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COMMANDER'S CORNER:

ach year on the last
Monday in May, our
nation honors the men
and women who have given
their lives in the defense of
freedom.

For 239 years and while serving in four of our nation's conflicts, brave men and women went into battle-many of them never to return to Families and loved ones.

We, who are the heirs of their legacy, must always be the guardians of their dreams and provide the world with a reminder that their sacrifice will never be forgotten. As our nation mourns their loss, we will honor them by completing the mission for which they gave their lives - by defeating aggression and oppression, by advancing the cause of liberty and freedom, and by laying the foundation of peace for many more generations to come.

On June 25th, we will observe the 64th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War. We will reaffirm our commitment to the more than 1.7 million Americans who served in Korea, the more than 36,000 who lost their lives here, and the more than 8,100 still missing. The 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers, past and present, have stood shoulder to shoulder as part of the ROK-US Alliance to ensure that the sacrifice of our fellow Warriors will never be in vain.

Our nation is free because of brave Soldiers like these; therefore the importance of Memorial Day can never be overstated with paying due respect and homage to their selfless service and sacrifices. Memorial Day should be used to reconnect with our nation's history by honoring and celebrating Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who have given the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our way of life.

While many see this day has the official start of summer season, a time for backyard barbecues and an extended weekend to spend with Family and friends, we should see this as a reminder that we have an opportunity to complete the mission for which they gave their lives - to deter aggression, and if necessary, fight and win.

President John F. Kennedy said it best, "A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces, but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers." On this day, we remember those Warrior Soldiers not only for a moment of tragedy, but for their loyalty and commitment to a grateful nation and the cause of Freedom. Words alone are not enough to memorialize this solemn occasion, as two strong nations stand in silence to remember those whose final moments of service embody the highest values and selflessness that can be shown by a countryman.

On Memorial Day, honor our fallen comrades, their Families who understand the price their loved one was asked to pay, and those who wear the uniform today; those who still carry the torch and ready to defend freedom for our nation and its allies.

My challenge to the 2nd Infantry Division Warriors is to make a personal commitment to do two things in the coming weeks: First, take a moment to remember those that have sacrificed so



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

much in the cause of Freedom. Many of us have lost friends and comrades in arms over the last 12 years; take the opportunity this memorial day to remember them. Also, Reach out and shake the hand of another Soldier. Whether it's someone in uniform or a veteran standing in line at the post exchange. Tell them how much you appreciate their sacrifice. Finally, I'd like to close by thanking each of the Warrior Soldiers and their family members for the sacrifice they make every day by serving our great nation here in the Republic of Korea.

Second to None! God Bless America!

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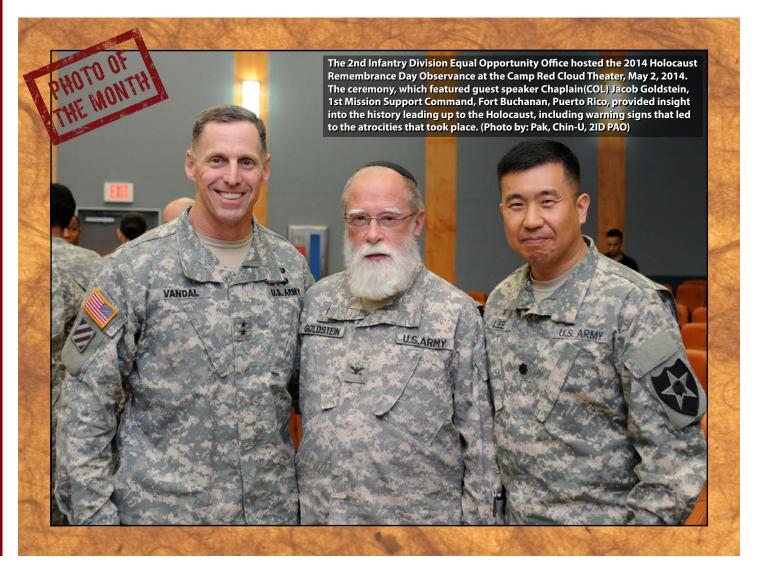
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2GAB UNVEILS NEWEST CHINOOK MODEL



The 3rd Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment General Support Avn. Battalion, 2nd Combat Avn. Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, unveiled the CH-47F at an activation ceremony at Camp Humphreys in Pyeongtaek, South Korea, May 13.

An upgrade from the CH47-D, the new aircraft is the newest model in the Chinook series and the only ones within the 2ID inventory. The ceremony marks the completion of 2CAB training and officially activates operations of all 12 aircraft within division footprint.

"Everything about these machines is designed to get our combat forces to their targets in the manner, or the time they want to get there," said Lt. Col. Reese Hauenstein, Product Manager for the CH-47F Improved Cargo Helicopter.

The CH-47F helicopters which will be a part of B Company, 3rd Batt. 2nd Avn. Regt. GSAB include alterations to the airframes structure to reduce the effects of vibration, corrosion protection, digital-source collectors, a more powerful engine, an extended- range fuel system, a modern-missile warning and infrared suppression systems. They are also compatible with joint digital connectivity requirements.

"The CH-47F is a glass cockpit aircraft which is completely modernized, and the newest Chinook in the conventional Army inventory," said Capt. Noah McQueen, Co. B commander. "We can actually program the aircraft to fly itself due to the greatly improved situational awareness and the moving maps on the inside."

The Chinooks are designed to transport artillery, troops, ammunition, fuel and supplies within military theaters of operation. In addition to transporting Soldiers and supplies, the CH-47F provides lifesaving combat support and sustainment functions of casualty evacuations, aircraft recovery, disaster relief, and search and rescue.

"Flying around Korea there's a lot of very specific procedures to follow, a lot of checkpoints as well as restricted areas we can't fly in," said McQueen. "Having those moving maps on there will keep the pilots a lot safer, and make it easier to follow the procedures and rules."

This is the first time the CH-47F has been in Korea. The production of the helicopter began in 2006 and was first taken to combat in 2008 to Iraq.

The CH-47F Chinook helicopter will play a vital role throughout the Republic of Korea by increasing combat power and air assault capabilities.

"It's a special honor for us to be here today," said Mr. Mark Ballew, Director, Business Development Cargo Helicopter Programs, and Boeing Military Aircraft. "We greatly appreciate what you do, the difference you're making, and the sacrifices your Families are making."

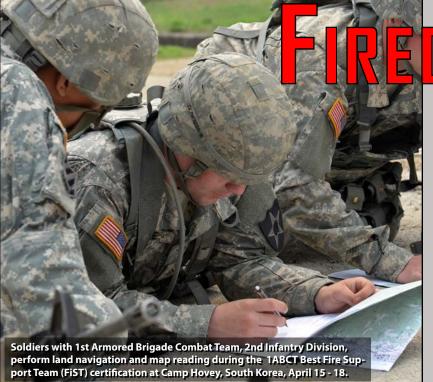
















STORY AND PHOTOS BY SPC JACQUELINE DOWLAND 1ST ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Soldiers with 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, participated in the 1ABCT Best Fire Support Team (FiST) certification at Camp Hovey, South Korea, April 15 - 18.

The Fire Support Team members underwent certification exercises including calling for fire, vehicle identification and land navigation. Soldiers also conducted map reading, terrain sketching, and fire support planning and rehearsals to take their skills out of the classroom and into a practical, realistic environment.

Soldiers began the FiST certification on foot, with only 10 minutes to walk from one station to the next. The stations were conducted in a round-robin fashion, allowing the Soldiers to first be re-trained on the material at each station before they were tested.

"Soldiers can often be tasked out for extra work and become rusty at their jobs," said Maj. Kim Cameron-King, the Fire Support Officer with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1ABCT, 2nd Infantry Division, and a native of Clinton, Mass. "FiST certification allows them to get the re-training to help them be proficient again because if you're not using your skills, then you can lose them."

The semi-annual FiST certification also has other benefits for the participants, such as building teamwork and camaraderie, and allows Soldiers to crosstrain to see aspects of their job that they wouldn't normally be able to see so they can understand the big picture.

"It gives a chance for Soldiers to do cross training to see what their bosses do," said Cameron-King. "This cross training allows the Soldiers to understand why their bosses make the decisions they make and do what they do."

Allowing a junior-enlisted Soldier to observe what a fire support officer does or the decisions they make can be a valuable asset if that Soldier ever has to quickly fill the shoes of an FSO who is injured or killed in the line-of-fire in a combat setting.

"In a combat scenario a private may have to temporarily take the place of an injured lieutenant until a replacement comes," said Cameron-King. "This training allows them to be able to understand how to do the job competently until the lieutenant is replaced."

FiST certification also gives Soldiers the opportu-

nity to work with digital communications, an asset to the job that benefits the fire support specialists in getting the job done. While digital communications is expensive for the Army, Soldiers can see the benefits of the equipment while training on it.

"Getting digital communications is a lot quicker," said Cameron-King.

Working as a team provides the participants with opportunities to form lasting friendships with other Soldiers in the competition. Soldiers from varying companies worked side by side as a united front to get the job done correctly and quickly, working together through a lack of sleep or in the dark of night to call for live fire or track a moving target.

"FiST certification is good because it brings everyone together to work as a team," said Cameron-King. "Soldiers who didn't know each other before the competition now greet one another as friends when they see each other."

The Soldiers finished the competition with a steak breakfast and an after action review to reflect on what they had learned, allowing all involved in the certification to reflect on the benefits of material learned while teamwork and camaraderie was formed.



Winning Ticket Earns Soldier New Car





Sgt. Luis V. Alvarado, training noncommissioned officer for Company B, 302nd Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, won a 2014 Hyundai Sonata during the 5th Korean Cultural Night with Eighth Army at the Sheraton Grande Walkerhill Hotel, Seoul, South Korea, May 2.

The Kumgok Academico-Cultural Foundation hosted the fifth annual cultural night. Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti, commanding general of United States Forces Korea, and Lt. Gen. Bernard S. Champoux, of Eighth U. S. Army commanding general, also attended the cultural night.

Alvarado, a native of Allentown, Pa., won a 2014 Hyundai Sonata by participating in a MWR (Morale, Welfare, and Recreation) raffle. He did not expect to win anything, and was surprised when he was invited to the Eighth Army Korean Cultural Night with Eighth Army.

"Korea has given me a lot of beautiful memories. Tonight will be remembered as one of the best moments in Korea," said Alvarado.

After listening to the speech of Scholar Ha Yeon-soon, the head of Kumgok Academic-Cultural Foundation, Alvarado plans to keep the car for as long as he can.

During the Korean War, Scholar Ha was saved by U.S. Soldiers near the Pusan Perimeter. He wanted to pay back his lifesavers, so he started donating prizes to MWR



for U.S. Soldiers

"People told me to sell the car, but I declined because it is such an honor for me to be invited to Korean cultural night and learn about Korea and the meaning behind the gifts. I will keep it and, hopefully, I can return the favor to somebody else," said Alvarado.

Korea has been a very special experience for Alvarado. Even though it was completely new to him, he did not feel isolated from the Korean community. With the help of Korean Augmentation to the United States Army Soldiers, he adjusted to Korea much easier than to other countries.

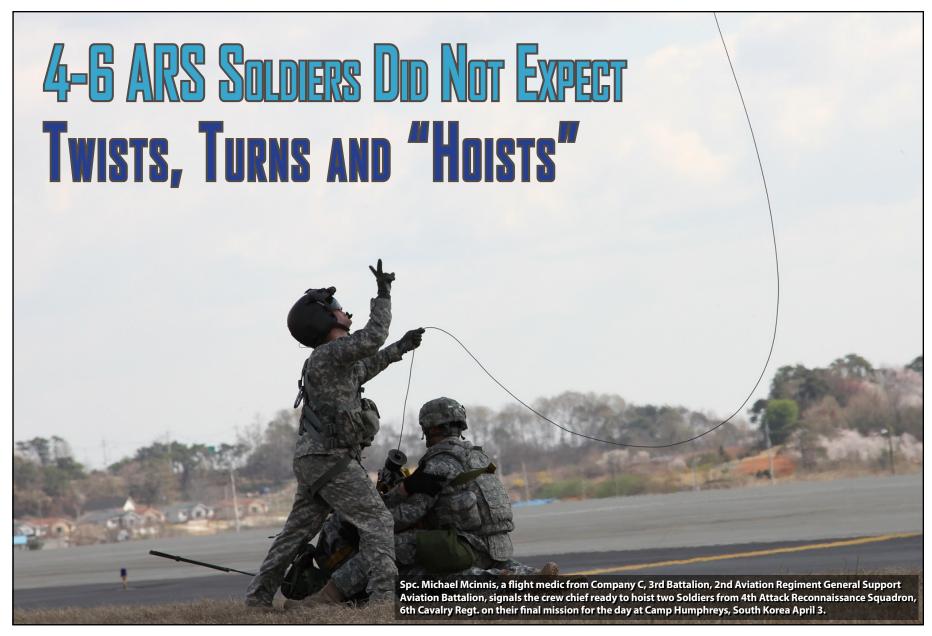
"I have three KATUSAs who show me the Korean culture, help me with translating, and even teach me Korean. I wish other allied countries had systems like KATUSA. It makes it easier for us to cooperate with our allied countries," said Alvarado.

Alvarado wants to show his Family just how great Korea is. If afforded the opportunity, he would love to bring his Family over here, and serve another tour in Korea.

His favorite part about Korea is the people. He is impressed by their respect shown in the conversations every time he talks to a Korean. He picks Korea as one of the countries that show the most respect and gratitude to U.S. troops.

He wants to appreciate Korea for giving him one of the best memories in his Army career. He has thought about some of the things he could do for Korea.

"Since I was given so much from the Koreans, I want to pay them back by protecting their country as best as I can. I hope my effort can have some impact on strengthening the ROK-U.S. Alliance," said Alvarado.





Personnel recovery training offered twists, turns and "hoists" that several Soldiers of the 4th Attack Reconnaissance Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment did not expect April 3.

Combined training within the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, is not unusual, but Company C, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Avn. Regt. General Support Avn. Bn. working together with the 4-6 ARS leadership gave even the experienced flight medic, Spc. Michael Mcinnis, from San Antonio, Texas, something he had not seen.

"Being a medevac company, Charlie Company is available to units who look for training," Mcinnis said. "But we haven't done this before, not with this many people. Normally, it is just a few individuals, and it is just Charlie Company. This time, we are part of another unit's training exercise."

The scenario was described by the 4-6 ARS Soldier, Cpl. Justin Johnson, who is also from San Antonio. "It was during the recovery of an aircraft that went down in territory that has been invaded, and our mission was to go in to get those people who went down."

The actual training course consisted of several stations along the way, though at the beginning it might sound somewhat routine as told by Spc. Donniel Eng, a 4-6 ARS Soldier.

"We started off in a convoy moving toward the downed aircraft. We were separated from the convoy, because our vehicle broke down," Eng said. She continued to describe the practicing of first-aid, land navigation and ground-to-air communication tasks, and she explained that it was all part of their learning to use survival and evasion skills during personnel recovery training.

"It's something I never did before," Johnson said. "We learned a lot"

At the final portion of the course, at Pad Delta, near the very end of the airfield on Camp Humphreys, South Korea this next to last group of Soldiers from 4-6 ARS waited for the returning UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter. For most of the more than two dozen Soldiers, this final station was the most surprising part of the training, having never been hoisted up before. Ending the training this way also allowed for a final flight back to the hanger.

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Timothy Lawson, a 4-6 pilot and the officer in charge, held his radio ready, but the helicopter was still a couple minutes away from its approach. A self-proclaimed "military brat," born in Fort Knox, Ky., his family is from Knoxville, Tenn. Lawson pointed to the aviators hooking up to the sides of their OH-58D Kiowa helicopter a couple hundred meters away, and he explained that the small craft only simulated air extractions. For Kiowa aircraft to conduct a "training" medevac, a high level of risk would need to be authorized, so Soldiers did not expect it.

"It would have spoiled the surprise," Johnson said, explaining that he was glad when he found out that the final training station was for real. The Kiowa helicopters were usually never allowed to leave the ground with extra passengers. That is why 3-2 GSAB's medevac was called in to help. It added a touch of realism.

"It makes sense," Lawson said. "This territory has a lot of mountains and in a scenario like this we would most likely have to hoist them out of harm's way." Having graduated from Daegu High School in 1993, he had been in country before. "Now I'm back," he said, referring to his return to South Korea as an active duty Soldier.

"Get a picture of me going on it," Eng said. Originally from Colorado Springs, Colo., she said that her family now lives in McCook, Neb. "They are not going to believe me if I don't get a picture," she said.

Excitement was building.

Mcinnis, a combat medic calmly gave safety instructions as the sound of rotor blades became louder and louder. The special identifier in his job title reflects extensive training in emergency medicine, certifications and lifesaving skills, but for those about to be hoisted, "No training is required," he said. "A Kevlar, ear and eye protection. That's about it," he said. "I'll do the rest."

With the increasing chop and blast of hard-pushing winds, the crew chief looks down through a wide and dark colored visor. The two pilots control the hovering bulk as the anxious Soldiers get coaxed to sit and harnessed in for the lift. With all thumbs up given and the final mission flight just head, the hoist wire pulls quick, and moments later the chief is ushering them to their seats as the very last training session of the day is soon left behind, and a scenic flight around Camp Humphreys is thoroughly enjoyed.



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SERGEANT; THE FIRST MENTOR, LEADER OF SOLDIERS



STORY BY SGT NICOLE HALL 2ND CAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS

From the day Soldiers are whisked off to basic training, they are surrounded by leaders that have direct influences on who they become in the Army. When Soldiers arrive at their units, most often the sergeant is the one who they first meet, and often have the most contact. A sergeant in the Army, is junior in the Noncommissioned Officer Corps, but is still charged to put the welfare of Soldiers first while completing mission.

The 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, hosted a Junior Leadership Development Program Seminar for all Soldiers in the rank of sergeant across the brigade, April 30, at the Community Activity Center on Camp Humphreys, South Korea.

The day long seminar was intended to equip junior NCOs with the tools to be better leaders, and help improve professional development. First Sgt. Ulrich Sanders, Company E, 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion senior enlisted advisor, facilitated the events for the day, and shared his experience

as being a leader.

"Have pride in the Army and what you are doing," said Sanders, a native of Wilmington, N.C. "Once you pin on stripes, you have to always keep progressing and motivating Soldiers to reach their potential. Don't get complacent with where you are at."

The day began with a motivating Physical Readiness Training session by two of the group's peers. Sgt. James Barrett, a small arms artillery repairer and Sgt. Justin Cloyes, a power generation mechanic equipment repairer, both of Co. E, 3-2 GSAB were chosen to give a challenging PRT session to their fellow NCOs.

"I felt a great sense of pride in leading my battle buddies in PRT," said Barrett, from Hampton, Va. "I love motivating Soldiers, and I hope that I was able to motivate my peers to do the same for their Soldiers."

After a physically draining hourand-a-half, the group headed to the Talon Café, the brigade's dining facility, to learn how to prepare to be a staff sergeant, or even a sergeant major in the Army.

Senior enlisted advisor to the 2nd CAB commander, Command Sgt. Maj.

Lourdes Berrios-Powell, described her experiences mentoring Soldiers and NCOs, since joining the Army 27 years ago.

ago.

"You are going to be challenged as a leader," said San Juan, Puerto Rico native, Berrios-Powell. "One way to combat that is to keep yourself updated on regulations. Get prepared for the hard questions and situations that may arise."

The remainder of the training included discussions on Suicide Prevention and Awareness, Sexual Harassment /Assault Response and Prevention, NCO authority and the Army Substance Abuse Program.

Staff Sgt. Apryl Johnson, brigade victim advocate, and native of Houston, spoke with the sergeants about their role in preventing sexual harassment and assaults. Victim advocates within the brigade acted out various scenarios for junior leaders of problematic situations Soldiers may face. The scenarios were designed to evoke discussion within the group. The sergeants were given whistles to halt scenarios and review what happened.

"It is our job to educate Soldiers especially when they are new to the

Army," said Johnson. "It's all about prevention. We must make sure to communicate with Soldiers and make sure they know the rules. As an NCO, we are never off duty and have a responsibility to take care of our Soldiers."

As the seminar wrapped up, the sergeants were left with a few points to keep in mind as they continue their journey through the ranks of the NCO Corps.

The junior leaders were urged to take advantage of the various opportunities to lead Soldiers, and to always be a good example. They were also reminded that sergeants are the most influential role models to Soldiers, and that Soldiers will follow them, if they are a good leader.

"I find communicating with Soldiers a big factor in leading them," said Altus, Okla. native, Sgt. Patrick Hawkey, an aviation operations specialist, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 2nd Bn. (Assault), 2nd Avn. Regiment. "As a newly promoted sergeant, I found the training very helpful. It was good to hear other NCOs talk about their experiences, and it gave me an idea of what to expect as I progress in the Army."

THAT'S FOR THE BIRDS



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

It's 6:30a.m., and the base is alive like the city that never sleeps. Soldiers everywhere are executing their daily exercise regimens when suddenly a loud shotgun-like sound is heard echoing across the base. As some Soldiers continue what they were doing, others looked startled, scratching their heads in confusion.

What those Soldiers were hearing, is the same sound Airmen at Osan and Kunsan Air Bases hear every day. The sounds come from a deterrent system called the 'bird cannon.' These cannons are well known to those who work in the aviation field, but not all Soldiers assigned here are aviators.

One Soldier, a cable systems installer maintainer, recalled the first time he heard the cannons.

"I was running the perimeter of the airfield when I first heard the cannons," said Pfc. John C. Green, with Company B, 304th Signal Battalion, 1st Signal Brigade, and native of Macon, Ga. "I got nervous and jumped, because I thought I heard a shotgun blast. My sergeant immediately told me it was a machine to scare away birds."

To avoid any such occurrences here, the deterrence system plays a key role in safety. These cannons were specifically designed to deter birds from flying, landing on, and loitering around the air field here. Birds consistently cause a threat, putting the lives of aviators and crew in danger while in flight.

Birds have been known to fly into aircraft rendering the machines inoperable or drastically reducing a pilot's visibility during flights. This is known as a bird strike.

The term 'bird strike' became known to the world when a jetliner was taken down by birds in New York City in 2009. That aircraft landed in the Hudson River and dubbed the "Miracle on the Hudson" after all passengers and crew survived the ordeal.

United States Army Garrison Humphreys is home to aviation units, including the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade. The Desiderio Army Airfield, named after Medal of Honor recipient Capt. Reginald B. Desiderio, is one of the busiest the Army operates overseas. Aircraft are constantly coming and going, making this bird deterrent system a necessity.

Ensuring our host nation's indigenous wildlife species are protected takes dedication and a good relationship with our host nation partners.

"I work closely with several Korean wildlife agencies and in an effort to respect their natural wildlife, we have chosen to use deterrence methods as opposed to depredation (shotguns) as our first line of defense," said Ronald E. Thomas, airfield division chief and airfield manager, USAG Humphreys, South Korea.

This lifesaving technology, which also saves the birds, is nothing new to the airfield. Chiwon Park, airfield alert services specialist with USAG Humphreys, is charged with airfield maintenance and currently maintains these systems.

"There have always been bird cannons since I've been working here," said Park. "In September of 2011, the garrison replaced the old cannons with a newer version," said Park.

To give you a bird's eye view on USAG Humphrey's commitment to protecting people and wildlife, the newer

version is religiously maintained in working condition to ensure safety first at all times.

"Like everything, it all begins with a good maintenance program. Our equipment is as reliable as our efforts are to maintain it," said Thomas. "Mr. Park does a great job keeping our systems operational year round."

The high standard of maintenance ensures all 20 of the airfield's cannons are set to fire at random times, twice an hour, so the birds can't learn or predict the blast. They can also be fired remotely by personnel in the air traffic control tower and on foot if they see birds causing a threat to aircraft.

The loud bird deterrents operate with propane gas which pressurize and ignite in a tube to cause a loud bang. Once the cannons go off, the system follows up with predatory bird calls played on two loud speakers to further deter these birdbrain intruders. The entire system is solar powered, making it echo friendly.

The next time you're at Camp Humphreys, and hear a loud bang, if a voice doesn't warn you on the base public announcement system, more than likely, it's just the bird cannons.



ROK-U.S. LEADERS DISCUSS INTEGRATING WOMEN INTO FIELD ARTILLERY





Leaders from 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division visited the Republic of Korea FA School in Jangsung, South Korea, April 1 to discuss integrating women into the FA.

The visit featured a junior officer exchange between five female U.S. Army FA lieutenants and the first six female FA officers of the ROK army, currently students at the ROK FA School.

"These six women, where they go, and what they do, will set the tone," said Col. Michael Lawson, commander of 210th FA Bde., commenting on the impact the first women in ROK FA will have.

During the junior officer exchange, the women had a candid discussion on everything from why they chose FA, to what challenges and issues they have faced, all things the ROK lieutenants were concerned about as the first-ever females.

"It's the closest that a female can get to being in combat," said 2nd Lt. Jillian Mueller, a native of Lakefield, Minn. "It's combat arms, and that's what I wanted to do."

The women from 210th FA Bde. each shared similar experiences as one of only a few women in the U.S. FA, both in school, and in their units.

"In artillery school, I was the only girl in my platoon, and it was fine that I slept in a tent with the boys," said 2nd Lt. Dong Hwa Lee, the liaison officer for 6th Battalion, 37th FA Regiment and a native of Tamuning, Guam.

ROK 2nd Lt. Kim Yuna asked how U.S. units are dealing with females being in the field with males and how the U.S. Army addresses living conditions.

"I'm in the field right now, and we have a tiny tracked vehicle. You can fit three people in it, and I sleep there every night with my guys," said Mueller, the executive officer of Battery A, 6th Bn., 37th FA Regt. and the only female in her unit. "We are so tired. It's so uncomfortable. If we get to sleep, we are happy to sleep anywhere."

In the ROK army, units have to set up a separate tent for females in the field because it is a big deal in Korean culture for males and females who are not married to stay in the same living space, explained 2nd Lt. Hwang Hee-jeong.

"It's good to see how their struggles are different from ours," said 2nd Lt. Alexandria De Luna, from Weslaco, Texas.

While discussing their different challenges, the junior officers also found ways they were very alike.

"It was eye-opening being able to be there and learn first-hand their passion for field artillery and how it's similar to ours," said De Luna, the executive officer for Headquarters and Headquarters Btry, 6th Bn., 37th FA Regt.

The female officers got to know each other over a social lunch and guided tour of the ROK women's barracks.

"The most lasting impression to me was how similar they are to us," said 2nd Lt. Raeseana Phelps, a native of Fort Knox, Ky. and the ammunition officer for 1st B, 38th FA Regi. "All the questions they had are the questions females in the U.S. Army had coming into field artillery."

The female officers joined senior leaders from the ROK FA School and 210th FA Bde. for a conference about integrating women into the FA. The discussion included a comparison of the ROK and U.S. FA education systems and opportunities for females to serve.

Since the U.S. Army opened all positions to FA officers in January 2014, Maj. Gen. Oh Jeong-il, commandant of the ROK FA School, expects the ROK army to follow in a few years.

"The goodness of what the U.S. Army is doing,



and what the ROK army is doing is, it's opening up opportunities for officers who have skills, and for officers who can think," said Lawson.

The ROK army opened FA to female officers beginning with these six students, but still does not allow women to serve in some positions, such as cannon battery executive officer or forward observer.

The ROK army continues not to allow enlisted women in FA while the U.S. Army recently opened those positions. Enlisted FA women began joining units in November 2013.

"We have a set of physical standards to ensure that, male or female, a Soldier isn't put into a job that they are not capable of doing," said Lawson.

The visit began with a tour of the school's museum and an overview of ROK FA. The leaders got an up-close view of Hwacha, Korea's first multiple launch system.

The group ended the visit with a tour of current ROK artillery equipment, including the K9 self-propelled howitzer and the K10 ammunition loading vehicle.



AUSA TOURNAMENT IS A HOLE IN ONE





Senior leaders from 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division and members of the Dongduncheon chapter of the Association of the United States Army met on the green at the Indianhead Golf Course on Camp Casey, South Korea, April 18 for a nine-hole golf tournament.

The golf match was planned as part of the annual

effort between the AUSA and 210th FA Bde. to create strong bonds among the community.

"This is one of the events we used this year to solidify the relationship we have with the community," said Maj. Grant Brayley, from Toronto, Ohio, the information operations officer assigned to 210th FA Bde., 2nd Inf. Div. "It helps the golf course, it helps us, it helps them [AUSA], and it's a good time."

The teams were split into four, two Soldiers and two AUSA members each.

"We've always had a relationship with the 210th



FA Bde.," said Yim, Ki-sun, from Dongducheon, South Korea, president of AUSA Dongducheon. "And through golf we try to better our relationship."

Upon completion of the tournament, the golfers' scores were tallied up and everyone sat down for the awards ceremony and dinner at the golf course's restaurant.

"All of the American Soldiers who are here work very hard every day," said Col. Michael Lawson, commander of 210th FA Bde. "So to get the opportunity to come out on a beautiful spring day in Korea and play golf with friends has been very special to me."

Awards for first, second, and third place, as well as longest and shortest drives were presented to the Soldiers by Yim.

"These friends came far away from their homes," said Yim. "We want to show our gratitude for their hard work, and the ROK-U.S. Alliance. We are very thankful for them helping us protect our nation."

At dinner, teammates sat together and exchanged conversation, handshakes, and smiles while the warm springtime winds died down in lieu of the setting sun.

"To have all of these wonderful friends in the AUSA and the Soldiers who are here from the brigade is rewarding, and I've had a smile on my face all day," said Lawson.

THUNDER KATUSAS MEET A LIVING LEGEND





The Korean War was a time of devastation and panic. However, there were heroes like retired Republic of Korea army, Gen. Paik Sun-yup who stood up to enemy forces to protect their nation and loved ones.

On April 15 at the War Memorial of Korea in Yongsan, South Korea, four Korean Augmentation to the United States Army Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division, visited the man himself.

The KATUSAs who had the honor of meeting Paik were winners of the 2nd Inf. Div.,

Gen. Paik Sun-yup board.

"Not every KATUSA that competes gets to be selected to earn the award because they must display leadership potential and qualities that come along with being a Soldier and a leader," said Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Spano, the senior enlisted advisor for the 2nd Inf. Div.

The board was established to honor Paik, a living legend whose achievements range from distinguished service during the Korean War, to the modernization of the ROK army.

"My grandfather fought in the Korean War as a naval officer, and I grew up hearing about Gen. Paik," said Sgt. Kim Kyu-sik, from Seoul, South Korea, an automated logistical specialist assigned to 580th Forward Support Company, 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, 210th FA Bde. "Once I heard about the board, I had to take part."

According to Command Sgt. Maj. Jeong Woo-jin, the ROK army support group senior enlisted advisor for the 2nd Inf. Div., the visit was a great opportunity for the Soldiers to interact with a hero who has stood where they are standing.

"By studying his biography and what he has done, they have gained the chance to know what to do as a young Soldier," said Jeong. "Second, by meeting him in person, and with what they learned, it was a valuable experience for them to think about their plans and ways they have set."

For Cpl. Pyo Ki-youn, also a native of Seoul, it was a time to reflect back on his military career.

"It was a time for me to look back on my mindset as a KATUSA and as a Soldier," said Pyo, a canon crewmember assigned to Battery B, 1st Bn., 15th FA Regt., 210th FA Bde. "I was deeply inspired to work harder, thinking of the times past and the things I have learned."

During the meeting, Paik mentioned the importance of the Alliance between the two nations.

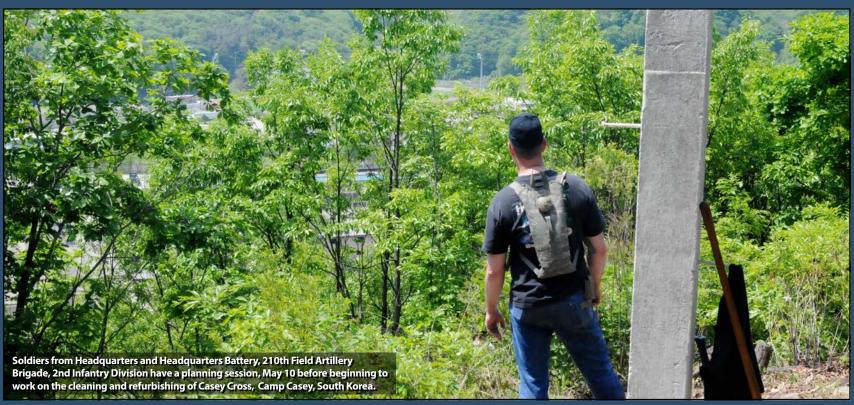
"No matter how hard one works, there are limits to his abilities," said Paik. "Working together is crucial"

The ROK-U.S. Alliance continues to grow stronger as we work together to defend the Korean Peninsula.

HISTORY REMEMBERED: Casey's cross









Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, hike the steep incline of a nearby mountain through deciduous forest on a path long hidden by brown broad leaves from seasons past, May 10, Camp Casey, South Korea.

The group is making their way to Casey Cross, May 10, on Camp Casey, South Korea, where they've made it their mission to beat the trail through old bunkers, and refurbish a long-neglected piece of the installation's history.

"The original cross was put up here in 1954," said Sgt. 1st Class Jacob Mauer, a native of Sandpoint, Idaho, the liason noncommissioned officer in charge assigned to HHB pointing out a concrete cross covered by brush and roots. "But it deteriorated and now there's this one."

Maj. Hugh Boyd Casey, the namesake for Camp Casey, was killed in an aircraft accident Jan. 11, 1952, and the base was dedicated to him later that

year. The cross was erected as a memorial to his military service two years later.

"The cross will be restored to its original state of cleanliness with visibility made available to all that pass through Camp Casey," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 James M. Verschueren, the liason officer in charge, assigned to HHR

Casey's cross stands well over fifteen feet tall, its white finish grayed from years of weather and wear.

Soldiers cleared brush surrounding the plateau, cleaned up the trail leading to it, and scouted for potentially hazardous areas that need to be taped off

"We're going to come up here every Saturday until the job is done," said Sgt. 1st Class Juan C. Aue, from Teaneck N.J., the fire control equipment noncommissioned officer in charge, assigned to HHB. "I want this to be a place everyone can enjoy, hike up here and have lunch."

While there is still plenty of work to be done, the Soldiers who volunteer to be a part of this cleanup crew show no signs of slowing down.





In an effort to reduce sexual assault and harassment within our ranks, leaders and Soldiers discussed ways to prevent sexual assault and sexual harassment during a 90-minute "Got Your Back" training on Camps Red Cloud and Casey, South Korea, May 6-9.

The training was presented by Catharsis Productions as a sequel to the popular "Sex Signals" show, and is based out of Chicago. Their mission is to reduce interpersonal violence by producing artistically innovative and research-supported programming that challenges oppressive attitudes, transforms behavior, and inspires communities to create a world without violence.

"The overall objective of this program is to engage Soldiers in a conversation about the ways in which our culture provides cover for sexual predators," said Gail Stern Ph. D., co- owner, and chief academic officer of Catharsis Productions. "How do you know you're supposed to intervene, or say no, if no one ever taught you what good looks like?"

Each version of Sex Signals reflects the jargon, customs, and courtesies of the military, as well as incorporating the core values, and utilizing these principles to empower military personnel to be allies in sexual assault prevention.

"The approach used by our company is a great approach," said Stern. "It does

not blame people for what they used to think, but it enlightens them in a way and gives them permission to reflect on what they once took for granted."

Soldiers attending the training were very much alert and interactive. The audience involved Soldiers from across all the ranks, making the discussion and interaction a lot broader.

Some of the topics discussed at the training were, the different languages used to describe men and women who are sexually active, the difference between a good and a bad 'hook up,' as well as knowing what is acceptable, and what is not acceptable.

"I received a lot of information on what to teach my new Soldiers when they come in, the signs to look for, what to do, and what not to do" said Sgt. Joseph Gardner, Company B, 1-72 Field Artillery, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division. "I really liked the angle of the training...it made it more interactive."

"Our teaching approach is more consistent with adult learning styles," said Stern. "We use a sense of humor; we are fearless with what we say. It doesn't feel like we're pushing an agenda, we're having a real conversation!"

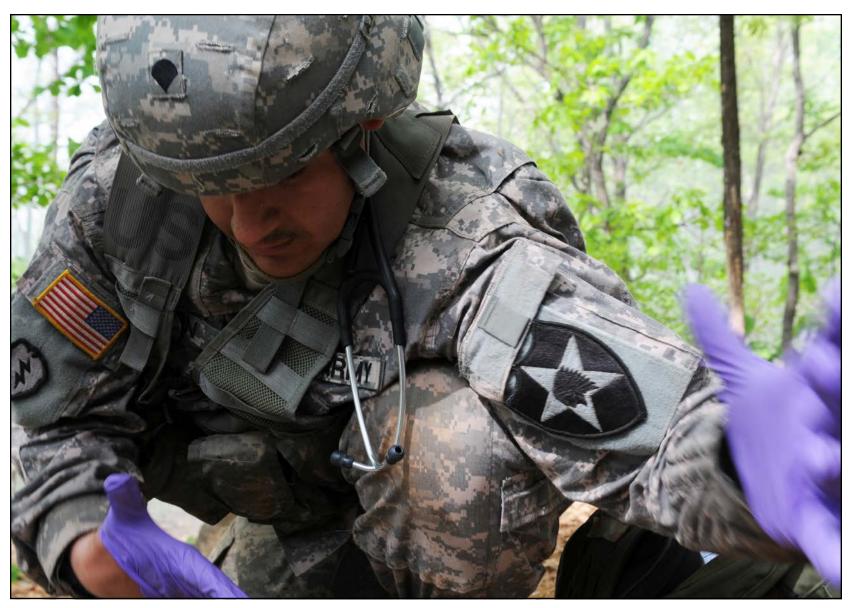
"Got Your Back" has been adopted and adapted for SHARP training across the Army. The production company is scheduled to continue its tour at Osan Air Force Base, South Korea, and Camp Humphreys, South Korea, where they will continue to raise awareness, promote intervention, and educate Soldiers on the prevention of sexual harassment and assault.



DoD Safe Helpline: 1-877-995-5247



www.preventsexualassault.army.mil



2ID DOMINATES EFMB ON THE DMZ



Soldiers of 2nd Infantry Division dominated the annual 2014 Eighth Army Expert Field Medical Badge qualification at Warrior Base, South Korea, May 2.

April 21, 242 medics from around the Korean peninsula started training for the two-week event. At a ceremony on Warrior Base near the Demilitarized Zone, only 18 Soldiers remained. Of the 18 left standing, 12 2nd Inf. Div. Soldiers were pinned with the coveted EFMB to wear proudly above their U.S. Army nameplate on their uniforms.

"EFMB is one of the most grueling tests in our Army," said Command Sgt. Maj. Ray Devens, U.S. Eighth Army senior enlisted advisor. "The badge is about taking your proficiency and knowledge and passing it to others. You are now charged with ensuring others can, too, someday earn that badge. You are now the expert and everywhere you go you will be recognized as an expert. Congratulations on earning the badge."

Over the course of two-weeks, medics must first train on the tasks that will be tested to earn the badge. At the completion of the training, the candidates than take a written test to see if they qualify for the testing portion of the EFMB.

During the testing week, candidates must perform to perfection 42 standardized tasks and complete a 12-mile roadmarch in less than three hours. At any time during the testing week the Soldier gets a "no-go" on a task, they are sent back to their unit and will have to try again next year.

"You have to go through very rigorous training and know a lot of medi-

cal and tactical knowledge in order to save a life on a battlefield," said 1st Lt. Jessica McKenzie, physician assistant, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Inf. Div.

The EFMB recognizes medical Soldiers who attain a high degree of professional skill and proficiency as field medics. With less than a 20 percent success rate Army-wide, the EFMB is considered the crowning achievement for the Army medical community. Currently, only three percent of the Army medical community wear the EFMB.

"I'm proud of myself for putting in the effort and finishing in time," said Spc. Don Driver, a medic and also from 4th Squadron, 7th Cav. "I look forward to helping my future battle buddies go through this and help push them to do their best."

All 2nd Inf. Div. Soldiers receiving honors hail from 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team. They earned the following EFMB honors: 1st Lt. Jessica McKenzie, from Ocala, Fl., was the only female Soldier to earn the badge; Spc. Don Driver, from Hubertus, Wisc., won the fastest time for the 12-mile footmarch with a blazing two hours and 11 minutes completion time; Capt. Garrett Latham, of Lakewood, Wash., had the best written score; and Sgt. Alejandro Segovia, a native of Athens, Ga., had the most "go's" in the hands-on testing phase.

"The EFMB is a very prestigious badge not only in the medical field, but in the Army," said Sgt. Maj. Joe Stewart, senior enlisted advisor for the 2nd Inf. Div. Surgeon Office. "The 12 2ID Soldiers put the effort in before the competition even began. It is very time consuming during standardization week, and by the time testing begins you are already mentally and physically exhausted. It takes a special kind of person with a lot of heart and drive to want to compete for the badge."













"I got to do things I've never done in my life," said Spc. Rebecca Force, native of Browns Mills N.J., and a healthcare specialist assigned to HHB. "I had never white water rafted or zip-lined before."

The whooping yell of adrenaline and tittering shrieks of fear as Soldiers came off the ledge and onto the wire to traverse a river from 50 feet above could be heard inside a shop where Soldiers were indulging in ice cream.

"Part of this event is to come out as a battery and have fun," said Capt. Christopher D. Maes, battery commander of HHB. "The other part is to show your guys there are things you can go out and do on your own without needing a pass. This place is in Area I."

After a barbeque cookout, more than 80 Soldiers took time to kick back and relax by the river, taking photos and quietly contemplating rock piles left behind by visitors before them.

On the bus ride back, the snores of exhaustion and a good day out in the sun could be heard by all.

210TH SOLDIERS GET A DAY OF ADVENTURE



For Soldiers assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, even fun starts before the sun rises over the mountain ridge and its rays tumble into Camp Casey, South Korea.

Once the Soldiers were done with their morning formation, they loaded up the buses and headed to

the X-Games Resort in Inje, South Korea, for this year's Warrior Adventure Quest.

"This is supposed to be a fun event," said 1st Sgt. Willie Vines, from Dallas, Texas, the HHB senior enlisted noncommissioned officer. "We are ambassadors for the Army, so it's a must that we meet the Warrior Standard at all times."

Anticipation had been building all week. Conversation in the barracks less mundane, focused instead on whether zip-lining or river rafting will be more fun, and who is afraid of heights.



ROK - U.S. ALLIANCE SALE IS A WIN-WIN

STORY AND PHOTO BY CAPT MATT BALDWIN 2ND CAB PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade delivered the last of 14 CH-47D Chinook helicopters to the Republic of Korea's military, completing a unique foreign military sale that benefits both the Republic of Korea and the U.S., March 27.

The ROK benefits by having more heavylift helicopters for moving troops and equipment, and the U.S. saves money by keeping the FMS local after the 2nd CAB, upgrades their Chinooks to the CH-47F model airframe.

"It is definitely a win-win," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Shawn Johnston, a CH47-D Chinook helicopter pilot assigned to Company B, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Avn. Regiment General Support Avn. Bn., a native of North Vernon, Ind., and organizer of the flights from Camp Humphreys to the ROK military bases. "It expands their capability to another battalion of Chinooks, and the money saved goes back into our aviation community."

More than the FMS or working together as a team, Johnston explained that the ROK and U.S. now share the benefits of a proud aviation history. It began in 1961, when the U.S. Army bought the first Chinooks. Over time, advances in technology have added extended-range fuel systems, improved avionics, and modernized electrical systems. "It took us 50 years to get to where we are today," he said.

The 2nd CAB's final deliveries happened four months after the Defense Security Co-

operation Agency announced the sale of the 14 CH-47D model aircraft to the ROK. An estimate for \$151 million is given in the DSCA transmittal to Congress, No. 13-66, and it includes a long list of associated equipment, parts and engines, provisions for future training and logistical support.

"The CH-47D is an absolute workhorse and is well suited to a variety of missions that both we and our ROK army Aviation partners are faced with," said Brig. Gen. Erik Peterson, 2nd Inf. Div. deputy commanding general for support. "It was certainly a pleasure to see these very capable aircraft go to our close Alliance partners. The cooperation and teamwork, during the transfer, was yet another example of the strength of our Alliance and depth of our relationships."



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STORY AND PHOTOS BY SGT KWON YONG-JOON 1ST ABCT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Chaplain's Office of 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, hosted a monthly trip to Gyeongbok Palace, Seoul, South Korea, for Soldiers of 1st BSTB, May 2.

Capt. Yong T. Joung, 1st BSTB chaplain, 1st ABCT, 2nd Inf. Div., suggested the idea of the monthly trip to Seoul.

"When I was first deployed to 1st BSTB, the Soldiers did not have many chances to experience Korea. Some of them did not have any impression on Korea," said Joung.

"U.S. Soldiers deploy to Korea to cooperate with Republic of Korea army. Our motto is 'we go together. Katchi Kapshida.' If they do not have any knowledge on Koreans and their culture, how can they serve under our division's motto?" said Joung, a native of Yeosu, South Korea.

Since the main purpose of the trip is to understand the Korean culture, Joung tends to plan the trips to places where they can see and feel Korean history and culture. Soldiers have been to Myeongdong, Gyeongbok Palace, Changgyeong Palace, National Museum of Korea, The War Memorial of Korea, and Lotte World Indoor Ice Skating Rink.

"By visiting these cultural places, Soldiers can increase morale and have some wholesome fun while they are in Korea," said Sgt. Jeremy M. Levens, a chaplain's assistant of 1st BSTB, and a native of Burnet, Texas. "All we do is provide safe opportunities to experience and learn the culture."

These trips help Soldiers not only to experience the culture, but also to embrace it by learning and being a part



of the community.

Soldiers' positive feedback was illustrated in the number of people who signed up for the trip. It has increased so much that Levens had to cut back on the number of participants on a first-come first-served basis signed up for the trip.

When they went to Lotte World Indoor Ice Skating Rink in January, they only took 14 people, but they took 30 people this month even though they initially opened up spots for only 20 people.

These positive feedback is the outcome of trials and

errors from previous trips since April 2013. "For Soldiers like me, adventuring in a country with language barrier is a challenge. These trips helped me to overcome the fear," said Sgt. Mark A. Sorrentino II, a combat engineer with Company C, 1st BSTB, and a native of Buffalo, N.Y.

"I am thrilled when Soldiers tell me that these trips brought big change in their deployment in Korea," said Joung . "As long as our Korean neighbors allow us to be with them, we will continue to learn and be part of the Korean community. Katchi Kapshida, our Korean neighbors!".

SPOUSE'S COLUMN

MOTHER'S DAY IN WARRIOR COUNTRY



The past year has marked my first time living in an Army community, and my first full exposure to military Family life. While I came to appreciate the difficulty of separation during my husband's first few years of service, I did not personally know many Army Families prior to Korea.

I do not have children yet, but I have seen the demands, as well as the joys, of parenting through my Family and friends. Yet, Army life brings its own set of challenges to parenthood. Since coming to Korea, the men and women who are balancing children and Army life as Soldiers or as spouses have shown me the depth of strength among Army Families. In light of Mother's Day, I would thus like to shine the spotlight on Army Families, Army mothers in particular, and a few of the qualities that I believe make them exceptional.

A key characteristic I have noticed among Army mothers is one that encompasses many others: adaptability. Moving to a foreign country can be difficult,

under any circumstances, and may be complicated by paperwork and official procedures. I spent my first week in Korea in a hotel, eating microwavable meals. This was followed by a week sleeping on the floor of an empty apartment and a solid month of living among clutter as I tried to settle. In the same time frame, a friend who was also a new arrival to Korea had set up her home, familiarized herself with the town, helped her kids settle in school, resumed her own education online, and offered me her full support – all while her husband was away for field training. She was not an exception; even spouses who had never moved with the military before Korea were quick to adapt and eager to help me settle.

Hand in hand with this adaptability is resilience. It is stressful to settle far from Family, friends and familiarity, especially in a foreign culture. Perhaps even more difficult is separation during training or deployment. I respect the strength and independence continuously demonstrated by Army mothers, who maintain close Family ties through moves, changes, and separations. This is equally true of active duty mothers, who exhibit these qualities each day as they balance Family life with their service.

My admiration extends to the mothers of service members and military spouses, who form part of an important support structure. I am particularly grateful this Mother's Day for all the women who have remained an invaluable piece of my life, even when years pass between visits. They have reinforced the notion that separation can in fact be a positive force that strengthens bonds.

Within the Army community, I have seen this resilience and adaptability develop into unity in times of need. This Mother's Day, the Sewol ferry tragedy and the approach of Memorial Day are poignant reminders of the many Families who are missing sons, daughters, siblings, spouses, parents or loved ones. As we celebrate the mothers and the inspirational women in our lives, we must also come together to remember those in mourning, those who have passed, and those risking their lives for our country.

So, happy Mother's Day to all the Warrior Country mothers. Your ability to manage the most challenging of situations is admirable and does not go unnoticed. Perhaps this resilience is not unique to the military or the Families of the Armed Forces, but I believe it cannot be found elsewhere in such abundance.

DIRTY JOBS



Summer is coming and people are ready to have fun in the sun. However, it is vital that they stay alert and keep their eyes open for unexpected dangers that may come along, and have someone as an anchor to warn them and keep them safe.

Staff Sgt. Wayne Moore, a signal support systems specialist assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, works to be that anchor as the battery's safety noncommissioned officer.

Moore has been working as the safety NCO since January and he shows his passion for the job by helping his unit stay safe.

"I actually volunteered to do it," said Moore, a native of Chicago. "It was something I wanted to do and safety is very important. I think it is very important to educate my Soldiers as well as the rest of the battery as far as keeping an eye open for safety risks."

He conducts classes for the battery and is currently planning to increase the number of classes to prepare for the summer season.

"Right now we are conducting safety classes within a few elements, getting prepared for the monsoon season, the flood condition, and heat injuries as well," said Moore. "We are going to start picking up at least once every two weeks to prepare for summer."



Maj. Grant Brayley, the information operations officer assigned to HHB, and safety officer for the brigade, mentioned the importance of these classes as well.

"It prepares us for all different things that go on during the summer season," said Brayley, a native of Toronto, Ohio. "It reminds them of things that go on and just refreshes them and gets their mindset for summer."

According to Moore, keeping an open mind for safety and being alert is crucial since potential threats are always out there, whether it's conducting sergeant's time training or physical readiness training.

When it comes to the well being of a Soldier, it is more than just one person being ill or in danger, but a critical situation for the whole unit.

My Korea, My Life

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

Many Soldiers believe that Korean Augmentation to the United States Army Soldiers have lived their whole lives in Korea. Although KATUSA's are native

to Korea, some have spent time in countries outside of Korea and the United States. A small greeting and simple conversation can lead to learning a lot about the Soldiers who help protect the Alliance.

Cpl. Kim, Tae Sung, human resource specialist assigned to Headquarters Support Company, 602nd Aviation Spt. Battalion, 2nd Combat Avn. Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, has been in the Army about 10 months as a KATUSA Soldier.

The Anyang, South Korea, native hasn't solely lived in one place. Kim attended college at Griffith University in Brisbane, Australia.

Kim has been from South Korea to Australia and now back to South Korea. The difference this time is he gets to experience American culture in his own country.

"The biggest cultural difference I had was learning to greet people," said Kim. "In Korea, it is not common to greet strangers on a first meeting. I felt strange in the beginning, but now I feel appreciated by the smallest greeting."

In an effort to embrace his

new surrounds, Kim watched many American television shows and movies. His roommate helped him learn new things as well.

> "It is so diverse in the U.S. and I admire that," said Kim.

Kim also gives back to his fellow Soldiers by helping them to communicate out in the local community.

On weekends, Kim sometimes helps U.S. Soldiers when they want to venture out around the town. He once accompanied Soldiers and their Families to a nearby Folk Village,

explaining the surroundings and translating as needed.

"Kim was very helpful in explaining the different types of Korean food during the folk village trip," said Pfc. Ugo Sanchez, orderly room clerk assigned to HSC, 602nd Avn. Spt. Bn., and a Waco, Texas native. "Since he has arrived, he has always been willing to help Soldiers."

In his free time, Kim loves to watch movies and listen to music. But recently, he really enjoys learning how to play a new instrument.

"I'm learning how to play ukulele," said Kim. "I love the sound the ukulele makes when played, and it is so much fun learning to play it."

Not only does he love listening to and making music with instruments, Kim also can sing.

While studying in Australia, Kim sang tenor as part of the Queensland Korean. The choir was organized to gather Korean residents abroad with the same interest.

After Kim completes his time in the Army, he plans to go back to school in Australia. He wants to continue his degree in hotel and event management. In the future, he plans to be a successful event coordinator and businessman.

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.

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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

SCMO DUTIES

Anyone who has business to conduct with the late SPC Justin Kyle Adams should contact the Summary Court Martial Officer, CPT Bill Truett, at DSN 730-5052, cell 010-8552-6586, or email at william.g.truett.mil@mail.

LEGAL UPDATE:

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

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 Retiremet

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 in increase cross-cultural awareness. Contact Sgt. First Class Lassiter at 732-6549.

MWR

MWR event organizers are looking for Area I Units, groups or individuals to participate in the Warrior Country Parade as part of the 2014 Independence Day Celebration and Aerial Fireworks Display at Camp Casey, July 3rd. The parade will begin at the Casey TMP and end at the event site. For more information, contact Ms. Sally Hall at 732-5485 or Fred Ware at 730-4602.

2ID EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TEAM



Presents Gyeonggi Provincial Dance Company

30 May 2014 **CRC** Theater 1400-1500



Celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month



Guest Speaker SGM Franklin Benabise 2ID, G6



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For more information, contact SFC Lassiter at 732-6549 or 010-6479-9612

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성보에게

성보야 안녕 나 선영이~ 오늘은 오월에 어느 날인데 햇살이 참 좋아~ 날씨도 따뜻하고 바람도 시원하게 부니 까 기분이 좋다~ 자기랑 만난지도 언 일년이 다 되어가네 ~ 자기랑 만나면서 좋은 곳도 가고 맛있는데도 많이 가고 최근엔 대천에 같이 여행도 갔자나^^ 하나둘씩 추억이 쌓 이고 있네.

자기 군대 들어가고 사이가 더 애뜻해진거 같아 연락도 잘못하고 자주 만나지 못하니까 만나는 그 시간에 자기한 테만 온전히 쏟을 수 있어서 그리고 자기가 나를 많이 사랑 해주고 이뻐해줘서 얼마나 고마운지 몰라. 순간순간마다 자기가 나에게 해주는 행동 보면서 나도 이렇게 소중한 사람이구나 이쁨받고 있다는 느낌에 가슴이 벅찰때가 있어. 그럴때마다 나도 더 잘해야겠다는 생각이 들고~ 내가 가끔 지칠때 자기가 정말 많은 힘이 되~ 아직 만난 일 보다더 만날 일이 많은 우리 지금처럼만 서로를 위하고 사랑하며 이쁘게 만나자♥

정말 너무너무 사랑하고 소중한 내 자기~ 남은 군 생활 화이팅하게 잘하고 항상 힘이 되주어 고마워♥

선영이에게

내사랑 선영아!

어느새 5월이야 자기한테 고백한지가 엊그제 같은데 이렇게 이쁜사랑을 하고있는게 꿈만같아 서로 소개로 알 게되고 간간히 연락하다 작년 오월말쯤에 만나기시작했 었지 그때당시만해도 곧 군대를가야하는데 여자친구를 만들어도될까 생각도들고 첫인상 부터 않좋게볼까봐 군 대도다녀왔다고 거짓말 했었는데 자기의 예리한 감으로 금방 알아차렸었지 정자동 카페거리의 잠바쥬스에서 조 용히 "나한테 뭐 할말없어?" 라고 말했을땐 얼마나 무섭 던지.. 그땐 금방 날 떠날수도 있겠구나라고 생각도했지 만 이렇게 날 믿어주고 사랑해주는 자기에게 정말로 잘해 줘야겠다는 생각밖에 안들더라. 군대 들어가서 그전보다 더 애교도많아지고 애틋함도 생겨서 더 좋다는너. 논산땐 서로 편지 주고받느라 시간가는 줄 몰랐고 KTA에선 난생 처음 받는 영상편지에 몸둘바를 몰랐었지. 히히 이제 전보 다 표현 하는법과 여러가질 자기에게 많이 배워가는 것 같 아 서운한점도 시원하게 털털 털어놓기에 우리사이가 더 욱 깊어지고 단단해질 수 있는 원동력아닐까? 우리 연애 초반에는 서로 꼭 붙어다니며 자신의 시간을 할애하고 양 보해주는 것만이 최고라고 생각했었지만 군대에 와있는 지금은 자신의 시간도 가지면서 서로를 이해하고 신뢰를 가지며 성숙한 사랑을 하는 것 같아서 지금도 연애 초기인 것 같고 또 일년이 지나도 변치 않을거라 믿어. 앞으로 우 리 준비하는 것들도 잘 되었으면 좋겠고 여기저기 국내여 행도 많이 다니자!

털털 애교 만땅 선영아! 앞으로 우리 더욱 사랑 예쁘 게하고 좋은추억 조금씩 싸아가자 사랑해!



지난 5월 13일 캠프 험프리(Camp Humphreys)에서 미 제2보병사단 제2항공여단 3-2 전투항공대대가 CH47-D 수송헬기 항상프로그램 일환으로 최신형 시눅 (Chinook, CH-47F)을 공개하였다. 〈사진 _ 박진우 / 미 제2보병사단 공보처〉



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인디언헤드 한글판 스태프

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함초롱체: 한글과컴퓨터 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 732-9132으로 전화 바랍니다.

인디언헤드가 만난 사람들

"군생활에서 겪는 시련을 견디는 나만의 방법은?"



1-15포병대대 본부포대 지원반 행정/PC 운용병 상병 오병준

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1-15포병대대 본부포대 지원반 행정/PC 운용병 상병 김서환



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1-15포병대대 본부포대 지원반 행정/PC 운용병 일병 박준서

먼저 어떤 조직에 가도 그 조직의 장점 뿐만 아니라 단점 또는 나를 힘들게 하는 점들이 항상 존재한다고 생각합니다. 의미는 다르지만 저는 군생활 또한 사회생활의 연장이라 생각하고 군생활동안 겪는 시련들을 단지 혼자서 묵묵히 가슴앓이 하거나 시련을 주는 타인을 비난해 자기위로를 얻는 등의 근시안적인 방법보다 이를 현명하게 극복할 방법을 찾으려고 노력합니다. 여러 시련들을 극복해 나가면서 저 자신 스스로도 성숙해지는 것 같습니다. 마지막으로 우리 모두 시련이 다가왔을때 극단적인 선택으로 이를 회피하기보다 당당하게 극복해 나아가는 자랑스런 카투사가 되었으면 좋겠습니다.

저는 군 생활에서 힘든 일이 있을 때, 옆에 있는 동기들, 그리고 선임병 분들께 하소연하고 도움을 요 청합니다. 그렇게 하고 나면 치유를 받은 느낌이 듭 니다. 누군가 제가 처한 문제 상황에 대해서 경청하고 공감해 주는것 만으로도 저의 스트레스는 상당량이 해소됩니다. 군 생활을 하다보면 어떤 보직이든 나름대로의 시련을 겪기 마련입니다. 분명한 것은 누가 누구보다 힘든 가를 비교하기 시작하면 끝이 없다는 것입니다. 저는 이 곳에서의 생활은 사회에 나갔을 때 소중한 경험이 되고, 어떤 형태로든 제 인생에 피가 되고 살이 되어 나타날 것이라는 믿음을 가지고 남은 기간동안 열심히 군 복무하려고 합니다.

생각보다 은근히 진중문고 책들 중에 재밌는 책들이 많은 것 같습니다. 아니면 재밌지는 않더라도 유익한 책들을 골라서 내려주신 것 같습니다. 업무때문에나 무엇 때문에나 생각이 부대낄 때 인사과책들 중 무작위로 한권씩을 뽑아 읽다보면 생각외로 좋다 싶었던 때가 많았습니다. '스마트한 생각들' '그 남자네 집' '스티브 잡스 전기'등이 좋았습니다. 인사과 책들을 읽으면서 나름 그때그때 생각도 정리하고 무료함을 더는 데 도움을 받고 있습니다. 지금 잡식하듯 읽어놓은 것들이 나중 언젠가 도움이 될 날도 있지 않을까, 내심 그런 기대도 있습니다. 그래서 앞으로도 진중문고와 함께 군생활의 시련을 이겨나가려 합니다!

저는 여행가면서 찍었던 사진들이나 특별한 추억들이 담긴 사진들을 보면서 당시 기억들을 떠올립니다. 특히 군입대 직전의 터키여행 사진들은 지금까지도 많은 힘이 되고 있습니다. 전역 후 여행 계획도 어렴풋이나마 생각해보고 있습니다. 지인들과의 대화로도 많이 시련을 이겨내는데, 요즘은 여자친구와의 대화가 많은 힘이 되고 있습니다. 서로 힘든 상황들을 얘기하고 위로해주곤합니다. 훈련소 때 잠시 위기가 있었지만 위기가 밑거름이 되어 오히려 지금은 더욱 돈독해졌습니다. 절 많이 걱정했던 13-11기 동기들에게 지금은 여자친구랑 잘 지내고 있다고 말하고 싶습니다.

인- 자기소개를 부탁드립니다.

지- 저는 미2사단 210포병여단 1-15포병대대 지원반 선임병장을 맡고 있는 병장 지민제입니다. 처음 보직명령을 받았을때, 지원반이란 단어가 생소하였는데 어느새 전역을 2개월 앞두었습니다. 지원반에서 지원반장, 선임병장들과 근무하게 되어 부담이 많았지만 입대전 여러 경험으로 업무적응을 쉽게 할 수 있었습니다. 저는지원반장과 함께 행정업무 맡으며, 각 중대 선임병장들과 대대 카투사들의 병력관리를 담당하고 있습니다.

인- 부대소개를 부탁드립니다.

지- 1-15포병대대는 1917년 뉴욕, 시라큐스에서 창설되어 제2차 세계대전에 처음 참전한 부대로서 역사와 전통을 이어가고 있는 미 포병대대 중 최강으로 불리는 포대입니다. 한국 전 참전 직후 미국 본토로 복귀했다가 1963년 이후부터 계속하여 한반도 평화유지에 앞장서고 있는 부대입니다. 현재 연 평균 7회가 넘는 실전같은 실사격 훈련으로 1여단 화력지원을 담당하고 있으며 군인들은 높은 군기강 확립을 통해모두가 최상의 전투력을 유지하고 있습니다.

인- 군생활을 하면서 가장 기억에 남는 일이 있다면?

지- 미2사단장 취임식 참석이 가장 기억에 많이 남습니다. 더운 날씨에 중대원들끼리 서로 격려 하며 동지애를 느꼈고 사단 모든 예하부대들이 모여 펼치는 행사의 모습은 마치 영화의 한 장면 같았습니다. 또한 이러한 행사에 참석하게 되어 서 뿌듯하고 보람을 느꼈습니다.

인- 여태까지 본 미군중 가장 독특한 사람은?

지- 지원반 옆 S4 군수과에서 일하는 래디쉬 중 위가 가장 독특합니다. 한국어 사랑으로 유명한 래디쉬 중위는 항상 카투사를 보면 한국말로 대화 하려 합니다. 이제는 카투사와의 업무를 한국말로 할 정도로 한국사람이 되었습니다. 항상 '~했어요, 했습니다' 라는 말투는 주변 미군들과 카투사에게 많은 관심과 활력소가 되고 있습니다. 최근엔 자주 만나지는 못하지만, 래디쉬 중위의 근황을 전우로 부터 종종 전해 듣고 있습니다.

인- 입대한 뒤 지금까지 가장 허무했던 하루

하는 것이었습니다. 단지 먼지 때문에 컴퓨터가 멈춘 것입니다. 지금은 지역대에서 보급받은 새 컴퓨터로 걱정없이 행정업무 를 하고 있습니다.

지- 제가 인사과 막내로 근무한지 3개월, 모두가 정훈교육을 가고 혼 자 문서작업을 하던 중 인트라넷 컴퓨터가 갑자기 꺼지는 것이었

습니다. 유일하게 작동되는 컴퓨터라 고치지 못하면 부대일지 3

개월 분량, 병사계, 휴가계를 포함한 모든 자료가 허사가 되는 순

간이었습니다. 그렇게 반나절이 지날 때 즈음, 선임병이 와서 노

쇠한 컴퓨터의 먼지를 털어내고 팬을 정리하자 정상적으로 작동

인- 전역 후의 계획은?
지- 전역한 선임병들의 안부를 들어본 바, 군대를 전역하고 좋을 것 같지만 사회생활에서 약간의 어 려움을 겪는다고 들었습니다. 그러나 군대에서 배 웠던 강인한 마음가짐을 통해 사회에 나가 우수한 인재로 거듭나고 싶습니다.

인- 대대원들에게 한 마디 부탁드립니다.

지- 항상 악천후에도 불만없이 훈련을 나가는 대대원들! 정말 고생이 많습니다. 항상 45kg을 넘는 포탄을 옮기고 자주포안에서 불편한 잠을 취하는 우리 자주포병들, 무거운 짐을 들고 COC때마다 야근을 많이하는 보급병, 공구보급병들, 훈련을 빠짐 없이 나가는 레이더병들, 행정업무하고 훈련도 받는 우리 포대행정병들, 텐트 설치하고 가드서는 우리 S샵 카투사, 모든 대대원들을 마음속으로 응원합니다. 곧 있으면 날씨가 더워지는데, 크고 작은 부상없이 건강관리에 힘쓰며, 한미우호와 한반도 평화에 이바지하는 최강의 부대가 되었으면 합니다. 마지막으로 묵묵히 잘 따라와준 지원반 계원들 고맙습니다. FIRST TO

SECOND TO NONE!



매달 영문판에는 들어가지만 한글판에는 들어가지 않는 기사들을 보면서 아깝다 는 생각을 했습니다. 그래서 만들었습니다! 간추린 뉴스! 한글판에는 넣지 않았지 만, 영문판에 실린 기사들을 사진으로 정리하는 지면입니다.



지난 4월 15일부터 18일까지 캠프 호비 (Camp Hovey)에서 최고 화 력지원팀 대회(Best Fire Support Team Certification)가 열렸다. 제 1기갑전투여단 장병들은 차량식별, 지상항법, 사격요청 등 화력지원 에 필요한 다양한 기술들을 평가받았다. 〈사진 _ 상병 재클린 도우랜 드(Spc. Jacqueline Dowland / 제 1기갑전투여단 공보처>



지난 4월 1일 야전포병에 대한 여장교들의 역할에 대하여 미 제2보 병사단 제210화력여단 소속 여장교들과 한국군 최초 6명의 야전포 병 여장교들이 토론의 기회를 가졌다. 이번 방문은 장성에 위치한 대 한민국 육군 야정포병 학교에서 진행되었다. 〈사진_ 대위 켈리 맥킨 지(Capt. Kelly McKenzie) / 제210화력여단 공보처>



지난 5월 8일에 캠프 케이시(Camp Casey)에서 열린 "전우야 내가 도 와줄게" 성폭행 예방 훈련 프로그램에 미 제2보병사단 장병들이 참 가하였다. 이번 훈련은 각 장병들의 성폭행 예방에 대한 책임의식 증 진에 초점을 마추어 진행되었다. 〈사진 _ 상병 사라 와이즈맨(Spc. Sara Wiseman) / 제210화력여단 공보처>



지난 4월 3일 캠프 험프리 (Camp Humphreys)에서 제4-6항공정찰대대 장병들이 제3-2전투항공대대 C중대와 함께 구출 작전을 수행하고 있다. 이번 훈련에는 UH-60 헬리콥터가 동원되어 진행되었다. 〈사진 _ 대위 맷트 발드윈(Capt Matt Baldwin) / 제2항공여단 공보처〉



지난 4월 30일 캠프 험프리 (Camp Humphreys)에 위치한 지역복지센터에서 미 제2보병사단 제2항공여단 이 부사관 리더쉽 계발 프로그램 세미나를 상병이상의 부사관을 대상으로 하여 주최하였다. 이번 세미나 에서는 부사관들이 리더로서의 전문성을 항상시킬 수 있도록 진행되었다. 〈사진 _ 병장 니콜 홀(Sgt. Nicole Hall / 제2항공여단 공보처>

한미 문화 교류

메모리얼 데이 MEMORIAL DAY

미국에서 5월의 마지막 월요일은 메모리 얼 데이(Memorial Day)로 미국을 위해 싸우 전사한 사람들을 기리는 날이다. 순국선열 기리는 한국의 현충일과 같은 의미를 가진 미국 휴일로 보면 될텐데, 그렇다면 메모리얼 데이의 의미와 그 역사에 대해 더 알아보자.

메모리얼 데이의 유래는 미국의 남북전쟁 으로 거슬러 올라간다. 미국의 여러 도시들은 자신이 메모리얼 데이의 발생지라고 주장하 는데, 그들의 공통된 주장은 전사자들의 무덤 을 부인들이 꽃으로 장식하기 시작한게 메모 리얼 데이의 기원이라는 것이다. 전사자들을 기리는 이러한 관습은 남북전쟁이 끝나고 60 만명의 전사자가 집계되자 공식적인 행사로 자리잡을 필요가 생겼는데 이를 위해 미국 정 부는 1865년 한국의 국립 현충원에 해당되 는 미군 국립묘지를 만들었다. 그리고 1868 년 5월 5일, 미군의 총 지휘관이었<mark>던</mark> 존 로건 대장(Gen. John A. Logan)은 일반명령 11호 (General Order No.11)에 의해 5월 30일을 메모리얼 데이로 지정한다. 그리고 첫 메모리 꽃이나 미국 국기 등을 비석위에 놓고 나라 얼 데이 행사는 1868년 5월 30일, 알링턴 국 립묘지 (Arlington National Cemetery)의 비석에 꽃을 놓는 것으로 시작되었다

처음으로 메모리얼 데이를 휴일로 지정한 는 뉴욕주로 1873년이었다. 그리고 1890 년까지 북부의 모든 주는 메모리얼 데이를 식적인 휴일로 지정했다. 하지만 남부의 제 1차 세계대전까지도 자신의 전사 자들만을 기리는 날을 지정하여 기념하였다 하지만 제 1차 세계대전 이후로 메모리얼 데 이는 남북전쟁 전사자들만이 아닌 미국을 위 해 싸우다 전사한 이들을 기억하는 날이 되 전 미국적인 휴일로 자리잡았다. 메모리 얼 데이는 원래 5월 30일이었으나 1971년 국회에서 3일 연휴를 만들기 위해 메모리얼 데이를 5월 마지막 월요일로 옮기는 법이 통 과되었다. 몇몇 단체는 연휴를 위해 날짜를 바꾸는 것이 메모리얼 데이의 의의를 훼손하 는 일이라 하여 현재까지도 반대하는 운동을 펼치고 있다.

미국인들이 메모리얼 데이를 기념하는 모 습은 한국의 현충일과도 닮아있어서 매우 흥

미롭다. 메모리얼 데이엔 미국도 조기를 계 양한다. 현충일과 다른점은 미국에서의 조기 정오까지만 계양하고 그 이후에는 다시 원래의 위치에서 국기를 계양한다는 점이다. 그리고 많은 사람들이 국립묘지를 방문하여 <mark>를 위해 목숨</mark>을 바친 분들을 기리는 행사를 갖는다.

이렇게 거룩하게 하루를 보내는 면도 ? 는 한편, 많은 사람들은 연휴를 이용하여 먼 사는 가족과 친구들을 방문하거나 친지 들과 밖에 나와서 소풍을 즐기기도 한다. 한 메모리얼 메이는 문화생활에서 여름의 시 작이라고 인식되는 날이다. 이 때를 로 여름 옷들이 본격적으로 출시되기 하고 여름 휴양지들이 개장한다. 다른 의 휴일들과 마찬가지로 이 날도 많은 가두 행진이 큰 도시 곳곳에서 펼쳐진다. 가두행 진에서는 주로 마칭 밴드(marching band)가 군대 음악을 연주하며 미국 주방위군과 향 우회 등이 참여한다. 그리고 국립 메모리얼 데이 콘서트가 워싱턴 D.C.의 캐피탈 빌딩 (United States Capitol Building, Washington D.C.)에서 개최되는데 대략 50만명 의 사람들이 참석하며, 수백만명의 미국인들과 전 세계의 미군들이 이 콘서트가 중계되 는 것을 시청한다.

<기사 _ 일병 백성현 / 미 2사단 공보처>

미 2사단, 우수야전의무병 휘장 3분의 2 '독식'

지난 5월 2일 워리어 베이스(Warrior Base)에서 열린 2014 미8군 우수야전의무병 휘장(EFMB, Expert Field Medical Badge) 시험에서 제2보병사단 장병들이 뛰어난 활약을 하였다.

한반도에 배치되어있는 의무병 중 242명이 본 시험을 위한 2주간의 장정을 시작하였지만 비무장 지대(Demilitarized Zone, DMZ) 근처에 위치한 워리어 베이스에서 열린 휘장 수여식에서는 오직 18명의 의무병만이 자격을 획득하였고 그 중 12명이 제2 보병사단 소속이였다. 장병들은 영예로운 우수야전의무병 휘장를 자신의 전투복 왼쪽가슴에 위치한 미 연방국 국가명과 함께 달았다.

미 제8군 상임 고문부사관인 레이 데벤스 주임원사(Command Sgt. Maj. Ray Devens)는 "우수야전의무병 휘장 시험(EFMB Test)은 미 육군에서 가장 잔인한 시험 중에 하나이다"며 "이 배지를 수여받는 것은 단순히 전문성 향상과 지식함량의 의미를 넘어 다음 세대로 그 영예를 물려주는데 있다. 그리고 배지를 수여받은 장병들은 어디를 가도 전문성을 인정받을 것이다. 이번 수여식에 참가하게 된 18명의 장병들이 너무자랑스럽고 그들은 축하받아야 마땅하다"고 말했다.

지난 2주 동안, 참가 의무병들은 시험에서 치루어질 항목에 관하여 훈련을 미리 거쳤으며 훈련 후반부에는 필기시험을 치뤄 남은 EFMB 시험 자격심사 과정을 거쳤다.

실제 시험 주간에 참가병들은 42개의 표준임무를 완벽에 가깝게 해결하여야 하며 12 마일 행군을 3시간 안에 마쳐야 한다. 그리고 실제 시험 주간에서는 하나의 과목에서라도 불합격 통보를 받을 시, 장병은 자대로 돌아가야 하며 내년 시험을 기약해야 한다.

제2보병사단 제1기갑전투여단 제4-7기갑대대 의료 보조장교인 제시카 맥킨지 중위(1st Lt. Jessica Mckenzie)는 "전투상황에서 생명을 구하기 위해서는 의료와 전략에 관한 많은 양의 지식이 요하며 이는 철저한 훈련에 의해서만 습득이 가능하다."고말했다.

우수야전의무병 휘장는 의무 장병들에게 높은 수준의 전문성과 능숙도를 요하며 미 육군 전반에 걸쳐 치뤄지고 있다. 그리고 20% 이하의 합격률을 보여줄 정도로 시험을 통과하기 어렵기 때문에 휘장를 수여받은 장병에게는 더없는 영광이 되고 있다. 현재 통계 상으로는 육군 의무 부분에서 오직 3% 만이 우수야전의무병 휘장를 취득했다.

제4-7기갑대대 소속 의무병인 던 드라이버 상병(Spc. Don Driver)은 "최선을 다한 내 자신이 너무 자랑스럽고 제한된 시간에 임무를 완수할 수 있어서 기쁘다"며 "앞으로 이 시험에 도전할 전우들이 최선을 다 할 수 있도록 격려하고 이끌어주고 싶다."



고 말했다.

이번 시험에 참가한 제2보병사단 장병 모두 제1기갑전투여단으로부터 환영을 받았다. 제시카 맥킨지 중위(1st Lt. Jessica Mckenzie)는 참가자 중 배지를 수여받은 유일한 여군이며 던 드라이버 상병(Spc. Don Driver)은 12 마일 행군 기록이 2시간 11분으로 참가자중 가장 빨랐다. 게럿 래섬 대위(Capt. Garrett Latham)는 최고점수로 필기시험을 통과하였고 알레잔드로 세고비아 병장(Sgt. Alejandro Segovi)은 실기시험에서 가장 많은 "통과" 자격을 받았다.

제2보병사단 외과 상임 고문부사관인 조 스튜어트 원사(Sgt. Maj. Joe Stewart)는 "EFMB는 단순히 의무 부분뿐만 아니라 미 육군 전역에서 인정받는 배지이다"며 "참가한 제2보병사단 장병들은 시험일정 전부터 연습하였다. 표준화된 기술을 습득하는 것은 엄청난 시간을 요하기 때문에 실제 시험이 시작되었을때는 이미 참가자들은 정신적으로나 체력적으로 지쳐있는 경우가 대부분이다. 그래서 열정과 자질 있는 자만이 시험을 이겨낼수 있다"고 말했다.

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미 제2보병사단 제1기갑전투여단 302여단 지원대대 브라보 중대(Company B)의 훈련 부 사관인 루이스 알바래도 병장(Sgt. Luis Alvarado)은 5월 2일, 서울의 쉐라톤 그랜드 워커 힐 호텔 (Sheraton Grande Walkerhill Hotel) 에서 미 제8군과 금곡학술문화제단이 주최한 제 5회 한국 문화의 밤에서 2014년형 소나타 현대 자동차를 경품으로 받았다.

주한미군 사령관인 커티스 스카파로티 대장 (Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti)과 주한 미 제8군의 사령관인 버나드 샴포 중장(Lt. Gen. Bernard S. Champoux) 또한 문화의 밤 행사에 참석했다.

펜실베니아 주 엘런타운(Allentown, Pennsylvania) 출신의 알바래도 병장은 MWR(Morale, Welfare, and Recreation, 사기, 복지, 여가 증진 프로그램) 복권을 통하여 2014년형 소나타 현대 자동차를 경품으로 받았다. 그는 당첨을 기대하지 않고 있다가 미 제8군에서 주최하는 한국 문화의 밤에 초청받아서 매우 놀랐다.

알바래도 병장은 "나는 한국에서 많은 아름다운 추억을 남겼다. 오늘밤은 한국에서 보낸 최고의 순간으로 기억될 것이다"고말했다.

금곡학술문화제단의 수장인 금곡 하연순 선생의 연설을 들은 후, 알바래도 병장은 자동차를 최대한 오래 가지고 있기로 했다.

한국전쟁 당시 하연순 선생은 부산 교두보에서 한 미군 병사에 의해 목숨을 건졌다. 생명의

은인에게 보답하기 위해 그는 미군 병사들의 여 가 복지 프로그램에 경품을 기증하기 시작했다.

"사람들은 나에게 자동차를 팔라고 하지만, 나는 이 행사에 초청받은 것을 영광으로 생각하고 이 선물의 의미에 대해 들었기 때문에 거절했다. 나는 이 자동차를 계속 갖고 있을 것이고 다른 사람에게 이 호의를 되돌려주고 싶다"고 알바래도 병장은 말했다.

한국은 알바래도 병장에게 매우 특별한 경험이었다. 완전히 새로운 환경임에도 불구하고 그는 한국에서 소외감을 느끼지 않는다. 카투사(KATUSA, Korean Augmentation to the United States Army) 장병들의 도움 덕분에 그는 다른 나라에 비해 한국에 더 수월하게 적응했다.

"나와 일하는 세 명의 카투사 장병들이 나에게 한국 문화를 가르쳐주고, 통역을 도와주며 한국말도 가르쳐준다. 다른 동맹 국가들에도 그 나라 사람들과 협력하는 것을 도와줄 카투사 같은 제도가 있었으면 좋겠다"고 알바래도 병장은 말했다.

알바래도 병장은 그의 가족에게 대한민국이 얼마나 훌륭한 곳인지 보여주고 싶어한다. 기회 만 생긴다면 그는 자신의 가족들을 데려와서 한 국에서 다시 근무하고 싶다고 한다.

그가 한국에서 가장 좋아하는 것은 한국 사람들이다. 그는 한국 사람들과 대화할 때 그들이 존중해 주는 것에 감명받는다. 그는 한국을 미군부대를 가장 존중하고 고마워하는 나라 중 하나



로 꼽았다.

그는 군생활 최고의 기억을 갖게 해준 한국에 감사하며 한국을 위해 자신이 무엇을 할 수 있을까에 대해 생각해보았다.

"나는 한국에서 많은 것을 받았기 때문에 이나라를 최선을 다해 지키는 것으로 보답하려고한다. 나의 이런 노력이 한미동맹을 강화시키는데 일조할 수 있기를 바란다"고 알바래도 병장은 말했다.

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썬더 카투사들 전설을 만나다

한국전쟁은 폐허와 공황의 시기였다. 그러나 이런 시대에도 대한민국 육군에는 은퇴한 백선엽 장군과 같이 사랑하고 나라를 지키고자 하는 마음을 지닌 영웅들이 존재했다.

4월 15일 미 제 2보병사단에서 복무하는 4명의 카투사들이 서울시 소재 용산 전쟁박물관에서 백선엽 장군을 직접 만났다.

백선엽 장군을 만날 영광스런 기회를 얻은 카투사들은 미2사단 백선엽 장군배 심사의 우승자들이었다.

미 2사단 주임원사 앤드류 스패노(Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Spano) 주임원사는 "병사이자 리더로서의 역량을 보여주어야 하기 때문에 심사에 참가한 모든 카투사들이 상장을 받을 수는 없었다"고 말했다.

이 심사는 한국전쟁부터 한국군 현대화 사업 때까지 복무하였던 살아 있는 전설 백선엽 장군을 기리기 위해 만들어졌다.

대한민국 서울 출신인 제210화력여단, 제1-38야전포병대대, 제580전 진지원중대의 군수관리 자동화시스템 전문가로 복무 중인 김현식 병장은 "내 할아버지는 한국전쟁 당시 해군 장교로 복무하였고 나는 백선엽 장군 에 대해 들으며 자라왔다"며 "심사에 대해 듣자마자 나는 지원했다"고 말했다.

미2사단 지역대 주임원사 정우진 상사에 따르면 이번 방문은 병사들에게 시공은 다르지만 같은 입장에 있는 영웅과 교류를 나눌 수 있는 매우 큰 기회였다.

정우진 상사는 "그의 전기를 통해 그가 무엇을 이룩했는지 공부함으로 써 병사들은 자신이 무엇을 해야 하는지 알 수 있는 기회를 얻게 되었다" 며 "또한 백선엽 장군과 직접 만남으로써 배운 지식들을 통해 그들은 향 후 그들이 살아나갈 인생 계획을 다시 한 번 돌아볼 수 있는 계기가 되었 다"고 말했다.

또 다른 서울 출신인 표기윤 상병에게는 이번 만남이 그의 군생활을 돌 아보는 계기가 되었다.

제210화력여단, 제1-15야전포병대대, 브라보 포대의 포병으로 근무하는 표기윤 상병은 "이번 만남은 내가 카투사로서, 또 병사로서의 마음가 짐을 되돌아보는 계기가 되었다"며 "나는 이 기회를 통해 더욱 열심히 일하고 과거에 내가 해온 일들, 그리고 배운 것들을 상기시키게 되었다"고 말했다.

백선엽 장군은 만남 중 한미동맹의 중요성을 언급했다.

백선엽 장군은 "아무리 열심히 노력해도 혼자 하는 데는 한계가 있다" 며 "함께 노력하는 것은 매우 중요하다"고 강조했다.

한미동맹은 한반도를 수호하기 위해 우리가 협력하는 이 순간에도 계속해서 강화되고 있다.







미2사단 군악대 상병 이현우 그림 | 2ID Band KATUSA CPL Lee 로고 도움 이은비





















소방서에서 기르는 달마시안 스파키가 어떻게 했는진 모르지만 집에서 탈출했고...



왜 달마시안이 미국에선 소방서의 상징일까요? 18세기, 미국소방관들은 말이 끄는 소방차를 몰았습니다. 화재현장까지 자동 증기 소방차를 옮겨야 했거든요.





달마시안들은 말들의 뒷꿈치를 깨물어 화재 현장까지 좀더 빨리 달리게끔 했고, 그게 달마시안의 소방서의 개로 불리게 된 유래라고 합니다. 그러니 소방서를 떠나지 않도록 목줄을 꽉 묶어 놓읍시다.



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