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SAHS Falcons accomplish the unexpected

Wrestlers capture first Far East championship

Story by Linus Lee
Area II Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN – “For you seniors, this will be the last wrestling tournament you will ever participate in. No one expects anything from us. Let’s give our best effort and show everyone in this tournament who’s dominant,” said coach Julian Harden to his wrestlers before the Far East Wrestling

Tournament.
The Seoul American High School Falcons traveled to Yokota Air Base in Japan Feb. 9 to participate in the Far East tournament held Feb. 11-13. Fifteen schools from the Far East participated, which included eight schools from Japan, two schools from Okinawa, two from the Philippines and one school from Guam. Osan American High School also sent a team.
Before entering the tournament, none of the teams expected much of SAHS. After having only four dual meets with the Osan High School Cougars and

practicing with various Korean high school wrestlers, the team didn’t think it was not ready for the tough competition of the Kanto Plains or Okinawa schools.
“Wrestlers from the Kanto Plains know each other. Every team is always curious about us because we did not participate in any invitational tournaments this year. Before we left for Japan, we practiced extremely hard. There was no one slacking off,” said senior Herald Oertwig.
The first two days of the tournament was individual competition, when

wrestlers from different weight classes compete to place first. The tournament started with pool play then moved into a double-elimination bracket. The reason for the pool play was to give wrestlers more opportunities to wrestle. The first match started 9 a.m. each day. Matches lasted until 8 p.m.
“You get completely exhausted, and sometimes you just want to quit. You have that motivation to continue even though your body cannot take it physically,” said junior John Crabtree.

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Soldier works as volunteer teacher



Staff Sgt. Maurice Skinner directs traffic from the Camp Page Army Airfield tower Tuesday. Skinner is the chief air traffic controller, but was recently recognized by the Chuncheon mayor for his off-duty volunteer work. Read about Skinner’s accomplishments on Page 5.

PHOTO BY SGT. WARREN TRIMBLE

U.S. flag insignia to be worn by all

By Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — All Soldiers can now wear the U.S. flag insignia on the right shoulder of their utility uniform as a continued reminder that the Army is engaged in a war at home and abroad.
“The flag has been around for years to identify deploying troops. Now based on the Army’s joint expeditionary mindset, the flag represents our commitment to fight the war on terror for the foreseeable future,” said Sgt. Maj. Walter Morales, the uniform policy chief for G1.
Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker approved the uniform item Feb. 11, and all Soldiers have until Oct. 1, 2005, to get the insignia sewn on their uniforms.
A message on the uniform policy went out to the force Feb. 14, announcing “the current policy of deployed Soldiers wearing the U.S. flag on utility uniforms is expanded to include all Soldiers throughout the force regardless of deployment status.”
Currently there are not enough flags in the inventory, which is why

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Personnel Points

Centralized Army Officer Promotion System

8th Personnel Command

YONGSAN — The officer promotion selection system is closely monitored and managed because of the far-reaching effects the selection process has on the mission of the Army, and the professional development, morale and well-being of the officer corps.

The basic concept of the promotion selection system is to select those officers who have demonstrated that they possess the professional and moral qualifications, integrity, physical fitness, and ability required to successfully perform the duties expected of an officer in the next higher grade.

The centralized officer promotion selection system is governed by procedures based on statute (Title 10, United States Code), Army Regulation (AR 600-8-29, Officer Promotions) and policy established by the Secretary of the Army and the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

Promotion selection is conducted fairly and equitably by boards composed of mature, experienced, senior officers. Each board consists of different members, and women and minority members are routinely appointed. A typical board is presided over by a general officer and consists of 18-21 officers in a grade senior to that of those being considered for promotion. The board membership reviews the entire performance portion of the official record of every officer being considered for promotion. Selection boards recommend those officers who, in the collective judgment of the board, are the best qualified for promotion.

Congressional and budgetary constraints dictate the number, which may be selected for promotion to each grade. Each board considers all officers eligible for promotion consideration, but it may only select a number within established selection constraints. The Secretary of the Army, in his memorandum of instruction, establishes limits on the number of officers to be selected. The selection process is an extremely competitive process based on

the "whole officer" concept. It is an unavoidable fact that some officers considered for promotion will not be selected for promotion. There are always more outstanding officers who are fully qualified to perform duty at the next higher grade, but who are not selected because of selection capability restrictions.

Since promotion selection boards are not authorized by law to divulge the reasons for selection or nonselection of any officer, specific reasons for the board's recommendations are not known. A nonselected officer can only conclude that a promotion selection board determined that his or her overall record, when compared with the records of contemporaries in the zone of consideration, did not reflect as high a potential as those selected for promotion.

Each officer can be assured that he or she receives fair and equitable consideration. Nonselection for promotion does not imply that an officer has not performed in an admirable manner or that the Army does not value the service performed. Officers not selected for promotion are not precluded from consideration by future boards, provided they meet the eligibility criteria established for consideration.

The Army has established procedures to counsel, upon request, officers not selected for promotion. Nonselected officers may avail themselves of such counseling through their commanders or through the Human Resource Command.

Officers desiring counseling or requesting that information be provided to their commanders should contact their career managers.

An officer may request reconsideration for promotion when an action, by a regularly scheduled selection board, which considered him or her for promotion, was contrary to law or involved material error. When an officer suspects that reconsideration may be appropriate, requests should be addressed to: Commander, HRC, ATTN: AHRC-MSP-S, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332-0443.

Dollars & Sense

Quality of life enhancements

175th Finance Command

YONGSAN — The overseas cost of living allowance survey for Korea has officially ended.

The support provided by service members throughout the peninsula is to be commended.

More than 15,000 service members took part in this survey in an effort to improve the quality of life for current service members and for those who follow.

This participation is an increase of more than 4,000 from the last survey conducted in 2003.

The results from this survey are being compiled and reviewed by the 175th Finance Command for subsequent submission to the Per Diem Committee in Washington.

Overseas housing allowance

The overseas housing allowance survey has officially ended. There was 100 percent participation in this survey by U.S. Forces Korea personnel. This was a critical step in ensuring proper entitlement amounts are received by service members for utility expenses and moving in housing allowances. The Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee will review the results and determine if the utility expense portion of OHA require adjustments.

Community Bank

The Community Bank recently launched phase one of its Web site. The initial site is a public access Web site. It is considered a public site because it is accessible to all. It provides ATM and banking center locations, phone numbers, product information and frequently asked questions. The Web site is www.dodcommunitybank.com.

Phase two of the Web site is scheduled for launch by the end of June 2004. It will provide online capabilities such as bill paying, account statements, account balances, transfer of funds, check ordering and more.

For Community Bank customers these capabilities will be on a secure Web site and only those who have accounts with Community Bank and have requested access will be able to enter. Access to the Web site during phase one and two will be free.

Plans exist to install a leave and earnings statement machine in the Yongsan branch for servicemembers to retrieve a copies of their LESes when needed for banking transactions. This capability is currently in use at Camp Casey and has been successful. The machine is scheduled to be operational by the end of April.

Court-Martial

United States v. Cale

At an Army General Court-Martial held at Camp Humphreys Feb. 17, Pvt. Stephen M. Cale, Battery F, 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery, Kunsan Air Base, pled guilty to and was convicted of receiving and possessing child pornography.

Between January and October 2003, Cale downloaded from the Internet onto his personal computer more than 1,100 images and videos of child pornography.

The images ranged from pictures of naked children to videos of grown men having sex with little girls, some as

young as five years old. Cale also made these files available for distribution to others by placing them in his shared Kazaa directory.

A military judge, sitting as a General Court-Martial, sentenced Cale to three years in confinement, reduction to E-1, and a bad conduct discharge. Pursuant to his pretrial agreement, Private Cale will serve no more than 18 months in confinement.

The case must now go to the convening authority for review and action.

Neither the findings nor sentence are final until the convening authority takes action.

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Online Tax Statements

Military members and Department of Defense civilian employees now have access to view, save and print their tax statements from myPay at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

For assistance, users can call myPay customer support at 800-390-2348. Tax statements are now posted on the myPay Web site.

Buffalo Soldier Award Banquet

District 21, Far East Free and Accepted Masons, is scheduled to hold its 10th annual Buffalo Soldier Achievement Award Banquet 7 p.m. March 27 at the Dragon Hill Lodge, Naija Ballroom.

This special event will recognize the famed 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments of the Buffalo Soldiers.

For more information or tickets please contact 1st Sgt. Willie Baker at 011-9691-5603 or contact Alvin Wilkins at deputywilkins@yahoo.com.

Scholarship Deadline Approaching

The American Women's Club Thrift Store on South Post has about \$10,000 in scholarship funds available for students and adults. The deadline for submitting applications is Feb. 27.

Applications are available at the Thrift Store located at building 4222, next to the multipurpose training facility.

Faithlift 2004

Faithlift 2004, an inter-denominational Christian conference inviting women from across the peninsula to join for a time of fellowship, teaching, and praise and worship music will be held April 16-17 at the Dragon Hill Lodge and South Post Chapel. It is open to all women Department of Defense identification card holders; however, space is limited. For more information or to sign up contact faithliftkorea@hotmail.com or contact one of the following people.

Yongsan — Alena Warren, 790-1953
Camp Casey — Beth Whipple, 011-9686-7427
Camp Humphreys — Janel Olson, 031-652-8627
Daegu — Michele Pelletier, 764-4292
Osan — Melissa Tulberg, 783-6007
Kunsan — Yvonne Crouch, 782-4415
Pusan — Holly Floro, 051-817-4006

Youth Services Sports registration

Child and Youth Services baseball, girl's softball, and T-ball registration for youth ages 5-18 is today through March 5. Register at building 4211 with the central registration office. For more information contact 738-5567, 738-8117 or 738-3001.

Family Readiness Group Meeting

The next Korea Region Family Readiness Group meeting will be held 4-5 p.m. Wednesday at the South Post Chapel, room 214.

U.S. Military Academy Founder's Day Social

All West Point graduates are invited to attend a No Host Benny Havens Social in honor of West Point Founders Day March 6 at the Dragon Hill Lodge, Naija Ballroom. Reservations need to be made by Feb. 28. For more information contact your unit representative or e-mail Hutchisonj@usfk.korea.army.mil.

Why Korea is becoming the Duty Assignment of Choice



PHOTO BY MIKE MOONEY

Bowling center to open soon

Workers from Poong Chan Construction Co. work on the new Camp Humphreys Strike Zone Bowling Center. The long-awaited opening of the new Strike Zone Bowling Center is expected March 1, with a soft-opening all month long and a Grand Opening in April. The new Strike Zone is a \$3.2 million, 16-lane facility located across from the walk-through gate and connected to the Nitewatch Club.

Pharmacy offers tips to lessen prescription filling hassles

18th Medical Command

YONGSAN — Filling a prescription can be a hassle sometimes. There are several things a person can do to help avoid an unpleasant visit to the local pharmacy that involve simple communication.

"Typically, people are surprised when filling prescriptions, because they think 121st General Hospital is a medical center with a large list of drugs in supply, but, in fact we are a combat support hospital with a much smaller list of drugs on hand," said Maj. Todd Williams, pharmacist, 121st General Hospital.

Examine a few tips to make the next visit to the pharmacy "painless" and maybe even enjoyable:

■ Contact the pharmacy before seeing the doctor.

The pharmacy will have the most current information on which medications are available and which medications have various prescribing restrictions. Call the pharmacy if a written prescription was given, a prescription from the states or a prescription brought from another military installation.

The pharmacy cannot honor a refill from a civilian pharmacy like Walgreen's or Rite Aid; however, it can offer solutions on how to get the

medications needed or an acceptable alternative.

In most instances the pharmacy can provide a one time courtesy refill with a 30-day supply of the medication(s) if the prescription is from another military installation.

This will allow time to see a physician locally and have your prescriptions renewed.

■ Strongly recommend that before leaving in route to a new duty station, ask the pharmacy service for a 30-day supply on all of your prescriptions.

This will help one from running out of an important medication while traveling and it will allow the medical treatment facility and the pharmacy at the new duty station time to respond to any special medication needs one has upon arrival to Korea.

■ Bring your identification card and the patient's identification card if picking up a prescription for a family member.

The Privacy Act, federal law, and Army regulations require the patient's ID card be presented when picking up a medication prescription.

Family members who are over the age of 10 years old should have a military identification card

Be prepared to show proper

identification at the pharmacy window. Pay patients must present a valid Notification Note from the Uniform Business Office for that day from Patient Administration Division 737-3685.

■ Bring the empty bottle or container with the prescription label on it if coming in for a refill.

This will help the pharmacy staff process your refill by providing a link or trail from your last refill.

Pharmacists do their best to provide high quality health care and every tidbit of information to help achieve this goal is useful.

■ Ask questions about all medications – not just the prescriptions be picked up at the time.

Understand how to correctly take your medication(s) or administer the medication(s) to a family member.

The pharmacy has Korean-speaking staff to help with Korean family members or prescriptions from local physicians.

Following the directions on the label with the instructions from the doctor and the pharmacist are very important to having a successful treatment outcome.

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Flag

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Soldiers have a substantial amount of time to get the flags sewn on, Morales said.

Deploying troops have the priority. Everyone else will have to wait until the Defense Logistics Agency has more in stock, he said. An estimated 30 million flags need to be procured, he added.

Enlisted Soldiers will not have to purchase the flags.

They will be issued five flags from their assigned unit, and commanders will make arrangements for getting the insignia sewn on, Morales said.

However, if Soldiers purchase the flags on their own, they will not be reimbursed, he added.

When purchasing the flag, the only ones authorized for wear on the uniform is the reverse field flag in red, white and blue.

Subdued flags and those in other colors are in violation of U.S. code, Morales said.

Individuals should comply with

Army Regulation 670-1, Wear and Appearance of the Army Uniform and Insignia.

The regulation still states that Soldiers are not authorized to wear the full-color cloth U.S. flag replica upon their return to home stations.

However, the latest change will be added to the regulation when it is revised sometime this year, Morales said.

Nothing has changed regarding the placement of the flag, Morales said. It is sewn one-half of an inch below the shoulder seam. If a combat patch is also placed on the right shoulder, the flag is sewn one-eighth of an inch below the combat patch.

"The flag is worn on the right shoulder to give the effect of the flag flying in the breeze as the wearer moves forward," Morales said.

"This will serve as a vivid reminder that our nation is at war," added Morales.

Pharmacy

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■ Keep good records of prescription and medication history.

The prescription number, the name of the medication, and the name of the doctor who prescribed it are the most important pieces of information for the pharmacy to help solve a medication "mystery".

■ Use new alternatives to getting prescriptions refilled.

The 121st General Hospital offers an automated telephone refill service that people can call anytime to request a refill. The number is 737-7939 or 0505-737-7939 from a cell phone.

Refills processed using this system are typically ready for pickup the next business day.

The pharmacy also offers an Internet refill service that can be used anytime.

Log on to <https://www.seoul.amedd.army.mil/121GH/pharmacy/pharm.htm> and look for

the Internet Refill Service link on the left side of the page.

Patients can consider using the Tricare Mail Order Pharmacy Program as another means to having new prescriptions and refills processed.

For more information on the Tricare Mail Order Pharmacy Program log on to www.pec.ha.osd.mil/TMOP/TMOPhome.htm or www.express-scripts.com

For any further questions or specific or unique prescription circumstances please contact the Department of Pharmacy at the 121st General Hospital.

The pharmacy can be reached at DSN 737-7993 or 737-7984 or 0505-737-7993 or 0505-737-7984 from a cell phone.

Individuals can also visit us on the web at <https://www.seoul.amedd.army.mil/121GH/pharmacy/pharm.htm>.

MP-Blotter

The following entries were extracted from the past several week's military police blotters. Such entries may be incomplete and do not determine the guilt or innocence of any person.

In January a claim for a lost container of household goods was filed.

The claimant was issued a check

for \$4,572 by the U.S. Government for the lost goods.

Through further investigation by CID the missing container was found.

The container was still sealed with the original seals.

The container was open and inspected to ensure that the items that were claimed missing were there. Inspection revealed that several items that were claimed were not there. Investigation continues.

City officials laud Soldier

Area I Public Affairs Office

CHUNCHEON — The mayor of Chuncheon presented a plaque of appreciation to a U.S. Army Soldier in a ceremony Feb. 2.

Staff Sgt. Maurice Skinner Sr., Company B, 58th Aviation Regiment, 164th Air Traffic Services Group, received the plaque for his volunteer services while tutoring English to many city officials.

“Ms. Mun Wol-mi, the airfield secretary, recommended me to the garrison to teach English at City Hall in Chuncheon,” Skinner said. “The people I interacted with were from various fields: social services, librarians, arts and crafts and recreation coordinators, and also information specialists.”

Skinner is an air traffic control facility chief at the Camp Page tower.

“I taught for approximately three months from September through December last year,” Skinner said.

“This cements our already strong bond between the Soldiers of Camp Page and the citizens of the local community,” said Joe Bell, Camp Page installation manager. “We must continue to work to make ourselves as visible as possible in ways like this.”

The mayor echoed Bell’s sentiments during his speech at the presentation.

“Actions like this enhance our relationship,” said Mayor Ryu Chong-su. “I would like to thank Sergeant Skinner for his contributions.”

The plaque said, “you showed an unprecedented dedication as a volunteer teacher, and by doing so, you have greatly contributed to the improvement of the English speaking abilities of the employees within the Chuncheon City Government.”

“I am grateful for the opportunity I had to interact with Chuncheon’s citizens,” Skinner said. “This was not work for me, but a pleasure that I was fortunate to have.”

The ceremony took place in the Chuncheon City Hall.



Warriors honor black Americans

Deputy Division Chaplain (Maj.) Sherman Baker (left), energizes a packed room at a 2nd Infantry Division ethnic observation at Camp Red Cloud Feb. 11. Story on Page 6



Pvt. Wayne Flowers (right) sits across from Spc. Lucia Weeks and Staff Sgt. Danny Todd, all assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters, 2nd Infantry Division, during the 2004 Black History Month observation Feb. 11.

Council proposes steps to improve relations

By David McNally

Area I Public Affairs Office

POCHEON — Korean and American officials gathered for the sixth Korean-American partnership council meeting Feb. 5.

U.S. Army officials from Area I and the 2nd Infantry Division received proposals from the North Gyeonggi provincial government on how to enhance the American Soldier’s Korean experience.

The provincial officials anticipated securing a budget of 146,400,00 Korean won, or about \$127,300, to offer cultural and industrial facilities tours to at least 720 U.S. Forces Korea servicemembers.

The officials stated in a booklet of initiatives to “enhance mutual understanding and trust by offering opportunities for hiking and mingling to Soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Division and Korean civilians in their 20s to 40s.”

They requested cooperation from the U.S. council representatives to

coordinate the hiking proposal in May or October.

“We would like to invite officers and Soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Division to cultural events to thank them for their service and boost their morale,” said Chung Seung-woo, vice governor of Gyeonggi Province.

Chung announced an additional proposed budget of 160,000,000 Korean won, or about \$139,100, to hold entertainment shows at a U.S. military camp three to five times a year.

North Gyeonggi province announced a plan to produce videos and compact discs to provide daily living and cultural information.

“This should be useful information for U.S. military members serving in Korea,” the official said.

The video project should be completed by the end of May, and will cost 70,000,000 Korean won, or about \$60,900, he said.

Chung invited the 2nd Infantry Division Band to participate in concerts at a planned festival of “Harmony in

the Fresh Green Season” in May or early June.

Korean officials reiterated their desire to offer foreigners activities to learn about Korean culture. They announced a budget of 27,000,000 Korean won, or about \$23,500, to sponsor events to introduce foreigners to Korean traditional teas, ethnic foods, Gyeonggi folk songs and other cultural exchanges.

The council also coordinated public relations activities that highlight cooperation.

They said U.S. Forces Korea’s community services, such as English tutoring and good neighbor days, should continue.

“I expect there will be more discussions on these proposals soon,” said Kil Kwang-chun, Area I community relation officer. “The Korean action officer told me these ideas would be discussed in detail at the next council meeting.”

The council meets every two or three months to discuss how to better Korean and American relations.

NEWS & NOTES

**Tennessee Titans
Cheerleaders Show**

Tennessee Titans Cheerleaders perform 7 – 9 p.m. March 2 at Camp Howze; March 3 Camp Essayons; March 10 at Camp Casey; March 13 at Rodriguez Range and March 14 at Camp Page.

Tuition Discount

Military spouses are eligible to receive the same tuition discount Saint Leo University offers military servicemembers. Both servicemembers and their spouses can take Saint Leo University online classes for \$250 per credit hour – a \$345 savings per three-credit-hour course. For more information call retired Maj. Houston McGowan at 888-622-7344 ext. 4534 or e-mail at houston-mcgowan@universityalliance.com

Ash Wednesday Services

Catholic Mass to be celebrated Wednesday includes: Camp Stanley Chapel 8 a.m. Camp Red Cloud Warrior Chapel Noon.

**Education Center Delays
Class**

The Camp Red Cloud Education Center has postponed their previously announced functional academic skills training class to improve general technical scores. The next class is 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Feb. 23 - 27. For more information contact Stanley Schultz at schultz@s@usfk.korea.army.mil.

Eighth Army Bataan March

The 8th Army Bataan match qualifier, 13.1 miles, will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Camp Hovey Physical Fitness Center.

Army Family Action Plan

The Army Family Action Plan steering committee meeting will be held from 10:30 – 11:45 a.m. March 15 at the Camp Red Cloud Army Community Services classroom. For more information, contact Cheryl French at 730-3107.

**Extended hours in CRC and
Stanley gyms**

The Camps Red Cloud and Stanley gymnasiums now remain open to midnight on weekends.

BOSS Freestyle Jersey Jam

The jam will take place tentatively from 10 p.m. – 3 a.m. April 2 at Camp Red Cloud Mitchell's. There will be freestyle and best jersey competitions. There will be a sign-up sheet for the open microphone.

BOSS Fear Factor

In the true fashion of the television series "Fear Factor", Camp Red Cloud Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers is in the process of developing its own event. More information will be available as decisions are voted upon and health liabilities are negotiated and approved by the troop medical clinic. Tentative date is April 17.

Bowling Center

The manager of the Camp Red Cloud Bowling Center has approved a 10 percent discount off bowling on the second Tuesday of every month. Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldier attire must be worn to receive the discount.

Commissary welcomes requests

By David McNally

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP RED CLOUD — For Soldiers and civilians who depend on Area I commissaries to meet grocery needs, limited selection is a fact of life.

"We have fewer items for sale than large stores like Yongsan," said Rosario San Nicolas, Camp Red Cloud Commissary manager. "But, anything they stock, we can order."

David Cho, a federal employee at the

Area I office of the U.S. Army Contracting Command Korea, said he was surprised to find out commissary officials were willing to special order items.

"I wanted a food supplement that was stocked in the post exchange," Cho explained. "None of the commissaries had it."

Cho requested two items. According to San Nicolas, one took three days to arrive, and the other took almost four months.



Rosario San Nicolas, Camp Red Cloud commissary manager, talks with a shopper about the services available at the commissary Feb. 11.

"I had to request (the items) through our central distribution center at Yongsan," she said. "They forwarded the request to (the Defense Commissary Agency) region."

San Nicolas said the regional office checks to see if the item is authorized for the Far East.

"There's no stopping us from getting what the customer wants," San Nicolas said with a smile.

"Mr. Cho's request took months, but I followed up on a weekly and monthly basis," she said. "I finally notified him when the item came in."

"I feel the commissary offers good service and support," Cho said. "Rose came through for me."

At the Camp Stanley Commissary, a recent customer request for a flavored diet soda put the item on the shelves within three days.

"If the item is stocked at our main store in Yongsan," said Jose Gonzalez, Camp Stanley commissary manager, "we can get it quickly."

The Camp Stanley store stocks around 5,000 items. The CRC commissary carries around 8,000 products.

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Community celebrates black history

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP RED CLOUD — About 200 2nd Infantry Division and Area I Soldiers and civilians packed Mitchell's Feb. 11 to celebrate Black History Month.

Across the U.S. Army, similar observances touched on the 2004 theme: The 50th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education.

"This year's theme is very unique," said Chaplain (Maj.) Sherman Baker Jr., the keynote speaker for the luncheon event. "I got the feeling we have all heard about Brown versus the Board of Education."

Baker, a Baptist minister, energized the room with a fiery oratory about the landmark 1954 U.S. Supreme Court decision that led to the desegregation of America's public schools.

In the early 1950s racism and racial segregation in public schools were the norm all across America, said Baker.

"The truth of the matter is, most black schools were far inferior to their white counterparts," Baker said.

Baker told the audience how Oliver Brown tried to enroll his daughter in a white elementary school seven blocks from his home. The Topeka third-grader had been forced to walk a mile through a railroad switchyard to get to her black elementary school.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People took the case and argued it all the way to

the Supreme Court. In 1954, a unanimous decision by the court laid out constitutional grounds for the desegregation of America's public schools, said Baker.

"It told America that we are all equal," Baker said. "Blacks are not inferior to whites. We are all God's children."

Baker encouraged the audience to remember the struggle and contributions of African-Americans.

"I know the opportunities we enjoy today were paid for by the sacrifices of

others," Baker said. "I know when Africans arrived in Jamestown in 1619, they were not waving a flag."

Baker said Africans arrived in shackles and chains.

"We know that families were broken up," he said. "Our history was lost."

Baker said he hoped people would leave the luncheon knowing that opportunities exist.

"We should appreciate those opportunities," he said. "But we must not forget those who sacrificed."



Sgt. 1st Class Sherinette Haynes, the 2nd Infantry Division equal opportunity noncommissioned officer, speaks to the community gathered to celebrate the Feb. 11 Black History Month celebration.

Combat engineers improve site

Soldiers find a surprise in the gravel

Story, photo by David McNally
Area I Public Affairs Office

MUNSAN — U.S. Army combat engineers completed enhancements to a Korean Army training range outside of Camp Garry Owen Wednesday.

“We’re improving the range for the 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry,” said 2nd Lt. Shi Broadwell, a platoon leader with the 82nd Engineer Company, Combat Support Equipment. “We’re also working with the Republic of Korea Army to do a little bit of improvement they requested.”

Broadwell said Chong-jin range is a Korean Army facility; however Soldiers from the 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment regularly trains here.

Soldiers from the 82nd Engineer Company, out of Camp Edwards in the Western Corridor, began work on Feb. 9.

“The first thing we did when we got here was to dig a drainage ditch,” Broadwell said. “This area is really swampy in the summer and there’s a lot of runoff.”

She said the water caused erosion and potholes on the road.

“We dug a catch basin and took



Spc. Duane Jones, 82nd Engineer Company, operates a bulldozer Feb. 13 on a Korean training range outside Camp Garry Owen.

the soil from there,” Broadwell said. “Then, we did a soil analysis and determined it could be used to fill the holes in the road.”

The Soldiers filled the holes, compacted it and leveled the road.

Broadwell said they worked a lot

with the cavalry squadron’s operations staff to ensure they had gravel to put down.

“It was just a dirt road when we got out here,” Broadwell said.

The new gravel on the road consists of large round rocks. It was

in these rocks a Soldier noticed something unusual.

“We were doing a route recon and I looked down and saw a grenade,” said Staff Sgt. Adrian Hilario, a combat engineer.

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Contractors overhaul dangerous range road

By David McNally
Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP CASEY — Last year, two U.S. Army fatalities and three severe injuries at Rodriguez Range put what officials said was intense focus on repairing a dangerous road.

The Installation Management Agency-Korea Region finalized a \$1.4

million contract Sept. 29 with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to improve the road.

Soon after, Seong-bo Construction Co. began work to reduce the grade of the road where the accident had occurred. The project included enhancements for storm water drainage.

“The bottom line is this is an

essential project that will improve the safety of Soldiers training at Rodriguez Range,” said Maj. Christopher Kramer, director of public works for U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Casey. “The reward will be that we will be able to significantly lessen the chance of similar accidents in the future.”

Rodriguez Range, a training area

for American troops since the Korean War, was developed into a multipurpose range complex in 1998, according to George Filbeck, a former range manager for Area I and the 2nd Infantry Division.

The range offers state-of-the art training opportunities for 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers according to U.S. Army officials. In recent years, a facility for practicing tactics in an urban environment was added, as well as a living support area.

The support area features a snack bar, theater and laundry facilities; however, it remains a Spartan environment to provide what officials described as a real training experience.

Kramer traveled to the accident site in August 2003 to inspect from an engineer’s perspective.

“It was obvious that the road needed to be concreted, that it needed significant work with the drainage and that there needed to be slope reduction,” Kramer said. “The biggest issue was the slope reduction.”

The project is scheduled for completion in July..

“Hopefully, there will be no more fatalities up there,” Kramer said.



PHOTO BY MAJ. CHRISTOPHER KRAMER

Workers from Seong-bo Construction Co. excavate a Rodriguez Range road. Construction on the project continues as officials estimate a July project completion.

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Soldiers show support

Sgt. Lee Eun Ho (left), Spc. Daniel Goodwin and Pfc. Martin Daniel, part of a group of 42 Camp Page Soldiers, marched from the installation up a Chuncheon main street to a chicken restaurant Wednesday. Camp Page officials organized the event as a show of support for the Korean poultry industry.

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Hilario said they immediately stopped operations and placed a flag near the unexploded ordnance. He said even though the grenade looked old, they had to follow procedure.

He said it is not unusual to find unexploded ordnance at a work site. In fact, he said, all combat engineers have training in how to deal with it.

For many of the engineers, this project was an opportunity to practice their skills for the first time.

"We took most of our platoon out here," Broadwell said. "Because Korea is a one-year tour, we have constant influx of people who are in experienced."

"Most of us are just getting a feel

for the equipment," said Spc. Duane Jones, a combat engineer who arrived in Korea in December.

Jones said this is the first big project in which he has been involved.

"I'm just now getting my license and being able to get on the equipment," Jones said. "I'm no stranger to it, I'm a heavy equipment operator."

Broadwell also said the project gave her experienced Soldiers an opportunity to teach operating techniques.

"We get to help the 4th of the 7th Cav so they can do their training," she said. "We also get to help the ROK Army and improve the quality of our Soldiers by giving them some extra training."

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Sgt. Ingrid Turner directs a bulldozer during a construction project at a Korean Army range in the Western Corridor Feb. 13.



Signal Soldiers brave cold to hone skills

Story by Pfc. Shin, Hyung-bum

1st Signal Brigade Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Signal Brigade, bore the cold early-morning temperatures Feb. 5 on Camp Coiner wearing Kevlar helmets, bulky equipment and protective masks to test their basic combat skills.

According to HHC Commander, Capt. Joshua McCaw Sr., Soldiers were tested in their combat common task subjects.

“This training was intended to test and evaluate the Soldiers’ knowledge of common task subjects,” said McCaw.

“The training is a vital element of the Army’s training program and complements normal military occupational specialties skills in preparing Soldiers for combat,” added McCaw.

McCaw advocates that Soldiers need to aggressively train they are prepared to deter aggression by North Korea, and if need be, be ready to fight tonight.

“Today’s common tasks training fulfills a newly Army skill mandate directly related to the war in Iraq. For example, clearing a minefield and dealing with unexploded ordinance are real-world, relevant skill sets that are necessary in today’s combat environment. The Soldiers should take immediate action to either breach or safely negotiate the obstacle, which is the purpose of today’s training,” said McCaw.

McCaw added, “It’s an Army requirement that all Soldiers, regardless



Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Signal Brigade, test their common task skills and knowledge during the common task training Feb. 5 at Camp Coiner. The training is a vital element of the Army’s training program preparing the soldiers for combat.

of MOS, know these tasks in order to fight, survive and win on the battlefield.”

Results from the test are used by commanders to identify any weaknesses among each Soldier or the unit may have as a whole in certain areas. Once identified corrective actions or additional training to improve the deficiencies would be implemented, said McCaw.

“One might feel this type of training is time consuming and tiring, especially when you do it on a cold day like today.

However, if you don’t know the skills, you won’t be able to complete the mission or even survive in a real time war situation,” said Pfc. Won-suk, Jo, HHC, 1st Signal Brigade.

During the self-extraction from the minefield training, the Soldiers made every step and move as carefully and accurately as possible, as if they were in a real-world situation, and the tension on each Soldier’s face clearly conveyed the seriousness of the training.

As an aggressive measure to ensure

readiness and improve the wartime posture, HHC and the entire brigade have reprioritized and streamlined its alert notification process and execution procedures.

The Brigade has adopted several enhancements in its alert procedures, which include a condensed two-hour reporting time and an improved, technology-driven notification process.

“The reality of our current duty assignment here in Yongsan is that we

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Area II commander enacts Child Passenger Safety Inspection Program

By Joe Campbell and Ku Ji-yeong

Area II Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — A Child Passenger Safety Inspection Program will begin Monday in Area II. The program, a community safety initiative enacted by Col. Timothy K. McNulty, commander, 34th Support Group and Area II, is a courtesy service for all Area II residents.

The Fire and Emergency Services Division at the Yongsan Army Garrison’s Main Fire Station on South Post will conduct the inspections 1- 4 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and 9 - 11 a.m. and 1- 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Appointments are not required but may be scheduled by calling 738-5200.

Inspections are in accordance with manufacturer’s guidance, the vehicle’s specifications, needs of the child and applicable local and federal laws. Detailed information about child car seats and restraining devices is available at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s Web site: <http://www.nhsa.dot.gov>.

“In the interest of child safety in the Area II community, the program was developed to identify child restraining devices currently being used to determine if they are defective or on a manufacturers recall list,” said John Derengowski, deputy fire chief, Yongsan. “Even though this inspection program is voluntary, the use of child restraints

is required both on and off installations here in Korea and in the United States. We highly encourage all Area II residents to take advantage of the courtesy inspections for the safety of their children.”

It is the motor vehicle operator’s responsibility to install the child seat or restraining device and restrain children properly while the vehicle is in motion on or off U.S. Forces Korea installations. Korean law also requires restraining devices for children and vehicle occupants.

Trained firefighters will perform the child car seat and restraining device inspections and issue an approval label for the device. The child must be present to ensure that the device fits properly.

Child restraining devices currently sold at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service meet all federal standards. Personnel desiring to purchase a used device should check to ensure it meets applicable standards before purchase, said Derengowski.

“The intent of this program is to maximize traffic safety while simultaneously minimizing the traffic danger for all child passengers within Area II. The success and effectiveness of the CPSIP requires all residents within Area II to be actively involved,” said Derengowski.

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NEWS & NOTES

Youth Employment Opportunities

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is now accepting applications from U.S. job applicants for part-time entry level food service workers at the Pizza Hut and Subway restaurants located in the Dragon Hill Lodge. Area II students are encouraged to apply. Minimum starting hourly wage is \$7. Applications are available at the Yongsan Main Exchange information desk. For more information, call 724-3088.

Reunion in Korea 2004

Affordable tour packages that includes roundtrip air fare from the United States to Korea and return, meals, tours, with or without hotel accommodations are now available. Tour dates this year are April 19-22, May 17-20, Sep. 20-23, Oct. 18-21. To reserve seats, visit the Reunion Web page at <http://www.korea.army.mil/pao/cr/reunion.htm> or call 723-3474 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

DFAC Closure

The Three Kingdoms is closed for renovations and will reopen March 1. The 8th Personnel Command and 305th Quartermaster dining facilities are both available for Area II soldiers. Hours of operation are posted at all dining facilities. For more information, call 736-7304.

Community First Aid and Safety Class

The American Red Cross is conducting a class on first aid and safety. It includes adult, child, infant CPR and basic first aid. The class will be held at the Red Cross classroom Feb. 28. For more information, call 738-3670.

Mardi Gras Celebration

The Dragon Hill Lodge will host its annual Mardi Gras celebration beginning at 9 p.m. Saturday at the DHL on Yongsan South Post. The event will feature a costume contest, games, entertainment and prizes including a round trip airplane ticket to the United States. Admission is free and food and beverage is available to purchase.

Youth Sports Registration

Youth Services baseball, softball and T-ball registration will be conducted until March 4. Registration is conducted 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday-Friday at building 4211, Central Registration Office, Yongsan South Post. For more information, call 738-5567.

Area II Volunteer of the Quarter/Year nomination

Volunteer of the Quarter and Year nomination forms are available. Nomination deadline is April 13. For more information, call Faithleen Henderson at 738-7510.

Seoul Girl Scouts

The Seoul Girl Scouts are looking for women who were Girl Scouts growing up. For women who earned a Golden Eaglet or Gold award or if you have special memories of Girl Scouting, the Seoul Girl Scouts wants to develop a resource list and be able to recognize Girl Scouts from years past. For more information, call Erica at 6273-2345 or email at gsocseoul@yahoo.com.

Seoul Hot Jobs

The Army Community Services Employment Readiness program provides job listings for the Yongsan area and Korea-wide. The program also assists with resume writing and computers are available for job search. Appointments are preferred. For more information, call 738-8977.

SAHS wrestlers clinch Far East title

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"During this tournament I think I was mentally and physically ready," said junior John Crabtree.

The Falcons were in fact mentally and physically ready as 11 of the 13 wrestlers placed in the top six of their weight classes. Travis Johnson placed third in the 101-pound weight class as did Chris Steuerwald in the 108-pound weight class.

Second-place finishes were posted by Alex Kim in the 122-pound division and Ezra Taimanglo in the 129-pound weight class. Crabtree captured fifth place at 135 pounds. Josh Dowers placed fourth at 141. Linus Lee was sixth at 148. Oertwig came in fourth place at 158. Brandon Church was fifth at 168.

Scott Tunis lead Seoul American to victory and was crowned champion in the 180-pound division. Mike Warhurst came in third as a heavyweight.

"Being in the finals got me nervous. I was not sure if I could beat my opponent again. I wrestled him in pool play and it was a close match," said junior Tunis. "It was very competitive and I was anxious for the match to be finished." Tunis also was Falcons' captain.

"At the half, I was up and I knew this match was in my control. After the match was over, I knew from that point everything I worked for during the season paid off," added Tunis.

The Falcons came up three points short of winning the 2003-04 Wrestling Individual Championship, losing 68-71 to the St. Mary's International School Titans Feb. 12. In third place was the American School in Japan Mustangs and in fourth was the Nile C. Kinnick High School Red Devils.

The third day consisted of dual matches, where the team points dictated whether a team would win or not. The Falcons wrestled against Kubasaki High School Dragons in the first round, defeating the Dragons 35-17. After that defeat, the Falcons faced Guam High



PHOTOS BY STEVE OERTWIG

Coach Julian Harden gives a pep talk to the wrestlers before the start of their day. The Far East competition was Feb. 11-13 at Yokoto Air Base, Japan.

Panthers. With only one Falcons wrestler losing to a Panthers wrestler, Seoul was in the semifinals against ASIJ.

Before the final bout against ASIJ, the score was 26-22. Everything boiled down to Warhurst, the heavyweight.

"Before the match, I was in the corner feeling extremely sick," said Warhurst. "If I would've got pinned during the match, it would've been tied at 26. My main objective was to stay during all six minutes. I wrestled this ASIJ heavyweight before and I lost to him by decision. As the match went on, I was so nervous and agitated. Even though I lost 4-1, my team members were all cheering for me. How ironic."

In the championship, it was the Falcons against the Kennick Devils, who previously defeated the St. Mary's Titans in the semifinals. Johnson,

Steuerwald, Ben Mancini and Kim all defeated their opponents, which put the score at 16-0.

Taimanglo, Crabtree and Dowers were defeated by opposing Devil wrestlers Kenneth Cardwell, Yamato Cibulka and Kenji Doughty, respectively, but only Dowers was pinned, which brought the Devils up 18-14.

The turning point came at the 148-poundweight class between Lee and his opponent, Jonathan Cordell. The Falcons needed a pin to be up by eight, but if Lee would have lost to Cordell, the score would be tied at 18. After struggling to control his opponent, Lee pinned his opponent. Then came Oertwig at 158. Wrestling with bruised ribs, Oertwig lost by decision 5-1 to Joey Wood. Church also was defeated by pin from Kennick's Tairiku Tejada.

Then came Tunis' match in the 180-poundweight class. Tunis quickly pinned Chris Sanders. Marque Snow at 215 pounds needed to gain some team points, and he accomplished this goal by defeating Musashi Cibulka 11-5. This time there was no pressure on Warhurst as he pinned Jamal Hulbert in 4:04.

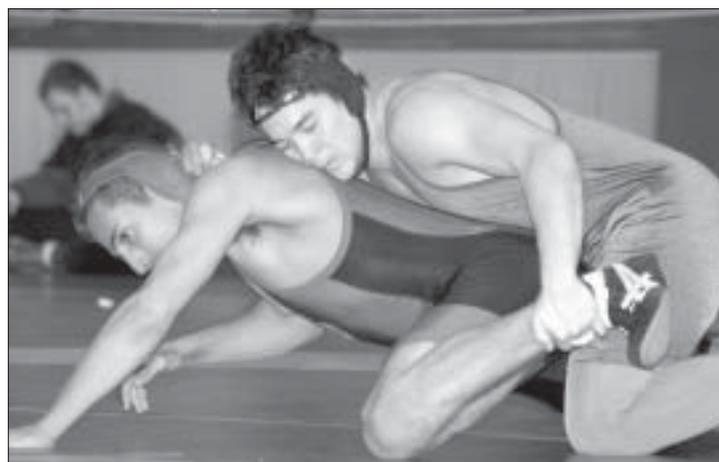
The final score was 34-19 as Falcons wrestlers received their first Far East dual championship.

"You guys earned this trophy. I am so proud of what you kids have accomplished. I was skeptical about placing in the tournament. You children deserve these two trophies because each and every one of you have worked extremely hard for this," said Harden to his wrestlers. "It's taken me 11 years, and I can finally retire now," he joked.

"Although the six seniors are leaving, we will find their replacements. Our team will keep continuing to bring home more wrestling trophies. Next year, the Falcons will dominate this sport. This sport is great and it's taught me life-long lessons. Without help from the Lord, I do not think I could've made it. Cutting weight and practicing hard finally paid off," said sophomore Steuerwald.



Scott Tunis wrestles his opponent during the pool play in the 180-pound weight class. Tunis was crowned champion in his weight class on Feb. 12.



Brandon Church (top) of Seoul wrestles Tairiku Tejada of Kennick for the 168-weight class in the dual championship on Feb. 13. Tejada pinned Church in 46 seconds.

Preston delivers first 'Sergeant's Time' message, stresses safety

By Spc. Lorie Jewell

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — In his first few weeks as the Army's top enlisted Soldier, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Ken Preston said he's getting a crash course on the "big picture" Army while zeroing in on key issues he'll focus on.

"Right now, I need to understand a little bit of everything across the board," Preston said during his first "Sergeant's Time" interview as Sergeant Major of the Army with Soldiers Radio and Television. "The Army staff is doing a wonderful job in getting me smart. Once they finish, I'll really start focusing on a couple things I can make a difference on over the course of the next three or four years."

Safety is one of those issues. With a mandate from the Secretary of Defense to reduce the accident rate by 50 percent, Preston plans to spearhead plenty of dialogue about the subject. So far this quarter, 79 Soldiers have died in accidents – 20 more than the first quarter of fiscal year 2003, Preston said. From fiscal years 2001 to 2003, the number of accidental deaths in the Army jumped

from 168 to 255, according to the U.S. Army Safety Center at Fort Rucker, Ala.

"It's about not becoming complacent," Preston said. "It's ensuring Soldiers out there follow procedures established in policies, regulations, operating manuals."

Sergeants have a responsibility for enforcing the standards, for making sure Soldiers aren't taking short cuts or taking things for granted, he added.

Preston acknowledged that the current fast-paced operations tempo plays a role in the accident rate, but stressed he believes awareness can make a difference.

"We have 325,000 soldiers in more than 120 countries across world, and eight divisions in transition. The operations tempo is much higher, but nevertheless when a soldier dies because of accident, particularly when it could be prevented, it's a tragedy," Preston said. "I really think that the more we focus on it and the more we talk about it, even with the current pace of operations, we can reduce the rate."

The Army's most pressing priority at the moment is the global war on terrorism and upcoming troop

movements into and out of theaters, Preston said. But leaders are also focused on concurrent goals, such as transitioning from a current to future force that remains relevant and ready, he added.

"As the Army changes and evolves, so must other things," Preston said. "One of the things I want to look at is the future of the noncommissioned officer education system. It needs to evolve to take into consideration the modern battlefield we're currently on."

The Army's current design and organization was for the cold war-era fight, for a time when the good guys were at one end of the battlefield, the bad guys at the other, and they met in the middle for a "clash of the Titans" type battle, Preston explained.

"It is truly now a 360-degree battlefield," he said.

Training centers like NTC in California and JRTC in Louisiana are evolving to incorporate the lessons Soldiers are learning in Afghanistan and Iraq, Preston added. Emphasizing the Warrior's Ethos is another way of mentally preparing Soldiers for the new battlefield.

"The Warrior's Ethos is what quantifies what Soldiers are about

today," Preston said. "If you look at what's going on in Iraq, all Soldiers there are warriors. The mentality that every Soldier is a rifleman first is so, so important."

Balancing the force is another way of better preparing for the new battlefield. Preston said the Army's 100 artillery battalions were designed, again, for the cold war era. That number will be pared down, while other units in heavy demand – military police, for instance – will be increased. The current 33 brigade combat teams will be refigured into 48 brigade units of action, he said.

Such changes will not only make the Army more modular and better able to quickly deploy, but will offer Soldiers more predictability in when they'll deploy, Preston said.

Preston will be testifying before Congress in the near future, giving a state of the Army address from the enlisted Soldier's point of view.

"They want to know what Soldiers think when the rubber meets the road," he said.

One of the most frequent questions Preston fields has to do with morale. He said he answers based on what he

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are all forward deployed and are within the artillery range of North Korea.

Therefore, it is imperative that the HHC and the entire U.S. Forces Korea team maintain a high state of operational readiness,” said McCaw.

From the training, Cpl. Jae-ha Hwang, HHC, 1st Signal Brigade., comprehended the importance of being prepared for possible war with North Korea.

“You never know when something is going to happen. You have to be ready all the times,” said Hwang.

When McCaw assumed command three months ago, he instilled a philosophy that he will continue to raise the standard of the company’s combat effectiveness and unit readiness by scheduling more alerts; nuclear, biological, chemical training; and

antiterrorism and operations security classes.

“The end state of today’s training was to acquaint our Soldiers on how to deal with real-life combat scenarios on the battlefield,” said McCaw.

Further, to give them another usable skill that could one day save their lives,” said McCaw.

The company commander of the

Hurricanes added, “The Hurricane’s mission is especially critical because we are the brigade’s headquarters element. The brigade commander depends on us to manage and drive the entire brigade.

“The Hurricanes are at the heart and soul of the brigade mission, so it is imperative that we are trained, proficient, expedient and ready to execute,” said McCaw.

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knows, which comes from his interaction with Soldiers in Iraq. Preston believes morale is high across the Army. When he talks to Soldiers

there, he shares his belief that a year from now, they will all be proud of their accomplishments in Iraq.

“The greatest gift you can give any

human being is the gift of freedom,” Preston said.

“Sergeant’s Time” with Preston aired on SRTV Feb. 10 and 17. He

will return for future talks on the show, with Soldiers encouraged to e-mail Preston questions. The address is: smaweb@hqda.army.mil

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Essayons 732-9008	No Show	Stuck On You	No Show	Paycheck	Butterfly Effect	No Show	Something's Gotta Give
Garry Owen 734-2509	No Show	Butterfly Effect	Love Don't Cost A Thing	Stuck On You	Stuck On You	No Show	Paycheck
Greaves 734-8388	Butterfly Effect	Stuck On You	Butterfly Effect	No Show	No Show	Paycheck	Something's Gotta Give
Henry 768-7724	Something's Gotta Give	Paycheck	Butterfly Effect	The Last Samurai	No Show	No Show	No Show
Humphreys 753-7716	The Big Bounce	The Big Bounce	The Big Bounce	Something's Gotta Give	Something's Gotta Give	The Last Samurai	The Last Samurai
Hialeah 763-370	Butterfly Effect	The Haunted Mansion	Honey	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
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Peter Pan



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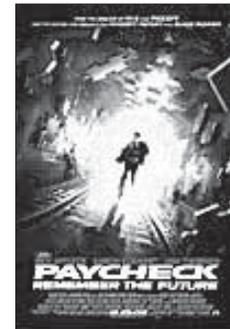
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The spirit of the Soldier evolves from faith

By Chaplain (MAJ) Eric Albertson
2nd Infantry Division, 2nd Brigade Chaplains Office

YONGSAN — Commanders will often speak about the “spirit” of the Soldier. What exactly do they mean when they make reference to this characteristic?

First, it must be noted that commanders will use this when praising the accomplishments of their Soldiers, so it is always meant as a compliment. Generally, this “spirit” is what causes the Soldier to press on to the accomplishment of the mission in a marvelous and surprising way.

It is this characteristic that will drive the Soldiers beyond what they think they

can do, and with generous teamwork, complete what others might say cannot be done.

This “spirit” has won wars and turned the tide of battle throughout our history. It is selfless service in action, Soldiers, looking beyond themselves, and being able to grasp a part of the whole picture.

It is this characteristic that can result in a Soldier receiving the Medal of Honor. Yet it is more commonly seen in the simplicity of a Soldier doing his or her duties, without complaint, amidst the uncomfortable humidity and heat of summer, or the biting cold of a winter exercise.

But where does this “spirit” come

from? For the Soldier of Faith, it comes from God.

It is God who created us in his own image and likeness. God brought us into existence out of his super abundance of love.

He wants us to live with an awareness of his ever-abiding presence, and he wants to strengthen us with his own divine power. He, therefore, chose to breath his own Spirit into us and give us life.

Far from being a stagnant presence, the Spirit of God continues to grow and become more active in our lives if we strive to work in harmony with God. Through His Spirit, God continues to transform his people and elevate us here

in this world in preparation for our entry into his heavenly kingdom. But we must humbly remember to continually ask God for this divine assistance, and learn to look for his help in everything we do.

Awake or asleep, the spirit of God is active in our lives. Regardless of the tasks before us, small or great, easy or difficult, professional or personal, we are not alone. We are continually being strengthened and refined by the Holy Spirit to ever more reflect the goodness of God in our daily lives. Holiness is carrying this presence of God with us all the time, so that we may grow in the Spirit, live in the Spirit, and manifest the Spirit of God in our spirit as soldiers.

Faithlift 2004 focuses on fellowship, teaching, praise and worship

Story by Alena Warren
Faithlift 2004 Director's Office

YONGSAN — Faithlift is an interdenominational Christian conference for women across the peninsula. Faithlift is scheduled April 16-17 at the Dragon Hill Lodge and South Post Chapel.

It is a time of fellowship, teaching, praise, and worship. “More Like the Master” is the theme for Faithlift. The

keynote speaker will be Carol Kent. Music will be led by Kim Moore.

Kent is dynamic, humorous, encouraging, inspiring, and heart-lifting, Faithlift organizers said, and is a public speaker who is hilariously funny, biblically sound and culturally relevant.

Kent is a former radio show co-host and is an author. Her books include “Becoming a Women of

Influence,” “Secret Longings of the Heart” and “Tame Your Fears.”

Moore is a contemporary Christian musician and worship leader.

Her dynamic communication skills, along with her God-given musical ability, empower her to share the gospel clearly and effectively, organizers said.

Workshops will be held by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Karen

Diefendorf, Helen Jackson, Lynn Stevens, Kent and Moore. Speakers will lead women in workshops on prayer, love, sharing testimony, forgiveness and much more.

The registration donation is \$40.

Space is limited to 400 women. For more information, e-mail faithliftkorea@hotmail.com or call 02-790-1953.



Carol Kent

Lotte World offers world of fun, adventure

Story, photos by Pvt. Park Jin-woo

Area II Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — Lotte World, which is located in the heart of Seoul, has a diverse variety of things to do ranging from theme parks to shopping and overnight hotel accommodations. Lotte World is the only place in Korea where people will find indoor and outdoor theme parks, restaurants, leisurely activities, tourism, shopping and accommodations all in one central location.

“With over 40 rides and 70 different performances and concerts at both the indoor and outdoor theme parks, along with a folk museum, sports center, department store, duty free shop, shopping mall, discount store and a hotel, it is the world’s largest indoor facility of its kind.” said Kim Sang-sook, assistant manager of the sales promotion and publicity team.

Lotte World was constructed in Jamsil July 12, 1989, occupying 138,000 square yards with a cost of \$1 billion, representing a new concept as a small city inside a city, providing a one-stop solution for leisure and overnight accommodations.

Lotte World Adventures

The theme park consists of both indoor and outdoor facilities. The indoor part of the theme park was recorded in the Guinness Book of Records as the world’s largest indoor theme park.

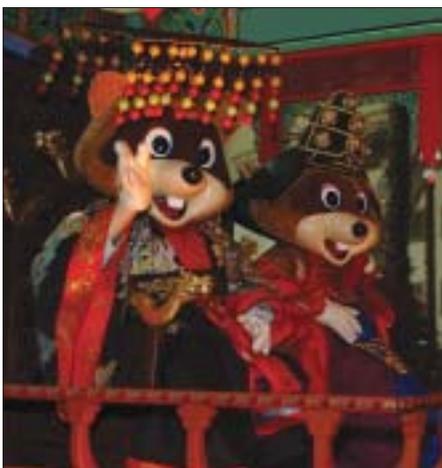
As the world’s largest and the nation’s first indoor theme park, it is equipped with more than 20 rides and attractions.

The outdoor part of the theme park, Magic Island, is accessible from the indoor park. It is an island built on Soekchon Lake, the largest artificial lake in Seoul, built on a catering to youth. This is the area where the main thrill rides such as the Gyro Swing and Gyro Drop are operated. In addition there are food shops and souvenir shop suitable for the younger generation.

The Atlantis Adventure, Lotte World Adventure’s latest ride, is proving to be a new sensation among the visitors.

“Lotte World’s newly opened Atlantis Adventure is a new concept ride, created to satisfy the ever growing requests of more hand-sweating, spine-tingling rides.” said Kim.

It is a combination of roller coaster,



Lotty and Lorry, Lotte World’s two mascots, wave to the visitors during the parade.



The Circus Tarzanne is one of the major performances held at the Adventure. It has a variety of acrobatics, dance and music.

water log ride, jet skiing and a ride-and-see attractions.

“This is the fifth time I have come to Lotte World Adventures, but I still have a great time every time I come here.” said Kim Mi-Jung, a college student.

“Especially since they continue adding new rides, and the latest one, Atlantis Adventure, is especially fun. Unlike other thrill rides where you wait in line for half an hour and it ends in a minute or so, this ride seems to last longer and the line is comparatively short compared to other rides,” added Kim.

As the main enticement and center of Lotte World, the Adventure offers rides and performances daily from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Since Adventure is indoors it remains unaffected by rain or snow, the cold winter or the hot summer, making it a joyful place to have fun in any kind of weather.

The Adventure houses the most classic but still loved rides such as the Viking, Water Log Ride, and the Roller Coaster. There are also many attractions such as the Fantastic Odyssey, a dazzling show of fire and water, the 3-D theater, Imax Simulator and the Magic Theater for the kids.

People enjoy as many performances as possible of the 70 performances held each day.

The performance currently playing at the garden stage theater is the Circus Tarzan.

“It is a remarkable variety circus of music, dance, juggling and acrobatics. With a preparation period of a year and an investment of 100 million won, the Circus Tarzan is a show for both kids and adults to enjoy.” said Kim. The show plays three times daily at 12:30, 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. on the garden stage located at the indoor theme park.

Lotte World Folk Museum

The Lotte World Folk museum gives



The Gyro Swing, one of the theme park’s major rides, is about to thrill riders.

an overview of the half million years of history from the prehistoric periods to current day Korea. It consists of easy to understand model displays with detailed explanations in English.

In the area of 13,800 square yards are the Historical Exhibition Hall, Miniature Village, Performance Hall and Traditional Market Place. Replicas of the castles and market places allow easy understanding of traditional cultures with fun.

It is also possible to try kite making, pottery and learn traditional Korean dances at the market place, Jeoja Geori. Various Korean foods and drinks such as tolstot bibimbab, kalbi and makguli are all popular menus at the market place.

The Lotte World Folk Museum is connected directly to the Lotte World Adventures so the admission is free if one has already entered Lotte World.

Lotte World Sports

Lotte World offers various sports facilities and recreational activities. Built under a transparent glass dome roof, the swimming pool has natural sunshine lighting coming into the pool and features a 100-meter long water slide, a huge leisure pool, a kid’s pool and a scuba diving pool. Lotte World also has a 620-pyong ice rink where people can enjoy ice shows and

exciting ice skating. The newly renovated bowling alleys and the shooting range are also rising as popular attractions.

Lotte World Shopping Mall

At Lotte World it is possible to have any choice of shopping from duty-free shops and discount stores to top-class department stores. The shopping mall includes fashion streets, traditional markets and a food court with a variety of food. Also, for those who do not feel up for those stomach churning rides at the adventure, they can still have fun at the five multiplex theaters, the Sejong bookstore and enjoy some of the family restaurants such as TGI Friday, Sizzler Steak House and Marche.

Transportation: How to get there

Lotte World is located at Jamsil station on subway lines two and eight. From Samgakji, take line six to Sindang and transfer to line two, the green line. Take a short walk from line six to line two, and then go down the right stairway to take the train heading to Wangsimli. It takes twenty minutes from Sindang to Jamsil. After getting off follow the signs to Lotte World.

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8th U.S. Army Bataan Memorial Qualifier

The 8th U.S. Army Bataan Memorial Qualifier, a 13.1-mile road march, is scheduled Saturday. Registration will be 6-8:15 a.m. at the Camp Hovey Gym. The event is open to active-duty military personnel.

For more information on this event contact area command sports offices.

Upcoming MWR Entertainment

Lt. Dan's Band with Gary Sinise, whose famous role in television was as Lt. Dan in Forrest Gump, will tour Korea Feb. 24-28. Area I performances are as follows.

Tuesday - The Camp Casey Community Activity Center at 7 p.m.

Thursday - Camp Casey Carey Fitness Center at 7 p.m.

Coaches Needed

Area II Sports is accepting resumes for personnel interested in coaching the Yongsan men and women's post softball teams.

The requirement will be to organize teams to represent Area II and the Yongsan Community in the Koreawide traveling softball league May through August.

Coaches and players must be able to practice on weekdays and travel throughout Korea and compete on weekends.

Interested coaches may contact the Sports Office at Collier Field House or call 738-8608.

Camp Walker Offers Swimming Lessons

The Kelly Fitness Center is now offering a full range of swimming lessons for students of all ages. Adult classes are offered 10 a.m. -6 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday and youth classes are held 6 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday. Both courses include 12 sessions at a cost of \$50. Classes for active-duty Soldiers are held 11-11:50 a.m. Saturdays at no cost. Sign up by calling 764-3873.

Fun Run for Kids of all Ages

Kids of all ages are encouraged to participate in the Camp Hialeah Community Activity Center's five-kilometer fun run and walk 9 a.m. Feb. 28. For more information, call 763-3108.

Black History Month Celebrations

■ The Hideaway Club will hold a Black History Month Dance Contest 10 p.m. Feb. 27. Contestants can sign up to compete in the male, female or couples categories for a chance to win prizes, and all club goers will have a chance to win cash door prizes. For more information, call 765-8574.

■ The Carroll Community Center will host a Black History Month Celebration dinner 5:30 p.m. today. Members of the community are invited to come out for a free meal, and live music with rhythm and blues band "Welcome Change." For more information, call Gina White at 765-7484.

Humphreys bowling center to conduct soft opening

Story by Mike Mooney

Area III Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marketing Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS – It's just about time to get Camp Humphreys soldiers, airmen and civilians off the streets and into the alley – the bowling alley, that is.

The long-awaited opening of the new Strike Zone Bowling Center is expected or about March 1, with a soft opening all month long and a grand opening in April.

Soft-Opening is a term business uses



A worker from Poong Chan Construction Co. works on new the Camp Humphreys Strike Zone Bowling Center.

for "working the bugs out."

Anytime a new facility such as a bowling center opens it can be expected that Murphy's Law will come into play. It's essential to make sure all the machines, the air conditioner and everything else is working before the ribbon is cut and doors open officially.

The new Strike Zone is a \$3.2 million, 16-lane facility located across the walk-through gate and connected to the Nitewatch Club.

It was built by the Poong Chan Construction Co. and is a state-of-the-art bowling facility, featuring AMF Pinsetters, Qubica Automatic Scorers with 42-inch liquid crystal displays over each lane, maple and pine lanes and a sound and light systems that transforms the center into a New York or Los Angeles night club when management pushes a button and "goes glow."

"Qubica is unparalleled by any other type of scoring system and includes many features such as 'ball speed' in kph or mph. Up to 12 bowlers can be accommodated per lane," explained Bill Garlock, KORO Bowling Program manager. "Only three Army MWR bowling centers in Korea and only six centers throughout the world have this new system."

Built onto the end of the Nitewatch, the new Strike Zone will offer a full service restaurant as well as a special bowling menu.

There is a full bar adjoining the bowling center and game room.

Beverages and bowling food will be

available, delivered to the lanes by waitresses.

The center will feature a private party room along with a full service Pro-Shop offering a full line of bowling balls, bags, shoes as well as clothing and other bowling and sports related accessories. – plus a professional U.S.-trained ball driller who is a certified member of the professional pro shop operators association.

Private bowling lessons will be available as well as many bowling clinics and league play geared to the novice and casual bowler or nonbowler who just wants to have fun. There will be tournaments, glow in the dark leagues as well as special events.

There is a special smokers room to allow customers who smoke to enjoy the facility.

Bowling lockers are available as well.

The facility is available for all activities from small groups of three or four to large parties that could include entire units or large groups.

Children's birthday parties will be a specialty, along with promotion parties, adult birthday parties and parties for sports teams.

Camp Humphreys has been without a bowling center for more than a year when the old Strike Zone was closed and converted into the Camp Humphreys Elementary School.

Before becoming a bowling center, the old building was a dining facility.

It had 12 lanes and was a frequent victim of flooding.

Evergreen Golf Course offers free lessons

Story by Laurel Baek

Area IV Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marketing Office

CAMP WALKER – Some people think watching golf on television is about as entertaining as watching mold grow, but getting into the game is a whole new experience. Unfortunately, many servicemembers forego the opportunity to play because they don't know how or where to begin.

Help is on the way. The Evergreen Golf Club is now offering free lessons to new golfers with little or no knowledge of the game.

"For nongovernment civilians golf can be an expensive game, but military members and their families have the tremendous benefit of playing first-class courses on military installations across the globe at a fraction of the price," says Gary LaRose, acting assistant director of Community and Family Activities for Area IV.

"By giving free lessons, we hope to attract young Soldiers who might not otherwise be able to afford quality instruction, giving them a

chance to cultivate a life-long skill," added LaRose.

Classes are taught by Kim Kyu Sik, who volunteers his time at the Evergreen Golf Club to show his appreciation for the years when his daughter, now a member of the Ladies Professional Golf Association, was afforded an opportunity to begin practicing the sport on post.

"I wanted to return the favor by helping Americans learn how to play," remarked Kim.

It doesn't matter what stage of the game a person is in or if one knows the difference between a birdie and a bogey, Kim covers every detail of the basic game. Students are instructed on grip, form, swing, pitching, putting, long, short and middle irons, and driving.

Classes are held 3-5 p.m. every Thursday and 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays for U.S. identification card holders. Practice balls and clubs are included.

For more information, call 764-4628 or stop by the Pro Shop to sign up.

Brian McKnight to tour Korea

Sponsored by Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Brian McKnight will travel to several military installations Today through Thursday and put on a performance featuring rhythms and blues. The show schedule is below.

Today	Yongsan Main Post Club	9 p.m.
Saturday	Camp Humphreys Freedom Inn	8 p.m.
Sunday	Camp Carroll Hideaway Club	7 p.m.
Monday	Camp Walker Evergreen Club	7 p.m.
Tuesday	Camp Essayons Stalker Club	7 p.m.
Wednesday	Camp Casey Primo's	7 p.m.
Thursday	Camp Howze Brown's Grill	7 p.m.

Comedy Rok's with MWR:

Come on out and laugh it up with Comedy Rok's. Touring Korea from Feb. 18-29 audiences will be entertained with performances from Olivia Allen-Arrington, Ali and Sam Demaris.

Performances are scheduled at the following installations:

Today	Camp Essayons Stalker Club	8 p.m.
Saturday	Camp Red Cloud Mitchell's	9 p.m.
Sunday	Yongsan Main Post Club	8 p.m.
Tuesday	Camp Humphreys Freedom Inn	8 p.m.
Thursday	Camp Carroll Hideaway Club	7 p.m.
Feb. 27	Camp Henry Henry's Place	9 p.m.
Feb. 28	Yongsan Main Post Club	7 p.m.
Feb. 29	Camp Kyle Edeewa Club	8 p.m.



Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Steven D. Mathias stands in front of the last 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade AH-64A flown to the port of Busan Feb. 12 for redeployment back to the U.S.

The last Apaches

Cavalry unit ships ‘Alpha models,’ prepares for Longbow upgrade

Story, photos by Steve Davis
Area III Public Affairs Office

BUSAN – An era of first-generation Apache attack helicopters in South Korea ended Feb. 12 at the port of Busan as the 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade flew its last mission as an “Alpha model” unit.

Squadron commander Lt. Col. Steven D. Mathias and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Todd Friel sat the last AH-64A down and symbolically ended flight operations for the squadron, which is inactivating Tuesday and returning to the states for reactivation in April as an AH-64D Apache Longbow unit.

The squadron of 21 attack helicopters, presently based at Camp Eagle near Wonju, is currently scheduled to return to Camp Humphreys by early 2005 with enhanced Apache Longbows.

“It really is a historic day. The AH-64 Alpha has been protecting the peninsula for many years,” said Mathias, after landing at the port. “It’s a significant day for the Alpha model to depart, and it’s a significant day for the Fighting Sixth and for all the Soldiers throughout the years who have flown the Apache here in Korea.”

The squadron will go through a nine-month transition program at Fort Hood, Texas, to enhance its aircraft, training and tactics.

“This is probably my last flight in the Alpha model,” said Mathias. “I’ve been flying the Apache for a long time, so it’s somewhat of an emotional event to bring the last Alpha model into the port today.”

The Longbow upgrade is part of an overall Army transformation plan that will provide an adverse weather, fire-and-forget, heavy anti-armor capability for the Army’s Apache attack helicopter. The Longbow Apache’s strengths are improved battlefield versatility, enhanced communications, improved drive train and rotor system, improved sights and sensors and an advanced integrated weapon system.

According to 8th Army officials, the modernization is part of a long-term modernization program that continues to be implemented in South Korea.

The 1st Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment at Camp Page and the 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade at Camp Humphreys upgraded to Apache Longbows in 2001 and 2003 respectively.

The 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Apaches were the only “first generation” Apaches remaining in South Korea.

Mathias said the combat power of an additional Longbow squadron he will return with by 2005 will be “significant.”



An AH-64A Apache attack helicopter lands at the port of Busan Feb. 12. The helicopter was one of 21 flown from Camp Eagle near Wonju to the port for shipment back to the U.S.



One of the 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade’s last AH-64A Apache attack helicopters lands Feb. 12 at the port of Busan. The unit’s 21 AH-64 ‘Alpha model’ Apaches are returning to the United States where they will be turned over to the South Carolina National Guard.

The 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry will inactivate in South Korea Tuesday and be reactivated in April at Fort Hood, Texas, as a AH-64D Apache Longbow squadron. The unit is currently scheduled to return to South Korea by January 2005.

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Parenting classes

A six-week course designed for parents of children 6 and under is beginning at 1 p.m. Monday in room four at the Camp Humphreys Education Center. The two-hour class will be conducted every Monday. Learn about child development, effective discipline and communication, fostering healthy self-esteem and positive emotional and social growth in the class sponsored by Area III Army Community Service Family Advocacy. To register, call 753-8401.

Financial Training

Army Community Services offers two classes to help Soldiers manage their finances. Mandatory Financial Readiness Training is conducted 1 p.m. on the first three Fridays of each month. Remedial Checkbook Maintenance Training is conducted 1 p.m. on the last Friday of each month. Both classes are held at the Army Community Services in building 311. For more information, call 753-8401 or 753-8403.

Employment & Volunteer Awareness Seminar

An Employment and Volunteer Awareness Seminar will be held March 2 at the Camp Humphreys Community Activities Center. Preregistration is required. For more information, call 753-8401 or 753-8321.

Area III Tax Center

The Area III Tax Center at Camp Humphreys is open and ready to assist Soldiers with their tax filing needs. Tax assistance services are also available at Camps Eagle and Long and Suwon Air Base. Soldiers must see their unit tax advisor prior to coming to the Tax Center. The Tax Center is located in building 734 on Camp Humphreys next to the Pegasus Grill. For more information, call 753-3170.

Town Hall Meeting

Installation Management Agency-Korea Region Commander Brig. Gen. John Macdonald conducted an Area III town hall meeting Feb. 10 at the Camp Humphreys post theater. Macdonald discussed the importance of U.S.-Republic of Korea alliance to security in Southeast Asia, and complimented Area III Soldiers and civilian employees for progress over the past year. Among other issues, he discussed traffic and parking congestion at Camp Humphreys. That issue will be addressed in detail in an upcoming issue of The Morning Calm Weekly.

News & Notes Deadline

The deadline for submitting items for Area III News & Notes is Friday each week for publication the following Friday. However, it is best to submit items for publication well ahead of the deadline.

Requests should be sent to Steve Davis, USASA Area III command information officer, at davisst@usfk.korea.army.mil

News & Notes requests should include who, what, when, where, a contact phone number and any relevant additional information.

News & Notes items will be run on a first-come, first-served space-available basis.



Against the backdrop of Busan port, an AH-64A Apache attack helicopter is prepped for sealift to the United States by Soldiers from Company G, 52nd Aviation, part of the 194th Maintenance Battalion. The unit was one of seven 8th Army units participating in Task Force Provider.

Teamwork makes port mission a success

Task Force Provider makes redeployment look easy

Story, photos by Steve Davis

Area III Public Affairs Office

BUSAN – “I need more. Pull it tighter,” Spc. Jedhel Somera yelled as he wrestled a large sheet of white plastic used to shrinkwrap an AH-64A Apache helicopter at the port of Busan.

Somera, 19, from Maui, Hawaii, was one of an eight-member team from Company G, 52nd Aviation Regiment, preparing this particular Apache for sealift to the United States from Korea.

As part of the Army’s aviation modernization program, 21 Korea-based Apaches belonging to the 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade are being returned to the United States. They will eventually be replaced with the more sophisticated AH-64D Longbow, an all-weather, fire-and-forget, heavy anti-armor attack helicopter.

All of the unit’s operating equipment and vehicles are also being returned to the United States.

Pfc. Crystal Jones, 19, and Pfc. Steven Stampley, 25, tugged at the white plastic sheet and pulled it toward Somera. Straining, Somera pulled and taped it into place.

The soldiers were among 229 military personnel from seven 8th Army units engaged in Task Force Provider, a port support activity enabled to redeploy the 21 Apaches, along with six CH-47 Chinook helicopters belonging to the 2nd Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment. The



AH-64A Apache attack helicopters are shrinkwrapped at the port of Busan before being loaded onto a ship for redeployment to the United States during Task Force Provider.

Chinooks are being upgraded from model “D” to model “F.”

Though the bulk of the task force was comprised of 166 Soldiers from 194th Maintenance Battalion units based at Camp Humphreys and Camp Eagle, other 8th Army units were involved.

“This is a team effort,” said 194th Maintenance Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Kevin McRee. “We also have support from the 18th Medical Battalion, the 8th Military Police Brigade, the 23rd Area Support Group and the 837th Transportation Battalion, which operates the military port at Busan.”

He said the 17th Aviation Brigade, were also a “heavy player” in the operation.

Seventeen members of the 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade were also at the port to wash down 136 vehicles

and prepare 63 containers of ground maintenance equipment for shipping. The equipment had been packed by 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade Soldiers at Camp Eagle near Wonju and loaded on rail cars or commercial trucks for the trip to Busan. Flights of seven Apaches were flown to Busan from Camp Eagle near Wonju over a three-day period.

The 2nd Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment had 44 soldiers at the port to coordinate Chinook redeployment operations. The unit also flew pilots and personnel back from the port.

Once on the ground, the Apache and Chinook helicopters were disassembled, shrinkwrapped and staged for sealift aboard a roll-on, roll-off ship able to

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rapidly deploy heavy military equipment.

Sgt. Roneisha Thompson, a team leader and gun handler for Company G, 52nd Aviation, supervised the shrinkwrapping in windy 30-degree weather.

"The wind makes it a little difficult and the cold makes the tape a little harder to stick," she said. "But we are doing OK."

Thompson said her company, part of the 194th Maintenance Battalion that maintains Apache helicopters, received a two-week course that prepared them for the port mission. Soldiers from Company C, 52nd Aviation, also part of the 194th Maintenance Battalion, received the training as well.

"You start at the front of the helicopter and stretch plastic all the way to the rear as tight as possible with no holes or air pockets," she said. "When the plastic is heated with an air gun, it pulls tight."

It sounds simpler than it really is. Soldiers climbed up, over, under and around helicopters being wrapped.

From atop some metal stairs, Pfc. Misty Salazar helped Spc. Rafael Hernandez, whose legs were wrapped around an Apache tail section, tape plastic on a tail rotor.

"There are a lot of small parts that have to be wrapped," said Salazar. "It

takes good teamwork and good communication."

It also takes time, as much as two hours to wrap an Apache. The teams, however, had been told to take enough time to do the job safely.

A tactical operations center was set up at the port to assure continuity and communication. Morning and end-of-day "battle briefs" were conducted to make sure everything was running smoothly.

"This is all about safety and efficiency," said McRee. "There is a lot of machinery and a lot of people in motion during a port operation like this. The key is to get it done safely and efficiently."

Lt. Col. Steven D. Mathias, commander of the 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade, thanked the units involved in the port operation after he landed the squadron's last Apache helicopter at the port Feb. 12. He presided over a seaside "Spur Ceremony" to award Cavalry spurs to three officers and one enlisted Soldier instrumental in supporting the squadron.

Mathias said he was particularly proud of the Soldiers of the 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade for their hard work over the past months as they prepared the unit's equipment and helicopters for redeployment to the United States.



A morning "battle brief" is conducted during Task Force Provider, a port operation conducted to redeploy AH64A Apache and CH-47D Chinook helicopters from the port of Busan.



One of 80 vehicles belonging to the 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade is loaded onto a flatbed truck for shipment to the port of Busan. The squadron's vehicles and ground support equipment are being shipped back to the U.S. with 21 AH-64A Apache attack helicopters. The equipment will be turned over to the South Carolina National Guard.

Area IV quality of life spotlight: Camp Hialeah

Little community focuses on big improvements

Story, photo by Galen Putnam

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP HIALEAH -- Doing more with less is the common theme for quality of life and infrastructure projects completed recently for this small post, and more are slated to improve conditions where people live and work.

"We are still willing to invest in what is necessary for the community ... to ensure ongoing quality of life for the 900 soldiers, (Department of Army) civilians and family members who live and work here," said Lt. Col. Jeffery Ludwig, Camp Hialeah commander.

A case in point is the newly constructed 61st Chemical Company motor pool. A dire need for an adequate facility was identified and Col. James M. Joyner, Area IV and 20th Support Group commander, championed an exemption to a no-new-construction edict.

"With the old building, anything larger than a sedan wouldn't fit," said 1st Lt. William Hart, 61st Chemical Company commander. "Now people don't have to lay outside in snow and ice to work on vehicles."

Not all of Camp Hialeah's projects involve new construction.

Two multistory barracks are being renovated to upgrade heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. Individual rooms and bathrooms will also be remodeled. In addition, new tiling will be laid, ceilings lowered and new lighting installed. The barracks improvements will be completed in segments in order to avoid having to lodge soldiers in temporary barracks, saving time and money. The renovated barracks will be much more energy efficient, leading to additional savings according to installation officials.

Also of great interest to the soldiers of Camp Hialeah were improvements to the post dining facility.

"The dining facility had been kind of neglected and needed a lot of work. We got in a new (noncommissioned officer) who started turning in work orders and made it a priority to fix the place up as much as possible," Ludwig said. "The dining facility now has an atmosphere the troops want and deserve. The headcount has gone way up."

The Haven Club, a former Imperial Japanese Army officers club, designated



Gary J. Wolter, a member of Tres Dias, helps decorate the Haven Club in preparation for an event held by the organization.

by the Republic of Korea government as a national historical landmark, received a complete interior makeover and now serves as a multiuse community center.

Having been designated an historical site, the Haven Club could not be torn down. In its pitiful shape, however, it was nearing the end of its useful life.

Under the circumstances, restoring the deteriorating facility was the logical choice. The complete interior renovation included replacing the floors, ceilings and lighting. The walls were repainted and woodwork was redone. Rest rooms were remodeled, heat pumps were put

in and an adequate air conditioning system was installed among other improvements.

"We now have a common facility for community use and events," said Peter Lorentzen, director, Department of Public Works at Camp Hialeah. "We have a very nice facility here that is being used by a variety of groups."

The Pusan Pub also received a full-blown makeover.

"The appearance was gloomy and unkempt," said Harold D. Cody, Camp Hialeah Morale, Welfare and Recreation director. "The remodeling was done well

and in good taste. The response has been very positive. It is now a place where people want to go to enjoy themselves."

Other facilities including Child Youth Services, the Community Activities Center and MWR Auto Craft Shop have received facelifts as well.

Not all of Camp Hialeah's improvements have involved infrastructure. Even seemingly minor quality of life upgrades such as on-post call taxi service have provided a big boost.

"People are happy to have the service. It's very convenient," said Staff Sgt. James K. Davis, Troop Motor Pool noncommissioned officer in charge. "It is a lot better than hauling luggage to the front gate in order to catch a ride."

In addition, new furniture and appliances are coming in to replace what is now in family housing units that, in turn, will be placed in unaccompanied personnel housing. By "recycling" the family housing furniture, which is still in good condition, the installation will save money by not having to purchase new furnishings for unaccompanied personnel.

When another money-saving improvement opportunity presented itself, Camp Hialeah was ready to turn lemons into lemonade. After Typhoon Maemi heavily damaged the installation in September 2003, funds were allocated to make repairs.

"It turned out to be a blessing in disguise," Lorentzen said. "It was a plus because many of the roofs that were heavily damaged were old and would have required replacement in the not too distant future as part of the normal maintenance cycle."

The installation also opened its first thrift shop in 2003. Initially occupying half of a vacant Quonset hut, the endeavor was such a success that it was expanded to fill the entire building during the camp's recent Main Street Reconfiguration project.

Camp Hialeah's latest addition is the Child Development Home that opened for business Tuesday. Rather than build a new facility, a family housing unit was converted into a day care center, thought by post officials to be the only one of its kind in the Army. The center, which features a fenced-in play area, will provide care to eight children on a full-time basis and six children on an hourly basis.

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Area IV Army Family Action Plan Forum

Area IV Army Community Services will conduct an Area IV Army Family Action Plan Community Forum 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Soldier Memorial Chapel on Camp Walker. The AFAP provides an opportunity for residents to be heard and work out solutions to community problems. For more information, call ACS at Camp Henry 768-7232, Camp Carroll 768-7900 and Camp Hialeah 763-3571.

Off Limits Establishments

The following establishments are off limits by order of Col. James M. Joyner, Area IV commander: Daegu – Odyssey Club, With Club, Mama Lee's, Paradise Club and Crown Club; Waegwan – Carnegie Club and The Live Club. For more information, call James Adamski at 768-8969.

Camp Carroll Coffee House

The 23rd Chemical Battalion Chaplain's Office has opened the Camp Carroll Coffee House. It is open every Friday, except the last Friday of the month, from 6 p.m. to midnight and features meals, movies, games and a place to hang out. It is located in the Chapel Annex, building S-904, on Camp Carroll. For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Darin Nielson at 765-8256.

Sexual Assault Survivors Group

A newly-formed Sexual Assault Survivors Group will meet 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. every Friday at the Camp Walker Health Clinic. The sessions are open to all women authorized military medical care. For more information, call Social Work Services at 764-5500 or 764-5173.

Faithlift 2004

Faithlift 2004, an interdenominational Christian women's conference, will be held April 16-17 at Dragon Hill Lodge and South Post Chapel at Yongsan Garrison. It is open to all female Department of Defense ID card holders. Space is limited. Registration closes March 1. For more information or to sign up, call Michele Pelletier in Daegu at 764-4292 or Holly Floro in Busan at 051-817-4006.

EFMP Support Groups

The Area IV Exceptional Family Member Program is forming several support groups focusing on asthma; attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder; individuals involved with the EFMP; and unaccompanied EFMP sponsors. For more information, call Marietta Dixon at 768-8329.

Daegu Vehicle Registration hours

Daegu Vehicle Registration has new operating hours. It is open 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and Friday and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday. It is closed on all Korean and U.S. holidays and for lunch from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday through Wednesday and Friday. Customers will not be served or seen 15 minutes before closing for lunch or for the end of the day because of administrative requirements. For more information, call Capt. Christina Kirkland at 768-7788.

Area IV launches mayoral program

By Galen Putnam
Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP HENRY — Area IV housing area residents now have an additional resource at their disposal — community mayors — to represent them and provide a line of communication with the command.

Mayors will serve in a variety of capacities such as representing residents to the command, providing command information to residents and serving as a mediator to help rectify localized situations.

The new mayors are Sgt. 1st Class Harl Marzan from Camp George; Sgt. Maj. David Crump, Camp Walker; and Robert James, representing Camp Hialeah.

Col. James M. Joyner, commander of the Area IV Support Activity and 20th Support Group, expressed he would like to see a mayoral program implemented throughout Area IV to give residents a greater voice and to streamline procedures for resolving community issues. The job of implementing the program went to J.J. Stewart, Area IV acting director of community activities, who had previous experience with the mayoral program at Camp Zama, Japan.

"I told Colonel Joyner that ACS had been the proponent for the mayoral program at Camp Zama and that we could certainly implement a similar program here," Stewart said. "What we've done is implement a scaled-down version of the Zama model which can be expanded in the future."

Zama's program not only includes

housing area mayors, but mayors to represent civilian employees, single soldiers, teens and other groups.

For the time being Area IV mayors, all of whom are volunteers, will represent the residents of the housing areas in which they live. A primary function will be to represent residents to the command and serve as a liaison between residents and the command.

Rather than hold separate mayoral meetings with command representatives as would be the case at larger installations, Area IV mayors will attend quarterly Well Being Council meetings to resolve issues. Well Being Council participants include representatives from all of the command's primary departments such as the Directorate of Public Works, housing, provost marshal office, Army Community Services and many others.

"The mayors will use the council as a forum to discuss any issues that come up that can't be solved at their level," Stewart said. "The many different elements from within the community that are present at the Well Being Council meetings make it an ideal forum to resolve issues."

Nominations for mayoral candidates were solicited in October and elections were held in November. The new mayors received training in December and started their calendar year terms in January.

The new mayors are eager to make an impact.

"I am looking forward to working with each and every family member at Camp Walker Housing," Crump said. "People can come to me with any issues

and I will do whatever I can to help."

"I was excited when I found out I had been elected," Marzan said. "I plan to work hard with the senior occupants and residents of Camp George to help keep the community informed. Communication is important to ensure a good working relationship."

"We have a real nice community here at Camp Hialeah. I hope I can help make it even a little better," James said. "Residents can drop off ideas with me and I can champion those ideas on their behalf."

Stewart praised the trio for taking on the additional responsibilities and for the particular skills each possesses.

"It is important to remember that each of these individuals is serving in a volunteer capacity, above and beyond their already busy schedules," she said. "For example, Sergeant First Class Marzan has already begun distributing a newsletter to the residents at Camp George. He is very proactive. Mr. James works at DPW so he will be a great resource at Camp Hialeah and Sergeant Major Crump is, well, a sergeant major and we know how they are at getting things done."

Area IV Installation Volunteer Coordinator Vickie Kingston is also happy to have the new mayors on board.

"Just like any other volunteer position, it is important that community members step up to fill these important roles," she said. "We are very glad these individuals did so. Their dedication and efforts will undoubtedly enhance the quality of life in their respective housing areas."

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"We didn't know of any other installation with post housing and sponsored tours without a day care center," Cody said. "This is a big addition for the community."

Taking advantage of its momentum, Camp Hialeah, with its "do more with less" attitude, has several more projects on tap. Some notable undertakings include a heater for the installation's outdoor pool that will extend its usable

season and provide a low-cost alternative to covering the pool, artificial turf golf greens that will allow year-round pitching and putting as well as a makeover for the post movie theater that will, hopefully, include padded seats.

"With the support of higher headquarters we have been able to do a lot to improve quality of life," Lorentzen said. "The biggest challenge ... is obtaining approval for renovations and

new construction but we have done a lot based on the allocation of resources we have received," Ludwig said. "Feedback in general has been good and the community has been supportive. We have a wonderful little community here and we are looking forward to continuing the trend of improving the quality of life of our soldiers and their families."

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Gate guards fulfill vital security role

By Oh Dong-keun

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CAMP CARROLL – They are some of the most under-appreciated employees on Korea's installations, working 24 hours a day, seven days a week regardless of the weather. They are the security guards who help keep installations safe.

Although seen primarily at the gates checking identification cards and controlling access to the post as part of their standing patrols, they do much more such as provide internal security and force protection by conducting perimeter walking patrols at each installation throughout Area IV.

"It is extremely important to have those security guards on post," said Richard L. Young, Camp Carroll installation manager. "I can sleep pretty good at night knowing that they are doing their job. They are doing what they are supposed to do."

A case in point would be what took place in November when two Korean civilians attempted to get through Camp Carroll's Gate 1 with a fake pass.

"It was during the morning rush hour, around 8:30 a.m.," said Park Jae-suk, a Camp Carroll security guard. "A car came up which didn't have the window decal and the driver showed me what I knew right away was a fake pass that had never been properly issued. So I reported it directly to the security guard office, and from there the individuals were taken by the MPs."

Young was impressed with the feat and showed his appreciation to the security guards who are contract employees of Security Korea.

"The fact that they caught those people is a good indication that they are doing the job very well," he



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Kim Nam-keun, a Camp Carroll security guard, checks a Soldier's identification with a scanner that reads the barcode on the back of the ID card to verify its validity.

said. "A lot of people think that they don't do their job. A lot of people say 'I don't think they can even read that' when they hand them their ID card, but they can. In order to be at the gate, they have to have high score on their English proficiency test. They can't work the gates if they don't have English proficiency."

According to the revised hiring procedure, the gate guards now must have a score of 550 or higher on the Test of English for International Communications, a test that measures one's ability to use English in everyday conversation. Previously, there was not a set standard regarding English skills.

When at work, security guards don't just deal with ID cards and potential intruders, they must deal with hundreds of people, from pleasant to cranky, who go through the gates everyday.

"We are trying our best to be kind and courteous to everyone that we deal with, keeping in mind that we

are the first impression that the visitors will get of the post," said Nam Ik-sun, sergeant of the guard. "However, it is hard for us to keep the smile on our face when the visitors don't trust us for doing our job right, or complain about taking too much time. I would like to tell them that we are experts at what we are doing and we know what we are doing is very important. That's why we sometimes take our time letting people in. It is for all of our security."

At Camp Carroll alone, there are 68 security guards, including six supervisors. One might think a large group of Koreans working for the security of U.S. military installations may cause some difficulties, but it hasn't been a problem according to Young and the guards at Camp Carroll.

"We have a very good working relationship with the guards. We are very pleased with the service they are providing," he said.

"What makes this whole concept work is the great atmosphere and teamwork between our supervisors and us," said Lee Jung-young, Camp Carroll security guard, who assisted Park in the apprehension. "We do our best to get our job done, and they do their best to accommodate our needs despite sometimes harsh working conditions."

On behalf of the Camp Carroll community, Young presented certificates of appreciation to Park and Lee. In addition, Nam and Kim Nam-keun, another gate security guard at Camp Carroll, were awarded commander's coins by Col. James M. Joyner, Area IV Support Activity and 20th Support Group commander, for deterring intruders in a similar fashion. All four also received a monetary award from their company for their actions.

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Centurions hone critical skills at gunnery training

Story, photo by Pfc. Alex Licea

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BF — Soldiers of the 57th Military Police Company firmly place their snow-covered boots on the icy ground as they peer down range. An observer barks “troops in the open 600 meters” and MPs let loose with their weapons looking for a direct hit.

For these Camp Carroll-based military police, improving and maintaining their weapons proficiency is a must, especially with the frequent turnover of new troops coming in to the company.

“A lot of these Soldiers come from Basic and Advanced Individual Training and simply do not get this type of training during that short amount of time,” said Sgt. Joseph Matthew Jones III, team leader for second platoon. “They do not see the weapons enough during basic and AIT.”

The gunnery training gives them the will to fight, because being able to shoot and being familiar with a variety of weapons is essential, he added.

During the 57th Military Police Company gunnery, Soldiers had the opportunity to qualify on weapons such as the AT-4 rocket launcher, M-249 squad automatic weapon, MK-19 40 mm grenade machine gun and the M-



Col. Peter M. Champagne, 8th Military Police Brigade commander, encourages Pvt. Patrick Gibbs as he adjusts his sights during qualification on the MK-19 40 mm grenade machine gun.

203 grenade launcher.

Before any ammunition was fired, however, Soldiers participated in a Preliminary Marksmanship Instruction session to become familiar with and learn about the weapons systems.

After PMI, teams began qualifications tables on stationed weapons. Soldiers sharpened their skills on firing, loading and unloading each weapon. They also performed immediate action and fired the weapons

at targets ranging from 100-900 meters.

For many MPs, this was the first time qualifying with these weapons systems.

“This is my first time doing a MK-19 qualification,” said Pvt. Patrick Gibbs, second platoon. “It is a critical skill especially in a field environment.”

Gibbs, along with Spc. Jason Goeke, Pfc. Shanie Perez and Korean Augmentation to the United States Army Soldier Cpl. Lee, Jon-wook, were recognized for their efforts when they

received accolades from “Watchdog Six” himself Col. Peter M. Champagne, 8th Military Police Brigade commander.

Champagne talked to Soldiers after their qualification and applauded their efforts on a job well done by presenting each troop with a commander’s coin.

“This company has come very close in meeting my high standard for the MK-19 gunnery. I was very pleased to see the significant progress the Centurions have made since their last gunnery,” Champagne said.

According to Champagne, company gunnery is an essential part of the 8th Military Police Brigade’s live-fire exercise and is one of its top priorities.

“Like true warriors, these soldiers did not let the cold weather dampen their spirit, motivation, and performance,” he said. “Each team had all the equipment they needed for the gunnery and it was all serviceable. Soldiers performed their individual team roles as team leader, gunner, and assistant gunner in an outstanding manner.”

“Gun commands were quickly translated into action and targets destroyed. MK-19 gunnery is a beautiful thing to watch when soldiers perform as a team to standard,” he added.

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