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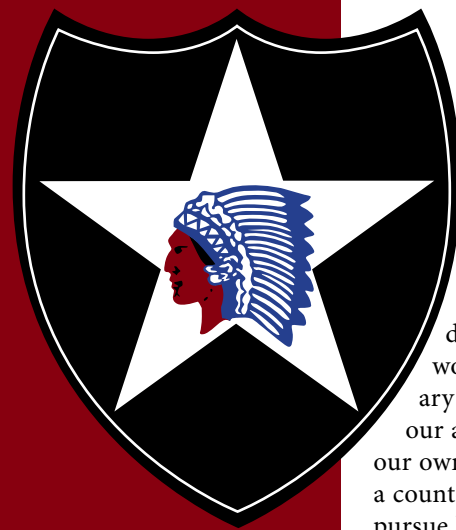
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COMMANDER'S CORNER:

July is a time when we celebrate our country's independence. We stand on the shoulders of Patriots who fought to ensure our own rights, to choose our own destiny and pave our own path as Americans. Generations of men and women have served and sacrificed to safeguard the freedom and liberties fought for and won during America's Revolutionary War for Independence. Today, our anthem continues to inspire our own patriots, and our example as a country has inspired other nations to pursue liberty.

That dedication to liberty extends beyond our own borders. July 27th marks the 61st anniversary of the signing of the armistice, effectively ending the Korean War. History often remembers the Korean War as the "Forgotten War," but those of us who have served on Freedom's Frontier will always remember the sacrifices made by those service members who fought and died for the values of freedom and "an honorable, independent national existence."

Those words come from a memorandum signed by LTG Matthew Ridgeway, who served as the Commander, 8th Army, at a time when the spirit of US and South Korean troops was low. LTG Ridgeway is often credited with turning that morale around and stopping the advance of the enemy army in their efforts to take the entire peninsula under an oppressive Communist regime.

This was a powerful and enduring message, one that is very profound and still applicable today. Sometimes in our daily work, we can lose sight of what the sacrifice we continue to make as Soldiers is really all about: ensuring the freedom of the Republic of Korea and the security

of the Korean Peninsula.

As we enter the summer transition, we have a duty to ensure that all Soldiers of the Warrior Division understand why we are here. We are here as members of a proud, storied lineage that has demonstrated for over 60 years what American Soldiers standing shoulder-to-shoulder with our ROK Army counterparts can accomplish. You don't have to look any further than Seoul, the Miracle on the Han, to see what security provides for a hard-working, proud, resourceful nation like the Republic of Korea. Without security, you can't have prosperity, liberty or a culture that has the freedom of self-determination.

Our presence in Korea ensures that security, and every day that we sweat and train to be ready in preparation for war makes the possibility of conflict less likely. My challenge to every Warrior Soldier is to be ready to Fight Tonight; to work just a little harder to serve as a deterrent to a tyrannical regime bent on conflict and intimidation.

Just compare the two nations and it's evident what most people would choose. The Republic of Korea is a thriving, modern, liberal Democracy, and the so-called Democratic People's Republic of Korea is an impoverished, unstable nation ruled and subjugated by a 30-year-old Communist Dictator.

Now more than ever, the alliance between the U.S. and Republic of Korea forces is critical. This month, we held the 38th annual Warrior Friendship Week, where we celebrated the alliance between U.S. and ROK Soldiers and recognized the Korean soldiers serving with the 2nd Infantry Division. We did this through competition, training, cultural exchanges, and by inducting former KATUSAs into the KATUSA Hall of Fame.

Events like this serve not only to



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

strengthen the alliance, but also to remind us why we are here. We can see the very real, tangible benefits of our commitment to constantly strengthen the alliance. By maintaining our posture, we contribute to the Republic of Korea's future and, more importantly, to the values which make the United States great; that liberty is the foundation of a strong nation.

That is why we are here; to ensure a peaceful and stable Korean peninsula. Always remember the sacrifices made by those who have served this alliance before us and the bedrock of liberty upon which it stands.

Thanks to all of you for your service to our Country and for your sacrifice here on the Korean Peninsula. Each of you has made a difference not only for the Republic of Korea, but for the security of our United States.



Republic of Korea Special Forces soldiers took over the Schoonover Bowl for a Taekwondo demonstration of such high flying, board breaking proportions, during the 38th Annual 2ID Warrior Friendship Week on Camp Casey, July 13. The week-long event culminated with a day of championship games, cultural events, and camaraderie. (U.S. Army photo by PAK, Chin-U, 2nd Infantry Division PAO)



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The tradition of recognizing and inducting newly promoted sergeants into the Noncommissioned Officer Corps can be traced to the Army of Frederick the Great.

Thirteen Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, signified the transition from Soldier to leader, at a Noncommissioned Officer Induction ceremony, at Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, July 11.

"Today, you became something different. Today, you have joined a Corps of men and women, Soldiers all, that have quite literally changed the world," said Sgt. Maj. Michael D. Bennet, 2nd Inf. Div., Provost Marshall Office sergeant major, and guest speaker at the ceremony.

Since the earliest days of our Army, the noncommissioned officer has been recognized as one who instills discipline and order within a unit.

"An NCO must always lead by example, train from experience, maintain and enforce standards, take care of Soldiers, and continue to learn and grow," said Bennet.

The ceremony began with the Soldiers learning a bit of NCO history, followed by junior enlisted Soldiers sounding off loud and thunderous with their requests to all NCOs, and the NCOs sounding off with their promises to the young Soldiers. Some of the requests were to be trained properly, to be taken care of, and to be trained to become sergeants themselves one day.

"When doing your duty, do not demean your Soldiers with unkind words and unnecessary punishment. Instead, provide guidance, patience, mentorship, and understanding. Teach them to 'Be, Know and Do,'" said Bennet.

Three candles, red, white and blue which each had their own significance were lit. The red candle represented valor, the white represented honesty and integrity, and the blue candle signified vigilance and the field of honor in which an NCO serves.

Each inductee crossed the line of authority by walking beneath an arch, which displayed images of all seven of the U.S. Army's NCO ranks, marking their transition from the ranks of Soldiers to leaders. They each received a certificate, the Army noncommissioned officer guide, and the Charge of the NCO, which symbolize that they would take on all responsibilities of leading Soldiers.

"Responsibility is being accountable for what you do, or fail to do," said Bennet. "As an NCO, you are responsible to fulfill not only your individual duties, but also to ensure your teams and units are successful."

"It feels great knowing that I am following in the footsteps of noncommissioned officers who are committed to our Army profession and Corps," said Sgt. Joshua Batts, from Headquarters Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, and the executive administrative assistant to the division command sergeant major.

The ceremony concluded with the inductees reciting the Creed of the Noncommissioned Officer in which a feeling of pride could be felt throughout each line recited.

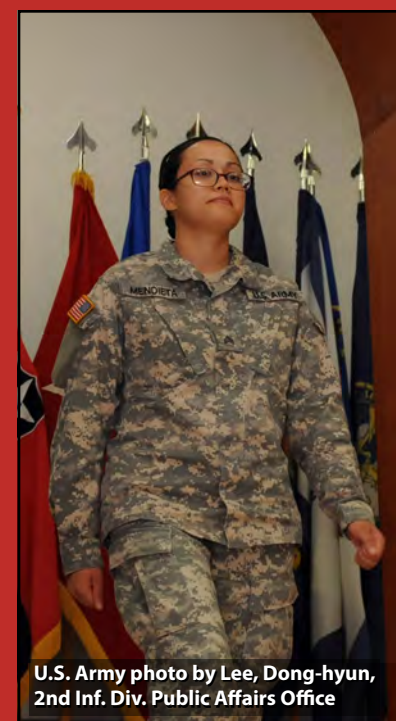
"I have always been a leader of Soldiers both in Garrison and deployed, but was never officially an NCO. This ceremony was one last stamp of approval that my senior leaders approve of my leadership potential," said Batts, a native of Washington, DC.

The 13 Soldiers inducted in the NCO corps include: Sgt. Joshua Batts, Sgt. Warner Lee, Sgt. Rebeca Mendeta, Sgt. David Hargett, Sgt. Jedidiah Rash, Sgt. Dowell True, Sgt. Ioka Limu, Sgt. Jonathan Kerr, Sgt. Lakendrick Thomas, Sgt. Jeremy Weaver, Sgt. Brooks Trubee, Sgt. William Milford, Sgt. Jaryl French.

TRIBE BATTALION CONDUCTS NCO INDUCTION CEREMONY



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Command Sgt. Maj. Ann M. Sydnor, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, command sergeant major, and Sgt. Maj. Michael D. Bennet, 2nd Inf. Div., Provost Marshall Office sergeant major, and guest speaker at the ceremony, poses for a group photo with the 13 newly inducted noncommissioned officers, at an NCO induction ceremony on Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, July 11. (U.S. Army photo by Lee, Dong-hyun, 2nd Inf. Div. Public Affairs Office)

2-9 KATUSAs Engage Their Skills and Commitment During NTC Hardships

STORY AND PHOTO BY
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Korean Augmentation to the United States Army Soldiers with 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, attended the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., from June 8 to July 2.

The rotation allowed the Soldiers to provide translation skills between the Republic of Korea army and the United States Army, and gave the Soldiers insight into coping with challenges that they may not normally have gained without this experience.

During the training, the KATUSAs endured both mental and physical demands. Despite the arduous conditions and challenges, the Soldiers pushed through with strength and determination.

"It was very hot with no shade or break time allowed during the day," said Pfc. Daunnara Chung, a rifleman and a native of Gwangju, South Korea. "The wind blew the sand on us while we were sleeping outdoors, so we woke up with sand in our mouths at times."

Once the toll of the day set in, the Soldiers welcomed the opportunity to sleep despite the blowing winds and sand. The Soldiers often worked from 6 a.m. until 11 p.m. and collapsed from exhaustion in their sleep systems laid out on the ground.

"We were happy to just be able to rest," said Cpl. Jisung Park, a tanker and a native of Pouhang, South Korea. "It wasn't that physically hard, but it was very mentally challenging, so we enjoyed every moment of rest that we were allowed."

During these trying times, the Soldiers often

longed for the comforts that they usually took for granted while back in South Korea. The necessities provided to Soldiers in garrison are appreciated that much more once they disappear or become scarce.

"I missed the basic things about Camp Casey, South Korea, such as the dining facility and my warm bed," said Park. "The thought of returning to a warm meal and a good night's sleep on my soft bed motivated me to push on."

Maintaining a positive mindset also helped the Soldiers to drive on through the challenges at NTC, as they replaced encouraging thoughts every time a negative one started to creep in. When the Soldiers faced a hurdle, such as the radio not working, they fortified their views of the situation constructively.

"Every day was crushing, so there were mornings when I woke up and didn't want to get out of bed," said Park. "So when I went to sleep at night, I told myself that tomorrow is another start."

The Soldiers also relied on other KATUSAs for motivation, even though they rarely got to see each other as they operated in different areas.

"At one point it was very hot outside and we were on top of a mountain and had run out of water," said Chung. "Another KATUSA noticed my exhaustion and helped me carry water up the mountain, an assistance I was very grateful for."

The Soldiers relied on the few moments to talk or lend a helping hand to work as a team and pull each other through the experience.

As the Soldiers collected their bags after landing at the airport at Seoul Air Base in Seoul, South Korea, the long awaited dream of a warm meal and soft bed was soon to become a reality for the Soldiers. These commonplace luxuries that had been a moti-



Pfc. Daunnara Chung, a rifleman with 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, receives an award upon his return home after attending the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.

vating reward for finishing NTC were finally awarded to them for their hard work and perseverance.

MEDICS KEEP THEIR FINGER ON THE PULSE OF BEST

MEDIC CHALLENGE

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Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division, and 8th Army, competed in the 8th Army Best Medic Competition at Rodriguez Live Fire Range and Camp Casey, South Korea, from June 23-27. The participants underwent tests that challenged their medical knowledge and skills to determine the best medic



Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division, and 8th Army units, treat a casualty during the 8th Army Best Medic Competition.

team within 8th Army.

The concept behind the competition was to test the medical expertise of current Expert Field Medical Badge (EFMB) and Combat Medical Badge (CMB) holders under demanding conditions over a 72-hour period.

Even when the competitors weren't executing life-saving procedures, they were still tested mentally and physically through fatigue and physical stressors, which demonstrated their resiliency and inner strength.

"We rucked a total of 25 miles between lanes," said Justin I. Russell, a medic with Company B, 65th Medical Brigade, 8th Army, and a native of Walnut Creek, Calif., and winner of the event. "Doing all that rucking, with the weight we had to carry, was definitely the hardest part of the competition."

The Best Medic Competition is designed to push Soldiers beyond their normal work tasks in garrison by giving competitors hands-on practice for a life-or-death combat situation, such as mystery lanes, obstacle courses and medical task tests.

"We wanted to set up the lanes to give the competitors a sense of how to react to contact and treat a casualty under fire," said Sgt. Mark B. Lara of Company A, 65th Medical Brigade, a licensed practical nurse at 121 General Hospital in Yongsan, South Korea, and one of the cadres at the competition. "We incorporated simulators, smoke and moulage on patients to make the lanes

more realistic."

The Best Medic Competition teams up pairs of EFMB and CMB holders. The winning team from the peninsula goes back to the United States for the Army wide version of the Best Medic Competition, which recognizes winners for their ability to perform lifesaving procedures under duress.

"This is the first stage of the whole big picture," said Lara. "We all went through the same schools, so it's exciting to see how everyone's skills have progressed because we understand each other's trials and tribulations in the medical field."

At the most challenging of moments, Soldiers turn to thoughts of everyday comforts we often take for granted, such as thoughts of rest, comforting foods, and loved ones, to drive on.

"When I was very tired, I got my energy back by thinking of finally getting to sit down and eat," said Russell. "It also helped to remember that I'm doing it for my family back home, and to provide motivation for other Soldiers going through this event."

The Best Medic Competition also allows Soldiers to prepare to fight tonight at a moment's notice.

"This event helps the Soldiers to see a realistic perspective on what can happen if the enemy were to attack us," said Lara. "They can draw from the experience to save their fellow battle buddy if the need arises."

CULTURAL EXCHANGE BRINGS UNITY AMONG R.O.K. AND U.S. SOLDIERS



Soldiers with the 302nd Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, pose for a group photo during a cultural exchange with Soldiers from the Republic of Korea army at Camp Casey, June 20.

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Soldiers with the 302nd Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, and Soldiers of the Republic of Korea (ROK) army participated in a cultural exchange at Camp Casey, South Korea, June 20.

The two sides spent the day exchanging work and life experiences from their own military culture, and the 302nd BSB Soldiers got the chance to learn more about the Korean culture.

"This event is to build up and enhance the relationship with our ROK army counterparts," said Capt. Cho, Myoung, the battalion chaplain with 302nd BSB, and a native of Jihaeng, South Korea. "It's a great opportunity to strengthen the Alliance by learning the culture directly from each other, in an effort to break down stereotypes and make us better teammates."

A recurring theme in the training was resiliency. The Soldiers learned lessons in perseverance after hearing not only about hardships that ROK Soldiers

face, but also adversities that senior ranking personnel are subjected to as well.

Soldiers from the 302nd BSB learned that their ROK counterparts struggle with both financial and personal difficulties. For example, ROK Soldiers are not allowed to leave their installation and see their families often, and they also earn a little more than a hundred dollars a month to live off of.

"They only get to see their families between five and ten days a month unless their families come to visit them," said Pfc. Shaun W. Griggs, a track vehicle mechanic with 302nd BSB, and a native of Chicago, Ill. "Today I learned that Koreans are very humorous, and I realized they find humor in any situation as a way of staying resilient through their struggles."

The ROK Soldiers aren't the only ones facing adversity. Guest speaker for the event was Maj. Paul Davis, the 302nd BSB executive officer who shared his personal story of dealing with hardships while growing up.

"He's able to motivate the other Soldiers who may be struggling in the same situations," said Cho.

The sharing of such personal hardships inspired

junior enlisted Soldiers to realize that if they can persevere through the difficulties in life, they can come out on top in their personal life and at work.

"He faced problems with his family growing up, yet, he still had resiliency to keep moving forward and strived to reach the next rank," said Pfc. Alejandro Navarro, a chaplain assistant with the 302nd BSB, who hails from Jennings, Fla. "He taught us that everyone faces adversities that we need to overcome."

As the two groups of Soldiers walked side-by-side, ate together, then toured a motorpool, gym and barracks, they got to know each other through conversations. Each asked the other questions about their daily lives and cultures as they formed lasting friendships.

"I hope this event happens more often so lots of other people can experience what I've experienced today," said Cpl. Kim Dong Jun, a human resources specialist with 5th Maintenance Unit, 2nd Support Logistics Command, ROK army, and a native of Seoul, South Korea. "We were able to strengthen the Alliance between ourselves by making new friends and sharing our military experiences."

6-17TH ARS TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY CEREMONY

STORY BY
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The 4th Armed Reconnaissance Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment transferred authority and equipment to the 6th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment during a ceremony at Camp Humphreys, South Korea, June 25.

Lt. Col. Brian Watkins cased the colors for the 4-6 ARS, signifying the successful completion of the unit's deployment. Following this, Lt. Col. Matthew F. Ketchum uncased the colors for the 6-17 CAV, officially beginning their role as the fully-trained and ready Armed Reconnaissance Squadron for the 2nd Infantry Division.

Guests of honor included U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Bernard Champoux, the 8th U.S. Army commanding general, Maj. Gen. Thomas Vandal, 2nd Infantry Division commanding general, and Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Spano, the division senior enlisted advisor, Republic of Korea's army Lt. Col. Jong Wook Kim and Sgt. Maj. Seung Jun Choi, Area III ROK command team.

Col. William D. Taylor, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade commander, mentioned the significance of June 25.

"It is appropriate to hold this ceremony today, on the 64th anniversary of the start of the Korean War. It is fitting," Taylor said. "It demonstrates the commitment of the United States to provide continued support on the Korean Peninsula."

While listing some of the accomplishments of the outgoing rotational unit, Taylor mentioned the overwater hellfire gunnery and combined arms live fire exercises conducted by the 4-6 ARS.

"Flying over 5,000 hours in the air, and driving more than 60,000 miles on the ground, you have set the standard for all future rotational units to follow," Taylor said.

Following Taylor, the 4-6 ARS commander echoed the pride held for all Soldiers who had worked so hard to ensure success of the nine-month deployment.

"This air cavalry squadron led the way as the Army's first battalion level rotational unit sent to the Republic of Korea," Watkins said. "We have increased combat readiness and captured lessons learned, setting the conditions for those units joining us and for those units following us."

The incoming 6-17 CAV commander stated that as the second rotational aviation unit to deploy to the Republic of Korea, they stand ready to replace the 4-6 ARS in support of the Presidential strategy to rebalance the Pacific.



Soldiers of the 6th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment stand ready at the beginning of the transfer of authority ceremony at Camp Humphreys, South Korea, June 25. The 6-17th Cav. Regt. began its nine-month rotation, replacing the 4th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, as the rotational force attached to the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division. (U.S. Army Photos by Pak, Chin U, 2nd Inf. Div. PAO)

COMMON BOND STRENGTHENED BY FIRST IMPRESSION

STORY BY
SGT 1ST CLASS VINCENT ABRIL
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No matter what the occasion, whether it's a date, job interview, or meeting the in-laws for the first time, there's an old saying that goes, "first impressions are lasting ones." One newly arrived cavalry unit understood the importance of that saying and decided to show their true colors from the get-go.

The 6th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment based out of Fort Wainwright, Alaska recently joined the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, as they embarked on a nine month rotational deployment here.

Their first piece of business was made obvious during a welcoming ceremony held in honor of the Korean Augmentation to the United States Army Soldiers assigned to the unit.

"Successful execution of the 6-17th Cavalry mission will require teamwork from all of our assigned cavalrymen," said Command Sgt. Maj. Kirk W. Parsons, senior enlisted advisor of 6-17th Cav. Regt. and native of Princeton, Texas. "Welcoming new members to the squadron is step number one in building a team."

That team building concept started long ago with the KATUSA program that began during the Korean War as

an informal agreement between U.S. forces and the Korean government, allowing Korean soldiers to integrate and train with U.S. Soldiers.

KATUSAs, to this day, continue to work and serve alongside their U.S. counterparts. This combined force maintains the ability to "Fight Tonight" while keeping the Korean phrase "Katchi Kapishida" (We Go Together) mantra alive.

That cohesion and relationship is seemingly strengthened by such occasions like the KATUSA welcoming ceremony, making most U.S. Army units here a well established force. Soldiers and KATUSAs come and go, but they complete their service obligations assigned to these units.

The 6-17th Cav. Regt., unlike most units in Korea, is a rotational asset that was deployed to Korea and will return to the United States later, making this a special and unique opportunity for the KATUSAs who are assigned to it.

Upon their arrival, the leadership and Soldiers of 6-17th Cav. Regt. seized the moment to make a first impression with their Korean counterparts.

"I was surprised at first because this is not a usual thing for KATUSAs to be welcomed in a big ceremony," said Cpl. Hyung Sub Shin, senior KATUSA assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 6-17th Cav.

Regt. and native of Seoul, South Korea. "I was really thankful that they [held] this ceremony and gave us a certificate, welcoming us to 6-17th Cav. All of us KATUSAs were really impressed by that."

One Soldier felt the importance and need to welcome her new teammates in such a ceremony.

"It was a good way [for us] to introduce the KATUSAs into the unit and let them know that we care," said Pvt. Shynice L. Zellars, human resource specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 6-17th Cav. Regt. and native of Washington, Ga. "The ceremony made me feel like we are making a difference by letting the KATUSAs know that they are a part of our Family."

Now that these KATUSAs are part of the Cavalry Family, what can they expect?

"We expect the same from them as any other Soldier," said Parsons. "They must be ready to 'Fight Tonight.'" This takes commitment, professionalism, responsibility, disciplined initiative, and of course, cavalry swagger."

Soldiers will have the opportunity to carry out these expectations as 6-17th Cav. Regt. and their extended Family begin joint and combined training ventures across the peninsula. They do so in support of the "Second to None" warrior division's mission to deter aggression and maintain peace.

STUDENT CLEARS HURDLES IN PATH TO SUCCESS

STORY BY
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The Army produces strong leaders who possess the hard work ethic and discipline necessary to be successful and lead. Military children can often pick up on these skills, which seemingly seep into the homes of military communities.

Though no one could say for sure, 1st Sgt. Timothy J. Ward, with Company E, 4th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, may have passed on some of those skills he has gained throughout his career.

Ward's daughter, 17-year-old high school junior Timi M. Ward of Columbia, S.C., has enjoyed a year of success earning her honors and recognition at school. The upbeat teen attends the newly opened Humphreys High School at United States Army Garrison Humphreys, South Korea.

Timi is like any other student going through high school. She plays sports, studies and sometimes has a hard time with math, but that did not stop her from working toward success. Her hard work paid off and she was inducted into one of the oldest and most prestigious educational organizations on a high school campus.

"Timi qualifies for National Honor Society based on her grade point average and her community service," said Faye R. Hobson, an English language arts and social studies teacher at Humphreys High School. "She has maintained a 3.7 GPA and above during the school year. She's a student who does top-notch work, completes her assignments on time, and always goes above and beyond."

Hobson says Timi's success is heavily dependent on Family involvement.

"It begins at home [like] with any of our students with the upbringing, and what parents instill in [students] at home," said Hobson.

Ward, a native of Shreveport, La., says his daughter is very dedicated to everything she does and he gives all the credit to his children's mother.

"My wonderful wife Lucinda has gone the extra mile to keep an open line of communication with our children," said Ward. "I think it's because of that open communication that Timi is able to remain focused on what's good and what must be done to make the cut in life."

Communicating and being great in the classroom has also helped Timi excel as an accomplished track team member. This year, she won 1st place at the peninsula-wide, 300-meter hurdle event, breaking the record. Her coach, Mitch Moellendick, a native of Parkersburg, West Va., and a physical education and health teacher at Humphreys High School, said this about her.

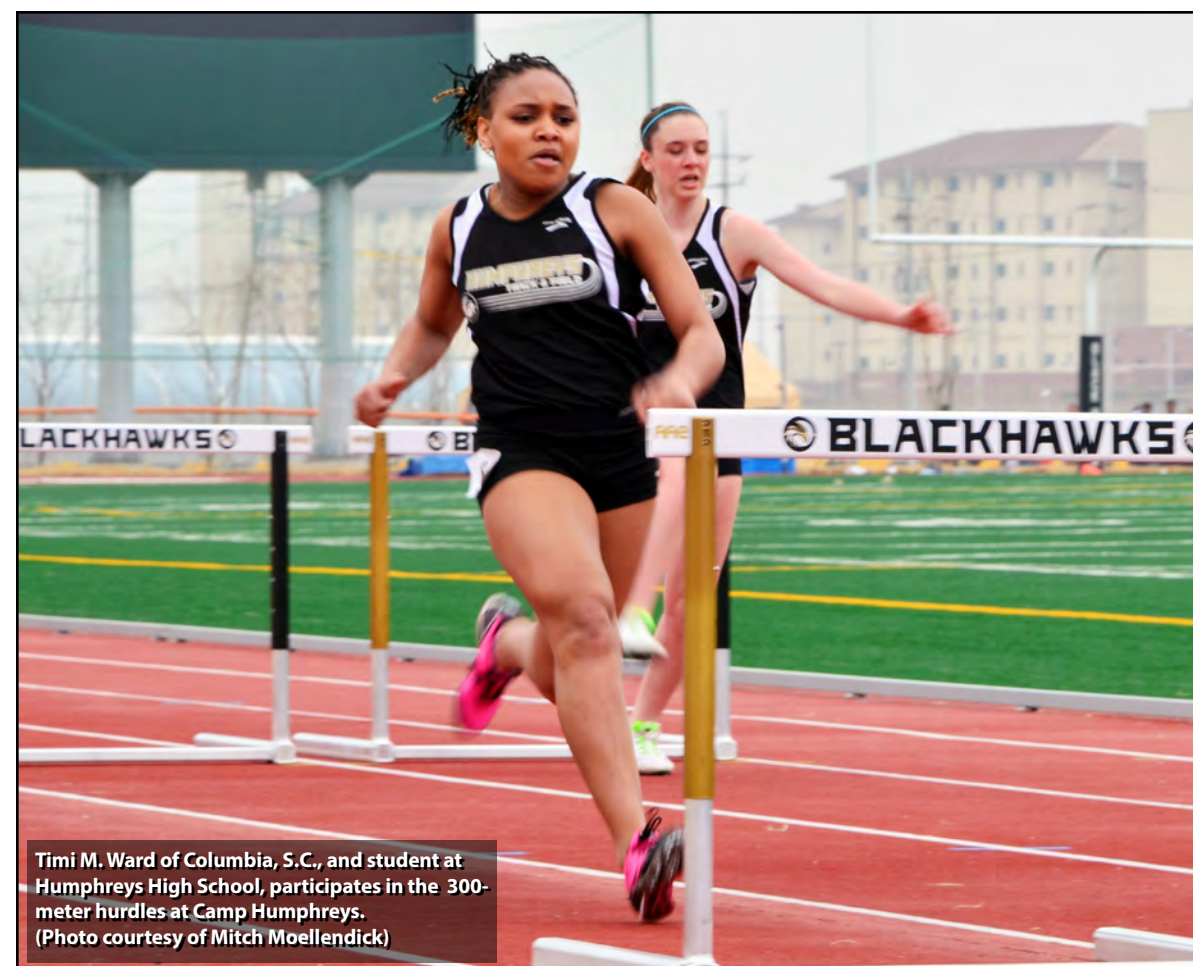
"She's a very hard worker and she is dedicated to getting better," said Moellendick. "Anything you ask, she's willing to put her best foot forward."

With the feeling of accomplishment and the enjoyment of success, Timi thanks many people for helping her. Yet, she really attributes her blessings to one.

"I thank God," said Timi. "Sometimes I don't remember [anything] so I pray before every test and quiz so he can bring it all back to my memory. I thank him for everything."

As the school year came to an end, and Humphreys High School readies for its second year as a new school, Timi left a bit of advice to her predecessors.

"Stay off your cell phones because that's a major distraction," said Timi. "Don't watch television during weekdays and don't take school lightly. Work really hard and strive for the best."



Timi M. Ward of Columbia, S.C., and student at Humphreys High School, participates in the 300-meter hurdles at Camp Humphreys. (Photo courtesy of Mitch Moellendick)

THE OTHER END OF A SMILE

STORY BY
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It's halfway through the month of June and permanent change of station season is in full swing across the Korean peninsula. During this time, departing Soldiers and civilians are being recognized for their hard work and contribution during their tours in the Land of the Morning Calm.

Being recognized for a job well done often brings smiles to a face. It takes about 26 muscles in a person's face to smile and one family is dedicated to working all of those muscles on that special day of recognition.

The Pak family, a trio of mother, father and son who run a small trophy shop here, have been on the other end of Soldier and civilian smiles for more than 47 years.

Chong Hong Pak, the father, started making plaques and customized memorabilia in 1967 at a small U.S. Army base called Camp Page. When the base shut down, he and his family then moved four more times to U.S. Army bases at Camp Long and Camp Eagle, which also closed their doors in 2009. Eventually the family landed an opportunity at Suwon Air Base, where they remained until moving to Camp Humphreys in 2010.

The Pak family's dedication to providing a memorable experience can be seen in the craftsmanship of their products.

"When our customers order a particular product, we work hard to make them happy," said Pak. "Making the customer happy with a product they can proudly present has allowed us to build relationships, and afforded us a good reputation in our community."

To date, the Pak family estimates that since the late 1960s, they have made approximately 50,000 custom-made keepsakes for departing Soldiers and community members.

It could be said that the Pak family are a talented bunch that provide a wide range of services, but there's a lot more to it than meets the eye.

"My parents and I continue to learn new processes with the most current equipment available, so we can produce products that are appealing to our young and older customers," said Sungik Park, Pak's son. "We are constantly training together on different equipment so we can remain competitive."

Pak Jr. was the only son in the family to serve his country, just as his father did. Both father and son understand the value of service and being recognized for it.

"My father served in the Korean army for three years in 1963 and I served for two years in 1994," said Sungik. "When we finished our service, we did not receive an award or plaque commemorating our service. I think it's wonderful how American Soldiers and civilians honor one another with tokens of appreciation for a job well done in the military. We are happy to be a part of that process."

The legacy of the Pak family continues to bring on smiles ever since they began their family business almost five decades ago.

The memories made by this trio may end up in the hands of future generations. They may one day provide insight to a Soldier's Family on his or her past accomplishments in the military.

"There is no better feeling than the feeling I get when I see our custom crafted products in photos on unit Facebook pages," said Sungik. "It fills [my family's] heart with joy to see the big smiles on Soldiers' faces on their special day."

SOLDIERS KICK IT AT TAEKWONDO CAMP



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Taekwondo is a much-beloved form of traditional martial arts that combines acts of agility with incredible speed and powerful kicks. Since the year 2000, Taekwondo has become one of the official games in the Olympics.

Although some consider Taekwondo just a sport, it is actually an art form that represents the spirit and culture of South Korea.

On June 10, more than 50 Soldiers from United States Forces Korea participated in a Taekwondo camp, hosted by the Ministry of National Defense, to see if they could keep up with their instructors in Yongsan, South Korea.

While participating in the camp, Staff Sgt. Dustin Millett, a fire support noncommissioned officer assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, showed his passion for Taekwondo.

"I thought it would be a great way to learn more about Taekwondo and Korea," said the native of The Dalles, Ore.

He has been taking Taekwondo classes at Carey Gym on Camp Casey, South

Korea, for over a month.

"I think it's a great work out," said Millett. "For my age, being in my late 30s, getting back the flexibility and getting back in shape is great."

According to Song, Min-kyong from the USFK Public Affairs Office Community Relations Division, which supports the ministry with the camp, this program has existed for 38 years.

"Starting in 1975, there are five tours that invite about 230 Soldiers a year," said Song. "They are held to show thanks and appreciation to those Soldiers coming to serve in Korea."

Song also talked about how the camp is designed to help new Soldiers familiarize themselves with the local culture.

"Taekwondo has many cultural factors embedded in it, so it's a good start to learning the culture."

As early as the first century, Taekwondo had been developed in Korea as a combat and survival skill. However, the sport fell to the wayside when the country focused more on intellectual and academic developments.

After the Japanese occupation and during the Korean War, it reemerged through the opening of kwans, or martial arts schools, and exhibitions much like the one provided for USFK Soldiers by



Soldiers from the Third Republic of Korea army Command Taekwondo Team demonstrate their skills during a Taekwondo camp held by the Ministry of National Defense June 10 in Yongsan, South Korea. The camp is a two-day event that aims to help U.S. Soldiers new to Korea learn and understand the local culture.

the Third Republic of Korea army command taekwondo team.

Grand Master John Hur, the Taekwondo instructor at Yongsan Garrison, said that learning Taekwondo is more than just picking up a new martial arts skill.

"The programs that the Soldiers are participating in can help them share an insight into the Korean philosophy," said Hur. "It also helps them have fun and increase morale, not to mention how much it helps them develop self-defense

skills as well."

Millett also focused on the purpose of the Taekwondo camp and similar tours, like the Demilitarized Zone Bike Tour and Gyeonggi Security Exhibition, that can help U.S. Soldiers learn more about the local culture.

"It gives Soldiers a broader outlook of everything," said Millett. "With this and other tours, they open up our minds to see why we are here and why this is an important part of the Korean culture."

THUNDER KATUSAS GROW STRONGER THROUGH PRAYER LUNCHEON



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People pray. Regardless of their religious backgrounds, when facing difficulties or having a hard time, they pray. Praying happens in many forms, but its purpose is to calm the mind and give people strength to continue. For Soldiers bravely serving their nation, this concept is especially relevant.

More than 50 Korean Augmentation to the United States Army Soldiers from 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, held a prayer luncheon with the brigade chaplain, Maj. (Ch.) Geunhyung Lee, June 13 on Camp Casey.

According to Lee, the prayer luncheon was held to show appreciation and solidarity for the Soldiers currently serving their nation, and to give them the opportunity to pay homage to their predecessors.

The senior officer and enlisted advisors from the Republic of Korea army were in attendance to pray and spend time with their Soldiers. Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Brinton, the senior enlisted advisor for 210th FA Bde., 2nd Inf. Div., joined as the guest speaker.

"In Korea, June is a month to honor the veterans and those bravely defending their nation," said Lee. "I wanted others to know how much KATUSAs contribute to the Army and that their hard efforts do not go unnoticed."

Cpl. Song Jae-ik, a native of Ulsan, South Korea and the brigade senior KATUSA, talked about how the event was an opportunity for the Soldiers to interact and communicate.

"It was a chance for the Soldiers from different battalions in the bri-

gade to come together with the brigade chaplain, sergeant major, and the brigade's ROK leaders," said Song. "It was great that we were able to eat together and communicate with one another."

Song used an old adage to describe the spirit de corps built among senior leaders and Soldiers.

"There is a saying that people are most open-minded and relaxed when they are having a meal together," said Song. "We took the opportunity to build trust with each other, knowing that my battle buddy's got my back."

Lee said he hoped such exchanges among the KATUSA Soldiers would provide them with aspirations and guidance as they move forward in their military careers.

"It would be an opportunity for the young Soldiers or those new to the military to see how their seniors have done, or are doing," said Lee.

For Pfc. Kang Moon-ki, an information management specialist assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 210th FA Bde., 2nd Inf. Div., the luncheon gave him the courage to take the next step forward in the military.

"It was great to have the chaplain and Command Sgt. Maj. Brinton come in to give great messages," said Kang. "It helped me set a goal during my time here and motivated me to give my best at everything I do."

Brinton, as guest speaker, spoke about the important coalition between the two countries and the vital role that KATUSAs play.

"I would personally like to thank you for your dedication and professionalism as members of our team," said Brinton. "Our strong Alliance is based on mutual respect and trust. The U.S. and the Republic of Korea have formed a true Alliance."

Warrior Friendship Week 2014



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Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division kicked off July in true Warrior fashion with the annual celebration of the 38th Annual 2ID Warrior Friendship Week on Camp Casey, South Korea. WFW commenced with a three-mile division run and a competitive 5k run, led by Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal, commanding general of the 2nd Infantry Division, and Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew J. Spano, senior enlisted advisor for the division, followed by three days of competitive sports.

"The teams we played were all really good," said Cpl. Bang, a native of Seoul, South Korea, assigned to the 210th Field Artillery Brigade liaison office. "Playing soccer with the U.S. Soldiers at first was difficult because of the way we, Korean Augmentation to the United States Army Soldiers

communicate, but in the end we figured it out and made it to the division semifinals."

Typical sports competitions like basketball, soccer, relays and tug of war were combined with traditional Korean ones like Jokgu, a sport that combines soccer and tennis, and Ssireum, a form of wrestling and a national sport. The mash-up is meant as a way to pay homage to the cultures of both KATUSAs, who have been a part of the 2nd Inf. Div. force on the Korean peninsula for more than 60 years, and U.S. Soldiers stationed here serving alongside them.

Teams from all over the division vied to qualify for the semifinal and final rounds of each sport and to gain the most competitive time on the Warrior Challenge; a seven obstacle course that included a 190-pound uphill litter carry and rope climb, in order to earn the first place prize on behalf of their units and brigade.

Just before the closing ceremony, Republic of Korea Special Forces soldiers took over the Schoonover Bowl on

Camp Casey, South Korea, for a Taekwondo demonstration of such high flying and board breaking proportions, which left the crowd in awe of their skill.

After the demonstration, Soldiers piled en masse into Carey Gym on Camp Casey, South Korea, to have the winners revealed and close out Warrior Friendship Week with a thunderous rendition of "The Warriors March" and "The Army Song."

Despite the blazing heat and humidity throughout the week, and a rainy day to conclude it, participants and allies alike never ceased to cheer each other on through both victory and defeat, always offering a sweat-soaked shoulder to lean on.

"Warrior Friendship Week is awesome," said Spano. "We get to come together as a division in sports and competition. It shows our Alliance with the ROKA, and these KATUSAs who serve inside our formations. So, it's a great competition!"



Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division participated in Warrior Friendship Week, June 30-July 3. The week-long event culminated with a day of championship games, cultural events, and camaraderie at the Schoonover Bowl at Camp Casey. (Photo by Pak, Chin U, 2nd Inf. Div. PAO)

Warrior Friendship Week Finalist List:
Overall winner: 210th Field Artillery Brigade
Runner Up: 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team

Sports:
Basketball – 1-15FA (210FAB)
Soccer – ROK 8th MECH
JOKKU – ROK 26th
Ssireum (Wrestling) – 1ABCT & 210 FAB (Tie)
Tug Of War – 1-38 FA
4x400 Relay – 6-37 (210th FAB)
Warrior Challenge – 6-37 (210th FAB) 1st Place / 1-38 (210th FAB) 2nd Place

CG 5K Run Winners:
Male – 2LT Mallow 580th (16:51) / SPC Earl HHHB 210th FAB (16:59) / CPT Bennett 70th BSB 210th FAB (17:17)
Female – 2LT Scott BSTB 1st Brigade (20:20) / SPC Smith 23rd CBRNE (21:00) / SPC Crea E-652 (21:27)

SOLDIER SERVES ARTISTIC PASSIONS

WHILE SERVING HIS COUNTRY



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At the age of 16, Pfc. Andrew DeLozier of Brooks-ville, Fla. saw his life through the lens of a camera. By the time he was 22, he had already owned a production and a photography company, and his clients included model and talent agencies.

At the age of 26, DeLozier had to give up working on his passions on a day-to-day basis to join the Army. He enlisted as a Nodal Network System Maintainer. For DeLozier, now assigned to Company C, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, it was not an easy decision.

He grew up in a home, where his parents were concerned about his interest in a dangerous military profession and didn't fully understand his more creative goals. Instead, his father wanted him to become a minister's son. DeLozier, however, did not want to give up his passions for photography and graphic design.

"There were times when I felt really broken ... and I felt like I had no one around me who supported me. I have too much I want to do, and too much I want to inspire people about," he said.

Before he began serving his country, he sold off his five-year-old company that specialized in photography, graphic design, website design, and audio engineering to a friend. He chose to make this decision because he wanted to protect his family.

"I still love them to the point where I would do anything to protect them, and the military was a way to do that, to try and fight, even if it's a small battle," he said.

As part of his job, DeLozier programs the Joint Nodal Network to make sure it accepts the satellite signal and transmits it. His unit helps the Army to get access to the internet and other services which require satellite connectivity.

"Andrew is a very dedicated Soldier. He's always pushing himself to exceed and takes initiative. He's always trying to grow as a Soldier," said Sgt. Brooks Trubee, Squad Leader of the JNN Section, and DeLozier's supervisor.

DeLozier also serves as a color guard for the 2nd Inf. Div. He practices up to ten hours a week and participates between four to eight ceremonies per month. In addition to his duties as a Soldier, he spends roughly 15 hours every week working on his graphic design hobby.

"It's part of his nature to want to do more and more. I think he often almost bites off more than he could chew, and taking on all these responsibilities...I don't want him to get all stressed out, but he seems unhappy if he's not busy doing stuff," said Trubee.

So far, DeLozier has designed two flyers for the 2nd Inf. Div. Equal Opportunity Office for various observances.

"I like to base my graphic design off of whom I'm working with or whom I'm working for. When I go into it, I try and feel out who that person is and what kind of style they are," he said.

One poster was to commemorate the Days of Remembrance or the Holocaust Remembrance Day Observance, for which Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal, commanding general of the 2nd Inf. Div., recognized DeLozier's talents with a certificate of achievement. The other was to celebrate Women's Equality Day Observance in August, which celebrates women's right to vote.

Traveling and exploring different cultures are other things DeLozier wants to do, and the Army, he said, has allowed him to make those goals a reality. After his current tour in South Korea ends early next year, he will proceed to Germany. DeLozier said he is excited about this opportunity to see Europe, because his parents were from there. His father is French and his mother is British, so he wants to explore a little bit of his culture.

In the future, DeLozier hopes to become a professional photographer and work for a few of the well-known magazines.

"I would like to be published in a major magazine for my art. I want to be able to inspire people... [To work] for different magazines that allow me to capture the essence of a person and feature it on the cover or inside the magazine itself, that would be a real pleasure. That'll be just the icing on my life," he said.

GRAPHIC DESIGNS BY PFC. ANDREW DELOZIER



Pfc. Andrew DeLozier, a Nodal Network System Maintainer, with Company C, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, works on the Joint Nodal Network at Camp Red Cloud, July 8. (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. Lee, Dong-Hyun, 2nd Inf. Div. PAO)

2ID SAFETY

FROM THE 2ND INFANTRY DIVISION SAFETY OFFICE

MONSOON/TYPHOON SEASON

If you have not been to the Republic of Korea in the past, be aware the monsoon rain & typhoon season usually begins in late June and continues through September. This can potentially present high risk to both personnel and property during this period. In 2011, flash floods and mudslides caused by monsoon rains resulted in the loss of life of 1 Korean police in Area 1, as well as extensive property damage.

Leaders and Soldiers maintain situational awareness when conducting training exercises during the rainy season.

- When advised – evacuate area immediately.
- Don't wait – even if it has stopped raining.
- It may still be raining upstream from your location.
- Restrict vehicle travel and avoid flooded areas or areas subject to flooding.
- Do not attempt to cross flowing streams or drive through flooded roadways.
- Do not set up field sites or park vehicles along streams and washes.
- Do not touch or travel over downed power lines.
- Monsoon rain can move boulders, uproot trees, destroy buildings and bridges and trigger catastrophic mud slides. You will not always have advanced warning that these deadly sudden floods are coming.

Remember – six inches of fast moving water can knock an individual off their feet!!!

Conduct route recons and risk assessment of the training areas projected for use during the monsoon/typhoon seasons. Identify low lying areas unsuitable for bivouac areas, roads subject to wash-outs, low water crossings subject to rapid flooding, and sites constructed on loose fill or adjacent to hillsides subject to landslides. Identify primary and alternate routes in and out of training areas. Ensure that training safety briefings prior to the monsoon/typhoon season include a discussion of flood risk assessment and emergency evacuation procedures.



LEADER'S RISK ASSESSMENT

Will one of your Soldiers cause the next accident?

Research has shown that leader engagement directly impacts the reduction of accidents caused by human error. Human error accounts for 80 percent of Army ground and aviation accidents and includes: lack of self-discipline, inadequate training, inadequate standards, insufficient support and/or lack of supervision. This is an increased challenge due to the increased turn-over personnel and family separation that is experienced in our formation.

What are you doing to mitigate Soldier and unit risk?

Within the past month (30 days) have you:

- Taken the time to have a personnel talk with any of your Soldiers?
- Met with and addressed concerns with a high-risk Soldier?
- Promoted the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) program to a single Soldier?
- Conducted a privately owned vehicle (POV) inspection of one or more of your Soldiers?
- Given thought to or questioned Soldiers about unit morale?
- Encouraged fellow Soldiers or family members of a Soldier to get involved when they witnessed at-risk behaviors (drinking and driving, speeding, texting or talking on a cell phone while driving)?
- Checked on a Soldier when off duty?
- Referred someone for counseling (marital, financial, mental health, drug or alcohol)?
- Engaged in a fun activity together with your unit (team building, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) trip, Organizational Day)?
- Corrected someone because their work or appearance was not up to military standards?

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If you answered NO to more than one of these questions, you may need to re-engage with your unit and your Soldiers.

As a Leader, answer the questions below. The assessment is an awareness tool.

- Has the Soldier returned from a stressful deployment within the past six months (lost a unit member, been near improvised explosive device (IED) explosions, mortar fire, etc.)?
- Has the Soldier recently received a speeding ticket, or have you observed or been informed that the Soldier has been exceeding the speed limit?
- Are the Soldiers easily distracted because they are focused on non-work related issues (divorce or separation, death of someone close, bills, or break-up with a boy/girl friend, etc.)?
- Has the Soldier been known to operate or ride in a vehicle while not using personal protective equipment (seatbelt, helmet, etc.)?
- Has the Soldier been involved in physical or verbal confrontation with friends or coworkers lately?
- Does the Soldier have an "I don't care" attitude about things like his/her job, appearance, friends or family?
- A safe driver also stops before checking maps and addresses, looking at paperwork, and dealing with similar distractions.
- Does the Soldier appear easily bored, or voice feelings of boredom often?
- Is the Soldier more tired during duty hours than usual?
- Have you observed the Soldier consuming energy drinks excessively during duty hours?



- Has the Soldier recently purchased a handgun, but has not received proper training?
 - Does the Soldier commonly talk on a cell phone or text while driving?
 - Within the past 30 days, has the Soldier driven after drinking alcohol?
 - Has the Soldier recently been participating in "bone-head" style activities, or becoming more involved in thrill seeking activities when out with friends?
 - Is the Soldier going on sick call when there does not appear to be anything physically wrong with them (seems to be malingering)?
 - Is the Soldier becoming more of a risk-taker (bought a motorcycle, started rock climbing, parachuting)?
- Accidents do happen, but if a Soldier has self-discipline, is adequately trained to the standard, and has sufficient support and supervision, he or she is less likely to be involved in an accident.

4TH OF JULY INDEPENDENCE DAY

U.S. Army Garrison Red Cloud and Area I hosted Soldiers, civilians and family members for an Independence Day Celebration July 4 at Camp Casey. The day offered a variety of food and entertainment, featuring food-eating contests, a chili cook-off, carnival rides, midway games, clowns, face-painting, kite flying, a dunk tank, and live music with Warrior's Got Talent taking center stage. After hearing from event host Col. Jack Haefner, commander, USAG Red Cloud and Area I and Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal, commanding general, 2nd Infantry Division, the community was treated to a rousing "Salute to the Nation" and patriotic fireworks display. (Photos by U. S. Army Garrison Red Cloud - Casey)





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Inspector General Mission

Serves as the confidential advisor and fact finder to the Commanding General, 2d Infantry Division and advises the commander on the state of the economy, efficiency, discipline, morale, and readiness of assigned and attached units and activities.

Warrior Inspector General Message

First, we want everyone to know that your Inspector General (IG) team is here to support Soldiers, family members, Department of Army Civilians, retirees and the chain of command. We can assist the commander with reviewing the unit's Organizational Inspection Program (OIP) to ensure compliance with **AR 1-201, Army Inspection Policy**, train the coordinating staff and subject matter experts (SME) on how to conduct inspections.

Secondly, 2ID Inspector General has a new and improved webpage on the 2ID portal <https://2id.korea.army.mil/PersonalStaff/IG/SitePages/Home.aspx> Command teams can download information on the role of IG to teach and train their units. We have posted vignettes to stimulate discussions at NCOPDs/ LPDs. If you would like an IG to assist in your training, please contact Ms. Yun at DSN: 732-8782 or email us at aekyong.yun2.ln@mail.mil.



★HOT TOPIC★

Financial non-support to Family members remains the number one IG assistance case worked by the 2ID IG office. Soldiers must provide financial support to Family members and obey court orders for child support and custody, even if military service geographically separates the Family. Resolving non-support claims is a **Command responsibility** per **AR 608-99** and **AR 20-1** and the IG's role is to serve as an information conduit to the Soldier's Commander.

Soldiers are expected to keep reasonable contact with family members, as well as with others who have a legitimate need to know their location, to minimize the total number of inquiries to their commanders and other Army officials on financial support, paternity, child custody and visitation and other related matters.

AR 608-99, Family Support, Child Custody, and Paternity, **para 3-6** state: Commanders will fully investigate every inquiry alleging financial support on the part of the Soldier and provide complete, accurate, and timely (10-14 day) to the individual making the inquiry. The same paragraph provides commanders with the appropriate courses of action for his/her investigation. **Paragraph 3-10(c)** outlines options commanders may take against violators who fail to comply with or are repeat offenders of the aforementioned regulation. Allegations or even proof of desertion, adultery, or other marital misconduct or criminal acts on the part of a spouse will not excuse a Soldier's obligation to comply with the provisions of **law or regulation**. Consult the **SJA** office for more assistance and resources for these situations.

CHANGES IN LATITUDES, CHANGES IN ATTITUDES



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Some Soldiers stash their leave for a big trip home to see Family and friends, hometowns and old haunts. Others use it to explore new places. 1st Sgt. Willie Vines, hailing from Dallas, gets the best of both worlds.

He and his wife, Theresa, took advantage of the warm weather and spent part of their 20th anniversary exploring Jeju Island, South Korea, a 200-mile trip south of Busan, known for its giant dormant volcano Mt. Hallasan, and the mermaids of Jeju Island, or Haenyeo.

Jeju is also well-known for attractions like the Trick Museum, a landscape of mind-boggling arts of perspective and mirror tricks floating at the dinner table, sitting in the scene of a Van Gogh, characters escaping their paintings, and a field of monster-size ladybugs.

"We were sitting in the jaws of hippos and I car-



Theresa Vines dumps water from the ocean all over the floor of the Trick Museum during a trip to Jeju Island, South Korea. (Photo by 1st Sgt. Willie Vines)

ried Theresa on my back across this painting on the ground that looked like a drop that goes straight down," said Vines. "She brings out the kid in me."

In addition to the island's bustling surface, the subterranean lava trails and caves provide visitors the chance to flashback and see stalactites and stalagmites

that date back to the Paleolithic era, and underwater, the Haenyeo dive for exotic seafood.

"There are really a lot of good things to do in Korea if you just go out and find them," said Vines. "A lot of people get stuck going out to the Ville and think that's all there is here."

SPOUSE'S COLUMN



STORY BY
DOREEN VANDAL
WARRIOR COUNTRY SPOUSE

Well, it's hard to believe that we have been in Korea for a year now. The time has passed so quickly and my bucket list continues to grow

EXPLORING THE KOREAN CAPITAL; SEOUL

with things to see and do. With a number of new families arriving daily, I wanted to share one of my favorite things to help newcomers discover Seoul: the Seoul City Bus Tour. It's a great way to explore the capital of our host country. There are actually three different routes to choose from: Downtown, Palace, and Night, so the possibilities are endless!

We chose the Downtown tour because it takes you all over the city, allowing you to get on and off as many times as you want, while visiting any of the 27 or so stops it makes. There are English-speaking guides and an audio guide on the bus describing each location. It costs W 12,000 for adults and tickets can be purchased right on the bus. You can catch it just outside the Dragon Hill Lodge gate; simply look for the pole marked "Seoul City Bus Tour." Buses run every 30 minutes between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. However, it doesn't run on Mondays.

We actually only got to visit four of the stops, so we'll need to do this again soon before another year is up. Our favorite stop was Nam-sangol Hanok Village, the traditional Korean village created right in the middle of Seoul. We spent hours wandering around and enjoying the shows. There was tightrope dancing, as well as "Pungmul," which is a Korean folk music tradition that includes drumming, dancing and singing. We were also able to try some Korean games, such as "tuho" or arrow throwing, and saw the traditional marriage ceremony that takes place around noon.

Another fun stop was Insadong. This is a unique area in Seoul with many shops carrying

traditional Korean clothing, paper, crafts and tea. The Tea Museum exhibits not only tea from around the world, but porcelain too, from local artists. You can enjoy the museum while sipping a cup of tea at the outdoor café.

Dongdaemun Market is one of the major fashion markets in Korea where you can find everything from head to toe! New designers often sell their creations at relatively inexpensive prices. I am not a big shopper, so we just took a quick stroll through some of the many traditional and modern shops. It can be a bit overwhelming, as the market is always crowded regardless of the hour of day or night.

Our final stop of the day was Myeong-dong. Here we found another exceptionally busy shopping area selling a variety of products from clothing to cosmetics! There are two huge department stores, Lotte and Shinsegae Mall. A virtual smorgasbord of restaurants is located here and as our stomachs began to growl, we were in the mood for Chinese food. After a delicious and satisfying dinner, we ended the day at the Myeong-dong Nanta Theatre. "Cookin' Nanta" is an entertaining, non-verbal show about three crazy chefs and an apprentice chef, who use their cooking utensils (pot, pans and knives) to beat a wonderfully rhythmic musical, while preparing a wedding banquet for that evening. Can they have everything ready in time? I'm happy to report that they were successful and a fun time was had by all.

After an adventure-filled day like today, I'm ready for a peaceful tomorrow in the Land of the Morning Calm.

2014년 7월 간추린 뉴스

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<사진 - 박진우 / 미 제2보병사단 공보처>



지난 6월 23일부터 27일까지, 대한민국에 위치한 캠프 케이시 (Camp Casey)와 로드리게스 (Rodriguez) 실사격장에서 미8군 소속 병사들이 미8군 최고 의무병 선발대회에서 경쟁하였다. 이 대회는 미8군 내 가장 우수한 의무병을 가려내기 위해 병사들의 의무 지식과 기술을 시험하는 것이 목적이다.
<사진 - 상병 재클린 도우랜드(Spc. Jacqueline Dowland) / 제17기갑전투여단 공보처>



지난 7월 2일부터 8일까지 미 제2보병사단 예하 제17기갑전투여단, 제2-9보병대대 소속 카투사 (KATUSA, Korean Augmentation to the United States Army) 병사들이 캘리포니아의 포트 어윈(Fort Irwin, California)에 위치한 국립훈련장에 참여하였다. 순환훈련에서 장병들은 미 육군과 한국군 사이에 필요한 통역 기술을 교육받았다. <사진 - 상병 재클린 도우랜드(Spc. Jacqueline Dowland) / 제17기갑전투여단 공보처>



2014년 7월 4일, 미 제2보병사단의 장병들이 캠프 케이시 (Camp Casey)에서 주최된 캠프 케이시 독립 기념일 행사를 참가하였다. 행사에는 전시회와 아이들을 위한 동물원, 그리고 칠리 요리대회가 진행되었다.
<사진 - 상병 재클린 도우랜드(Spc. Jacqueline Dowland) / 제17기갑전투여단 공보처>



지난 6월 13일 캠프 케이시 (Camp Casey)에서 개최된 카투사 오찬 기도회 (KATUSA prayer lunch-eon)에서 제210야전포병여단 여단 군종목사 이근형 소령(Maj. Geunhyung Lee)이 참석자들을 위한 기도를 하고 있다. 이날 오찬 기도회는 종교적 의미뿐만 아니라 미국군 및 한국군 간부와 카투사 장병 사이의 소통의 장이기도 했다. <사진 - 일병 송건우 / 제210야전포병여단 공보처>

한미 문화 교류

미 합중국 독립 기념일 HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

독립기념일은 238년 전 1776년 7월 4일 미국이 독립선언문에 서명을 하면서 자유와 독립을 쟁취한 것을 기념하는 날이다. 독립전쟁이 시작된 1775년 당시 오늘 날의 동부 해안 지역에 해당하는 13개 식민지에 거주하고 있던 식민지 주민들은 영국 왕과 의회의 부당한 대우에 격분하여 전쟁을 벌였다고 한다. 하지만, 시간이 흐르고 전쟁이 계속되면서 식민지 주민들은 자신들이 싸우는 이유가 단순히 더 나은 대우를 받기 위해서 아니라 영국으로부터 그들의 자유를 쟁취하고 지키기 위해서라는 걸 깨닫게 된다. 이후 타국과의 동맹조약을 맺으며 그들의 지원을 받

아 영국의 대부대를 항복시켜 독립을 선언하게 된다. 오늘날의 미국의 명칭인 미 합중국(United States of America)이라는 명칭도 13개 식민지 주민대표들이 독립선언문에 서명하면서 공식 문서에 처음으로 사용되었다고 한다. 전쟁 중에 발표된 이 독립선언서는 미국 민주주의의 아버지로 일컬어지는 토마스 제퍼슨(Thomas Jefferson)이 기초한 것으로서, 이 선언문이 발표된 7월 4일이 미국에서 가장 중요한 국경일이 되었다. 혹자들은 미국의 독립선언이 근대 민주주의의 발전에 큰 영향을 끼쳤다는 점에서 세계사적 의미를 가지고 있다고 한다.

독립기념일은 미국의 연방 공휴일로 매년 7월 4일이고 대부분의 미국 국민들은 이를 “Fourth of July (7월 4일)”라고 부른다. 독립기념일은 미국 전역에서 대대적으로 많은 행사나 기념 퍼레이드가 벌어지는 날이다. 이날 낮에는 애국적 연설이 낭독되는 기념식이 있고 가족들이 야유회를 가며 여러 단체에서 지역사회 별로 행사를 진행한다. 또한 밤에는 각종 야외 연주회와 성대한 불꽃놀이 행사가 펼쳐진다. 다른 공휴일과 달리 미국 국민들은 독립기념일을 단순히 쉬는 공휴일로 여기지 않고 각종 행사에 참여하고 독립기념일의 참 의미를 되새기는 시간을 보낸다.

올해 독립기념일은 특히 주말과 맞물려, 여러 축하행진과 행사들이 계획되어 있던 미

국 전역이 나들이 인파로 북적였다고 한다. 한 예로, 아틀란타에서는 독립기념일을 기념하는 의미에서 시작된 마라톤 대회가 44년째 열리고 있고 참가자 수도 매년 어림잡아 6만 명이나 된다고 한다. 또한 몇몇 미국 역사 박물관들은 자국민 뿐 아니라 관광객에게도 무료입장을 제공하여 모두가 미국 역사와 문화를 체험할 수 있는 발판을 놓아준다. 독립기념일 축하 행사는 미국에서만 있는 일이 아니다. 7월 4일 용산 미군부대에서도 지역 주민들을 초청하여 음악회와 멋진 불꽃축제를 선사했다.



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한미교류

주한미군, 한(韓)의 열이 담긴 태권도로 더 강해지다

많은 사랑을 받고 있는 태권도는 강력한 발차기와 놀라운 속도에서 나오는 민첩한 동작들이 주무기인 전통 무술이다. 몇몇 사람들은 태권도를 단순한 스포츠라고 생각하지만, 사실 태권도는 한국의 영혼과 문화를 대표하는 예술이기도 하다. 그리고 태권도는 2000년부터 올림픽 경기 종목으로 채택되기도 했다.

6월 10일 용산에서 국방부가 개최한 태권도 캠프에 50여명의 주한미군 장병들이 참가하여 태권도 사범들과 실력을 겨뤘다.

미 제2보병사단 제210야전포병여단 본부 및 본부포대 소속 더스틴 밀렛 하사(Staff Sgt. Dustin Millet)는 캠프에 참여하는 내내 태권도에 대한 뜨거운 열정을 보여주며 “캠프에 참가하는 것이 태권도 뿐 아니라 한국에 대해 더 많이 배우는데 좋은 기회가 될 것이라고 생각했다”고 말했다. 그는 이미 캠프 케이시(Camp Casey)에 있는 캐리 체육관(Carey Gym)에서 태권도 수업을 받아 왔었다. 밀렛 하사는 “태권도를 하면 정말 운동이 된다”며 “30대 후반에 유연성을 되찾고 체력이 좋아지는데 적격이다”고 말했다.

태권도 캠프 주최를 지원하는 주한미군 공보참모부 소속 송민경씨의 말에 따르면, 이 행사는 지난 38년 동안 계속 지속되어 왔다고 한다. 더불어 1975년부터 한국에 파병되는 주한미군들에 대한 감사의 표시로 해마다 5회에 걸쳐 약 230명의 미군을 초대하는 관광행사가 진행되고 있다고 한다. 그는 “태권도는 문화적 요소가 많이 배어있기 때문에 한국 문화를 배우는 좋은 시작점이 될것이다”고 덧붙였다. 또한 송민경씨는 태권도 캠프가 한국에 갖 도착한 미군 장병들이 현지 문화에 보다 쉽게 적응할 수 있도록 계획되어 있다고 설명해주었다.

태권도는 1세기 부터 한국에서 전투 및 생존 기술로써 성장해 왔었지만 나라에서 지적 능력 및 교육 발달에 중점을 두면서 더 이상의 별다른 진전이 없게되었다.

일제 강점기가 지나고 나서야 무술 도장들이 개장을 하고 한국군 태권도팀이 주한미군들에게 보여준 것과 흡사한 박람회들이 열리면서 태권도가 다시 부활하였다.

용산 미군부대에서 태권도를 가르치고 있는 존 허(John Hur)단장은 태권도를 배운다는 것은 단순히 새로운 무술 기술을 배우는 것보다 더 큰 의미가 있다고 했다.



6월 10일 용산에서 국방부가 개최한 태권도 캠프에 참가한 50여 명의 주한미군 앞에서 한국군 태권도 팀이 힘찬 패기로 멋지게 승판 격파 시범을 보이고 있다.

허 단장은 “미군 장병들이 참여하고 있는 프로그램들은 한국의 동양 철학과 이념에 대해 보다 더 잘 이해할 수 있게 해준다”며 “그들의 개인 방어 기술들을 강화하는데 태권도가 적지 않은 영향을 미칠 뿐 아니라 배우는 데도 재미있고 장병들의 사기를 북돋을 수 있다”고 덧붙였다.

밀렛 하사는 미군 장병들이 현지 문화에 대해 친숙해 질 수 있도록 도움을 주는 태권도 캠프와 비무장 지대 자전거투어나 경기도 안보 박람회 같은 문화적 이해와 교류를 강조하며 “이와 같이 문화적 요소가 결부된 방문으로 미군 장병들이 한국이라는 나라에 대해 보다 큰 시각으로 바라볼 수 있게 하며 주한미군의 주둔 이유와 파병의 의미를 다시금 되새길 수 있게 해준다”고 말했다.

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한미 장병들 사이에 꽃핀 전우애

미 제2보병사단 제1기갑여단 제302여단지원대대 장병들과 한국군 장병들은 지난 6월 20 캠프 케이시(Camp Casey)에서 열린 문화교류 행사에 참여하였다.

양국 장병들은 서로의 군 문화와 경험을 공유했고 제302여단지원대대 장병들에게는 한국 문화에 대해 더 배울 수 있는 기회가 되었다.

제302여단지원대대 군종목사 명 조 대위(Cpt. Myung Cho)는 “양국의 문화를 서로에게서 직접 배우으로써 한미연합을 강화하고 더 나아가 서로에 대한 고정관념을 깨고 더 좋은 동료로 거듭나는 기회였다”고 말했다.

회복력이 주된 주제였던 이번 교육을 통해 미군 장병들은 한국군 장병들 뿐만 아니라 그들의 간부들도 겪는 어려움에 대해 듣고 인내심의 값진 가치에 대해 알게 되었다.

한 예로, 제302여단지원대대 장병들은 한국군 동료들이 부대 밖으로 자주 나갈수 없기 때문에 가족들을 자주 보지 못하고 한 달에 100불이 조금 넘는 돈으로 생활해야 한다는 사실을 알게 되었다.

제302여단지원대대 장갑차 정비병인 셀 그릭스 일병(Pfc. Shaun W. Griggs)은 “한국군 장병들은 가족이 면회를 오지 않는 한, 한 달에 5일에서 10일 밖에 안되는 짧은 기간 동안만 가족들을 볼 수 있는 처지에 놓여 있다”며 “오늘 나는 한국인들이 매우 유쾌하다는 것을 알게 되었고 또한 그들은 어떤 상황 속에서도 유머를 찾으며 부딪힌 역경속에서 다시 일어설 수 있는 강한 국민성을 가지고 있다는 것을 깨달았다”고 말했다.

한국군 장병들만 역경을 겪는 것은 아니다. 이번 행사의 초청 연사였던 제302여단지원대대 행정장교 폴 데이비스 소령(Maj. Paul Davis)은 그의 성장 고통과 경험을 나누었다.

조 대위는 “데이비스 소령은 비슷한 상황에서 어려움을 겪고 있는 다른 장병들에게도 동기를 부여했다”고 덧붙였다.

장병들은 서로의 어려움을 공유하며, 앞으로 살면서 겪을 어려움을 이겨 나간다면 인생과 직장에서 최고가 될 것이라는 걸 느낄 수 있었다.

제302여단지원대대 군종병 알레한드로 나바로 일병(Pfc. Alejandro Navarro)은 “조 대위는 성장기에 가정문제가 있었지만 그만의 회복력으로 미래를 준비하고 성장하기 위해 노력했다.”며 “조 대위의 경험을 통해 모든 사람들이 역경에 부딪히지만 우리 모두 이겨낼 수 있고 이겨내야 한다고 느꼈다”고 말했다.

양국 장병들은 함께 동행하며 군 시설들을 돌아보고 대화를 통해 서로의 문화에 대해 깊게 알게

되었다. 그리고 양국의 일상생활과 문화에 대해 대화하며 뜻 깊은 우정을 맺었다.

육군 제2군수지원사령부 정비부대 인사와 김동준 상병은 “오늘 내가 경험한 것들을 다른 많은 사람들도 경험할 수 있도록 이런 행사가 자주 열렸으면 좋겠다”며 “새로운 친구를 사귀며 서로의 군 생활을 공유함으로써 한미동맹을 증진시킬 수 있었다”고 말했다.

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미 제2보병사단 제17기갑여단 제302여단지원대대 장병들과 한국군 장병들은 지난 6월 20일 캠프 케이시(Camp Casey)에서 열린 문화교류 행사에 참여하여 서로의 경험을 공유하며 한미연합 증진에 기여했다.

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미 제2보병사단이 주관하여 캠프 케이시(Camp Casey)에서 6월 30일부터 7월 3일까지 치러진 전사친선주간 연례 행사에 한국군 특수부대가 참가하여 격파 시범을 보이고 있다.

미 제2보병사단의 장병들은 캠프 케이시(Camp Casey)에서 연례 행사인 전사친선주간으로 7월을 시작했다. 전사친선주간은 미 제2보병사단 사단장인 토마스 밴들 소장(Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal)과 사단 주임원사 앤드류 스페노 주임원사(Command Sgt. Maj. Anderw J. Spano)가 이끈 3마일 사단 달리기와 5km 달리기 시합으로 막을 올렸다. 그리고 이어진 3일동안은 운동경기가 진행됐다.

제210야전포병여단 연락반 소속 방 상병(Cpl. Bang)은 “우리의 상대 팀들은 매우 뛰어났다”며 “처음에는 의사소통의 문제 때문에 미군들과 축구를 하는 것이 어려웠지만 결국 우리는 사단 대회 준결승까지 진출할 정도로 뛰어난 조직력을 갖추게 되었다”고 말했다.

전사친선주간에서는 전형적인 운동경기인 농구, 축구, 이어달리기, 줄다리기 등과 한국 전통종목인 족구와 씨름이 함께 열렸다. 여러

가지 운동경기가 개최된 이유는 이 축제가 카투스(KATUSA, Korean Augmentation to the United States Army) 장병들의 문화와 미군 장병들의 문화를 동시에 기념하는 의미를 갖기 때문이다.

사단 전체에서 선발된 팀들이 각 종목 우승을 위해서, 그리고 워리어 챌린지(Warrior Challenge) 대회 우승을 위해서 겨뤘다. 워리어 챌린지 대회란 190파운드(약 86kg)의 들것을 지고 언덕을 올라가는 등 7가지 장애물을 통과하는 경기로서 가장 빠르게 목적지에 도착하는 팀이 우승한다.

폐막식이 열리기 전, 한국군 특수부대 소속 장병들은 캠프 케이시의 슈노버 볼(Schoonover Bowl) 운동장에서 격파시범 등 관중들을 놀라게 할만한 태권도 시범을 보였다.

태권도 시범 이후 장병들은 캠프 케이시의



체육관에서 대회 최종 우승자 발표와 함께 전사친선주간 폐막식이 진행되었다. 그리고 마지막으로 미 제2보병사단가와 미군가를 부르며 대회를 마쳤다.

한 주 내내 덥고 습한 날씨가 계속되었고 마지막 날에는 비까지 내렸음에도 불구하고 참가자들과 동료 장병들은 서로의 승리를 축하하고 패배를 위로하며 뜨거운 동료애를 과시했다.

스페노 주임원사는 “전사친선주간은 정말 대단했다”며 “전 사단이 함께 어울려 운동 경기에 참가했다. 이 행사는 미 제2보병사단과 카투스 장병들이 속해있는 한국군 사이의 끈끈한 동맹을 보여줬다. 정말 굉장한 대회였다”고 말했다.

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