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MAJ. GEN. THOMAS S. VANDAL
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As another tremendously successful year comes to a close, we want everyone to reflect on what we have accomplished together. This Division, with its storied history and lineage, has always met the demands of our nation and this Alliance, and we always will.

We are extremely thankful for all the great 2ID Warriors who work hard every day to make this division Second to None. Your service to our nation and our Army is part of a long history of contributions to build and maintain a strong U.S./ROK Alliance - one that has stood on Freedom's Frontier against a formidable enemy for over 60 years. The 2ID mission here is vital not only to the Alliance, but across the region. More importantly, our presence is critical to ensuring peace on the peninsula now and in the future.

All of us work very hard and sacrifice daily out of our shared sense of duty and commitment, and it is that responsibility that we share with our ROK Allies in service to this historic Alliance.

That duty revolves around preparing for war; we stand shoulder to shoulder with our ROK Allies, facing down a committed and tyrannical enemy. It is because we are ready to Fight Tonight that we have managed to deter war. Our readiness has successfully built a phenomenal defense for an important friend and nation.

We can each say unequivocally that our faithfulness to our mission to deter aggression and to provide security and stability on the Korean Peninsula, has contributed to a peace that honors the spirit of the holiday season. It is a time of year for us to celebrate this peace and to recognize the friends and family that we hold dear, whether they are with us in Korea, or back home in the United States.

As we approach the New Year and look towards 2015, we must seek ways to improve our readiness, and the smooth transition from a permanent basing of 1st Armored

Brigade Combat Team to a rotational brigade. By June 2015, we will send Iron Warriors back to their follow-on assignments, better trained as Soldiers and leaders, and we will successfully integrate the Black-Jack Troopers from the 2/1 Cavalry Division into the Division's mission in the KTO.

Additionally, the decision to allow 210th Field Artillery Brigade to remain in Area I is significant. We are honored that the ROK places that much faith in our capabilities, and we must use this opportunity to assist our counterparts in the ROKA to eventually assume the capabilities that we provide today.

One might ask why we are making these changes if what we have been doing for 64 years has been working. The response is simple: we must always prepare for war and ensure the Division is ready to fight tonight and the changes anticipated for 2ID in 2015 will enhance our readiness. The 2nd ID becoming a Combined ROK-U.S. Division will enhance interoperability and combined planning, while the integration of rotational forces will ensure trained and ready BCTs assume the mission here without the monthly personnel turbulence we have experienced due to individual replacements. This Alliance and this Division are comprised of the finest Warriors in the world, and making these transitions honors our commitment to be ready to fight tonight.

We want to share with you the expressions of gratefulness we receive from our Korean partners and friends. They understand the importance of 2ID here on the peninsula and it is your hard work, dedica-

tion and professionalism that makes this possible. These Korean leaders are thankful for your service and the shared sacrifices of our Families.

We are thankful for Family and friends, as well as our extended Warrior family. That is how we must view the Soldiers and teams with whom we serve here in Korea - as an extended family, bonded through shared hardships and common experiences. Like a family, we must look out for and take care of one another. Warrior Division Soldiers always support each other and ensure we continue to represent the best of our Army and our nation - always mindful that we are guests of our gracious Korean hosts.

As we enter this holiday season, we would like to thank each of you for your service and sacrifice while assigned to Korea. Even if you can't be with your families this holiday season, know that your U.S. and ROK Families here see and appreciate what you do each and every day. Know that generations of Koreans have lived under the watchful eye of the security we provide. Above all, know that you are each important members of the best Division in the world.

Happy Holidays, Warriors.
Second to None!
Katchi Kapshida!



SMA Chandler makes Thanksgiving trip to South Korea



**STORY BY
SGT. MAJ. SHAUN HERRON
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The 14th sergeant major of the Army personally thanked Soldiers at stops in Camp Kim, Camp Humphreys, Camp Hovey and Camp Casey in South Korea Nov. 26 and 27.

The trip by Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III was highlighted with visits to the 210th Field Artillery Brigade's Thunder Inn at Camp Hovey, and the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team's Iron Café at Camp Casey, both units of the 2nd Infantry Division. While visiting each dining facility, the SMA recognized Soldiers, served Thanksgiving meals and he and his wife, Jeanne Chandler, mingled with Soldiers far from home on this holiday.

In his final Thanksgiving as sergeant major of the Army, Chandler said it was important to recognize and visit Soldiers serving in a forward deployed assignment far from home – particularly those who volunteered to join the Army following the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

"Those who joined over the last 10 or 12 years faced a much different set of circumstances than I did when I joined the Army. I joined during the Cold War, and my first assignment was in Germany," said Chandler. "My biggest concern as a young Soldier was whether I had enough money in my pocket on a Friday night to go have a beer ... The Soldiers who joined over the last decade (plus) knew they were volunteering to most likely be put in harm's way."

While serving in Korea is not the same as deploying to a combat zone, the SMA recognized that as America's only forward deployed permanent unit, those in the units comprising Eighth Army face similar, but unique challenges.

"Eighth Army is a war-fighting theater Army headquarters, partnered with the Republic of Korea to preserve an armistice – an agreement to cease-fire while a permanent peace can be negotiated, but that could end at any moment," he said. "So Soldiers here have to be ready to fight tonight, and ensure we can win."

Chandler served Thanksgiving meals at the Thunder Inn, mingled with Soldiers,



Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III visited with 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade Soldiers Nov. 26 in the Super Hanger on Camp Humphreys, South Korea. During his visit, the sergeant major of the Army was able to learn about the four types of helicopters that are operated by the brigade, and he answered numerous questions fielded by Soldiers from the aviation unit. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Jesse K. Smith, 2CAB PAO)

and had personal photos taken for any of the Soldiers who wanted a picture with the sergeant major of the Army.

At the Iron Café, Chandler focused his time on speaking with Soldiers, answering questions in a one-on-one setting and ensuring everyone who wanted a photo with him was able to have their image captured so they would have something tangible to remember this holiday in years to come.

During the first day of his visit to Korea, Chandler spent the day touring units in Seoul and Pyongtaek.

He started the day with recognition of the Soldiers who are part of the Special Forces Korea, and the 39th U.S. Special Forces. There, he received a briefing from senior NCOs and recognized NCOs for their service.

He followed this with a trip to Camp Humphreys and the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Inf. Div., and a Town Hall discussion with a packed house at the Camp Humphreys Post Theater.

While at 2nd CAB, Chandler was shown the four different aircraft platforms

currently operated by the Talon Brigade – CH-47F Chinook, AH-64 Apache, OH-58 Kiowa, and the UH-60 Blackhawk – as NCOs who work on each platform demonstrated their knowledge of the aircraft they spend so much time with.

While some displayed their anxiety at briefing the most senior enlisted Soldier in the Army with shaky voices as the briefings started, their voices grew stronger as each Soldier spoke about the particular aircraft they work with as they continued to answer Chandler's questions.

Following the briefing on the helicopters flown by 2nd CAB, the SMA opened the floor to questions from the Soldiers.

While some charged with briefing the SMA showed some nerves, others were glad for an opportunity to ask him about questions like the Army's tattoo policy, or AR 670-1 published this past spring, and still others were just glad to see and hear him.

"For him to come out and put information out to the Soldiers, I think it was very important, and refreshing to see," said Staff Sgt. Ivette Figueoroa, 2nd CAB.

Directly after the questions were answered at 2nd CAB, Chandler moved to the post theater where he hosted a Town Hall. There he spoke on the Army Profession and Ethic, Sexual Assault and Suicide before opening the floor to questions.

While using an informal style with no slides to make his points, Chandler picked Soldiers from the audience and asked them questions to illustrate the Army Profession and Ethic. He started the session with a brief video, and then picked a junior NCO from the audience to come up and answer questions one-on-one about what he had learned in Basic Training and Warrior Leaders Course about the Warrior Ethos and Army Values.

Chandler then picked another Soldier from the audience, had her identify a battle-buddy, and asked questions about that Soldier from the battle-buddy she

had identified. The main point was that battle-buddies look out for one another and know more about that person than you can find in a training file – they are engaged and committed to each other's welfare.

He then used these discussions, and the main points to come from them, to address both sexual assault and suicides within the ranks.

"It is this kind of dedicated, engaged leadership, and a commitment to the Army profession and ethic ... that will have the most impact on these issues," said Chandler. "They will be more effective than any policy senior leadership can enact to address these issues."

After this, he opened the floor to questions and answers, and closed the session by recognizing 20 Soldiers in front of the gathered audience with coins, having each of the Soldiers state his or her name, their unit, and explain what he or she had done to earn this recognition.

Some of the reasons included, improving a PT score significantly in a short period of time, earning honor graduate at the Warrior Leader Course, and dramatically improving command supply discipline within the unit.

Regardless of the individual reasons, the SMA told the audience each had been chosen by their leadership for the recognition because they had shown character, competence and commitment.

He closed the meeting with a simple message to the Soldiers there.

"Thank you for what you do," Chandler said. "Each and every day we ask you to do something more and you do it. You continue to demonstrate here and around the world what makes this Army excellent, and it is the American Soldier."

Following the Town Hall, the SMA allowed anyone to take a personal photo with him and nearly 200 Soldiers chose to do that, with a line stretching nearly out the front door of the theater.



Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III serves Thanksgiving dinner to Soldiers of the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Thanksgiving Day, at Camp Hovey, South Korea. (U.S. Army photo by Pfc. Lee Seo-won, 1st ABCT PAO)

WARRIOR ADDRESSES KOREA MILITARY ACADEMY CADETS



Cadets of the Korean Military Academy attended a lecture by Lt. Col. David M. Rozelle, commander of 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, on his experience of overcoming adversities.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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Lt. Col. David M. Rozelle, commander of 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, shared his experience overcoming adversity to Korea Military Academy cadets in the English department during a world affairs and security summit in Seoul, South Korea, Nov. 13.

Despite losing his right leg in 2003 during combat operations in Iraq, Rozelle overcame his injury and proudly went back to action one year later as a cavalry troop commander.

"Although unique in some way, I'm no different than any other Army officer," said Rozelle explaining his career progression from a young cadet.

From a strong military bloodline, Rozelle said he was very proud to be a cadet and of his ability to serve his country. Rozelle began as a tank platoon leader and later moved on to become a mortar platoon leader, tank company executive officer, logistics officer, and has held a variety of other assignments throughout his career, including work at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the Pentagon. He has also briefed the president in Washington D.C. Rozelle explained that being an Army officer is a "lifelong learning career" and commitment to leading Soldiers.

"A leader is measured not by what he has done, but by how he reacts to the things that happen to him," said Rozelle.

Listening to veterans share their experiences and injuries upon returning from the battlefield, Rozelle often questioned what the next step would be for his fellow warriors. However when faced with his own defining moment, Rozelle said his answer was clear. He wanted to return to the fight.

Personally challenged by former United States President George W. Bush, Rozelle worked diligently adjusting to life with his new prosthesis. Rozelle, previously active in both rugby and football, used his athleticism to motivate his recovery and eventually competed in marathons and triathalons.

"There's no marathon like going back to combat," he said. "The Ironman only prepared me to be an iron major."

After returning to command, Rozelle led 3rd Cavalry Regiment troops back into battle in Tal Afar, Iraq, and made history by becoming the first commander since the Civil War to return to the same battlefield where he sustained his amputation. The last thing he wanted to do was give up, a strong message he wanted to convey to the young cadets as they move forward in their military careers.

"Everyone in this room is going to be knocked down by something," said Rozelle. "I hope it's not this. All of you are going to withstand some horrible event in your life, but how you react to that is what defines you as a man or woman. You have to be able to stand back up and continue to fight, whether in combat or whether it's in your own life. This was the lesson that I learned."

He shared this wisdom with the cadets and encouraged them to strive for excellence in all their future endeavors.

"As you go out and leave this place, you have to be able to do great things," said Rozelle. "Never be satisfied with just doing okay. Never be satisfied with just meeting the standard. Never be satisfied with just completing a task. Always try to be the best."



Lt. Col. David M. Rozelle, lectures on overcoming adversities based on his experience, returning to service as a commander despite having lost his right leg during combat operations in Iraq.

Cavalry unit maintains 'Fight Tonight' readiness



STORY AND PHOTO BY
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With technical manuals in hand, Soldiers moved into their respective motorpools ready to perform preventative maintenance checks and services on their assigned vehicles.

This was much like any other maintenance Monday for the Troopers of 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, except that for the next nine months, the unit is far away from home, having traded the flat terrain of Fort Hood, Texas for the mountains of South Korea.

The "Warhorse" battalion, conducted maintenance on their equipment and vehicles for the first time since arriving on the Korea peninsula, where the unit recently transferred authority from the 1st Battalion, 12th Cav. Regt., 3rd BCT, 1st Cav. Div.

"Performing maintenance on the vehicles is the same as maintaining your M-4," said Sgt. Ethan Gray, a Brattleboro, Vermont native and infantryman with the 3rd Bn, 8th Cav. Regt. "If you don't maintain it properly, it's going to break down and malfunction."

With the charge of being able to "fight tonight" within a 12-hour notice, maintaining equipment and vehicles is a continuous effort the battalion will strive for during its tour of duty as a combined action battalion in South Korea.

Regardless of if it's a M2A3 Bradley Fighting Vehicle or a pair of binoculars, the unit must maintain mission readiness and be able to operate their equipment any time of the day.

The Bradley plays an important role for the battalion. Its ability to perform in various types of weather and terrain gives dismounted infantry Soldiers more mobility and firepower.

"Maneuvering here in Korea is going to be more difficult," said Gray. "It's different from Fort Hood. Soldiers will have to work through mud, ice and snow. Just another reason we need to maintain it."

Gray is a Bradley gunner, who is also a trained driver just in case a situation arises where he might have to take on a different role within his team.

He described the Bradley as the bridge between the armored personnel carriers and the M1A2 Abrams tanks. It carries infantrymen in the back and can destroy vehicles with its 30mm chain gun.

"They could shoot about 2,000 meters away. They are very accurate," said Gray. "They can be used anywhere and be effective."

In addition to the unit's vehicles, Soldiers perform key maintenance checks on other vital equipment.

The Warhorse cavalry scouts use a unique and powerful piece of equipment, the long range advanced scout surveillance system, or LRAS3. The LRAS3 is a long-range optic that enables the user to spot targets several kilometers away.

"If we have a good (vantage) point such as on top of a mountain, we will have a greater area that we can observe the enemy," said Spc. William Nybrotten, a White Salmon, Wash. native and a cavalry scout in the battalion. "After we identify the enemy and their equipment, we can monitor them."

The optic is equipped with infrared and night vision capabilities allowing the scouts to spot the enemy in a variety of environments.

In order to be accurate, the equipment is calibrated, tested and maintained.

"We can get 10-digit grid coordinates with it," said Nybrotten. "We can use it to call for, and adjust fire."

Checking vehicles and equipment, ensuring all function well, and taking necessary actions to sustain the force helps the 3rd Bn., 8th Cav. Reg. maintain its "fight tonight" readiness.

SOLDIERS LEND AID TO INJURED SOUTH KOREAN



STORY AND PHOTO BY
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Manchu Soldiers Sgt. Cody Whygles and Pfc. Jason Mead didn't realize they would have the chance to be heroes. It seemed like a regular day Nov. 15. They were in the Jihaeng portion of Dongducheon, South Korea, taking their dogs to the veterinarian when they heard a bang.

The Headquarters and Headquarters Company 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Team, 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers looked over and noticed a motorcyclist had been struck by a vehicle.

"I was mostly shocked," Whygles said. "I didn't really understand the whole situation at the time, but I knew my first response was to go over there and help the guy."

Without delay, the Soldiers hurried to the scene, and they started evaluating the casualty.

"We took off running, and noticed he was face down," Mead said. "We proceeded to roll him over and pat his body down to check for blood. There was no blood."

They moved on to check the Korean citizen for pain.

"We did small pinches over his body to see what he said hurt, and what didn't hurt. It turned out that his left forearm and his left femur bone were broken," Mead said.

They noticed the citizen was having trouble breathing, so they helped him remove his helmet. They finally ensured an ambulance was called and waited to make sure the victim was okay.

"If stuff like that happens, you should always step up and help," said

Mead. "There should be no hesitation. You should always do what you're supposed to do."

Whygles and Mead were awarded the Army Achievement Medal for their actions during a ceremony at Camp Casey, South Korea, Nov. 25.

"It was a very good and quick reaction," said Lt. Col. Scott Knight, 2-9th Inf. commander.



Pfc. Jason Mead, an indirect fire infantryman in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Inf. Division, receives the Army Achievement Medal at Camp Casey, South Korea, Nov. 25.



Students from Camp Humphreys Middle/High School gather around an AH-64 Apache helicopter as a Soldier with the 3rd GSAB, 2nd CAB, 2nd Inf. Div. explains the mission and history of this helicopter Oct. 30, on Desiderio Airfield at Camp Humphreys, South Korea. The students were interested in the fire power this helicopter could provide.



Chief Warrant Officer 2 David DeAvila, a pilot with 6th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, explains some of the functions and different buttons on the inside of an OH-58 Kiowa helicopter to a student from Camp Humphreys Middle school.

2 CAB Soldiers Support Local High School Assignment



**STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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In the late morning of Oct. 30, students from Camp Humphreys Middle/High School in South Korea gathered around an OH-58 Kiowa helicopter at the Desiderio Airfield on Camp Humphreys, South Korea.

They eagerly awaited the explanation of the helicopters mission here on the Korean Peninsula and the history behind how the helicopter got its name in order to complete a school assignment.

Capt. Bowman J. Spillane, the assistant operations officer for the 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 2nd Combat Avn. Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, had a part in the planning of the helicopter display. The goal of the display was to help provide support and trust for its Soldiers' Families, he said.

"I feel like this is really our chance to support them the way that these Families are supporting our Soldiers," Spillane said.

One of the teachers that was in charge of the students, during the display, was Nikki Allen.

"If you reach out to the military community and ask them to support what you are doing in the education arena, what I found is that they are more than willing to help out," Allen said. "The display was very organized, and the students had been looking forward to it."

Leia Fowler, an eighth grade student from the school, found the display to be very informative. "It's one thing to learn about all the different native tribes and all the helicopters in the classroom, but it's another thing to learn about them and actually get in them," Fowler said in reference to how the students got to see the pilots inside the helicopters.

She said her father was a CH-47 Chinook helicopter pilot, but that she had never been able to go onto the airfield and get inside the four helicopters that were on display. Those helicopters were the OH-58 Kiowa, CH-47F Chinook, UH-60 Blackhawk and AH-64 Apache. If she got to do something like this again, Fowler said she would want to go even more in depth and learn as much as she

could about the helicopters.

Another eighth grade student, Joseph K. Ellsworth, had completed the first part of the school assignment before even coming to the display. He had to present information regarding the tribe or native leader for which the four helicopters are named. Ellsworth's teacher and the 3rd GSAB thought the project he presented was so great they decided to put it on display inside the 3rd GSAB hanger for everyone to see and learn from.

Ellsworth said he had never done anything like this before and that he would definitely want to do this again. "I would try to come up with more questions," he said in regards to what he would do the next time he got a chance to do this.

One of the Soldiers in charge of giving a class on a helicopter was Chief Warrant Officer 2 Terrance J. Bailey, an OH-58 Kiowa pilot with the 6th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment in support of 3rd GSAB, 2nd CAB, 2nd Inf. Div., for the helicopter display. He was there to give a 15-minute class to the students about the mission and history of the OH-58 Kiowa.

"Within our squadron, we do a lot of stuff like this," Bailey said. He has not been able to do anything to this scale, but hopes that events like this continue.

Allen hopes that the Army is able to do events

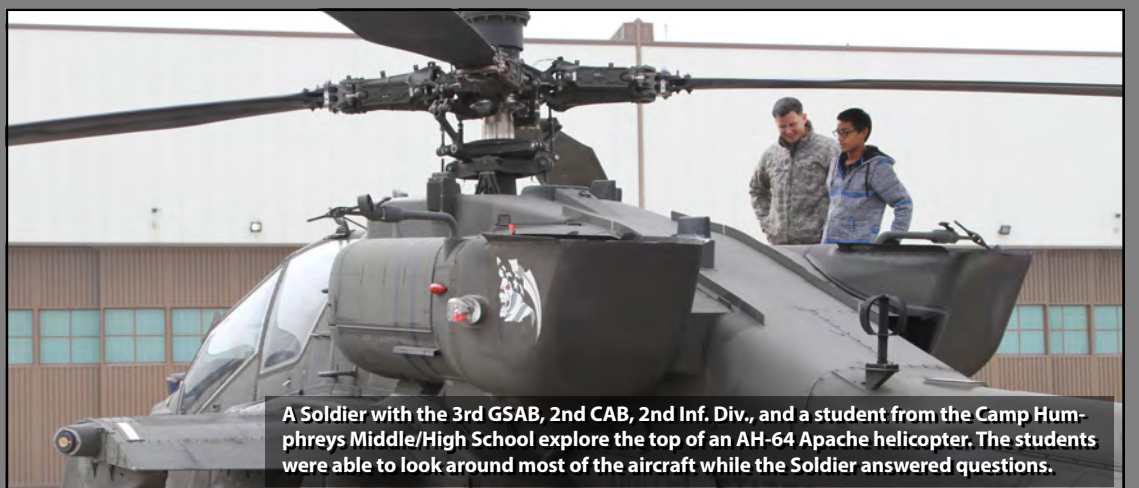


Soldiers with the 3rd GSAB, 2nd CAB, 2nd Inf. Div., give a class about using the rescue hook on a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter.

like this in the future and said it was a privilege to have done this with her students. "The Army Aviation 3-2 GSAB led by Lt. Col. Kenneth Cole here at Camp Humphreys did an amazing job in planning this event to support our efforts in providing a 21st century learning environment for our military children," she said.

This was a great way for 3rd GSAB, 2nd CAB, 2nd Inf. Div., to get involved with the support of its military Families.

"Throughout our study of the Apache, Blackhawk, Chinook and Kiowa tribes and leaders coupled with an in-depth tour of each of the four helicopters, our students have been able to walk away not only with a knowledge of the history and mission of each aircraft but have developed an appreciation for the Army's tribute to the native history of our country through the naming of Army helicopters," Allen said.



A Soldier with the 3rd GSAB, 2nd CAB, 2nd Inf. Div., and a student from the Camp Humphreys Middle/High School explore the top of an AH-64 Apache helicopter. The students were able to look around most of the aircraft while the Soldier answered questions.

UNCLE AND NEPHEW PUT FAMILY AND MISSION FIRST



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

The 2nd Battalion (Assault), 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Avn. Brigade, is well known for their ability to train with anyone at anytime across the peninsula. The 2-2 Avn., also known as the Wild Card battalion, offers tactical speed, mobility and surprise to their patrons while conducting air assault operations utilizing UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters.

The 2-2 Avn. provided speed, mobility and surprise during an air assault exercise involving U.S. Marines with Company C, 1st Bn., 3rd Marines and Republic of Korea Marines with 9th Co., 83rd Bn., 2nd Marine Division, Oct. 15.

As both U.S. and ROK Marines loaded the formation of Blackhawk helicopters that awaited them, one U.S. Marine was a bit more anxious than his counterparts.

Cpl. Vincent See, an infantryman with Co. C, 1st Bn., 3rd Marines and a native of Wilmington, Mass., was going to work with his uncle who is in the Army.

"I knew he was flying the mission on the 15th for a week," said See. "He told me that he was flying the third bird, and we were just excited about being on the same

mission."

In a rare instance where Family members from different services meet during joint military exercises, See was lucky, not only to reunite with his uncle, but also to fly in his aircraft during the training mission.

"It was surreal because it was only my second time in a helicopter, and my first time in a Blackhawk," said See. "They gave me a headset, so I could listen in on the radio chatter."

See's uncle was just as excited to see his nephew. Both have not seen each other in almost three years making this moment a special and lasting one.

"Vinny and I are from opposite sides of America," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Shawn J. McLaughlin, a UH-60 Blackhawk maintenance test pilot with Co. B, 2-2 Avn., 2nd CAB, 2nd Inf. Div., and native of Vancouver, Wash. "He is also separated from me by almost a full generation. On top of that, he is at the beginning of his career and I am, shall we say, in my twilight. So getting to link up with him on some remote little pick up zone in the Republic of Korea, my wife's homeland, is one of the coolest things I have ever done in my career."

See sat next to his team as they flew off to carry out the training mission they came here for. His platoon commander shared in the excitement for the uncle and nephews reunification.

"I think it's cool," said 1st Lt. Gene A. Harb, platoon commander with Co. C, 1st Bn., 3rd Marines and a native of Lexington, Va. "This shows that we have different missions, capabilities and services, but Americans are all Family and it kind of all ties back together."

McLaughlin and See shared a hug that day as Family members often do. On such a rare occasion, it's not known when another opportunity like this would present itself again. McLaughlin explained that they are not the only people in their Family to serve.

"I have another nephew, Brandon McLaughlin, serving

in the Coast Guard," said McLaughlin. "My deceased father, Robert J. McLaughlin, retired after 21 years of active federal service. He served 18 years in the Air Force, three years in the Army during World War II. He was assigned to the 38th Cyclone Division and fought as an infantryman in the Philippines."

McLaughlin has been in the Army over 21 years and comes from a Family that is grateful for their service.

"My immediate and extended Family is very proud



Cpl. Vincent See, an infantryman with Co. C, 1st Bn., 3rd Marines poses for a photo with his uncle, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Shawn J. McLaughlin, a UH-60 Blackhawk maintenance test pilot with Co. B, 2-2 Avn. Regt., 2nd CAB, 2nd Inf. Div., on a remote pick up zone Oct. 15, 2014.

of our country and our service," said McLaughlin. "I am excited to have had a chance to conduct an operation with one of my nephews before I [leave] the service."

The two successfully completed the training exercise alongside their teammates. The opportunity for relatives to meet while serving in different branches of the military is rare. Service members place their mission above all else in an act of selfless service and sacrifice. That includes leaving Family for extended periods of time. Sometimes, when the stars align, they are able to catch a glimpse of one another in a seemingly priceless moment.

"I will seriously remember this day for the rest of my life," McLaughlin said.



Republic of Korea Marines with 9th Co., 83rd Bn., 2nd Marine Div. and U.S. Marines with Co. C, 1st Bn., 3rd Marines mount a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter during a combined air assault exercise Oct. 25.

EVERY DAY'S RUN IS A NEW OPPORTUNITY



**STORY BY
CAPT JESSICA MEYER
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Being a member of a team is part of the Soldier's Creed. It is a creed that every Soldier can recite, and all U.S. Soldiers are part of the Army team. However, Soldiers will learn during their service that they are part of many teams; some simply requested and others earned.

Capt. Benjamin Joslin from Melrose, Mass., earned his spot on the Eighth Army Ten-Miler team, giving him the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. to compete in the Army Ten-Miler this year.

"There is nothing better than being part of a team. Especially a running team. It helps motivate me to do my best," said Joslin.

Joslin has been serving in the Army for 15 months and is an administrative law judge advocate for U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys Legal Center working for the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division.

He completed the Army Ten-Miler in 59:28. He came in slightly under his goal of less than one hour.

"I feel lucky every day to be given the opportunity to have been part of this team," Joslin said.

Joslin is not a novice runner when it comes to racing. He competed on two NCAA cross-country teams at Flagler College and Yeshiva University while in law school and completed numerous marathons to include the Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Tel Aviv and Seoul marathons.

In his spare time, Joslin enjoys traveling around South Korea on his 49cc scooter, and exploring the country where he is currently stationed.

Despite his demanding Army career, Joslin still finds time to train. He believes long-term consistency is the key to success in running.

"Consistently challenging yourself to run more and to run faster while training," he said.

Running has helped Joslin get where he is today.

"In addition to helping me meet many close friends, running kept me in college, sent me to law school and helped me find a job in the Judge Advocate General's Corps in the Army," he said.

He has run over 20,000 miles since he started running, which he did to impress a girl at the age of 16. He runs to explore, have adventures, make friends, seek purpose, work towards goals and challenge himself.

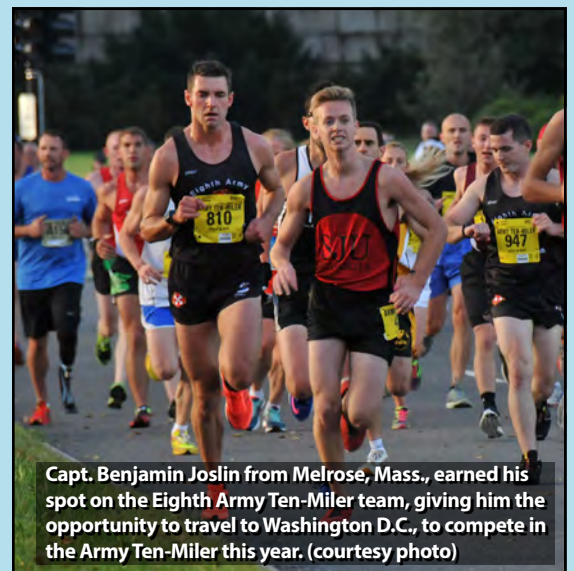
"Every day's run is a new opportunity to experience the world in a beautiful way, and I am grateful for every chance to run that life provides," said Joslin.

His advice to fellow Soldiers and Family members is that running can benefit in numerous ways.

"If we train consistently, we will not just improve our run times, but we will also improve our lives as a whole," Joslin said.

He encourages Soldiers to run more.

"Stop looking at running as something you just have to do. Look at it as a fun adventure where you can challenge yourself and improve yourself," Joslin said.



Capt. Benjamin Joslin from Melrose, Mass., earned his spot on the Eighth Army Ten-Miler team, giving him the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C., to compete in the Army Ten-Miler this year. (courtesy photo)

This is something he does every day.

He encourages others to increase their average weekly mileage. Even if it is slow or requires walking breaks. Simply running more will increase your running ability, Joslin said.

Joslin represented 2nd CAB, 2nd Inf. Div. and Eighth Army well at the Army Ten Miler this year.

Being a member of a team is what being part of the U.S. Army is all about. It requires hard work, setting goals and achieving success. Joslin demonstrates the consistency of what training can amount to. He evokes inspiration with his determination by finding time to chase his goals and earn his spot on a team.

Thunder Brigade Soldiers give back to community



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Soldiers of the 210th Field Artillery Brigade opened their hearts to their host city of Dongducheon, South Korea, last week during two charity events aimed at helping impoverished citizens.

The first event was the Gyeonggi Province Charcoal Distribution, during which, Thunder Brigade Soldiers helped deliver 5,000 blocks of charcoal or “yeontan” to under privileged families in the city. Yeontan is a traditional fuel source, but is still used in some homes in Korea as the main source of fuel for cooking and heating.

Thunder Brigade Soldiers loaded the cylinder-shaped charcoal onto hand-carts and delivered it to 25 families in need. The event was sponsored by Gyeonggi Province.

The commander of the 2nd Infantry Division, Maj. Gen. Thomas Vandal, Lt. Col. Timothy Labahn, deputy commander of the 210th FA Bde., Col. Matthew Eichburg, commander of 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, and Oh, Se-chang, mayor of Dongducheon, came out to show their support for this worthy charity.

Oh spoke about the relationship between the 2nd Inf. Div. and the city of Dongducheon. “I believe that Dongducheon is where we have the best ROK-U.S. Alliance, and I hope this continues,” said Oh. “I would like to thank Maj. Gen. Vandal and all the 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers that came out in the cold. Our relationship between Dongducheon and 2ID will stay firm.”

The second, but no less significant, event was the Dongducheon Volunteer Center Annual Kimchi making charity. Kimchi is a nutritious staple of the Korean diet that is served at nearly every meal.

Thunder Brigade Soldiers received firsthand experience in making the delicious side dish. The Soldiers chopped, blended, mixed, carried, and bagged 2,000 kilograms of kimchi that will be distributed to about 200 needy families. The Soldiers worked alongside volunteers from the local community.

The director of the Dongducheon Volunteer Center, Yi, Pok-hui, supervised the operation. She stated that the volunteers from Dongducheon were glad the Soldiers were there to help. The volunteers donate their time every year to help

with the kimchi event. While many of the Soldiers had tried kimchi before, the experience of making and trying it fresh was truly unique.

Col. Michael J. Lawson, commander of the 210th FA Bde., lent his support to the event. “This is just one of the volunteer programs that we do every year with our Korean friends,” said Lawson. He went on to discuss the benefits of volunteer work in the Dongducheon community. “It lets our Soldiers interact with Koreans in a community setting, and look at the wonderful interaction that we have.”

Thunder Brigade conducts volunteer work in Dongducheon and the Gyeonggi Province on a consistent basis maintaining a positive relationship with the people of Korea.

Throughout the year, the Soldiers regularly donate their time teaching English to Korean citizens, volunteering at orphanages, and participating in local events and festivals. The positive efforts made by the brigade help to strengthen the ties with the community and continue to build upon the more than 60-year Alliance between the U.S. and the people of South Korea.



A Soldier from 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, makes radish kimchi during the 2014 Kimchi Charity event Nov. 21, in Dongducheon, South Korea. (photo by Cpl. Song Gun-Woo, 210th FAB PAO)



Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division distributed more than 5,000 charcoal blocks to support 24 impoverished households of Dongducheon, South Korea, in preparation for the upcoming winter, Nov. 19. Soldiers of the 2nd Inf. Div. annually deliver the charcoal blocks to the neighborhoods to build a stronger Alliance between the 2nd Inf. Div. and the citizens of Dongducheon and Gyeonggi Province. (photo by Pak, Chin-U, 2nd Inf. Div. Public Affairs)

MANCHU MILE OPENING CEREMONY



Soldiers from 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, join 2nd Battalion, 9th Inf. Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Inf. Div., to take on the Manchu Mile, a grueling semiannual 25-mile ruck march to honor warriors from the regiment who fought bravely during the China Relief Expedition during the early 20th century, Nov. 7. Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Brinton, the senior enlisted leader for 210th FA Bde., also participated in the ruck to build esprit de corps and cohesion among Soldiers in both 210th FA Bde., and 1st ABCT.



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THUNDER INN WINS COMMANDING GENERAL'S DFAC OF THE YEAR



Food service Soldiers from 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, celebrate with a new sign after winning the Commanding General's Dining Facility of the Year award for fiscal year 2014 as well as the Junior Chef of the Quarter award Oct. 22, at Thunder Inn on Camp Casey, South Korea.



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No matter how well-trained or prepared a Soldier is to excel at their job or complete a mission, they must be provided with the proper nutrients and sources of energy. For most Soldiers on the peninsula, the main location to obtain those nutrients is the nearest dining facility.

On Oct. 22, the Thunder Inn, a dining facility ran and managed by Soldiers of the 210th Field Artillery Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, earned the Commanding General's Dining Facility of the Year Award for fiscal year 2014 for their high quality meals and excellent service.

Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Spano, the senior enlisted leader for the 2nd Inf. Div., mentioned how food service Soldiers have a direct impact on operations.

"They are truly a force multiplier to our units and they help us make the most of our mission here," said Spano.

Although the Thunder Inn team won the award, their victory was not without its challenges. Renovations from March until May closed the Thunder Inn DFAC for two months during the competition.

The life of an Army food service Soldier is not an easy one. Soldiers of the Thunder Inn are particularly dedicated - reporting for duty as early as 4 a.m. and finishing their day long after the average Soldier at 8 p.m. - that extra training made all the difference.

Sgt. 1st Class Michael T. Reid, the DFAC manager for the Thunder Inn, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 70th Bde. Support Battalion, 210th FA Bde., spoke about how the Soldiers dedication led them to win the award.

"It's a great accomplishment for our team. We actually put in a lot of hours and a lot of hard work with the Soldiers," said Reid, a native of Augusta, Ga. "Just to see the hard work pay off is very gratifying."

According to Reid, the team consisted of very young Soldiers, many of whom were new to their jobs. However, Reid assured them that if they believed in their leadership and followed the guidelines that had been set, they could win.

"I knew the challenge would be hard, but we set some goals in place and I told the Soldiers that we would win and they believed in me," said Reid. "All the hard work, time, effort and training, besides learning all the techniques, is what really pushed us and motivated us to win this award."

For Pvt. Danielle Howard, a food service Soldier assigned to the 579th Forward Spt. Co., 6th Battalion, 37th FA Regiment, 210th FA Bde., winning the award was possible because they shared a goal that they wanted to reach.

"I think everyone in the DFAC had a goal that they wanted to meet," said Howard, native of Thomasville, Ga. "That makes it so much easier because everyone is putting their efforts to meeting their goals."

Howard won the Commanding General's Junior Chef of the Quarter Award, bringing home another trophy for the team as well as recognition for her personal excellence.

According to both chefs, the ultimate goal for the Thunder Inn team is to provide great meals to Soldiers and make sure they get what they deserve.

"Our ultimate goal is to provide three quality meals, the best meals we possibly can, for the Soldiers here in 2nd Infantry Division," said Reid.

2ID CELEBRATES VETERANS DAY



Leaders and Soldiers salute during the National Anthem at a Veterans Day Ceremony on the Village Green on Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, Nov. 7. (U.S. Army photo by Pak, Chin-U, 2nd Inf. Div. Public Affairs Office)



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Leaders from the 2nd Infantry Division hosted a Veterans Day Ceremony at the Village Green on Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, Nov. 7, to honor veterans from the U.S. and Republic of Korea who have served their country honorably during peacetime and war.

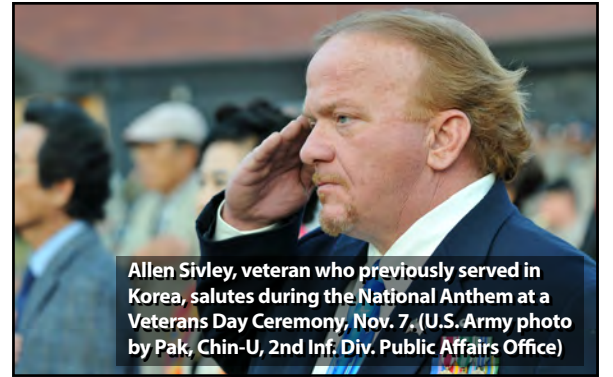
To honor this day, Soldiers currently serving and those retired attended the event to celebrate the contributions of veterans to each of their respective nations.

The event began with the U.S. and the ROK National Anthems, followed by speeches of retired Col. William M. Alexander, director, 2nd Inf. Div. Museum, and Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Vandal, commanding

general, 2nd Inf. Div., who spoke about the meaning of Veterans Day and encouraged everyone to take pride in being a part of it.

"Veterans day is a day when Americans recognize those who have served honorably in the uniform," said Vandal. "Each of you is a role model for our nations and represents a select few that has stood up for your nation. Ceremonies like this allow veterans of the past to remain connected to Soldiers of today."

The 2nd Inf. Div. is the last remaining forward deployed division in the Army. For more than 60 years, U.S. and ROK Soldiers have stood side-by-side in the defense of the Korean Peninsula against North Korean aggression. Ceremonies like this, not only bond 2nd Inf. Div. Soldiers past and present, but celebrate all those who have served in the uniform.



Allen Sivley, veteran who previously served in Korea, salutes during the National Anthem at a Veterans Day Ceremony, Nov. 7. (U.S. Army photo by Pak, Chin-U, 2nd Inf. Div. Public Affairs Office)

Although many know Nov. 11 as Veteran Day, Alexander spoke about the history of the day and how it came to be.

"An Act approved on May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday - a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as Armistice Day," said Alexander. "Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II which had required the greatest mobilization of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word Armistice and inserting in its place the word Veterans. With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars."

For active duty and veterans alike, Veterans Day is a day they can reflect on their service and continue to support the nation and the mission.

"I'm proud to be a part of this division," added Vandal. "Thank you once again for your continued support and sacrifice for your nation in this great Alliance. May God bless all veterans of the United States of America and Korea. Thank you. Second to None!"

First female Korean American AH-64 Apache helicopter pilot



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On a brisk autumn day, a Soldier walks into a classroom at Sookmyung Womens University in Seoul, South Korea. She is in her dress blue uniform which is pressed and clean. Her black hair is pulled tight into a bun. She waits to be introduced then gets up and moves to the center. She looks into a crowd of glowing, eager ROTC students and begins to speak.

The Soldier is 1st Lt. Sarah Jeon, a native of La Mirada, Calif., and a pilot with Company A, 4th Battalion (Attack), 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Avn. Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division.

"Don't let anyone get in your head," Jeon said. "Don't let anyone tell you, you can't do something."

Jeon was asked to speak at the university to a soon-to-be graduating class of female students. The reason she was a good candidate for the speech is because she is Korean American and she is the first female, Korean AH-64 Apache helicopter pilot. Jeon said she wanted to inspire the group to feel they could do anything they wanted to do and to further strengthen the U.S. and Republic of Korea alliance.

When Jeon was 11-years old, she used to watch a show called "Surviving West Point" on the National

Geographic channel with her dad. The show went into depth about the West Point Military Academy's training program and schooling. She said that the academy seemed so cool, interesting and amazing from watching the show. Her dad told her that he had once dreamed of being able to go to West Point. These were some of the things that inspired Jeon to attend West Point and become an officer in the Army.

Jeon told the female ROTC students that when she arrived to West Point that she was weak and couldn't always complete certain training events, but the academy trained her and she got stronger while she was there. She said she overcame many obstacles that were put in front of her while she was in school. She went on to say that there will always be female Soldiers that make excuses to not be able to do certain things, but the students need to be the ones that do things the right way.

Jeon said they can't have negative attitudes, and they have to keep pushing themselves. If they study, stay in shape and work hard, then everything else will fall into place she said. Jeon said she is proud to be Korean American and to see female Koreans volunteer for the Republic of Korea army.

She wanted the female students to know that being in the Army is being part of something bigger than themselves and that they should be proud of that. She also wanted them to know that women are held to the same standard in the work place, so they need to stay on top of their game at all times. She said there will be people that try to bring females down and that they need to

drive on and keep performing to the best of their abilities.

"Continue to do hard work and prove everybody wrong," Jeon said.

The students were able to take pictures with Jeon after the speech. They seemed to have responded well and hopefully they will go on to strive in their military careers, Jeon said.

Jeon said she has overcome many barriers in her career, but she doesn't want to be known as the first female, Korean AH-64 Apache helicopter pilot. She just wants to be known as a helicopter pilot for the U.S. Army.



First Lt. Sarah Jeon, a pilot from the 4th Aerial Reconnaissance Battalion (Attack), 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, talked with female ROTC students about the life in Army aviation.

2ID CELEBRATES NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



Leaders and the Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division gathered during Native American Heritage month to celebrate the contributions of Native Americans at the theatre on Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, Nov. 14.



The guest speaker, retired Col. William M. Alexander, director and division historian, 2nd Inf. Div., briefly shared stories and memories of the many honorable Native Americans throughout history, on Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, Nov. 14.



A historical drum exhibited at the National American Heritage month celebration represents a Native American artifact.



A plaque displayed on Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, depicts the memory of Cpl. Mitchell Red Cloud Jr., who received the Medal of Honor and is the Soldier Camp Red Cloud is named after.



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Leaders and the Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division gathered for the National Native American Heritage Month observance to celebrate Native American contributions to society at the theatre on Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, Nov. 14.

The National Native American Heritage Month runs through November to celebrate and recognize the accomplishments of this country's original inhabitants. The 2nd Inf. Div. Band began the celebration with Native American music to get the crowd into the spirit. In addition, traditional costumes and instruments were displayed around the stage showing the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories of Native Americans to everyone at the event.

The guest speaker, retired Col. William M. Alexander, director and division historian, 2nd Inf. Div., briefly shared stories and memories of the many honorable Native Americans throughout history.

"As we all know Mitchell Red Cloud was Native American. Red Cloud was involved in a vicious fire fight and he went out there with his rifle by himself. When he was wounded, he literally tied himself to the tree that would support him and continued firing with his automatic rifle. He was able to protect his fellow Warriors where they were able to make a suc-

cessful withdraw," said Alexander. "His daughter, Anita Red Cloud, would really appreciate you all for being here today and for remembering her father and the traditions they [Native Americans] bring to our country."

Since even before the birth of the U.S., Native Americans have been recognized for their adept skills and knowledge of the land. Through the years, Native Americans courageously worked with early U.S. Cavalry as scouts, in World War II as code talkers, and in every conflict making the ultimate sacrifice for freedom. To this day, 24 Native Americans have earned the Medal of Honor for their courage and devotion to their country.

"I feel really proud. My dad would always try to go back and talk about our special background as Native Americans. Every now and then, we would visit conventions and sometimes throw tomahawks in the garden. I really enjoy what we are doing here today. Sharing with others how much we have accomplished, and that we have a lot of precious memories," said Spc. Seth Perkins, a guitarist, 2nd Inf. Div. Band.

Not only were people proud of what their Family had accomplished, others talked about the importance of remembering that a lot of what we do today came from the Native American.

"It is very important to remember them and their heritages" said 2nd Lt. Brandy Adkins, platoon leader, Company C, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Inf. Div. Lots of Americans still learn how to farm from the old practices of Native Americans and many other sports and fashions are from the Native Americans too."



STORY BY
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With two-weeks of training and testing ahead of them, more than 80 medical Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division stood ready to earn the coveted Expert Field Medical Badge less than 15-miles from the heavily fortified Demilitarized Zone on Camp Casey, South Korea, Nov. 14-24.

But when graduation day arrived, only ten remained and were pinned with the EFMB on their uniforms. The EFMB is regarded as one of the toughest badges to earn in the U.S. Army and is considered the crowning achievement for the medical community.

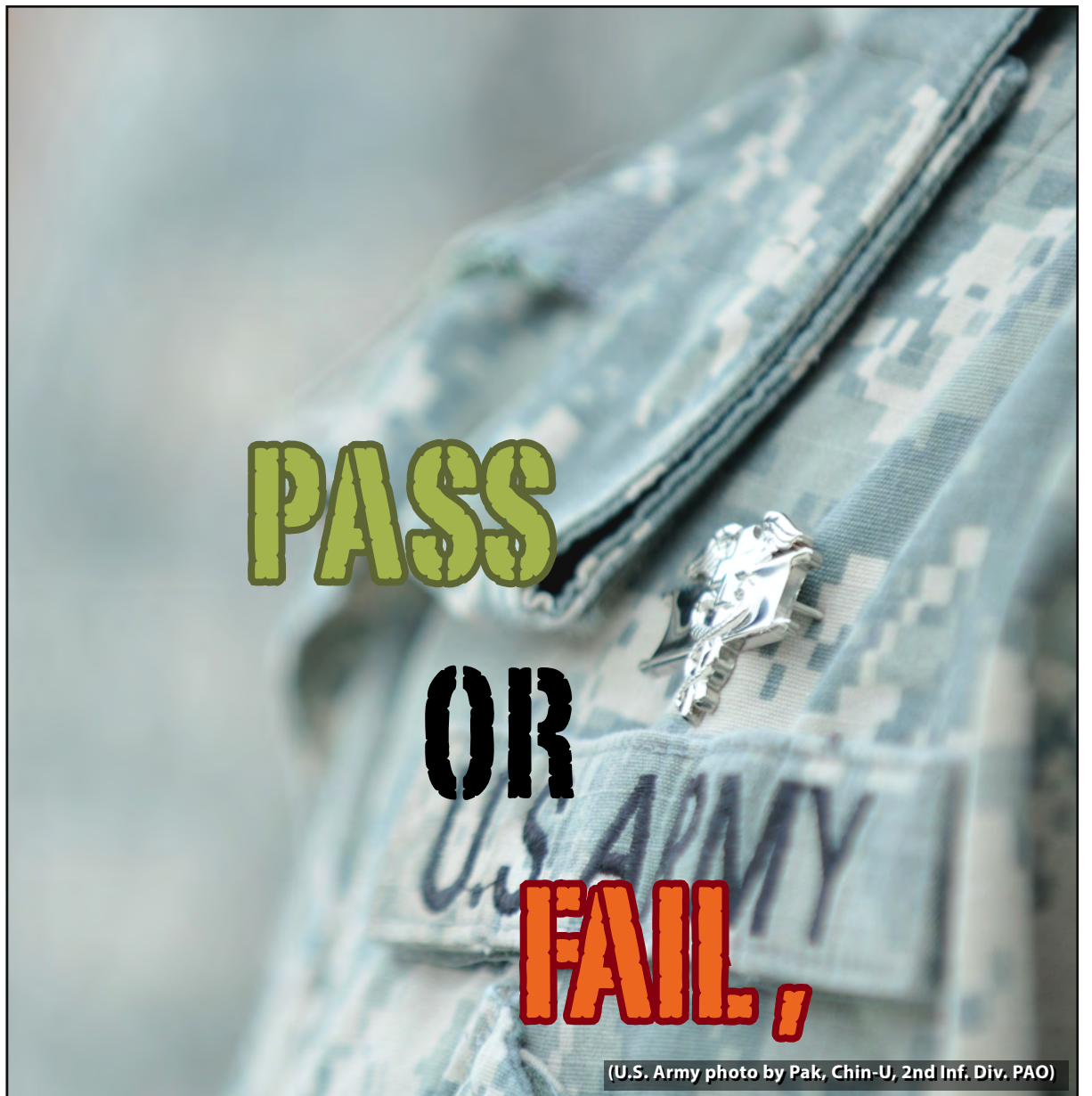
"This process is not an easy feat," said Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew J. Spano, senior enlisted advisor of the 2nd Inf. Div. and the guest speaker at the graduation ceremony. "It is difficult, but it has to be. We want our medical personnel to be trained to higher standards, so our Soldiers know if they were to ever fall on the battlefield, they have a greater chance of survival because our medics are life savers."

In order to earn the badge, candidates must successfully complete 46 tasks and subtasks which consists of casualty care, communications, evacuation techniques, triage, warrior skills and a rugged day and night land navigation course. Soldiers must also pass a comprehensive written exam covering all aspects of medical care. The final test is a 12-mile road march which must be completed in less than three hours.

The training and testing began with a week of practicing each of the tasks. After the instructors show the candidates each of the tasks and how they are to be performed to standard, candidates then have a week to master the skills. After the train-up week is complete, Soldiers must then exhibit excellence by completing the tasks without any mistakes.

"We essentially show them all the individual tasks [during training week] and show them what right looks like and what is expected," said Maj. Anthony Bohl, a physician assistant and the officer in charge of the event from the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Inf. Div. "Once test week begins, Soldiers only have one chance to complete the event without failure.

"Statistically, over the years, the pass rate for EFMB is 12-19 percent," added Bohl. "Land navigation is where people have the most trouble. We will lose 50-70 percent of our candidates just from land navigation. What I told the candidates on day one was this is the Expert Field Medical Badge not the



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Easy Field Medical Badge. It takes a lot of heart, a lot of dedication and it takes a lot of mental fortitude to make it through."

EFMB is one of the toughest badges to earn and not everyone gets to go home with the badge. Spc. Katherine Dawson, medic with the 629th Medical Company from State College, Penn., tried for the badge for the first time but wasn't able to make it through. She said she is determined to try again next year.

"I've been in the Army less than a year, and I'm really excited to be here and honored to be selected to participate," she said. "There are a lot of challenging events on this course, and it is very physically demanding. There are a lot of litter carries and

that will be tough."

Although Dawson didn't make it on her first time, another Soldier earned the badge on her first attempt and even managed to receive the highest score on the written exam.

"My chain of command sent me, and I wanted to make them proud," said Spc. Joo Yeon Shin, medic with Headquarters Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Inf. Div., from Chandler, Ariz. "Being a female Soldier motivates me and makes me want to study harder. My peers are who motivate me. I'm going to Walter Reed Hospital after this and hope to use the skills I have learned here to help others and motivate them to try for the badge."



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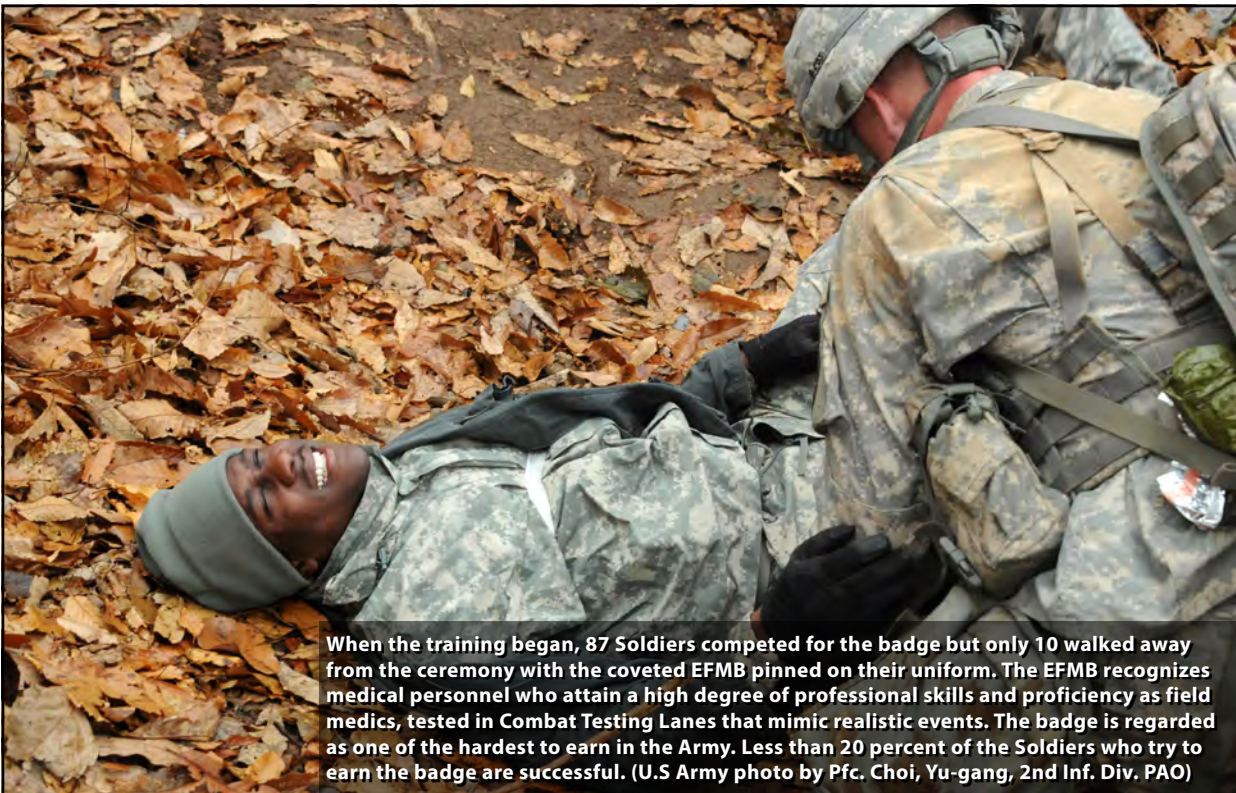


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EFMB CANDIDATES ENDURE TOUGH TRAINING



(U.S. Army photo by Pak, Chin-U, 2nd Inf. Div. PAO)



When the training began, 87 Soldiers competed for the badge but only 10 walked away from the ceremony with the coveted EFMB pinned on their uniform. The EFMB recognizes medical personnel who attain a high degree of professional skills and proficiency as field medics, tested in Combat Testing Lanes that mimic realistic events. The badge is regarded as one of the hardest to earn in the Army. Less than 20 percent of the Soldiers who try to earn the badge are successful. (U.S Army photo by Pfc. Choi, Yu-gang, 2nd Inf. Div. PAO)



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Warrior Inspector General Message

★HOT TOPIC - Involuntary Foreign Service Tour Extensions (IFSTE)

The motivation behind this reminder is to guarantee personnel in 2ID understand the Involuntary Foreign Service Tour Extensions (IFSTE) procedure and methodology. IFSTE can be used in favorable and unfavorable actions. An IFSTE as defined by AR 614-30, date 14 April 2010, Chap 6-1 wherein it list the authorized reasons to extend foreign service tours. A few common reasons are the following:

- (1) When presence is required to meet immediate and critical operational requirements.
- (2) When assigned to a unit being inactivated or during base closures.
- (3) When selected for training at a school when the date does not reasonably coincide with DEROS.
- (4) Completion of investigation or trials by military or foreign authorities.

Approval authority of IFSTE is HQDA assignments authority in grade of Colonel (O-6) or above, HQDA DCS, G-1 and Human Resource Command. HQDA DCS, G-1 is the approval authority for 180 day IFSTE for critical operations, unit inactivation, and for when schools start date does not coincide with DEROS. On a case-by-case HQDA DCS, G-1 may also approve IFSTE for periods up to 60 days to support military field exercises or operations not involving hostilities. HQDA assignments may approve IFSTE in 60 days **increments** or less for completion of required administrative actions, for example, Soldiers undergoing separation processing, MMRB, MEB, and/or PEB processing, compliance with host-country customs and regulations, or nonjudicial punishment, and court-martial.

An approved IFSTE does not constitute a basis to retain Soldier beyond their scheduled ETS or ESA. HQDA assignment authorities and OCONUS ACOM/ASCC/DRCs may disapprove IFSTE requests. Soldiers within 30 days of DEROS are not eligible for IFSTE; therefore, Leaders must submitted request into HRC early to have them processed before Soldier comes to within 30 days of DEROS. The exception is to extend a Soldier for adverse action.

Two common issues units ought to remember as it pertains to managing IFSTEs. First, if the Soldier is pending an unfavorable action and the flag is not indicated on their ERB/ORB then HRC will not approve the IFSTE. Secondly, units are not the authority to change DEROS dates. If they alter a DEROS without going through HRC the Soldier's report date to their gaining unit will remain the same. Subsequently, now the Soldier is a no show or AWOL to their gaining unit.

For further information, contact your local S-1/ G-1 for questions and training.

The Warrior IG team is available to Soldiers and Leaders at your location. You can contact us at DSN 732-8767/8774 or E-mail: usarmy.redcloud.2-id.list.web-ig@mail.mil

SECOND TO NONE!

U.S./ROK SOLDIERS ENJOY DAY AT MT. SEOLBONG



STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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The U.S./Korean Alliance is an enduring partnership, committed to the strong defense of the Korean Peninsula. We are closely working together throughout the year on numerous exercises and sometimes don't get to take a break and enjoy each other's company. This year, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade operation shop took the break out of the daily grind to connect with their Republic of Korea partners on a more personal level.

After close coordination and partnership during the Ulchi Freedom Guardian exercise in August in which 2nd CAB partnered with the ROK's Army Aviation Operation Center (AAOC), an invitation was extended to participate in a combined hike and dinner on Nov. 21. Informal gatherings are infrequent due to the amount of preparation that goes into the coordination of such large scale exercises. However, 2nd CAB is committed to building a strong partnership both on and off duty.

Twenty-six Soldiers and officers from the operations section of 2nd CAB joined the AAOC operation section for a teambuilding event at Mt. Seolbong on a beautiful fall day near Icheon, South Korea. Upon meeting at Mt. Seolbong Park, handshakes and introductions with every member participating were done prior to handing out bottles of water and cucumbers for the hike. The hike began with a group photo and a brief historical significance of the 6.8 kilometer trail up and around Mt. Seolbong given by a ROK soldier who described the impending hike as "meticulous."

The first leg of the hike followed a hardball path and

staircase to an old and crumbling fortress. Once on the ridgeline, the trail was covered with a thick weaved mat to which one of the Soldiers jokingly stated it was laid down just for the combined hike. Clearly not the case as laughs erupted up and down the line of ROK and U.S. Soldiers.

Having arrived at the peak of Mt. Seolbong of 394m, both ROK and U.S. Soldiers took a break to admire the sprawling city of Icheon below. Some even shared refreshments offered by a local Korean with a convenient set-up of a small table and stools for hikers to relax. As the cold and fears of darkness hitting the mountain set in, everyone began the descent which consisted of many staircases and rocky paths. Treacherously covered trails with an abundance of fall leaves - certainly the most "meticulous" part of the hike.

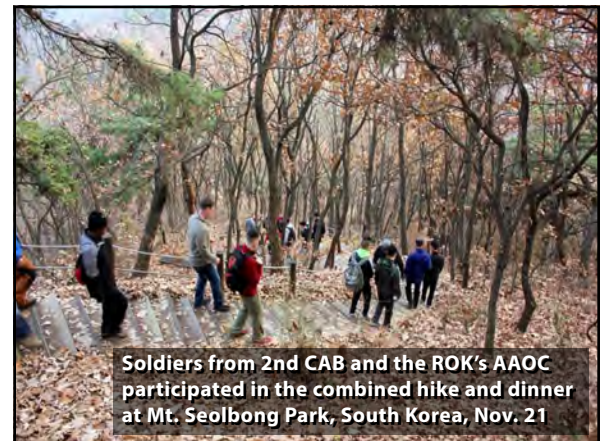
All made it to the base where there was a sculpture garden with numerous works of art produced by the Icheon International Sculpture Symposium. It was an opportunity to explore the vast sculptures every summer, varying from a giant metal chicken to a trio of exploding mirror fragments in the outline of a person.

After a quick warming up at the local coffee shop, everyone hopped on their respective bus and returned to a restaurant for a traditional Korean BBQ dinner. Leaders from both the ROK and U.S. opened the dinner with kind words and wishes that the camaraderie between the allies would serve to make a more cohesive team for upcoming exercises. The 2nd CAB's large numbers filled more than half the restaurant and it was soon full of sounds of sizzling grills overflowing with pork, kimchi and friendly discussions.

Friendly waves, handshakes and some hugs from all of the participants huddled in the parking lot to bid a

final farewell to one another after a great day of hiking and sharing a meal together.

The 2nd CAB's next combined exercise with the AAOC is just a few months from now and will certainly be the venue for familiar faces and an even stronger Alliance.



Soldiers from 2nd CAB and the ROK's AAOC participated in the combined hike and dinner at Mt. Seolbong Park, South Korea, Nov. 21

SPOUSE'S COLUMN



STORY BY
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WARRIOR COUNTRY SPOUSE

Celebrating the holidays can be difficult enough, but it's especially trying when you're a Soldier or spouse thousands of miles away from home, Family and in a foreign country with unfamiliar cultures. We had some Soldiers over for dinner last year at Christmas and had some small presents for them to unwrap. We tried to make it a good time instead of being called for duty at the command sergeant major's house by making each of their favorite traditional food like their Mom used to make. It got me to thinking of how other Soldiers and Families cope so I asked several Soldiers and spouses questions about

Make the most of holidays while abroad

the holidays and here are some of their answers.

Being a military spouse for five years, we have never been 'home' for the holidays except to celebrate Thanksgiving the year we were married. Our most memorable holiday was as newly weds moving into our bare town house in North Pole, Alaska on Dec. 23. On Christmas Eve, we went in search of an artificial tree and had \$20 each to shop for each other. We spent Christmas watching the TV set up in front of our airbed, enjoying our tree and stockings literally living at the North Pole.

Living away from our Families these past five years, we have become more accustomed to everything that entails. We look forward to our own Family traditions and spending one-on-one time. We connect with our Families by FaceTime and Skype.

Another spouse wrote that the only time we were with our Families over the holiday was when we were married on Dec. 30. It was the only time we've all been together on Christmas morning. The hardest holiday was this past Christmas here in S. Korea. We Skyped with our Family, but we really wanted to be there. Even though we've been apart for holidays before, just the idea that you can't jump in the car or make an easy flight makes it harder. Those last minute trips just don't happen here.

A Soldier I spoke with who had been married for 20 years spoke of how she has rarely been together with her Family over the holidays especially since her husband also served in the military. Most were not fun, but she learned to make the best of it. While deployed she did her best to take care of her Soldiers and encouraged them to make a gift for someone. They watched holiday movies, went to mass and

made a game out of the fruitcake. Her worst time was in Iraq when she lost someone. She stared at the moon and smoked a lot. When she was home she pulled out all the stops for her four children and made many memories.

In a word of advice, 'responsibility'. Make sure the younger Soldiers are taken care of. Go to church, invite your community over for food and don't stay in the barracks!

Finally the last Soldier I spoke with had some excellent advice. Prepare. Make a list of good memories that you have had from past holidays. Think about special traditions you want to keep while apart. Pick out the traditions that mean the most and make them come alive. If you miss Aunt May's stuffing, get the recipe. If you like football, check to see what venues have the game on a big screen. If you decorate a tree, get one at the PX or locally and decorate it. Be creative with the decorations, they don't have to be expensive. Research what special activities are being planned at the MWR, CAC, Boss, Garrison, the Chaplain's office and your company. Make a calendar through the holiday season of events and ideas of things to do each day and follow it. Volunteer. There is nothing that will make you feel better than giving back.

Most importantly, make sure you find ways to support your Family back home. Your absence will impact their holiday season as well.

Again, the holidays are emotional for many reasons. My own personal advice is take care of yourself. Try to incorporate something old and something new and make an effort. Last but not least, count your blessings.

What makes you Army Strong?



STORY BY
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In the Army Soldiers are told to be motivated, dedicated, and disciplined, but what does that mean?

For some Soldiers that might mean being at the right place at the right time in the right uniform, and for others it might mean being physically fit or knowing your job inside and out. There are many different ways a Soldier can feel he is being the best he can be. No matter what motivation these Soldiers use they should feel proud of the sacrifice they have made for their country.

Senior noncommissioned officers from the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, were able to meet and talk about what they as senior noncommissioned officers expect from their Soldiers and the junior noncommissioned officers that are supposed to lead those Soldiers. They were able also to talk about how Soldiers should feel about their service and what future Soldiers should know about being in the Army.

Soldiers always wonder exactly what it is their leaders are looking for, in order for them to get promoted. Command Sgt. Maj. Estevan Sotorosado, the brigade command sergeant major of 2nd CAB, 2nd Inf. Div., believes that a big part of getting promoted is that Soldiers need to have the knowledge required

to do their job. He said that knowing their own jobs allows them to gain more respect and trust from their Soldiers, peers and leaders.

"If you are not knowledgeable on your job, people are going to pass you by and you are going to lose credibility," he said.

Developing yourself is a big part of moving up in the ranks, said Master Sgt. Claudia Inigo, the operations noncommissioned officer in charge for the 6th Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd CAB, 2nd Inf. Div., a native of Honolulu, Hawaii. That development ranges from physical fitness to college education and everything in between. Soldiers have to take the personal initiative to make themselves the best in their own squad, team or section.

On top of Soldiers taking their own initiative, they are entitled also to outstanding leadership, said Sotorosado. He said Soldiers can go to him if they feel like they are not receiving the leadership they deserve and he will make that change.

Junior leaders need to provide guidance and training based on the experience and capabilities of their Soldiers, said Sotorosado. Not all Soldiers are at same point and each one needs a different level of guidance, but each one deserves their leaders best.

Leaders have always set the standards for their Soldiers. The higher you set the standard the better you make those Soldiers, said the Command Sergeant Major of the 3rd General Support Aviation

Battalion, Command Sgt. Maj. Lepharis Baker, a native of Mulberry, Fla. If you go to an Army school you have to try and be honor graduate. You can't let someone else pass you by he said.

"You cannot wait around for something to happen," said Baker. "You have to make it happen."

Sgt. Maj. Frank Rodriguez, the operations sergeant major for 2nd CAB, 2nd Inf. Div., and native of Silver Spring, Md., said that leaders are the example for Soldiers. If leaders don't hold a high standard for themselves, then Soldiers will see that and fall into the lower echelon of standards.

Being Soldiers, they are ambassadors for the U.S. and knowing that they have to keep themselves to a higher standard and that's what we want future Soldiers and civilians to know. Joining the Army is a big commitment, and it isn't easy. Soldiers are assets of war, said Sotorosado.

You have to be focused, work hard and be ready to serve as the best possible Soldier you can be, but if you put forth the effort, the rewards are limitless.

"I am proud to be in the Army, because it gave me opportunities that I would have never had," said Sotorosado.

Future Soldiers should be proud of the serving their country, said Baker. Celebrations such as Veterans Day are America's days to remember what great sacrifices Soldiers have made while serving.

At the end of the session, Sotorosado asked, "What makes you Army strong?"

Family, leadership, God, teamwork and Army Values were among the many answers replied to the question. Soldiers and leaders are motivated by several different things depending on their situation and attitude. You just have to find that one thing that keeps you driving forward and remain steadfast and proud in your decision to serve our great nation.

My Korea, My Life

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

My name is:

Pvt. Chung Il Kim from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, Public Affairs Office.

My job:

My military occupational speciality is linguist but my main job is in the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs shop. I take, edit and post photos on our 2CAB Facebook and Flickr page. I make videos as well!

Why I joined the Army:

I did not join the Army, but I was drafted like other Korean soldiers. Korean men have to serve in the military for 21 months. I love working here at Camp Humphreys, South Korea. I am fortunate to work as KATUSA [Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army]

My hobby is:

I've been playing guitar for almost 10 years. These days, I make instrumental music on my laptop as well.

My favorite book is:

Tuesday with Morrie by Mitch Albom! It's a book about a student and his old professor who is dying. To be honest, it's a boring book, but reading it gives me a sense of relief.

My favorite movie is:

Kill Bill by Quentin Tarantino! It's such a tragic story about a woman revenging people who messed up her life, a typical Tarantino movie.

My favorite food is:

Korean cold noodle with grilled ribs. The noodle is called "Nang-myeon." It's a something-you-must-try in Korea!

What I like about Camp Humphreys:

The facilities here are all new and nice. Also Camp Humphreys will only get better unlike other garrisons because Camp Humphreys is still in the process of construction and soon be the center of USAG in Korea!

What is next for you after here?:

I will go back to U.S. and start my junior year in college. I went to New York University. I will have to go through a huge job application process.

Can you recommend a place to visit to your fellow U.S. soldiers in Korea?:

In Sinsa Rodeo road, Seoul, there is this place called Pierrot where you can do bowling and enjoy food at the same time!

The world is ending in one week:

I would buy airplane tickets to Cancun for my family and stay there until the end.

Say hello to anyone?:

My battle buddies who have been through nine weeks of ROKA and KATUSA training! Those in Yongsan Garrison, stay out of trouble! Those in DDC, I feel sorry!

Where I see myself in five years:

I see myself working as an investment banker in Wall Street, New York! I wish.



Do you have a story to tell?

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



WARRIOR NEWS BRIEFS



SHARP:

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

2ID: The Hotline is available 24/7 call DSN 158 or from any phone, 0503-363-5700 USFK 24/7 Sexual Assault Response Hotline DSN: 158 Commercial: 0503-363-5700, from US: 011-82-53-470-5700

DoD Safe Helpline: 1-877-995-5247. For more information, visit www.safehelpline.org

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 process.

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

MILITARY SEPARATION:

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

2ID EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:

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

Contact Master Sgt. Chaelie Carrasco at 732-6549.

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

As a Federal employee, your spirit of public service empowers you to make the world a better place. By combining donations from all agencies, you become part of a powerful collective effort that gives back to the community. Participation in the CFC enhances the visibility of Federal employees and the agencies for which they work. Participation in the CFC also ensures that services will be available to Federal employees when their own personal situations arise. The campaign affects everyone, including the lives of Federal agency employees.

SURGEON'S NOTES

DECEMBER IS DRUNK, DRUGGED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH



STORY BY
LT. COL. LEE BURNETT
2ID DIVISION SURGEON

We all know that drunk driving is a serious issue. But did you know that drugged driving is seven times more frequent among weekend evening drivers in the U.S.?

Drugged driving is responsible for nearly 20 percent of auto accidents. That's over 6,700 deaths, 440,000 injuries and \$59.9 billion in costs every year.

In a national survey, drugs were present more than seven times as frequently as alcohol among weekend night time drivers in the U.S., with 16

percent testing positive for drugs, compared to 2 percent testing at or above the legal limit for alcohol.

A recent study of seriously injured drivers showed that 51 percent tested positive for illegal drugs, compared to 34 percent who tested positive for alcohol. In 2009, 10.5 million people drove under the influence of drugs.

Countries throughout the world are recognizing that their efforts to curb drunk driving are working, but now they're seeing an increase in drugged driving. In some areas drugged driving is even more common than drunk driving.

Think twice before using alcohol or drugs. When you're out with your friends, do the right thing and never drive drugged or drunk. The life you save could be your own.

WINTER DRIVING : *get a grip!*

Paul Simon's hit song "Slip Slidin' Away" worked for music, but it's not something you want to experience when driving in winter weather.

"Winter driving threats include black ice, snow, slush or any type or combination of precipitation that gathers on roadways," said Lt. Col. Joseph Harvey, director, Driving Directorate, U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center. "Motorists must be prepared to understand and identify the threats and adjust accordingly."

Winter driving can be especially dangerous in Korea. For most of the winter, precipitation can be a factor. With temperatures staying below freezing for a majority of the winter, ice remains a factor and a constant hazard. The important thing to remember is to maintain a good set of tires and keep your vehicle well maintained, said Lawrence Bengough the 2nd Infantry Division safety officer.

According to the Federal Highway Administration, for the years 2001-2012 an average of 17 percent of vehicle accidents occurred during snow or sleet conditions, 12 percent occurred on icy pavement, and 14 percent happened on snowy or slushy pavement. Statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration show nearly 6,300 Americans die annually in winter-related traffic accidents.

While each condition provides its own set of hazards, black ice adds stealth to the threat.

The National Weather Service describes black ice as "patchy ice on roadways or other transportation surfaces that cannot easily be seen."

"Black ice allows asphalt or the surface below it to be seen through it," Harvey said. "It's especially hazardous at night because you have even less of a chance to see it and may be on it before you realize it."

Snow, freezing precipitation and black ice are dangerous driving conditions day or night, but properly maintaining your vehicle reduces your risk.

"Allow extra time for your journey and reduce your speed. Increase the distance to at least four seconds between you and the vehicle in front, and be certain you can stop in time," said Bengough. "If you are going on a long journey, advise someone of your destination and what time you expect to arrive. If you feel uncomfortable driving in bad weather, consider an alternative means of transportation. Remember to carry a snack and a drink if you are traveling through isolated areas."

For additional information on winter driving safety, visit <https://safety.army.mil>.

examples of Korean traffic signs



road under construction



unprotected left turn



one-way traffic



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오빠에게

오빠 안녕? 이렇게 편지를 쓰려니까 어색하기도 하고 신기하기도 해! 그래도 우리에게 소중한 추억거리 하나가 더 생길 것 같아서 기분이 정말 좋아.

우린 참 우연히도 달게 된 인연인데 어느새 서로가 서로에게 이렇게 소중한 존재가 된 걸 보면 정말 인연인가봐 그렇지? 오빠를 용산역에서 처음 만났던 날이 아직도 생생하게 기억나는데, 벌써 우리가 처음 만났던 겨울이 다시 돌아왔어. 난 오빠랑 함께했던 일년 동안 참 고마운 게 많아.

그저 달콤한 말보다는 늘 진심 가득 담긴 오빠의 말이 좋고, 어떠한 멋진 선물보다도 어떤 순간에서도 늘 나에게 쏟는 마음과 작은 배려들이 나를 항상 감동시켜.

사랑하다 보면 사람이 변하기도 할 텐데 오빠는 더욱 나를 사랑해주고 점점 더 사랑스러운 모습으로 변해가니까 내가 '남자 하나는 참 잘 만났구나' 생각 들 때가 정말 많아. 비록 아직도 천방지축이지만 오빠에게 더욱 예뻐 받을 수 있고 사랑 받을 수 있는 여자로 변해 가도록 나도 계속 노력할게.

우린 아직 미래를 준비하는 예쁜 청춘들이니까 앞으로 행복한 일들도 정말 많겠지만 아프고 힘든 일도 같이 직면해야 할 때가 분명 있을꺼야. 그럴 때 마다 서로에게 힘이 되어주고, 힘이 되어주면서 씩씩하고 아름답게 우리 미래를 같이 만들어가자. 나는 오빠의 비타민이니까 ㅋㅋ

군생활이 오빠일생에 소중한 기억으로 잘 남을 수 있도록, 얼마 남지 않은 군생활도 씩씩하게 잘 해 낼 거라 믿어. 앞으로도 잘 부탁해요! 내 반쪽 화이팅 사랑해♥

철준오빠의 선임 후임 분들 모두 수고 정말 많으십니다~ 오빠가 남은 군생활도 잘 마무리 할 수 있도록 잘 부탁 드립니다! ^^ 모두 군생활 힘내세요!

To.민주에게

부대에서 여자친구에게 편지를 쓸 수 있는 기회가 있어서 신청하게 되었어! 우리 편지를 12월까지 서로에게 써야 한대니까, 걱정하면서 바로 어떤 사진을 쓸까 생각하고 있는 너를 보며, 편지를 쓰는 동안 참 즐거웠어! 12월이면 우리가 만난 지 1년이 되는 날이야. 우리는 다른 커플들과는 다르게 첫 만남이 특별했지! 훈련 중에 미군의 소개로 첫 만남을 하게 되었고, 그걸 계기로 우리는 지금까지 잘 만나고 있다고 생각해. 1년이라는 짧은 시간 동안, 우리 둘이 참 많은 일을 한 것 같아. 여행도 가보고, 놀이동산도 가고, 서울 이곳 저곳을 다니면서 우리의 추억을 마음 속에 차곡차곡 쌓았지. 앞으로는 서울뿐만 아니라 다른 곳까지 여행하면서 우리 마음에 더 많은 추억을 같이 쌓았으면 좋겠어.

내가 요 근래 스트레스도 많이 받고, 신경질도 많이 내고 해서 속을 많이 썩었지? 그럴 때마다 나는 미안하기도 하면서 고맙기도 해. 항상 내 편이 되어서 먼저 생각해주고, 내 상황을 이해하려고 노력하는 네 모습에 참 많은 힘을 얻을 수 있었어. 지금도 나의 고민은 현재 진행형이지만, 네가 내 옆에 있어서 나는 큰 힘을 얻어.^.^ 언제나 내 옆에서 힘이 되어 줄래? 나도 항상 네 곁에서 너에게 힘이 되어줄게!

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안녕하십니까. 이제 연말이 다가오고 크리스마스도 다가오니 여친을 사귀어야되지 않겠나라는 생각도 많이 해보긴 했지만 뭐 어짜피 군인인데 어때라는 느슨한 마음을 가진 날들이 더 많았습니다. 흔히들 말하는 남중, 남고, 이과, 군대의 순서를 밟다보니 연애와는 인연이 없었던 인생이었는데, 카투사로 생활하며 더 많은 사람들을 만나고 배우면서 결국은 제가 나서서 노력해야겠다는 생각이 많이 들고 있습니다. 한 선임이 전에 남자는 일단 들이대고 봐야한다고 말했었는데 정말 잘 들이대는 분들이 연애를 많이 하는걸 보면 자신감을 가져야 할 것 같습니다. 많이 남은 군생활 동안 꾸준히 노력해서 전역하기 전까지는 꼭 솔로를 탈출하려 노력할 것입니다.



사단본부대대 본부지원중대 통신과
자동화체계 운용/정비병 상병 심세희

안녕하십니까? 제2보병사단 카투사 장병 여러분. 저와 같은 솔로들에게는 한없이 추운 겨울이 돌아왔습니다. 여자친구가 있던 오래전과는 다르게 군인인 지금은 몸도 마음도 추운 것 같습니다. 솔로를 탈출하기 위해서는 무엇보다도 들이침이 중요하다고 생각합니다. 제가 들이대는 멘트 몇 가지를 알려드리겠습니다. "선배는 무슨~ 오빠라고 불러. 그러다 오빠가 아빠 되고 그러는 거지~ 오빠가 여보 될 수도 있고~" "넌 딸~", 그리고 역시 우리는 자랑스러운 육군 현역 아니겠습니까? 마음에 둔 여성분에게 가서 "내가 군대 현역으로 복무하면서 정말 힘들었다. 이병 때 어렸는 줄 아니?" 라고 군대에서 있었던 이야기를 꼭 풀면 그 순간 우리는 솔로 탈출! 을 이루어낼 수 있을 것입니다.



사단본부대대 본부지원중대 작전과
행정/PC 운용병 일병 최재원

친애하는 장병 여러분. 왜 꼭 커플이 되려하는 하십니까? 준비되지 않은 상태에서 급한 마음에 저지르는 일은 후회만 남길 것이 뻔합니다. 마음에 들어 사로잡힌 상대가 생겼다면 이런 경우에는 수단과 방법을 가리지 않고 시도해보는 것이 좋습니다. 그러나 그저 솔로 탈출이 목적이라면? 얼마 못 가 날씨가 따뜻해진다며? 이전의 강렬했던 열망이 곧 사그라들고 귀찮은 일로만 남을 수도 있습니다. 불필요한 일에 체력 낭비하지 않도록 합시다. 현재 자신이 갖고 있는 연애 이외의 관심 분야가 있다면 그 분야에 집중해보는 것도 추천합니다. 연애는 자신이 찾을 수도 있지만 부지불식간에 찾아올수도 있습니다. 아니면 어쩔 수 없지만 말입니다.



사단본부대대 본부지원중대 대대 인사과
행정/PC 운용병 이병 김남준

굉장히 추운 겨울입니다. 이 춥고 외로운 겨울, 솔로를 탈출할 방법은 많습니다. 왜냐, 솔로인 여자들도 똑같이 외로움을 타기 때문입니다. 제가 생각한 제일 좋은 방법은 여대를 다니는 친구들을 알아보는 방법입니다. 몇몇 여대생들은 카투사들을 만나는 것을 선호한다고 합니다. 주말마다 나오고, PT로 다져진 몸도 무시할 수 없기 때문입니다. 접근할 때는 외롭다는 티를 내서는 안되고, 최대한 여성에 맞추어서 말을 들어주고 이해한다는 식으로 말해주면 분명 호감을 보일겁니다. 대부분의 사람들은 자신의 신세를 한탄만 하고 기회만 기다리지 정작 솔로를 탈출하려고 노력하지 않습니다. 스스로 기회를 찾는다면 솔로를 탈출해 겨울을 로맨틱하고 사랑이 넘치게 날 수 있습니다.

인- 자기 소개를 부탁드립니다

공- HHBN 선임병장 공대훈입니다. 선임병장이 되기 전에는 S-4 대대 군수과에 있었으며, HHBN 카투사들이 필요한 군수품들의 관리 및 보급을 담당했었습니다. 지금은 본부지원중대 Team 2 선임병장을 맡으면서 면담을 통해 중대원들의 고충이나 문제들을 파악하고 해결 해 주는 역할을 하고 있습니다.

인- 여태까지 본 미군 중 가장 독특한 사람은?

유- 제 기억에 가장 남는 미군은 제가 군수과에서 근무하면서 알게 된 미군 인사과의 PV2 Hill입니다. 제가 그 미군을 처음 만났을 때 제게 건넨 첫마디가 "안녕. 반가워. 여자친구 있어?" 였습니다. 알고 보니 한국문화에 관심이 많고 한국어 공부도 열심히 하다보니 제법 한국말을 능숙하게 하는 친구였습니다. 종종 저에게 한국말로 욕을 하면서 장난을 치기도 하곤 했었습니다. PCS를 하기 전 까지도 가깝게 지냈으며 지금도 종종 SNS를 통해 연락을 주고 받고 있습니다.

인- 입대후 지금까지 가장 긴장했던 순간은?

공- 여태까지 가장 긴장했던 순간은 아무래도 처음 자대 배치를 받아 CRC에 도착해서 선임들을 만났을 때 였습니다. 지금은 제가 어엿한 선임병의 위치에 있지만 예전에 처음 자대에 도착했을 때에는 정말 긴장도 많이 하고 떨려서 누가 시키지도 않았는데 그저 정면만 보고 가만히 있었습니다.

인- 부대 내에서 자신의 외모 순위는?

공- 제가 생각하는 부대 내에서 자신의 외모 순위는 음.. 저희 지원대들 기준으로 삼았을 때 한 3rd or above 정도 되는 것 같습니다. 뭐 이 부분에 있어서는 굳이 자세한 설명은 필요 없을 것 같아 자체 생략하도록 하겠습니다.

인- 하루동안 대대 주임원사가 될 수 있다면 무엇을 할 것인가?

공- 제가 하루동안 대대 주임원사가 될 수 있다면 저는 아마 중대 내에 각 섹션을 방문을 해서 NCO들에게 인사를 받을 것 같습니다. 저희 카투사는 병장까지가 계급의 한계이므로 그렇게 NCO들에게 인사를 받는 것도 나름 진귀한 경험이 될 것 같습니다. 또 다른건, 제 월급으로 저희 지원대 병사들에게 크게 한턱을 쓰고 싶습니다.

인- 전역 후의 계획은?

공- 전역 후 앞으로 저의 계획은 아직 구체적인 건 생각 못 해봤으나, 대략적으로는 우선 다니던 대학에 복학을 해서 하루 빨리 졸업을 서두를 것 같습니다. 그리고 그 후에는 제 전공에 맞는 일자리를 찾고 제 여자친구와 혼인을 준비할 것 같습니다.

인- 전역 후 꼭 한 번 다시 보고싶은 부대원은?

공- 전역 후 꼭 다시 한번 보고싶은 부대원은 아무래도 저와 둘이 붙어서 가장 같이 근무를 많이 했던 제 섹션후임 양명선 상병인 것 같습니다. 군수과에서 같이 근무할 때 제가 여러번 혼내면서 쓴소리도 제법 하고 근무하면서 힘든 와중에서도 같이 웃고 떠들기도 했었기 때문에 미운정도 돌고 고운정도 돌게 된 것 같습니다. 후에 제가 전역을 하고 나서도 과연 아직도 계속 실수를 하고 있을지 아니면 잘 하고 있을지도 궁금할 것 같습니다.

인- 중대원들에게 한 마디 부탁드립니다.

공- 저희 중대원들에게 하고싶은 말은 "고맙다" 입니다. 사실 이 한마디에 여러가지 의미가 포함 돼 있어 이 외에는 특별히 더 말이 필요가 없을 것 같습니다. 제가 현재 선임병장이기는 하나, 저도 하나의 사람으로서 간간히 미숙한 모습들을 중대원들에게 보였을 거라 생각합니다. 그럼에도 불구하고 제가 얘기를 하면 잘 들어주고 또 잘 따라주는 저희 중대원들에게 고마움을 따릅니다.



상병 공대훈

사단본부대대 본부지원중대 선임병장

Workhorse!

Second to None!

2014년 11월 간추린 뉴스

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



지난 11월 19일, 제2보병사단 사단장 토마스 밴달 소장 (Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal)과 장병들이 함께 동두천시 저소득층 가정 24 가구에 연탄 5,000여 장을 배달했다. 2사단 장병들은 매년 동두천시와 경기도 지역 시민들과의 우호 증진을 위해 연탄을 배달해오고 있다.

〈사진 _ 박진우 / 제2보병사단 공보처〉



지난 11월 26일 레이먼드 찬들러 미 육군 주임원사 (Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler III)가 제2전투항공여단의 슈퍼 행거 (Super Hanger)에 방문했다. 그는 여단에서 운행하는 헬리콥터에 대한 설명을 듣고 장병들의 질문에 답했다.

〈사진 _ 병장 제시 스미스 (Sgt. Jesse Smith) / 제2항공여단 공보처〉



지난 10월 22일 제2보병사단 예하의 제210화력여단 장병들이 운영하는 디팩 (dining facility)인 썬더 인 (Thunder Inn)이 수준높은 음식과 훌륭한 서비스를 제공하여 2014년 사단장 선정 올해의 디팩상을 수상했다.

〈사진 _ 상병 송건우 (Cpl. Song Gun-Woo) / 제210 야전포병여단 공보처〉



지난 10월 30일 데시데리오 에어필드 (Desiderio Airfield)에 위치한 나이트메어 램프 (Nightmare Ramp)에서 캠프 험프리스 (Camp Humphreys) 중, 고교 학생들이 4 종류의 헬리콥터의 역사와 임무 수행에 관한 훈련을 받았다. 학생들은 4개의 조로 나뉘어 OH-58 카이오와 (Kiowa), CH-47 치누크 (Chinook), UH-60 블랙호크 (Blackhawk), 그리고 AH-64 아파치 (Apache)에 관한 교육을 각각 15분간 받았다.

〈사진 _ 병장 제시 스미스 (Sgt. Jesse Smith) / 제2항공여단 공보처〉



지난 11월 27일 제2보병사단을 대표해 제2보병사단 사단장 토마스 밴달 소장 (Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal), 그의 아내 도린 밴달 (Doreen Vandal), 앤드류 스페노 제2보병사단 주임원사 (Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Spano), 그리고 사단 군중장교 브라이언 치피 중령 (Lt. Col. Brian Chepey)이 사단 예하 부대 내 디팩 (dining facility)들을 방문하여 추수감사절 음식을 장병, 가족, 그리고 시민들에게 나눠주었다.

〈사진 _ 박진우 / 제2보병사단 공보처〉

한미 문화 교류

추수감사절

Thanksgiving Day

추수감사절은 1620년 종교적 자유를 위하여 메이플라워 호를 타고 영국을 떠나 신대륙인 미국에 정착한 청교도들이 이듬해 11월에 추수를 끝내고 나서 3일간 벌인 축제에서 비롯되었다. 청교도들은 자신들에게 옥수수과 같은 작물들을 경작하는 방법을 가르쳐주어 굶어죽지 않도록 도와준 인디언 부족 왐파노아그 족을 초대하여 야생 칠면조를 잡아 나눠먹었는데, 이후 칠면조 요리는 추수감사절을 대표하는 음식이 되었고 종종 이날을 ‘터키 데이 (Turkey day)’라고 부르기도 한다. 그 후 1623년에 매사추세츠 주 (Massachusetts)에서 추수감사절을 공식 명절로 선포하여 추수감사절은 매사추세츠 주의 연례적인 명절이 됐고, 이 관습은 시간이 흐르며 다른 지역들로 퍼져 나갔다. 1789년에는 미국의 초대 대통령 조지 워싱턴 (George Washington)이 추수감사절을 국경일로 지정하였다. 토마스 제퍼슨 (Thomas Jefferson) 3대 대통령은 추수감사절이 영국 왕의 관습이라는 이유를 들어 국경일에서 제외시켰는데, 링컨 (Abraham Lincoln) 대통령이 남북

전쟁 도중에 11월 마지막 목요일을 추수감사절로 정하고 연례 국경일로 선포하였다. 그 후 프랭클린 루스벨트 (Franklin Roosevelt) 대통령이 11월의 4번째 목요일로 변경한 것이 오늘날의 추수감사절이다. 추수감사절은 미국의 가장 중요한 국경일 중 하나로 매년 지켜지고 있다.

추수감사절은 하느님에게 수확을 감사하기 위한 기독교적인 휴일로 하느님께서 조건없이 자신들을 돌보아주시길 것을 믿고 감사한 청교도들의 옛 전통에 뿌리를 두고 있다. 따라서 사람들은 이날 새 곡물로 만든 음식과 추수감사절에 관련된 음식들을 가족들과 함께 나누어 먹는다. 저녁 식사를 하기 전에는 가족과 이웃들이 한 자리에 모이게 된 것을 감사하는 의미에서 함께 기도를 드린다. 추수감사절을 기념하기 위해서 만들어 먹는 특별한 음식들은 여러 가지가 있고 각 지역에 따라 조금씩 차이를 보이지만 주요 음식으로는 칠면조와 그레이비 (gravy)를 얹은 으깬감자, 옥수수, 크랜베리 소스, 호박파이, 그리고 제철 채소 등이 있다. 이 음식들은 실제로 초기부터 미국인들이 먹어오던 음식들로 상당히 미국적인 의미를 가지고 있다. 미군들 역시 예외가 아니어서 추수감사절 당일 날 칠면조는 기본이고 1식 1육류의 제한이 풀리며 평소에 구경할수 없는 메뉴들이 대거 추가된다. 추수감사절에는 고위 장교가 사병들을 위해 배식하는 것이 전통이다. 우리나라

라의 추석과 마찬가지로 미국에도 많은 사람들이 가족을 만나기 위한 대이동을 하기 때문에 비행기나 기차, 버스 등의 여러 교통들이 가장 혼잡한 시기다. 추수감사절 전날 밤은 클럽과 술집이 가장 바쁜날 중 하나로 유명한데 이는 많은 사람들이 가족들에게 돌아가기 전에 친구나 동료들과 함께 시간을 보내기 때문이다. 또한 추수감사절에는 여러 단체에서 많은 행사를 여는데 이 중에는 가난한 사람들을 위한 음식 기부 프로그램들이 많이 포함되어 있기 때문에 감사의 마음을 생각하는 추수감사절의 의미를 다시 새길 수 있게 한다.

한편 추수감사절 다음날을 ‘블랙 프라이데이 (Black Friday)’라고 하는데 이는 미국에서 전통적으로 연말 쇼핑시즌을 알리는 시작점이자 연중 가장 큰 규모의 쇼핑이 행해지는 날로 유명하다. 이 날에는 대부분의 주요 소매업체들이 이른 시간에 개장을 하며 연중 최대의 세일이 진행된다. 그로 인해 소비자의 소비 심리가 자극되어 그전까지 지속되던 장부상의 적자 (red ink)가 흑자 (black ink)로 전환된다고 해서 이 용어가 유래되었다. 블랙 프라이데이 하루동안의 소비는 미국 연간 소비의 약 20% 가량을 차지하는 것으로 집계되기도 한다. 최근에는 시대의 변화에 따라 인터넷 쇼핑이 가능해짐으로 인해 미국뿐만 아니라 전 세계적으로 블랙 프라이데이 쇼핑의 규모가 확산되었다.

〈기사 _ 일병 이준성 / 제2보병사단 공보처〉

미 2사단이 퇴역군인의 날을 기념하다

제2보병사단 지휘관들은 지난 11월 7일 캠프 레드 클라우드 빌리지 그린(Village Green, Camp Red Cloud)에서 평생을 나라에 바친 참전 용사들을 기리기 위한 재향 군인의 날을 개최하였다.

재향 군인의 날을 기념하여 현역, 퇴역 장병들은 행사에 참석하여 참전 용사들의 공로를 기리는 시간을 가졌다.

행사는 미국 국가와 한국의 애국가로 시작하였으며, 이어서 2사단 박물관 관장이자 퇴역 군인인 윌리엄 알렉산더 예비역 대령과 (Col. (R) William Alexander) 2사단 사단장 토머스 밴달 소장 (Maj. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal)은 재향 군인의 날의 의미에 대해 연설하고 자부심을 가지라고 말했다.

밴달 소장은 “재향 군인의 날은 제복을 입고 국가에 봉사한 자들을 기리는 날이다”며 “여러분은 국가를 위해 나서서 후세에 귀감이 될 만한 행동을 보여주었다. 이런 행사는 현역 장병들이 참전 용사들을 만나볼 수 있게 해준다는 점에서 의미가 있다”고 말했다.

2사단은 미 육군에서 마지막 남은 전진 배치된 사단이다. 60여년 동안 미국군과 한국군은 북한군의 침략으로부터 한반도를 나란히 지켜왔다. 이 같은 행사는 2사단 장병들을 이어줄 뿐만 아니라 나라를 지킨 모든 이들을 기념한다.

많은 사람들이 11월 11일이 재향 군인의 날임을 알고 있지만 알렉산더 예비역 대령은 재향 군인의 날의 역사에 대해 다시 한번 상기시켰다.

알렉산더 예비역 대령은 “1938년 5월 13일, 매년 11월 11일을 세계평화를 위한 휴전 기념일로 제정하는 법이 통과되었다”며 “휴전 기념일은 원래 제1차세계대전의 참전용사들을 기리는 날이었지만 역사상 가장 많은 병력이 동원된 제2차 세계



지난 11월 7일 캠프 레드 클라우드 빌리지 그린 (Village Green, Camp Red Cloud)에서 진행된 퇴역군인의 날 기념 행사에서 제2보병사단의 지휘관들과 퇴역군인들이 국기에 대한 경례를 올리고 있다.

대전과 한국전쟁 이후, 제83 대의회에서 참전 용사 조직의 권고로 ‘휴전 기념일’을 ‘재향 군인의 날’로 수정하였다. 1954년 7월 1일, 제정법이 통과되면서 11월 11일은 모든 미군 참전 용사들을 기념하는 날이 되었다”고 말했다.

현역 장병들과 참전 용사들에게 재향 군인의 날은 그들의 군 복무 기간을 돌이켜

보는 날이고 계속해서 국가와 임무에 헌신할 것을 다짐하는 날이다.

밴달 소장은 “나는 제2보병사단의 일원인 것이 자랑스롭다”며 “여러분들의 한미동맹을 위한 지원과 희생에 다시 한 번 감사한다”고 말했다.

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최고의 의무병들을 위한 휘장이 수여되다

80여 명의 제2보병사단 장병들은 지난 11월 14일부터 24일까지 영예로운 우수야전의무병 휘장(EFMB, Expert Field Medical Badge)을 획득하기 위해 캠프 케이스(Camp Casey)에 모였다.

그러나 오직 10명의 장병들만이 졸업식날에 우수야전의무병 휘장을 달 수 있었다. 우수야전의무병 휘장 시험은 미 육군에서 가장 어려운 시험 중 하나이며 의무 장병들에게 있어선 더없는 영광이다.

2사단 주임원사 앤드류 스페노 주임원사 (Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew Spano) “우수야전의무병 휘장 시험은 매우 어려운 시험이다”며 “우수야전의무병 휘장을 획득하기 위해서는 혹독한 과정을 거쳐야 하며, 그래야만 장병들이 전투에서 의무병들을 믿고 최선을 다할 수 있을 것이다”고 말했다.

우수야전의무병 휘장을 획득하기 위해선 응급 처치, 통신, 부상자 후송 및 분류, 전투 기술과 주간 및 야간 독도법으로 구성되어 있는 46개의 표준 임무를 완벽하게 수행해야 한다. 또한 장병들은 응급법에 관한 필기 시험을 통과해야 하며 3시간 안에 12마일 행군을 마쳐야 한다.

조교들이 먼저 시범을 보인 이후, 참가자들은 1주일간 각 종목을 연습한다. 훈련 주간이 끝난 후 장병들은 실수 없이 모든 임무를 완벽하게 수행해야 한다.

우수야전의무병 휘장 담당 장교 2사단 제2전투항공여단 의무 보조 앤서니 볼 소령(Maj. Anthony Bohl)은 “훈련 주간 동안 각 종목을 어떻게 하면 통과할 수 있고 요구되는 것은 무엇인지 전부 보여준다”며 “시험 주간이 시작되면 장병들은 실수 없이 한 번에 모든 항목들을 완료해야 한다”고 말했다.

볼 소령은 “통계상으로 우수야전의무병 휘장을 획득하는 사람들은 전체 응시자들의 12-19% 정도이다”며 “대부분의 장병들은 주간 및 야간 독도법에서 어려움을 겪고 이 항목에서 50-70% 정도의

낙오자가 나온다. 첫째 날 장병들에게 이 시험은 어렵다며 야전의무병 휘장 시험이 아니라 우수야전의무병 휘장 시험이라고 말해주었다. 시험을 통과하기 위해선 동기부여와 헌신적인 자세와 강한 정신력이 필수적으로 있어야 한다”고 말했다.

우수야전의무병 휘장은 획득하기 가장 어려운 휘장 중 하나이며 수여하지 못하고 자대로 돌아가는 장병들도 상당히 많다. 제629의무중대 소속 캐서린 도슨 상병(Spc. Katherine Dawson)은 EFMB 시험에 처음으로 도전하였으나 휘장을 수여받지 못했다. 캐서린 도슨 상병은 내년 EFMB 시험을 기약했다.

캐서린 도슨 상병은 “입대한지 1년이 지나지 않았음에도 불구하고, 이 대회에 참가할 수 있게 선별되어서 매우 기쁘다”며 “육체적으로 힘든 항목들이 많이 있고 부상자들을 후송하는 항목들도 어려

울 것이다”고 말했다. 캐서린 도슨 상병은 우수야전의무병 휘장을 수여받지 못하였지만, 다른 장병은 첫 도전임에도 불구하고 휘장을 획득하였으며 최고 점수로 필기시험을 통과하기까지 했다.

2사단 사단본부대대 본부지원중대 의무병 신주연 상병은(Spc. Joo Yeon Shin) “위에서 우수야전의무병 휘장에 도전하기를 권유했고, 나는 그들의 기대를 저버리고 싶지 않았다”며 “여성으로서 더 열심히 시험에 임했고 동료들의 응원이 많은 도움이 되었다. 이 시험이 끝난 이후 왈터 리드 병원에서 (Reed Hospital) 근무하며 지금까지 배운 기술을 남들을 돕는데 사용하고 있고, 다른 장병들에게도 우수야전의무병 휘장 시험에 참가할 것을 권할 것이다”고 말했다.

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장병들이 우수야전의무병 휘장 시험에서 부상자를 후송하고 응급 처치를 시험하고 있다.



제2보병사단 군악대가 북미 원주민 문화 기념의 날 행사에서 축하 공연을 하고 있다. 2사단 군악대에도 기타 연주자 세스 퍼킨스 상병(Spc. Seth Perkins)과 같은 북미 원주민 혈통의 장병들이 많이 복무하고 있다.

미 2사단 북미 원주민 문화 기념의 날

제2보병사단의 지휘관들과 장병들은 11월 14일 오후 캠프 레드 클라우드(Camp Red Cloud) 극장에서 열린 북미 원주민 문화 기념의날을 맞아 기념 행사를 가졌다.

북미 원주민 문화 기념의 날은 보통 11월 중 하루동안 진행되며, 행사를 통해 미국 원주민들의 업적과 사회에 기여한 점들을 다시 한 번 생각하고 감사하는 시간을 보낸다. 성공적인 행사를 기원하기 위해, 2사단 군악대가 직접 원주민의 전통 음악을 선보였다. 또한, 행사에 참여한 모든 지휘관들과 장병들이 볼 수 있도록, 강단 앞에는 원주민들의 풍요롭고 다양한 문화가 드러나는 원주

민 고유의 악기들과 전통복이 전시되어 있었다.

행사를 위하여 초청 연사로 자리를 빛내준 2사단 박물관 관장인 윌리엄 알렉산더 예비역 대령(Col.[R] William M. Alexander)은 행사의 중요성과 함께 원주민들의 업적과 역사적인 기록들을 설명하였다.

알렉산더 예비역 대령은 “많은 이들에게 이미 익숙한 미첼 레드 클라우드(Mitchell Red Cloud) 또한 원주민 이었다. 레드 클라우드는 위험하고 불리한 전쟁터에서 혼자 자신의 소총을 들고 적에게 뛰어들었다고 한다. 그리고 자신이 부상을 입자, 몸의 무게중심을 잡을 수 있도록 스스로 나무

에 한쪽 다리를 묶어 끝까지 싸우며 동료 장병들이 무사히 대피할 때 까지 시간을 벌었다고 한다”며 “그의 딸인 아니타 레드 클라우드(Anita Red Cloud)가 오늘 있었다라면 자신의 아버지를 기억하고 경의를 표하기 위하여 모인 모든 사람들에게 매우 고마워 했을 것이다”고 말했다.

원주민들의 갖가지 기술들과 미 대륙에 관한 풍부한 지식은 이미 미국이 국가의 틀을 갖추기 전부터 인정을 받았다. 지난 세월 동안 원주민들은 미군의 구성원 으로서 기갑대의 정찰병부터 제2차세계대전 당시의 암호 통신병으로까지 자신들을 희생하며 자유를 위해 싸웠다. 지금까지 총 24명의 원주민들이 명예훈장을 수여받았다.

원주민 혈통인 2사단 군악대 기타 연주자인 세스 퍼킨스 상병(Spc. Seth Perkins)은 “지금 이 순간이 자랑스럽다. 미국에 계신 아버지는 가족들이 모이는 자리에서 항상 가족의 혈통에 대해 얘기해 주시곤 한다. 가끔은 원주민 문화 체험관을 방문하기도 하고 집 정원에서는 원주민들이 쓰던 가벼운 도끼를 던지는 놀이도 한다. 다른 장병들과 이렇게 원주민들의 문화를 공유할 수 있는 오늘의 행사는 정말 뜻깊다”고 말했다.

장병들은 지난 세월 원주민들이 이룬 훌륭한 업적들에 박수를 보냈다. 오늘날 우리에게 이미 익숙한 많은 기술들과 생활 속의 지혜가 원주민들로부터 전해져 온다는 것을 잊지말아야 한다.

본부 및 본부대대 찰리중대(C Company) 소대장 브랜디 에드킨스 소위(2nd Lt. Brandy Adkins)는 “원주민들이 물려준 문화 유산을 기억하는것은 무엇보다 중요하다”며 “많은 미국인들은 지금도 옛날 원주민들이 사용하던 농업 기술을 사용한다”고 말했다.



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