assault in the Army, deliberate steps and engaged leaders are making progress to build trust in their units, educating their Soldiers, and creating a climate of teamwork and respect.

The goal of the new training style is to help Soldiers develop a clear understanding of how prevention, reporting, response and accountability in the SHARP program really work, Crist added.



Steel team runs Seoul International Marathon

**STORY AND PHOTO BY
CAPT KELLY MCKENZIE
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A team of 54 Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment ran the Seoul International Marathon March 16.

The 26.2-mile course started in Gwanghwamun Square, continued through downtown, and ended at the Jamsil Olympic Stadium in Seoul, South Korea.

The idea to run the marathon came after a team from Battery A, 1st Bn., 38th FA Regt., 210th FA Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division ran the Joonggang Seoul Marathon in November 2013.

"The inspiration came from watching one of our batteries do that marathon," said Maj. Gregory Stopyra, the battalion operations officer and native of Schenectady, N.Y. "Our battalion commander, Lt. Col. Potoczny, realized that was a great way to build upon resiliency. By doing that, it allowed all our Soldiers to experience personal courage, one of the Army Values, because we had to face and overcome adversity."

Richmond, Va. native 1st Lt. Armand Serry was one of several first-time marathoners to attempt the race.

"I was a little nervous because the most I ever ran was the Army 10-miler, and that was a challenge," said Serry, the maintenance control officer for 580th Forward Support Company. "I really knew that was going to be a commitment until the end, until I crossed the finish line."

The Soldiers from the "Steel" battalion trained together, and on the day of the race, the preparation and team cohesion paid off.

"Everybody I knew was really motivated and ready to get it," said Pvt. Orlando Rodriguez, a native of Riverton, Wyo. "There were a lot of nerves going into it, but knowing that you had everybody to your left and your right ready to run it with you and go through that really helped me out."

The race wasn't easy, but the accomplishment of finishing was special, even for an experienced marathoner like Cpl. Matthew Burian, the reconnaissance noncommissioned officer for Btry., A.



Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division marathon team celebrate completing the Seoul International Marathon, March 16, 2014, at Olympic Stadium in Seoul, South Korea.

"I felt amazing for my third time finishing," said Burian, a native of Wayne, N.J. "When you cross that finish line, no matter what you went through, it's very relaxing to know that you got through the 26.2 miles."

Rodriguez, a radar specialist with 333rd Field Artillery Target Acquisition Battery and a first-time marathon runner, was overwhelmed at the finish line.

"I couldn't believe I had accomplished something like this. It definitely was a different feeling," he said. "I've never pushed my body that hard, so when I was done I was just like 'that is amazing.'"

After months of preparation as a team, the Soldiers of 1st Bn., 38th FA Regt., were champions, regardless of how fast they ran the race.

"The marathon was a physically, mentally and spiritually challenging event, but when I looked back and I saw that I was in the Olympic Stadium I thought 'I did it,'" said Spc. Joshua Sisco, a native of Tulsa, Okla. and a multiple launch rocket system crewmember with Btry., B. "It wasn't easy, but it was worth it."

SPOUSE'S COLUMN

**STORY BY
MARE CONTRAE
WARRIOR COUNTRY SPOUSE**

Getting out and about in South Korea is daunting, because of the difficulty in communication and point of reference. Most of us do not like to step outside of our comfort zone, but acquiescing to the fact that you are here, supporting your Soldier and instilling the value of Family, you knew from the get go living here wasn't going to be just a proverbial cup of tea. I write this, because it took me five months to find a teahouse, the one place I wanted to go. However, on my journey to find a place for a cup of tea I did find an underground shopping district and awesome restaurants. I had to try what was being. I met lovely, gracious Koreans

who were very helpful, intelligent and interesting.

There are times when I am supposed to be someplace at a given time. These adventures are subjugated by the use of my home computer, subway application on my smart phone, GPS in my car, plenty of Korean Won and a lot of luck. I find it helps to know the correct pronunciation of the place you want to go when asking for help, so a Korean native can tell you yes or no you are on the right track. Then again, there are at least six different ways to say yes in Korean but generally Nea can be yes and aniyeo is no or a shake of the head also works. I try and ask younger people as a lot of them speak little English and most enjoy practicing.

Do your research and you will find it's not difficult to get around and once you've

found your way it becomes easy. Look at various websites before you go and print out exactly what you're supposed to do and a map. Usually, the difficulty comes in following the directions. For example there may be two stops with the same or similar name such as Jongno 5 and Jogno 3. Look at a larger map and you will see clearly where you need to get off. Or someone tells you it's just out the back gate or a block away. These kinds of directions aren't very helpful. If your train stops and everyone gets off that means you should get off too. Be polite and friendly and ask around, someone is going in your direction and will most likely help you.

If you're prepared you still may get lost, but you'll have a destination point; so don't give up. Be patient, smile a lot and be friendly and you just may have the adventure of a lifetime.

FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND KOREA IS TRULY AN ADVENTURE

DIRTY JOBS

STORY AND PHOTO BY
SGT 1ST CLASS VINCENT ABRIL
2CAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Somewhere in the world, a patient is in need of vital medical attention. They may not have time to wait for an ambulance to be driven to their location due to time playing a huge factor between life and death. Such emergencies require quick responses and rest assured, there are people standing by to answer that call.

Sgt. Lisa A. Rodriguez, a flight medic, stationed in South Korea is one of those people. She serves her fellow Soldiers in need on the battlefield and at home. Similar to her civilian counterparts, Rodriguez utilizes a helicopter to treat and transport the injured. In her case, she is part of a UH-60 BlackHawk helicopter crew. This aircraft is equipped with special crew and equipment ready to carry out rapid medical responses.

"It's our job to get a patient from the point of injury to the hospital within that golden hour," said Rodriguez. "We stabilize them along the way until we can get them into the hands of a doctor."

Rodriguez, a seven-year Army veteran currently serving with Company C, 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, and native of Raeford, S.C., wears many hats as a flight medic.

"Although I'm the primary medic on board our aircraft, I also perform crew duties alongside the crew chiefs who maintain the aircraft," Rodriguez said.

Those duties include assisting her team and ensuring safe movement of the helicopter which requires a constant visual of airspace during flights and landings.

Aside from her crew duties, Rodriguez must continuously train to maintain her medical certifications which include, Basic Life Support,



Electronic Warfare Specialist

Trauma Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Emergency Medical Services and Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support, to name a few. Rodriguez is required to recertify annually and bi-annually, in the end, it's all worth it to her.

"Coming to work every day is like a love affair. I enjoy my job, and I enjoy training for my job," said Rodriguez. "When you love what you do, you strive to do it even better."

While she loves her job, Rodriguez says there are some parts of the job that are less desirable.

"The worst part of this job is the blood," said Rodriguez. "It doesn't bother me, but it does get messy and it gets everywhere, so there is a lot of cleanup involved."

Rodriguez also explained that treating children is an emotionally difficult aspect that flight medics deal with.

As difficult as this job may sound, Rodriguez and her counterparts are very enthusiastic to carry out their mission with the only combat aviation brigade on the peninsula.

If you see a yellow striped UH-60 BlackHawk helicopter with the Red Cross symbol flying by, it just might be Rodriguez and her team of lifesavers.

My Korea, My Life

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

As a Soldier fresh out of a training environment, being stationed overseas can seem scary or unfamiliar. Familiarizing oneself with the new culture, showing respect to the people of the host country, and maintaining a positive attitude about the experience are ways a Soldier new to Korea can adapt to their new home away from home.

Pfc. Codey Micheal Batchelor, an artillery firefighter radar operator with Foxtrot Target Acquisition Battery, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, and a native of Mulberry, Fla., has been in Korea for seven months, and explores the Korean culture as a way of embracing his new surroundings.

During work hours, Batchelor pushes himself to adapt to his new surroundings and environment, as well as advance himself as a Soldier. His focus is on acclimating to the terrain that is so different from what he's used to in Florida, as well as challenging himself to be the best Soldier he knows how to be.

"Today I'm being combatives level one certified," said Batchelor. "But during normal physical training hours, I often tackle

the environment that is so different from the flat terrain I'm used to."

When Batchelor isn't tackling hills or wrestling battle buddies, he can be found exploring the Korean culture by taking trips to Uijeongbu or Jihaeng, South Korea, often to interact with the Korean people and try their foods.

"I've tried a lot of new things here that I'd never tried before such as, kimchi," said Batchelor. "I'd never actually tried any Korean foods prior to coming to Korea."

Batchelor's taste buds aren't the only thing being introduced to the Korean culture, as his tongue learns how to pronounce Korean words while teaching English classes to Korean citizens.

"While I'm teaching Korean citizens my native language I'm learning theirs as they translate their language to my language," said Batchelor. "It's a learning process for us both."

Batchelor also recognizes that respect is important in the Korean culture, a cultural characteristic he learned

unexpectedly when he performed a random act of kindness. The results of the charitable act had a surprisingly rewarding outcome.

"A homeless man asked me to spare a dollar recently, but he asked with such sincerity that I was moved to help him above and beyond what he was asking for," said Batchelor. "I returned to him with a sandwich, water and 5,000 won."

Batchelor said that the man was so moved by and grateful for the act of generosity that he thanked him every time he saw him after that. Batchelor learned through this experience that the integral value of respect in the Korean culture is a two-way street, both given and received by Korean and American citizens alike.

"I've been in South Korea for seven months, but because of the rewarding experiences here it feels like I've been here only a month," said Batchelor. "The time here really flies if you get out of the barracks."

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



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.

2ID: The Hotline is available 24/7 call DSN 158 or from any phone, 0503-363-5700

USFK 24/7 Sexual Assault Response Hotline DSN :158 Commercial: 0503-363-5700, from US: 011-82-53-470-5700

DoD Safe Helpline: 1-877-995-5247.

For more information, visit www.safehelpline.org

SHARP TRAINING:

If you like helping Soldiers then this is the job for you. Contact your company SHARP rep for more information. SHARP Stand-down training April 2014

LEGAL UPDATE:

Effective Nov. 1, 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 a punitive 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 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 who have completed 15, but less than 20 years of service.

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.

2ID EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

EO is looking for talented individuals who would like to participate in future special observances. Whether you sing, dance, or write poetry, come out and share your talents in an effort to increase cross-cultural awareness. Contact Sgt. First Class Lassiter at 732-6549.

FREE TAX RETURN

Free tax return preparation and electronic filing are available for active duty Soldiers, retirees, and eligible Family members. Camp Red Cloud, building S-267 (Housing office) Feb3- May 3, 2014. For more information, please call DSN 732-7487



SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH EVENT CALENDAR

"Live our Values: Step Up to Stop Sexual Assault"



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Tree Decorating AFN Radio 1-15 FA 0800-1000 (CC)	2 Thunder Crucible Begins 1 Apr 14:	3 Proclamation Ceremony 1300 at Super Gym Thunder Crucible :	4 Booth at Casey PX w/210 Thunder Crucible Denim Day	5 5K Run/Walk 0800-0900 Camp Casey
6	7 Booth at Walk Thru Gate	8 AFN Radio 1-38 FA 0800-1000 (CC)	9 Proclamation Ceremony 1500 at Warriors Club Booth at USO	10	11 210 FAB Run 0600-0800 Denim Day	12 Booth at CRC PX 1130-1300
13	14	15 Booth at Humphreys PX AFN Radio 6-37 FA 0800-1000 (CC)	16	17 The Accused Post Theater 0900-1100 1330-1530	18 Booth at Casey PX w/210 Denim Day	19 Fun Run/Walk 0900 at Super Gym
20	21 Booth at Walk Thru Gate	22 Booth at Stanley PX AFN Radio 70th BSB 0800-1000 (CC)	23 Iron Radio The Accused Post Theater 0900-1100 1330-1530	24	25 Denim Day / Cookout 1200-1600 Denim Day	26 Self-Defense Class 1330 at Super Gym
27	28	29 Booth at Stanley PX Booth at Humphreys PX	30			

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인디언헤드는 사랑을 싣고

홍석이에게

“함께 영원히 있을 수 없음을 슬퍼 말고 잠시라도 함께 있을 수 있음을 기뻐하고 더 좋아해 주지 않음을 노여워 말고 이만큼 좋아해 주는 것에 만족하고 나만 애태운다고 원망치 말고 애처롭기까지 한 사랑을 할 수 있음을 감사하라.” 오늘은 한용운 시인의 ‘인연설’이 떠오르는 밤이야.

입대를 몇 달 앞두고 않은 날 맑게 되고 이성으로 다가 오기 시작했을 때 여러 가지 생각이 들었어. 우리는 어떤 터프한 인연으로 이어져 있기에 이런 시기에 만나게 된 것일까? 그리고 그때 생각했지, 모든 만남에는 다 이유가 있듯이 우리의 인연에도 분명 깊은 이유가 있을 것이다. 그래, 이왕 이렇게 된 거 한 번 그 이유를 찾아보자. 너를 혼란으로 보내고 그리움의 바다를 유영하며 느꼈지, 분명 너는 내가 똑바르지 않게 살아온 인생에 대한 벌이다. 그러지 않고서야 기억 있는 이별에 가슴이 이렇듯 아플 수 있나. 답장도 오지 않을 문자를 보내고 편지를 쓰며 혼자만 애태우는 것은 아닐까하는 두려움 속에 빠지는 게 하루 일과였으니 말이야. 짝사랑 하는 사람의 심정이 되어 얼마나 애가 달던지, 오늘에 와서 그때를 생각해보니 문득 부끄러움을 느껴. 우리 지금은 서로 배가 불렀는지 자주 티격태격한단 말이지? 우리 그때처럼 사랑을 할 수 있다는 마음하나에 감사하던 때로 돌아가 보자. 사랑해 홍석아. 계속 좋은 인연 쪽- 이어 나가자!

이번 호의 주인공은 사단본부대대 C중대 인사와 양홍석 일병과 여자친구 이지선 양입니다. <인디언헤드는 사랑을 싣고>는 여러분의 참여로 이루어집니다. 게재를 바라시는 분은 미 2사단 공보처 윤임준 일병 imjun.yun.fm@mail.mil 또는 732-9132로 연락주시기 바랍니다.

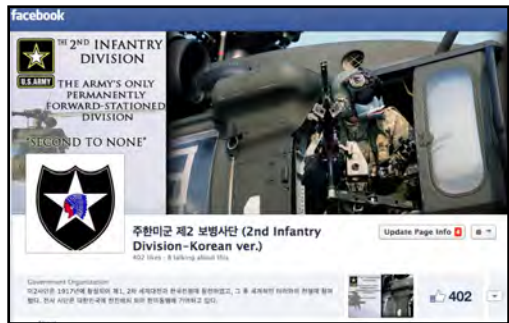
지선이에게

안녕 나의 여신님~ 자대에 와서 쓰는 네번째 편지다 그치? 써야지 써야지 하고 매일 미루다가 이렇게 자리를 만들어서 쓰게 됐어. 갑작스런 부탁이었는데 흔쾌히 동의해주거 너무너무 고마워~ 우리 만남이 정말 옛 그제 같은데 벌써 200일이 지났네 짧다고 생각하면 짧고 길다고 생각하면 긴 그 시간동안 내 옆에서 떨어지지 않고 항상 딱! 붙어있어준거 정말 고마워. 군입대를 얼마 남기지 않은 게다가 나이도 어린 나랑 만나다니깐 쉽지 않았을텐데 어려운 결정해주거 정말 고맙고 한편으로는 미안하기도 했어.. 그렇게 어려운 결정해준 사람에게 속상하게 하고 실망만 시키고... 지금 돌이켜 생각해보면 참 못났다 싶어.. 참 많이 미안하구.. 앞으로 안 그러도록 최대한 노력할게 가끔 그럴수도 있겠지만 그러면 그냥 어린애가 고장부린다고 생각했으면 좋겠어 ㅎㅎ 알겠지요?? 그니까 앞으로도 꼭~ 내옆에 찹찹 붙어있어줘 ㅎㅎ 내가 입대하기 전까지 정말 하루도 안빠놓고 만나다가 갑자기 옆에 아무도 없어서 많이 외로웠을텐데 그 긴 시간 견뎌줘서 정말 고맙고 참 기특해~ 입대전에 여행도 같이 다니면서 더 많은 추억 만들었어왔는데 그러지 못했던게 아쉬움으로만 자꾸 남네.. 물론 체육관 같이 다니면서 운동한 것도 좋은 추억이지만 매일하는것 말고 다른 특별한걸 함께 해봤으면 해 다음에 시간내서 꼭 할 수 있도록 하자 알겠지요? 요즘 부쩍 티격태격하는게 늘었는데 서로 보는것 만으로도 행복했던 그때 그 마음 다시 되새겨서 꼭 이쁜사랑 오래오래하자 ㅎㅎ 항상 자기가 나한테 “홍석이는 누나한테 특별한 사랑이야” 라고 말하는것처럼 자기도 나한테 정말 소중한 특별한 사람이야. 그런 사람 아프게 하지 않게 나도 노력할게 그러니까 항상 내옆에서 지켜봐줘 알겠지요? ㅎㅎ 정말 많이 사랑합니다.



이달의 사진

지난 4월 7일에 대한민국 평택에서 열린 미 제2보병사단 사단 본부 건물 시공식에 미 제2보병사단 사단장 토마스 반달 소장(Maj. Gen. Thomas Vandal)과 미 제2보병사단 사단주임원사 앤드류 스페노 주임원사(Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Spano)가 참여하였다. 이번 세를게 지어지는 본부 건물은 여러가지 편의시설 뿐만 아니라 기구제어실, 합동 토요장, 그리고 공공 서비스 기능을 갖추게 될 것이다. <사진 _ 사진가 박진우 / 미 제2보병사단 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.

인디언헤드가 만난 사람들 "꽃피는 봄이 오면 가장 가고싶은 곳은?"



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꽃이 피면 가고 싶은 곳이란 것을 들었을 때 저는 제가 옛날에 살던 서초구 방배동에 위치한 상호아파트 단지가 떠오릅니다. 벚꽃축제라 하면 다들 진해, 여의도 등 유명한 곳들을 생각하지만 상호아파트 벚꽃길도 아는 사람들만 안다는 숨은 명소입니다. 중학생 시절부터 방에 학원이 끝나고 그 길을 따라 집을 갈때면 나무에 달아둔 청사초롱과 벚꽃이 잘 어울려 아름다운데 그 때부터 여자친구와 함께 한 번 쯤은 같이 걷고 싶은 길이었지만 아직 실행에 옮기지는 못했습니다. 벚꽃구경 하고 싶은 분들에게는 한산하게 아름다운 벚꽃을 즐길 수 있는 방배동 상호아파트 벚꽃길을 추천드립니다.

저는 꽃이 피면 일본 도쿄에 있는 우에노 공원에 가고 싶습니다. 작년 이맘때 갔었는데 사람들도 많았지만 특히 벚꽃들이 너무 예쁘게 피었습니다. 벚꽃나무가 아마 천 그루가 넘게 있었던 것 같은데 정말 장관입니다. 특히 공원 중심에 가로수 길에 있는데 큰 길에 꼭 나있고 양 옆으로 벚꽃나무들이 꼭 들어서 있는게 아주 그냥 입이 떡 벌어집니다. 여자친구 손을 잡고 그 길을 걸었던 순간은 너무 행복했습니다. 공원의 크기도 엄청나게 크고 여러 다양한 풍경들이 펼쳐져 있기 때문에 절대로 지루하거나 단조롭지 않았습니다. 4월 이맘 때쯤이면 출근차 덥지 않고 딱 시원한 날씨여서 벚꽃구경 가기 참 좋은 곳입니다.

꽃이 피면 제가 가장 가고 싶은 곳은 일산 호수공원입니다. 매년 봄이 되고 꽃이 만개할 때가 되면 일산 호수공원에서는 꽃 박람회를 연다. 그때 호수공원에 가면 다양한 꽃들을 구경할 수 있습니다. 정말 다양한 색의 꽃들과 좋은 날씨를 함께 구경하다 보면 자연스레 기분도 좋아지고 몸도 상쾌해지는 경험을 할 수 있습니다. 봄이 되면 호수공원에서 꽃을 구경하며 시간을 보내서 그런지, 저에게 이곳은 추억도 많고 떠올릴 때마다 기분이 좋아지는 곳입니다. 이번 봄에는 과연 어떤 꽃들이 피어나 저에게 새로운 추억을 안겨줄지 참으로 기대되는 곳입니다.

요즘은 봄이 봄이라고 느껴지지 않을만큼 갑자기 출기도 하고 덥기도 하지만 길을 걷다 보이는 꽃들을 보면 봄이 왔다는 것을 느낄 수 있습니다. 저는 요즘처럼 날씨가 좋은 봄이 오면 도시락을 챙겨 봄 소풍을 가고 싶다는 생각이 들곤합니다. 제가 봄 소풍으로 추천하는 곳은 바로 경기도 분당에 있는 율동공원입니다. 대중교통을 이용하여 쉽게 찾아 갈 수 있어서 접근성도 좋습니다. 무엇보다 공원에 앉아 일행들과 준비해온 도시락을 먹는다면 그 어떠한 곳보다 꽃 피는 봄을 즐길 수 있습니다. 율동공원의 또 다른 특징은 바로 번지점프입니다. 수도권에서는 쉽게 즐길 수 없는 번지점프를 즐기며 새로운 추억도 만들어 갈 수 있습니다.

인- 자기소개를 부탁드립니다.

맹- 저는 미2사단 사단본부대대 C중대에서 선임병장을 맡고 있는 병장 맹병용입니다. 선임병장이 되기 전에는 C중대 본부에서 화생방 작전 통제병으로 근무 했었습니다. 입대전에는 한양대학교 경영학부에 재학하면서 즐거운 캠퍼스 라이프를 즐기다 돌연 입대하게 되었습니다. 카투사로써 많은 역할을 했습니다. 하다보니 어느덧 군생활의 막바지에 이르게 되었습니다. 그동안 이곳에 있으면서 더 다양한 활동을 하지 못한 것이 아쉬기도 하지만, 아쉬움은 고이접어두고 남은 군생활 동안 많은 일에 최선을 다하면서 군생활을 잘 마무리 할 예정입니다.

인- 가장 기억에 남는 일은?

맹- 제가 군생활을 하면서 가장 기억에 남는 일은 작년 봄 제가 한창 C중대 Headquarter에서 일하던 당시였습니다. 저는 어떻게 하면 미군들과 카투사들의 우애를 돕고 한미 우호를 다질 수 있나 고민하던 중에 미군들에게 한국의 대표 관광지인 남산과 한옥마을을 보여주면 좋겠다라는 생각이 들었습니다. 그래서 그 당시 Headquarter의 미군들과 카투사들이 모두 주말에 시간을 내어 남산과 한옥마을을 방문하게 되었습니다. 남산에 올라가서 멋진 경치를 보여주고 한옥마을에 가선 한국의 대표 음식인 비빔밥을 먹기도 하며 좋은 시간을 보내다 왔습니다. 평소 같았으면 의미 없게 보냈을 수도 있는 주말 일박 간에 미군들과 친분도 다지고 한국의 좋은 명소들을 소개 시켜줄 수 있어서 기분이 좋았습니다. 나중에 알고 보니 미군들도 평상시에 한국의 여러 명소들을 가고 싶어 했었습니다. 하지만 언어적 한계에서 오는 막연한 두려움 때문에 주말에도 부대 안에서 무리한 주말을 보내기 십상이었습니다. 자신들에게 한국에서 잊지 못할 추억을 만들어줘서 고맙다는 말을 듣고 왠지 모르게 뿌듯한 기분이 들었습니다.

인- 하루동안 대대 주임원사가 될 수 있다면 무엇을 할 것인가?

맹- 하루동안 주임원사가 될 수 있다면 우선 아침피터 시간에 대대 포매이션을 잡은 후 복무신조를 제창한 뒤 국군도수체조로 몸을 풀고 상의를 탈의한 후(여군 제외) CRC내부를 한바퀴 도는 구보를 통해 아침PT를 삼중하게 시작하도록 하겠습니다. 그 후에는 기존에 불량하게 운영되었던 DFAC에 입김을 넣어 맛있는 한국식 밥을 만들도록 압력을 가하겠습니다. 일과가 끝난 후에는 수고한 장병들을 위해 치킨을 1인1닭 의무 제공하도록 의정부 시내 치킨점들과 협력체계를 구축해 나가겠습니다.

인- 전역 후의 계획은?

맹- 아무래도 졸업하고와서 그런지 물라도 전역을 하고 나면 이제 돌아갈 곳이 없기 때문에 취업준비를 철저히 준비해야할 것 같습니다. 취업준비를 하면서 예전부터 배우고 싶었던 프랑스로나 독일어도 같이 공부하고 싶고, 대학교때 잠시했던 일본어도 시간이 된다면 완벽히 공부해 보고싶습니다. 그 외에 짧게나마 여행을 다니면서 많은 것을 보고 생각할 시간을 가지고 싶습니다.

인- 중대원들에게 한 마디 부탁드립니다.

백- 우리 중대가 통신 중대이다 보니 훈련이 있을 때마다 매번 참여해야 돼서 중대원들이 고생이 많은 것 같습니다. 힘든 와중에도 부족한 선임병장 밑에서 잘 따라주는 중대원들에게 고마움을 느낍니다. 저는 먼저 떠나겠지만 제가 먼저 가더라도 크게 부러워하진 않았으면 좋겠습니다. 저는 여러분이 사회에서 즐겁게 생활 하고 있을 때 군에 입대해 먼저 매를 맞았기 때문에 그런 것에 크게 연해하지 않았으면 좋겠습니다. 그리고 제가 곧 떠난다고 해서 아쉬움의 눈물이 나오더라도 남자의 뜨거운 눈물은 가슴으로 흘려주시길 바랍니다.

SECOND TO NONE!



병장 맹병용
사단본부대대 C중대 선임병장

2014년 4월 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.



미 2사단 제1전투여단 제2-9보병대대 장병들은 지난 4월 3일 캠프 케이시(Camp Casey)에서 열린 만추 마일 행군(Marchu Mile March)을 진행하였다. 만추 마일 행군은 중국에서 발원한 의화단 운동 기간에 미 육군 제9보병여단의 85마일 행군을 기념하기 위해 시작하였다. <사진 _ 상병 재규린 다운랜드(Spc. Jacqueline Dowland) / 제17갑전투여단 공보처>



제210야전포병여단, 한국군 제500야전포병대대 그리고 제3해군정찰대의 지휘관들이 2014년 3월 26일, 철원 근처의 로켓 밸리(Rocket Valley)에서 진행될 실사격 훈련에 대해 논의하고 있다. <사진 _ 상병 사라 와이즈먼(Spc. Sara Wiseman) / 제210야전포병여단 공보처>



미 제2보병사단 사단장 토머스 반달(Maj. Gen. Thomas Vandal)과 사단 주임원사 앤드류 스페노 주임원사(Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Spano)는 3월 21일 캠프 레드 클라우드로(Camp Red Cloud)에서 열린 여성의 달 행사에서 미 제2보병사단 본부 및 본부대대 군수 정비 원사 페트라 카사레스 원사(Sgt. Maj. Petra Casarez)에게 상장을 수여했다. <사진 _ 엔지 데지너(Sgt. Ange Desinor) / 미 제2보병사단 공보처>



제210야전포병여단 소속의 장병들이 2014년 3월 19일 신화대학교에서 개최된 문화교류 프로그램에서 태권도 연습을 하고 있다. 이 프로그램은 장병들의 한국 문화 이해를 돕기 위해 만들어졌다. <사진 _ 일병 송건우 / 제210야전포병여단 공보처>



미 제2보병사단 본부 및 본부대대 본부지원대대 소속 장병들이 2014년 3월 27일 캠프 레드 클라우드로(Camp Red Cloud)에서 본부 및 본부대대 대대장 에릭 워커 중령(Lt. Col. Eric Walker)과 대대 주임원사 앤 시드너 주임원사(Command Sgt. Maj. Ann Sydnor)으로부터 워리어 스테이크 대회(Warrior Stakes Competition) 우승 상장을 받았다. <사진 _ 박진우 / 미 제2보병사단 공보처>

한미 문화 교류

부활절 EASTER

부활절 하면 떠오르는 것은 형형색색으로 칠해진 달걀과 성대한 부활절 미사이다. 기독교 문화권에서 가장 중요한 기념일 중 하나인 부활절 기간에는 많은 사람들이 며칠에 걸쳐 예수의 부활을 기린다. 그러나 휴일이 아니기에 기독교인이 아니면 낯설조차 모르는 경우가 적지않다. 그런데 사실 부활절의 정확한 날짜를 계산하는 것은 어려운 일이다.

부활절은 매년 춘분 이후 첫 봄날 다음에 오는 일요일로 정해진다. 이 때문에 매년 날짜가 달라질 수 밖에 없는데, 그렇다면 왜 이런 복잡한 방식으로 날짜를 정하는 것일까? 부활절의 날짜는 서기 325년 니케아 공의회에서 결정되었다. 그 전까지 기독교인들은 부활절을 유대인들이 사용하던 달력에 맞춰 결정하였다. 그러나 기독교의 기념일은

유대교의 달력에 맞춰 결정하는 것을 반대하는 사람이 많았고, 니케아 공의회에서 기독교만의 방식으로 부활절의 날짜를 정하기로 한 것이 오늘날까지 이어져 내려오고 있다. 부활절 전 40일 동안은 사순절이라고 하여 기독교 신자들의 금식, 금욕 기간이다. 부활절 전의 목요일은 예수가 가졌던 최후의 만찬을 기념하는 날이고, 부활절 전의 금요일은 굿 프라이데이(Good Friday)로 예수가 인간의 죄를 사하기 위해 십자가에 못박힌 것을 기리는 날이다. 이 날은 많은 기독교 국가에서 공휴일이기도 하다. 그리고 부활절날 많은 사람들이 예수의 부활을 성대하게 축하한다. 부활절 다음날은 부활절 월요일(Easter Monday)이라고 하여 또한 많은 곳에서 휴일로 지정한다.

부활절을 상징하는 것으로 가장 먼저 떠오르는 건 부활절 달걀이다. 동물 알 장식이 시작된 것은 60,000년 전부터이지만, 알록달록하게 칠해진 부활절 달걀의 유래는 메소포타미아로 거슬러 올라간다. 메소포타미아의 초기 기독교인들은 달걀을 예수의 피를 상징하는 붉은색으로 칠했고 이것을 기독교에서 받아들여 부활절의 상징으로 삼았다. 달걀은 또 다른 생명의 탄생, 즉 예수의 부활을 의미한다. 최근에는 달걀 대신 플라스틱 달걀을 나눠주는 경우도 있다.

크리스마스에 선물을 나누주는 산타 할아버지가 있다면, 부활절에는 부활절 달걀과 선물을 나눠주는 부활절 토끼가 있다. 그런데 왜 하필 토끼가 부활절의 상징이 되었을까? 고대인들은 토끼가 자웅동체라고 믿었다. 혼자서 자손을 낳을 수 있다는 믿음은 성녀 마리아의 성령임태를 연상시켰고 그로인해 토끼는 중세 기독교 미술의 중요한 소재가 되었다. 이렇게 기독교와 연관지어진 토끼는 기독교의 가장 중요한 기념일 중 하나인 부활절을 상징하는 동물로 자리잡았다.

그렇다면 기독교 문화권의 국가들은 부활절을 어떻게 기념할까? 일단 부활절 아침에 하는 부활절 달걀 찾기가 있다. 어른들이 일찍 일어나 부활절 달걀을 곳곳에 숨겨놓으면 아이들이 숨겨진 달걀들을 찾는다. 또 유명한 행사로 달걀 굴리기가 있다. 특히 유명한 것은 매년 백악관에서 치러지는 부활절 달걀 굴리기인데 어린 아이들이 긴 스펀 모양의 막대기로 달걀을 깨뜨리지 않고 굴려서 가장 먼저 목적지까지 달걀을 굴리는 사람이 승리한다. 또한 많은 국가들에서 부활절 가두행진을 진행하기도 하고 서로 카드를 주고받기도 한다. 부활절은 미국인들이 크리스마스, 발렌타인데이, 어버이날 다음으로 가장 많은 카드를 보내는 날이다.

<기사 _ 일병 백성현 / 미 2사단 공보처>

한미교류

미 제2보병사단 지휘관들 전적지를 가다



지난 3월 28일 미 제2보병사단 지휘관들은 지평리 전적지답사에 참가하여 그 의미를 되새겼다. 지평리 전투는 1951년 2월 13일부터 15일까지 진행되었고 중공군을 처음으로 격파함으로써 한국전쟁에 큰 전환점을 가지고 오는 전투 중에 하나로 기억되고 있다

배움은 학교에서만 이뤄지는 것이 아니다. 사람들은 평생동안 직장이나 사회 그리고 가족과 친구들로부터 많은 것을 배운다. 미 제2보병사단 지휘관들은 3월 28일 지평리에서 지평리 전투 전적지를 답사했다.

사단 박물관 박물관장이자 전적지답사의 담당자인 윌리엄 알렉산더(William Alexander) 관장은 “지휘관들은 역사적인 전투지들을 돌아보며 지평리 전투에 대해 배울 기회를 가졌다”며 “우리는 지휘관들을 역사적 전투의 현장에서 내려가서 그 곳에서 배운 것들을 오늘날의 상황에 적용시킨다”고 말했다.

알렉산더 박물관장은 지평리 전투의 역사와 그 중요성에 대해서도 얘기했다. “미 제2보병사단이 큰 역할을 한 지평리 전투는 한국전쟁에서 중공군의 첫 대패이다. 했다. 우리 장병들은 수적으로 열세였고 중공군에 의해 포위되었지만 결국 승리했고, 이 전투는 한국전쟁에 있어서 전환점이 되었다”고 말했다.

지휘관들은 알렉산더 관장에게 전투에 관한 설명을 들은 후, 각자 전투의 핵심 지휘관 역할을 맡아 발표를 진행했다. 그들은 자신이 맡은 사람에 대해 조사하고 그 사람의 전투 공적에 대해 발표했다.

기갑부대 장병 식목일 행사에 가다

지난 4월 4일 제1271갑전투여단 제401대대 미 장병들이 의정부 시 주최 식목일 행사에 참가하여 시민들과 나무를 심고 있다.



제12기갑여단 소속의 제401대대 미 장병들이 지난 의정부 시 주최 식목일 행사에 참가하여 시민들과 함께 2,100 그루의 나무를 심었다.

현재 9개월 간의 순환 배치 임무를 대한민국에서 수행하고 있는 기갑대대 장병들은 미 제2보병사단에 배치되어 더불어 분단된 한반도의 평화를 수호하고 있다. 임무 수행 중에도 장병들은 지역 주민과의 공동체 관계 형성에 최선을 다하고 있다.

아이오와 출신의 제1-12기갑여단 지휘관 어서 셀러스 중령(Lt. Col. Arthur Sellers)은 “굉장히 인상적인 행사였다”며 “여전히 한국에 적응 중인 우리에게 지역 공동체와 함께 봉사할 수 있는 기회가 주어져서 기쁘고 한국에 오게되어 앞으로 더 기대가 된다”고 말했다.

지난 1월에 텍사스 포트 후드(Texas, Fort Hood)에서 파병된 셀러스 중령과 그의 장병들은 한국에 잘 정착하고 있으며 앞으로 있을 지역 공동체 봉사와 관계 형성에 더 기대가 된다고 말했다.

매년 정기적으로 진행되고 있는 미국과 대한민국의 식목일 행사는 풍요와 생명뿐만이 아니라 자유를 의미하며 양국은 조화롭게 전통을 이어나갔다.

제1-12기갑여단 델타중대 중대부사관 웨인 덜 중사(Sgt. 1st Class Wayne Dorr)는 “지역 행사에 참가할 수 있을 것이라고는 생각하지 못했다”며 “우리가 동원할 수 있는 장병 수보다 더 많은 장병들이 지원하였다. 이곳은 식목일 행사를하기에 완벽한 장소이다. 이런 행사에 참가하게 되어 너무 기쁘고 지역 주민들이 친절히 대해주어 감사하게 생각한다”고 말했다.

카투스(KATUSA, Korean Augmentation To the U.S. Army)였던 한 지역 주민은 미군과 함께 일했던 지난 시간을 추억하며 식목일 행사에서 기갑연대 장병들과 즐거운 시간을 보냈다.

의정부시청 공무원 김주섭씨는 “내가 카투스였던 시절과 비교하여 지금 미 장병들은 훨씬 지역 행사에 참가를 많이한다”며 “이러한 변화는 굉장히 긍정적이며 한국에 처음으로 파병된 장병들에게도 좋은 기회이다. 시민들도 기꺼이 봉사에 참여해준 미 장병들이 우리와 함께 있어 의미있게 생각한다”고 말했다.

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포병들이 최고 전사 대회 우승을 차지하다

제210야전포병여단의 장병 네 명이 4월 11일, 캠프 레드 클라우드 (Camp Red Cloud)에서 미 제2보병사단 사단주임원사 앤드류 스페노 주임원사(Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Spano)와 한국군 지원단 제1지역 지역대 주임원사 정우진 주임원사에게 최고 전사 대회(Best Warrior Competition) 우승 상장을 수여받았다.

최고 전사 대회는 매 년 미 국방부 주관하에 5일동안 펼쳐지는 대회로서, 장병들의 신체적, 정신적 능력을 시험한다. 사단의 각 여단에서 선발된 열 여섯 명의 장병들이 네 개의 팀을 이뤄서 사단대회에 참가했다. 각 팀은 장교 한 명과 부사관 한 명, 사병 한 명 그리고 카투스 (KATUSA, Korean Augmentation To the U.S. Army) 한 명으로 구성되었다.

제210야전포병여단 제6-37야전포병대대 다연장 로켓포 운용병 알렉스 가르시아 병장(Sgt. Alex Garcia)은 “이번 대회는 굉장히 치열했다”며 “이 대회의 목적은 모든 장병들이 갖춰야 할 기본적인 능력을 시험하는 것이다. 신체적 강인함이나 정신력 그리고 전체적인 체력을 평가한다”고 말했다.

각각의 장병들은 수중 생존 시험, 필기시험, 체력측정, 주간 및 야간 육지보행 시험 등을 치렀고 완전군장 20km 행군, 구급법, 응급후송, M4/M16 사격과 같은 병 기본지식도 평가받았다.

“장병들은 이 대회가 그들의 군생활에서 가장 힘든 경험이었다고 한다”고 스페노 주임원사는 말했다.

그는 대회동안 장병들에게 용기를 북돋아 주면서 절대 포기하지 말고 패배를 받아들이지 말라고 격려했다.

대회가 끝난 후, 최고 전사 대회 시상 만찬에서 스티븐 힐 중위(1st Lt. Stephen Hill), 알렉스 가르시아 병장(Sgt. Alexis Garcia), 니콜라우스 킹 상병(Spc. Nikolaus King) 그리고 조준희 상병(Cpl. Cho, Jun-hee)이 2014년 최고 전사 대회의 우승자로 선정되었다.

제210야전포병여단의 장병들은 5월 미 제2군의 최고 전사 대회에 미 제2보병사단을 대표하여 참여할 것이다.



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