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## USO Six Star Salute honors enlisted troops

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Korea Region Public Affairs Office

SEOUL — For 33 years the United Service Organizations have honored servicemembers who represent the best in the armed forces in South Korea. This year, the tradition continued with servicemembers from three nations of the United Nations Command and the Republic of Korea.

For two days, 80 Soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines from the United States, South Korea, Thailand and the Philippines were treated like VIPs.

The events began April 1 with a lunch hosted by the American Forces Spouses Club and then was followed by Kyungbok Palace tour.

The servicemembers were honored at a formal banquet later that night where they were recognized and presented the USO Six Star Salute commemorative medal. Honorees were nominated by their commanders and selected based on criteria used for selection of servicemembers for the month.

The formal banquet was attended by top military brass and civilian leaders including former mayor of New York City, Rudy Giuliani.

Giuliani spoke of the hardships faced by Americans during the war on terrorism and then praised servicemembers for their efforts.

“It would be impossible to have come as far as we have without our men and women in uniform,” said Giuliani.

He went on to compare the bravery of servicemembers deployed abroad to that of firefighters and policemen in New York on Sept. 11.

Spc. Giovanni Jimenez, a 19th Military Police Battalion mechanic, described the event as “great.”

“I’m proud to be honored,” said Jimenez. The Catalina, Puerto Rico, native added that he would not have made it this far if it were not for his comrades in arms.

The next day, honorees were treated to a tour of the 62-acre Cheong Wa Dae. Cheong Wa Dae is home to many presidential buildings, including the presidential palace, known as the Blue House because of its blue roof tiles.

After the tour, servicemembers ate lunch with Won Seihoon, the vice mayor of Seoul, and Lt. Gen. Charles Campbell, 8th U.S. Army commander.

“I feel very lucky,” said Army Pfc. Chris Hurst, Company D, 516th Personnel Services Battalion administration specialist. “It’s rewarding to get to do the things we get to do.”

Hurst described the events as a motivating experience and a morale booster.

“I haven’t been saluted yet,” said Hurst. “but I’ve been treated like a six-star (general).”

The Six Star Salute began in 1970 when a group of Korean civic leaders decided to express their country’s gratitude by bestowing the honorary rank of “Six Star” to exemplary enlisted personnel serving in South Korea.

The rank comes from the six stars on the USO logo, which represents the first six service organizations that formed the USO in 1941. It also represents respect above the highest military rank.



Pablo Lee (left), Harley-Davidson of Korea president, takes a look at the medal presented to Pfc. Christopher Birdsall, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Infantry Division administration specialist, at the USO Six Star Salute April 1.

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## LaPorte: All troops to move south of Seoul by 2008

By Gerry J. Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military’s top officer in South Korea says plans are in motion to move 2nd Infantry Division troops away from the north-south border region and most other forces out of the capital city of Seoul.

American troops have been deployed at the Demilitarized Zone and in several encampments near the northern border to deter potential aggression from the North since the armistice that ended the 1950-53 Korean War. A sizable U.S. military presence also has been maintained in

Seoul to support United Nations Command and U.S. Forces Korea headquarters.

That’s all changing, Army Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, U.S. Forces Korea commander, told the House Armed Services Committee March 31 in prepared testimony. Most U.S. troops are scheduled to move out of Seoul by the end of 2007, he reported, and all of the U.S. 2nd Infantry Division that’s currently patrolling the region north of Seoul will be moved south of Seoul by 2008.

Existing military facilities at Osan Air Base and Camp Humphreys, both located south of Seoul, LaPorte noted, are being expanded and upgraded to

accept the redeployed forces.

The movement of troops will “transform the United States basing posture from its inefficient post-Korean War posture to a stable, less intrusive footprint,” LaPorte explained, while focusing “construction investments into enduring facilities within the two hubs south of the Han River.” The river runs through Seoul.

About 37,000 U.S. forces now serve in South Korea, LaPorte said. A recent U.S.-South Korea agreement, he added, calls for the transfer of certain U.S. military missions to South Korea over the next three years.

However, “these changes will not

decrease readiness or deterrence” efforts on the Korean peninsula, LaPorte vowed, noting that South Korea’s modern military has 680,000 active duty troops, with a reserve force of three million.

Factors enabling the realignment of U.S. forces in Korea include South Korea’s improved military force posture and U.S. forces’ “state-of-the-art operational capabilities,” LaPorte explained.

Today, he noted, the U.S.-South Korean alliance presents “a potent, integrated team ... with the military capabilities to defeat any provocation on the Korean peninsula, deterring escalation that could destabilize the region.”

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## MP Blotter

Money • Finance spells out OHA  
and TLA options

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.

■ An investigation revealed that a U.S. servicemember, for reasons unknown, drove his privately-owned vehicle into a local market fish tank. After arrival of the Korean National Police, it was determined the servicemember was driving under the influence of alcohol and was administered a blood alcohol content test, which rendered a result of 0.192 percent breath alcohol content.

The troop's vehicle sustained no damage but the fish tank was destroyed. The servicemember was then transported to the local KNP station where he was further processed and released to the provost marshal office. He was later released to his unit and subsequently administered a command directed legal breath alcohol test. Investigation continues by traffic accident investigations section.

■ An investigation revealed that a local driver in a commercially-owned truck was attempting to enter a U.S. installation gate when the trailer of the truck got caught on power lines that were strung too low above the entrance to the gate. The power lines, dragged by the still moving truck, raked across the roof of an adjacent building, pulling off shingles from the roof and bending a metal support pole that grounded the power lines. No power or communications problems were reported. The driver was released on his own recognizance.

■ An investigation revealed that a U.S. servicemember was spotted standing on top of Korean taxi adjacent to a U.S. installation gate and refused to get down. Military police at the gate attempted to remove the individual from the roof of the taxi, at which time the troop pushed the military police away and fled the scene on foot.

He was later caught by the MPs but upon apprehension, the servicemember hit one of the MPs on the side of the head with a closed fist. The servicemember was then detained and escorted by the MPs to the local PMO. The servicemember was processed and then released to his unit.

Because of the individual's suspected level of intoxication he was not advised of his legal rights. An investigation continues.

## 175th Finance Command

The high personnel turnover season is almost here and with it the inevitable search for local housing. There is no better time to discuss finance regulations regarding Temporary Lodging Allowance. Finance would also like to highlight initiatives designed to help make paying for housing in Korea more advantageous and convenient for service members.

Finance regulations permit 60 days of TLA without any exceptions to policy. If circumstances warranting an extension beyond 60 days exist, exceptions can be granted by the installation commander via the housing office. Check with local housing offices for local restrictions.

Though servicemembers should make every attempt to find desirable housing as soon as possible, these regulations are in place to ensure that military members are not forced into substandard housing due to rushed decisions and limited availability.

When a servicemember needs to settle the bill for lodging and process TLA, finance will issue payment for the daily room rate directly to the on-post lodging facility, and per diem allowances will be computed and automatically included in the service member's pay.

Expenses beyond the daily room rate,

such as room service and phone charges must be settled by the Soldier upon check out.

Once desirable off-post housing has been decided upon, the proper paperwork must be completed and filed with the housing office. At this point, several decisions must be made regarding rent and utilities payment procedures. The Automatic Rental Collection program offers participating Soldiers to have their rent automatically collected from their monthly pay, and electronically sent to their landlords' bank accounts.

This takes the hassle out of paying rent, which for most servicemembers in Korea would entail cashing a check at the bank, converting dollars to won, and then carrying a sack full of won to the landlord. Contact the housing office for details and enrollment instructions. This program is available for both newly arriving Soldiers and those who are currently in economy housing and wish to take advantage of this system.

Another decision new arrivals will face when filling out their rental agreements and overseas housing paperwork will be how to structure payment of utilities. Many service members in the past elected to structure their leases so that utilities were included in the overall rent. Their leases included a utilities ceiling, which limited monthly utility usage. When this limit is exceeded it is the

servicemember's responsibility to pay the additional cost. When this limit is not reached, the landlord keeps the balance, generally not applying the overpayments to months when usage runs higher. This option benefits the landlord. Advantages to this system are that it is hassle free and that higher utility costs can be incorporated into the overall lease, thus offering better protection for the service member. Ask your housing office for details and for historical utility cost figures.

On the other hand, those who prefer to receive monthly utilities allowances in addition to the Overseas Housing Allowance so that they may pay their own utilities, mark the "utilities paid separately" option when filing out the OHA paperwork.

This method would mean that during low usage periods you pocket the savings, while during high usage periods you would continue to pay for increased usage. The only drawback of this system is that the renter must physically pay utility bills separately from monthly rent.

Commanders and sponsors do their new arrivals a great service by providing them with this information, which will help to ensure them a better quality of life during their tour in Korea. This column and similar columns can be viewed at <http://175fincom.korea.army.mil>, under Press Releases.

## Chu, England discuss new civilian system in open letter

Story by Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A letter signed by Defense Department leaders asks DoD civilian employees to be patient as teams work to make the new National Security Personnel System a reality.

The April 1 letter, signed by Defense Undersecretary for Personnel and Readiness David S.C. Chu and Navy Secretary Gordon England, stresses that DoD sees the new personnel system as a collaborative effort.

The system, passed as part of the fiscal 2004 National Defense Authorization Act, allows DoD to transform the civilian personnel system to make it more agile and responsive.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said the new system would make it easier for the department to make new hires and keep highly skilled employees. It also would allow DoD to move workers to shortage

specialties as national security concerns change, he said.

In the letter Chu and England state, "We are determined to take the time necessary to do the job right." Taking time will allow the department to consult with employees, managers and unions, a DoD spokeswoman said. The Chu and England letter encourages all those interested in the system to present their thoughts, ideas, views and concerns.

The department also is working with other government agencies as it develops the new system. DoD officials are consulting with the Office of Personnel Management, the Office of Management and Budget and the Government Accounting Office as the new system takes shape. It also is taking lessons from the Department of Homeland Security, which built its own personnel system after it was formed last year.

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## NEWS & NOTES

### AFCEA Scholarships

High school seniors majoring in engineering, information technology, computer sciences and other related fields are eligible for five \$1,000 scholarships from the Seoul Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Chapter. Seniors from any Department of Defense Dependent Schools in South Korea are eligible. School counselor offices have application packets, or students may contact Easter Bruce, AFCEA director of scholarships, at 011-9671-0148 or e-mail Bruceev@usfk.korea.army.mil. Scholarship applications and supporting documents are due by noon April 15. Students will be notified by April 20.

### Army Birthday Ball Tickets

This year's Army birthday ball will be June 18 at the Seoul Grand Hyatt Hotel. Tickets are now on sale for \$40 each and are available from command representatives in Korea. Call Maj. Olivia Bierman at 723-8265 or Mai. David McConnell at 723-9040 for information on ticket availability.

### Band Seeks Vocalists

The 8th United States Army Band is looking for vocalists.

#### Performance areas include:

- High-profile command social events
- Classical or popular music with the Concert Band
- Lead vocals in the Pop, Rock and Country Show Band
- Lead vocals while fronting the Jazz Ensemble

#### Qualifications

Soldiers interested must be:

- Private first class through sergeant first class
- Not be a bonus military occupational speciality recipient
- Have six or more months remaining in Korea or be willing to extend
- Look good in uniform and meet height weight standards
- No adverse administrative or Uniform Code of Military Justice actions pending.

For more information or to apply, call Sgt. Maj. David Doyon at 725-7135 or e-mail: doyond@usfk.korea.army.mil.

### Sexual Assault Victims Hotline

The Department of Defense has formed a task force on care for active-duty servicemembers who are victims of sexual assault. Victims may call DSN 312-761-1659 or toll-free 1-800-497-6261 between 10 p.m. and 10 a.m. to report assaults

### ACAP to host Job Fair

Army Career and Alumni Program will host job fairs this month at camps around South Korea.

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| April 21 | Camp Mobile, ACAP Center<br>10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  |
| April 22 | Camp Humphreys, Freedom Inn<br>9 - 11 a.m.<br>Osan Air Base Officer's Club 1 - 4 p.m. |
| April 23 | Camp Henry, Henry's Place<br>12 - 3 p.m.  |
| April 24 | Yongsan, Embassy Club<br>11 a.m. - 3 p.m.   |
| April 25 | Yongsan, Embassy Club<br>11 a.m. - 3 p.m.   |

## Why Korea is becoming the Duty Assignment of Choice



PHOTO BY SGT. ANDREW KOSTERMAN

Construction workers fuse parts of a drain at a barracks modernization project Tuesday at Camp Colner. The five-story, 252-person barracks is scheduled to be completed by July.

## U.S. and Korean sailors help out at Pusan Rehabilitation Center

Story and Photo by Petty Officer  
Second Class David McKee

U.S. Naval Forces Korea Public Affairs Office

**BUSAN, South Korea** – U.S. sailors joined Republic of Korea Sailors in lending a hand at a local rehabilitation center March 17 during a port visit to the port of Busan.

Forty USS Chancellorsville sailors and 40 Republic of Korea sailors spent the afternoon helping prepare working gloves for distribution in the small on-site factory and manufacturing center the Seung-Chung-Jae-Hual-Huan rehabilitation center.

In addition to providing rehabilitation to handicapped children and adults, the facility houses a factory that employs a handful of handicapped workers who help generate revenue for the facility as well as earn a wage.

For two hours, they prepared the manufactured white fabric work gloves by cutting loose strings to prevent

unraveling while they packaged them or when they are used.

“The Navy encourages sailors to take part in community relations projects like this as a way for the sailors to get to know people in the countries whose ports we visit. This is a lot of fun for our sailors especially since we get to work alongside the Korean sailors and get to know them,” said Chancellorsville Chaplain (Lt.) Douglas Vrieland.

Sailors sat in front of machines with hand-shaped flat pieces of aluminum protruding from them, which sailors like Petty Officer 3rd Class Seth Eley slipped the gloves onto before they were flattened and wrapped in plastic.

“I am helping out,” said Eley. “This (community relations) project helps the center and the people who work here by making more products. The more we make, the more we help them.”

The facility produces roughly 1,000 pairs of gloves and a day for sale to stores in the community. In all, the men

and woman from the two navies packaged more than 500 gloves.

After the work was done, everyone was entertained by a troupe of volunteer musicians from the local police station who treated everyone to gospel songs like “Amazing Grace” and “Jesus Loves the Little Children.”

Visits to rehabilitation centers and orphanages are popular community relations projects for sailors who visit ports because they offer them an opportunity to meet and interact with people from another country and a chance to get off the ship and do something productive and rewarding with their time, Navy officials said.

“It’s good for people from our country to meet people from America, because it helps build a better friendship between us, especially when U.S. and Korean sailors come together,” said facility director Yoo Kyung-ok.

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## 19th TSC takes on SecDef's challenge

### 19th Theater Support Command

**Yongsan** — Rising to the safety challenge issued by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, the 19th Theater Support Command recently unveiled its 2004 Safety Campaign.

“Our goal is to reduce our accident rates, ideally to zero, but, as a minimum, to meet and beat the Secretary of Defense’s mandate to reduce accidents by 50 percent over the next two years,” said Maj. Gen. Jeannette K. Edmunds, 19th TSC commander.

“We plan on meeting our goals by raising the education, awards and participation levels in the safety programs across the command, thereby putting safety consciousness at the

front of every action and activity,” she said. “We need to spend more time preventing accidents than we do reviewing them after they occur.”

At the heart of 19th TSC’s Safety Campaign are the following eight key initiatives: issuing safety dots; upgrading the collateral Duty Safety Officer Course; requiring individual safety risk assessments for leave and passes; issuing new safety vests; creating and airing safety commercials on Armed Forces Network-Korea; publishing safety stories in military publications; completing safety surveys; creating Junior Enlisted Safety Councils; and establishing awards for excellence in safety.

“Every person in Team 19 will be wearing a “safety dot”

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## Safety

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on their watch, a tool we borrowed from the aviation community," said Edmunds. The dots are color-coded: yellow dots for junior enlisted Soldiers; green dots for non-commissioned officers; and orange dots for officers and civilians.

While originally intended for wear on watches, Soldiers are already coming up with other unique ways to use the safety dots.

"I have a safety dot on my ID card, and every time I pull out my ID card, I remember about safety," said Pfc. Sonia Alvarado, Support Operations, 19th TSC. She added that some people in the office put dots on their cell phones, which helps them not to talk on the phone while they are driving.

The existing CDSO course is offered to staff sergeants and above from every company. "We are currently upgrading our Collateral Duty Safety Officer Course to make it available on line at all times versus the quarterly training we rely on now," said Edmunds.

Once unit safety officers and noncommissioned officers successfully complete the course, they will be given newly created safety badges to wear on their uniforms at all times, which will highlight the importance of their jobs in their units, she said.

To help make safety a part of the process before going on leave or pass, Soldiers will be required to sign individual safety risk assessments before leaving.

These assessments are designed to help Soldiers understand the risk assessment process and supervisors to provide appropriate safety counseling, said Edmunds.

Team 19 formations will now be a major advertisement for safety. All U.S. Soldiers and Korea Augmentation to the U.S. Army soldiers will receive new reflective vests with their unit's name on the front and "Team 19! Safety" on the back, said Randall Ross, safety and occupational health specialist, 19th TSC.

These new vests will put safety out in constant view, said Edmunds.

The 19th TSC will also be taking its message to the airways. Every 19th TSC command team will appear in 30-second television safety commercials, highlighting a safety subject relevant to each month, said Ross. These commercials are scheduled to air on AFN-K, he said.

On the print side, all 19th TSC members are encouraged to submit safety articles to the 19th TSC Safety Office.

Selected articles will be printed in "Team 19!" Magazine, "Morning Calm Weekly" or "Stars and Stripes," and the writer will receive a Certificate of Achievement, Safety Coin

and a three-day pass, said Ross.

To encourage honest feedback from all Team 19 members, a safety survey has been created and will be conducted anonymously, said Ross. This survey, which contains basic safety questions, is an opening for Soldiers and civilians to identify hazards in their units and bring those issues and concerns forward to be addressed, he said.

To help young Soldiers understand that safety is everyone's responsibility, 19th TSC is creating Junior Enlisted Safety Councils to be held quarterly, and chaired by a command sergeant major, said Ross.

"We will have Junior Enlisted Safety Councils in every battalion to involve our youngest Soldiers in the process of identifying where accidents are likely to occur and developing the prevention measures and training," said Edmunds.

As the previous seven initiatives are implemented throughout Team 19, the command hopes that they will be giving out many awards for safety excellence. The awards include safety streamers, safety watches, safety coins, Army drivers' badges and a quarterly award at the group level for overall best safety record, said Edmunds.

The 19th TSC commander will present safety excellence coins or watches to Soldiers who perform significant acts of or contributions to safety, said Ross.

In fact, Ross has already submitted two Team 19 members for coins. Capt. Matthew M. Ferguson and Sgt. 1st Class Michael J. Horwath, both of the 194th Maintenance Battalion, 23rd Area Support Group, are being nominated for their actions in preventing possible injuries during an operation in Busan, he said.

The unit was attempting to shrink-wrap helicopters for transportation back to the United States when high gusts of wind developed, Ross said. Ferguson and Horwath displayed initiative and ingenuity by moving several large buses to surround the shrink-wrapping station, which blocked off most of the wind, he said.

Their actions not only helped prevent injuries to their team members and damage to equipment, but also helped the unit to successfully complete the mission, Ross said. This is a perfect example of how safety awareness can be integrated into everything Team 19 members do, he said.

"Safety is involved in everything Soldiers do. Safety should always be in the forefront of their minds," said Ross.

The 19th TSC Safety Program has already been effective, Ross said.

## System

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DoD has teams working to define the system now. The DoD spokeswoman said five teams are process, personnel, programs, requirements and communications. A sixth team will serve to draw recommendations from these five together in one package. That proposal is scheduled to be presented to Rumsfeld and other senior leaders some time this month.

Once it's approved in DoD, senior leaders will work with Congress on implementing the system.

Chu and England said in the letter that the system still is being formed. Few details about how the system would work are available, because there is no system yet, officials said. Concepts and proposals will change over time, the two men pointed out in their letter, and they promised the department will do its best to keep employees informed.

Information will be available on the Defense Department website. The new system also has its own website.

# BOSS Soldiers make over bus station

Story, photo by Pfc. Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs Office

**CAMP RED CLOUD** — Volunteers from Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers are working to renovate the Camp Red Cloud bus station.

The project, scheduled to finish today, includes laying new floor tiles, painting the interior and exterior, installing flower planters in the windows, and padding the benches with seat cushions. BOSS members also will add a television, magazine rack and additional bulletin boards to advertise community events.

The driving force behind the project was Command Sgt. Maj. Yolanda Lomax, the senior enlisted advisor for Area I BOSS.

“When I was here in 1995, the bus station looked exactly the same as it did before we started renovations,” Lomax said. “It was time for an update.”

“The majority of Soldiers coming onto CRC have no option but to come through the bus station,” she explained. “It should look more compelling to the Soldiers and civilians seeing it for the first time.”

The project began Monday. While Korean Service Corps workers laid new tiles in the interior room, Lomax and her BOSS volunteers painted the outside of the building.

Pvt. Josef Carver, CRC BOSS council treasurer, was one of the volunteers. He said he came out to work so he could give something back to the community.



Command Sgt. Major Yolanda Lomax (right) and Pvt. Josef Carver paint the Camp Red Cloud bus terminal as part of a volunteer renovation project for the Uijeongbu Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers' program.

“I’m volunteering just to do something to help out everyone. So many people use the bus station,” Carver said. “I think the passengers will enjoy the fact they can sit in comfort and watch a little bit of TV to pass the time while they wait.”

Sgt. 1st Class Randall Drumheller, Battery B, 1st

Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment, uses the bus system frequently and spends a lot of time at the CRC bus station.

“I think it’s about time the bus station got renovated,” Drumheller said. “I was stationed at Camp

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## Arbor day brings Korean, Americans together

### Officials plant ceremonial tree

By Pfc. Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs Office

**UIJEONGBU** — Korean and American dignitaries met Saturday at Kyungmin College to honor Korean National Arbor Day and celebrate Korean-American friendship.

Before a tree-planting ceremony, Col. Jeff Christiansen, Area I commander, spoke to more than 1,000 students about the importance of replanting South Korea’s forests.

“In the last century, South Korea’s forests were devastated by occupation and war,” Christiansen said in his speech. “If you see Korean films from the 1950s, they show a cold, mountainous terrain devoid of forests. When I was assigned to Uijeongbu in 1977, the mountains did not have the kind of rich forest we see today. Today, 70 percent of South Korea’s mountains are covered with

trees. It is a stark contrast with the past.”

“Trees may be the most important and useful plants God has given to earth,” Christiansen said. “They provide us with the oxygen we need to breathe, food for both people and animals, wood that we depend on for our houses, furniture and paper products, and the shade we enjoy on a hot summer day,” he explained.

“The Korean people have made a concerted effort every year to plant trees on Arbor Day, that generations to come will have a richer future,” Christiansen continued. “As the trees have grown tall, strong and proud, so too have the people of the Republic of Korea. Today, in the world community, the Korean people stand as an example of how democracy and liberty have taken root. I am happy and proud to join in this tree planting ceremony with you.”

The school’s choir sang the Korean national anthem and “America the Beautiful.” An address by the school’s

founder and director, Dr. Hong Woo-Jun, followed, after which the guests and audience were treated to a performance by Bob Chae, a renowned Korean tenor.

Afterwards, the official parties gathered outside for a tree-planting ceremony. Christiansen and Lt. Col. Brian Vines, U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud commander, took up shovels and joined Hong and his staff in planting a yew tree. Then, they unveiled a plaque set in a stone at the base of the tree to commemorate the event.

“Any day you can plant new life, even the life of a tree, is a good day,” Christiansen said.

This is the second year that Christiansen and Hong have celebrated Korean National Arbor Day together. Hong came to Camp Red Cloud in April 2003 and planted a tree in front of the Area I headquarters building with Christiansen.

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## Camp Page hosts children

Area I Public Affairs Office

**CAMP PAGE** — In a new community involvement program, members of the Camp Page Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers group spent the afternoon Saturday with nine disadvantaged Korean youth.

The children, ages 8 to 11, are living with grandparents, family members and a local orphanage.

“They were shy at first,” said Master Sgt. Denise Dockett, installation noncommissioned officer in charge, “Eventually, they felt comfortable with the Soldiers.”

Dockett said after a quick welcome and lunch, the Americans discussed an academic lesson plan.

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## NEWS &amp; NOTES

**College Offers Grant**

Peirce College is offering a 'Protect and Serve' grant for servicemembers and servicemembers. This grant offers savings up to \$10,000 on an accredited degree from Peirce College. For more information, visit their Web site at [www.ProtectAndServeUS.com](http://www.ProtectAndServeUS.com).

**Camp Stanley Easter Egg Hunt**

Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers will host an Easter egg hunt for the Isaac House orphanage at the Camp Stanley softball field 2 p.m. Sunday. Cake and ice cream will follow.

**Hip-Hop and Reggae Festival**

Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers is sponsoring a hip-hop and reggae festival at Camp Stanley's Reggie's 9 p.m. April 17. Caribbean-style food will be served, and a live disc jockey will play reggae and hip-hop tunes. A dance contest will be held to crown the dancehall king and queen. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$8 at the door. For more information or to purchase advance tickets, contact unit BOSS representatives or call 732-5366.

**Camp Casey Newcomers Orientation**

The Camp Casey Army Community Service will host its newcomers orientation and tour April 20 and 27. The event will begin at 8:15 a.m. in the ACS classroom in building 2317. For more information, call 730-3032.

**Job Fairs come to Area I**

The Area I Army Community Service will hold a job fair at the Camp Casey USO April 21 from 10 a.m. to noon. Local organizations as well as several contracting vendors will be represented. The job fair is focused on employment and volunteer opportunities for spouses and family members. For more information, call 732-7277. The Area I Army Career Alumni Program will also be holding a job fair at the Camp Mobile ACAP center April 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Five companies will be interviewing applicants for national and international positions. Resumes and appointments are required; contact the Camp Casey ACAP at 730-4033 or the Camp Stanley ACAP at 732-4733 for more information.

**Free Yongsan Concert**

The U.S. Forces Korea public affairs office, community relations division, is offering free tickets for a concert at 7:30 p.m. May 11 at the Seoul Arts Center. The Korean Chamber Ensemble, will perform. Sign up anytime before May 11 at the multigame room information desk at Moyer Recreation Center. For tickets or more information, call Joe Campbell at 723-6367.

**Sexual Assault Victims Hotline**

The Department of Defense has formed a task force on care for active-duty servicemembers who are victims of sexual assault. Victims may call DSN 312-761-1659 or toll-free 1-800-497-6261 between 10 p.m. and 10 a.m. to report assaults.

## Camp Casey area retirees energize council

By Pfc. Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs Office

**CAMPHOVEY** — The Area I Retiree Council met March 25 at the Camp Hovey education center.

"It's our way of communicating with the military to gather support from them, as well as us supporting them," said retired Sgt. 1st Class Kenny Black, Area I retiree council president. "It's a great way to be active in the community."

Black explained that the council is the best way for military retirees to keep the local command informed about issues affecting area retirees, as well as provide support to the retirees on those issues.

The Area I council met for the first time in February, Black said, so their main focus at this meeting was establishing organization structure and expanding membership.

"Membership, to me, means simply supporting the cause and trying to be a part of an organization," Black said. "It's not having to pay dues; there's nothing you have to do. Just be a part of it, be present and help out anyway you can."

Other topics discussed at the meeting were creating a standardized membership form, ways to communicate with local retirees, upcoming events, and which issues are important to local military retirees.

The council decided to create a membership form that

will be mailed to all retirees living in the area. The form will have a place for retirees to list their top concerns, which the council will use to plan meetings and guest speakers.

"It's important to pass information to retirees so they can take care of their families and any issues they may encounter. That's why we want to have the meetings and bring other organizations to those meetings – to give their help and support to the retirees," Black said.

The council agreed to open the meetings to spouses, widows and separated servicemembers as well as military retirees.

"Our focus is not just on retirees; our focus will be on the entire community. We want to offer our support to them, too," Black explained.

The council voted to hold their meetings 6 p.m. the last Friday of each month. The next meeting will be April 30 at the Camp Casey golf course, and Black encourages everyone to attend.

"The other big event that we're having is the Retiree Appreciation Day June 5," Black said.

The appreciation day event will be held all day at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service post exchange parking lot.

"Everyone is welcome to attend," Black said. "The more support we get, the more support we can give back."

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## Camp Page troops prepare for paintball

**Request from Soldier survey pays off**

By David McNally

Area I Public Affairs Office

**CAMPAGE** — U.S. Army officials announced plans to develop a paintball course in response to a Soldier survey.

"We are using equipment from our scrapyard for the participants to use as cover," said Joe Bell, Camp Page installation manager. "We hope to have the course open by Saturday."

Bell explained how he and his staff conducted a survey to garner the top ideas for improving life at Camp Page.

"One of the ideas was to construct a paintball course," Bell said. "It was a doable item, based on the space we have available to us."

The Camp Page Community Activity Center will rent out the equipment and sell the paint balls.

"The only cost is what we paid for the paint guns and protective equipment," Bell said. "The gear will pay for itself."

Community Activities Director Wolodymyr Chyr said they paid about \$4,200 for the equipment and paintballs.

"We will charge a \$15 entry fee, which will cover all gear and 100 rounds of paintballs," Chyr said. "This is based on the Area III pricing structure."

The new course is made up entirely of scrap, like old temporary storage structures, crates and barriers. It is located on an area of the installation known as "14 Acres."

"That's an off-shoot area of Camp Page we use for field exercises," Bell explained.

"We saved about \$3,000 in money



PHOTO BY PAK NAE-SON

Pfc. Charles Kwon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, takes aim with a paintball gun at Camp Page's new course Monday.

we would have had to spend on barriers for the course," said Lt. Col. Brian Vines, commander of U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud. "Because we took the material from our scrap yard, we also saved money we would have had to spend to dispose of it."

The sport of paintball is already a quality of life enhancement in place at Camp Humphreys in Area III.

Last month, seven Camp Page staff members and Soldiers traveled there for a day of safety training.

"Now, our guys can certify participants at our course," Bell said.

"There are close to 50 people here who are anxious to get started," Bell said.

However, Camp Page Soldiers already got started, even without a home course to practice on. They didn't let being two hours northeast of Uijeongbu dampen their urge to compete. A group of Camp Page enthusiasts formed a team and traveled to Camp Humphreys to compete this past weekend.

"They took the competition," Bell said.

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# Support troops pave road to battle

By Pfc. Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs Office

**CAMP RED CLOUD** — The annual Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration exercise ended March 28 after a week of activity throughout South Korea.

During the exercise, the 501st Corps Support Group, Camp Red Cloud, had the mission of providing logistical support to nondivisional U.S. forces in a combat zone, with an additional mission to provide backup support to the 2nd Infantry Division.

“(RSOI) is the integration of units coming from stateside onto the peninsula, moving them forward onto the battlefield and making sure they have all the supplies they may need, such as shower points, water, fuel and food,” said Staff Sgt. Kederick Cooley, intelligence noncommissioned officer in charge for the 501st CSG.

“That’s where we come in,” he said. “Our main mission is to coordinate support and find resources that the units need. We have to know what’s on-hand and be able to call up supplies at a moment’s notice.”

“As units move forward, there are different points where they’re going to stop and get supplies. We’re the hub for Area I, and we make sure that they have everything they need before joining the battle,” Cooley said.

“We basically make sure we get all the beans, bullets and bandages to units when they come into our area on their way to the battlefield,” he explained.

To accomplish this mission, the 501st CSG relies on its 498th Corps Support Battalion, which is comprised of five companies: two maintenance companies, which handle repairs; a transportation company, which moves the supplies; a field service company to provide showers and laundries; and a

quartermaster company to supply water and bulk rations.

“This exercise is a test of our ability to provide support for units going to the front lines,” Cooley said. “It’s also a mock-up of how we would integrate everybody into the theater, and we’re dealing with a joint operation.”

Reserve and National Guard units are activated and brought here to support RSOI to aid in this aspect of the exercise, he explained.

Master Sgt. Valentine Costalez is an Arizona National Guard Soldier who came to Korea for the exercise. He said he realizes the importance of overseas deployment training.

“Here in Korea, our job is to integrate with the 501st. They’re doing their work, so we can learn from them and they from us. This is my seventh year doing RSOI,” he said, “and since I’ve been coming here, I’ve learned a lot.”

“The biggest challenges are understanding how each of the units coming from stateside works, understanding our differences and helping them understand how things work on the peninsula,” Cooley said. “We’re over here 365 days a year, but these units only come here for the exercise.”

“Everything we’re doing for this exercise is a possibility of what could happen in a combat situation,” Cooley said. “As with any great battle plan, it could all fall apart the first day. That’s the beauty of these exercises – they keep us on our toes. Sometimes things go according to plan, and sometimes they don’t. But the 501st CSG is the most forward-deployed group, and we practice this all the time. We’re ready to take the lead.”

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## Red Cross honors volunteer commitment

By Pfc. Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs Office

**CAMP CASEY** — The Camp Casey chapter of the American Red Cross honored its volunteers at an appreciation lunch at Reggie’s March 26.

“Volunteers play a very important role in the community,” said Sandy Chambers, American Red Cross senior station manager for Area I. “Our volunteers have given over 1,000 hours of service this year in the Camp Casey community alone. We really appreciate all they do for us.”

The Red Cross treated its honorees to lunch and recognized local volunteers and organizations for the support they have given. The Camp Casey garrison, Army Community Service and USO all received good neighbor awards for “providing services, equipment and volunteers,” Chambers said. Thirteen individual volunteers were given certificates of appreciation.

One of the volunteers recognized at the luncheon was Kelly Twedell. Twedell said she has been volunteering with the Red Cross since she moved to Camp Casey two years ago, and primarily handles emergency message calls.

“I started volunteering just for something to do, but it’s been very rewarding,” Twedell said. “I’ve gotten to help out Soldiers in the community, as well as family members back in the states when they have messages that need to be passed on,” she said. “It’s been great.”

Chambers pointed out the benefits volunteers get from lending their services.

“They’re learning skills they didn’t have before, building their resumes and getting the satisfaction of being able to give something back to the community,” she said. “Everybody wins with volunteering.”

Chambers encourages others to make the commitment to volunteer.

“We’re always looking for volunteers to teach life-saving skills such as CPR, first aid and life guarding, as well as do administrative work,” she said. “If there’s anyone who is really interested, please call us!”

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## Remote controllers: *Start your engines!*

Story, photos by David McNally

Area I Public Affairs Office

**CAMP RED CLOUD** — Remote control enthusiasts in Warrior Country will soon have a place to gather: BOSS Park.

U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud officials announced the construction of a special racing course, adjacent to the post shoppette.



This remote control electric car costs about \$100 at the Camp Stanley Arts and Crafts Center.

“Based on feedback from Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers,” said William Kapaku, garrison civilian executive assistant, “we decided to invest about \$15,000 in the park.”

There is lighting, and the course is paved; however, Kapaku said they are still finalizing the course. “We hope to have it ready by April 22,” he said.

Spc. Mitchel Huyter, a racer from Camp Essayons, said he’s been involved in remote control racing since he was 13.

“It’s just a childhood hobby that got out of control,” Huyter said. “If you go off the deep end, you can spend \$700 or \$800 on just one remote control vehicle. It’s something to do. I love to drive.”

Huyter said there is a need for a place to race. “There are some places off post,” Huyter said. “But time, and trying to find them are two different things.”

“We’re still developing ideas for competitions,” Kapaku said. “But, we’d like to see tournaments.”

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Spc. Mitchel Huyter, Company B, 102nd Military Intelligence Battalion, operates a remote control vehicle at the soon to be opened Camp Red Cloud BOSS Park.

## Children

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Later, the children joined their sponsors for a creative session at the installation arts and crafts center.

"Overall, the program went well," said BOSS President Spc. John Nolting. "The children learned quickly and gradually overcame their shyness as the day progressed."



PHOTO BY SPC. JOHN NOLTING

*Pfc. Amber Morse, 542nd Medical Company (left) and Choe To-won meet Saturday through a new program at Camp Page.*

Garrison officials hope to make the visits an ongoing weekly project. They said two more children will be added to the group at the next session.

"I will be glad to participate as often as possible," said Pfc. Amber Morse, 542nd Medical Company. "To enhance the program, I think we should offer a variety of activities, to include swimming, music and dance."

The children ended the day with a visit to the Camp Page Bowling Center.

"We had fun with the kids," said Pfc. Nathan Rios, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Area I.

"The kids had comments like, 'We will never forget this,' and 'I will tell all our friends around school,' " said Dockett. "I look forward to spending time with the children again."

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Stanley in 1995, and this bus station is exactly the same as it was back then. In fact, I think these are the exact same seats!" he said.

Drumheller said that of all the changes being made, he is most excited about the TV.

"I always seem to get here right after my bus has left, and I have to wait a whole hour for the next bus to get here," he said. "Right now, the only thing to do is read. Even if the TV is just tuned to CNN, it's something different to do while you sit here."

The customers are not the only ones who appreciate the changes. Park Eun-young is one of the ticketing agents at the bus station. She said that she is excited about the renovations.

"The repainting looks good, and everything is clean and nice," Park said. "I am happy."

"A neat and professional working

environment makes a happier employee," Lomax agreed.

Lomax said she is pleased with the changes they are making, and also that they were able to start the project.

"I'm excited we were able to get support from the garrison commander, along with the assistance we're getting from the BOSS Soldiers in putting this project together," Lomax said.

Lomax explained that with the restrictions on personally-owned vehicles in Area I, most of the Soldiers and civilians in the area take the bus. If they don't have another choice, they should have the best bus service the area can provide, she said.

"I'm hoping that with these renovations, we can improve the quality of life for not only those living in Area I, but also Soldiers and civilians visiting Area I," Lomax said.

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## Band entertains Soldiers and civilians



PHOTO BY PFC. STEPHANIE PEARSON

*Eliot Sloan (left) and Brian Billhimer entertain a crowded Camp Red Cloud Mitchell's March 31. The group toured bases across South Korea singing such hit songs as, "She Likes Me for Me." Sloan is a member of the pop group, Blessed Union of Souls.*

# U.S. and KATUSA Soldiers join forces with local communities for Arbor Day

Story by John A. Nowell

Area II Public Affairs Office

**YONGSAN** — Korean Augmentees to the U.S. Army and Soldiers helped their Korean neighbor's plant trees April 2 and Saturday.

Arbor Day in Korea is celebrated on April 5, however, each city or town may schedule tree planting on a date more convenient to the community. Yongsan-gu Mayor Park Jang-kyu invited Area II Soldiers to join residents of Yongsan-gu in tree planting April 2.

"The Korean Arbor Day Event is a very precious and meaningful event to hand over a green environment to the next generation. In this 59th ROK Arbor Day, this ceremony provides more meaning by exchanging trees with each other between Korea and America," said Park. "I believe this tree planting event makes a fine and beautiful Yongsan and I will do my best to make Yongsan green through U.S Soldiers' cooperation."

To kick off the event Park and Korean members of Yongsan-gu attended a ceremonial tree planting ceremony hosted on Yongsan Garrison South Post by Col. Timothy K. McNulty, commander Area II Support Activity.

"We are planting this tree not only on this U.S installation but also in our hearts to ensure a lasting friendship between our two peoples. I believe that our simple gesture will spawn the growth of even better community relations within Yongsan-gu," said McNulty.

Following the on post event forty service members from Area II joined citizens of Yongsan-gu on Maebong Mountain near the Tower Hotel and helped plant more than 400 trees.

Other tree planting ceremonies were held between Soldiers from Camp Colbern and residents of Hanam City that same day.

On Saturday, Soldiers from K-16, also known as Seoul Air Base, joined residents of Sungnam City to plant trees near the base. Former movie actor, now mayor of Sungnam City, Lee Dae-Yup invited military personnel from K-16 to participate in an annual tree planting program to



PHOTO BY CPL. KIM HEE-JIN

Col. Timothy K. McNulty, commander Area II Support Activity and 34th Support Group, and Yongsan-gu Mayor, Park Jang-kyu participate in an Arbor Day ceremony at Yongsan South Post, April. 2.

reforest a nearby mountain. Residents and visiting Soldiers planted more than 1,300 tree saplings in about one hour.

"Today is a very special day for the Abramowicz family and the Soldiers of 17th Aviation Brigade to be with Mayor Lee and members of Sungnam City, said Col. David Abramowicz,

commander, 17th Aviation Brigade. "Fifty years ago my father was stationed here in Korea in the Munsan area. Seventeen years ago, I served here without my family and I loved being in Korea then. And, today I stand before you with my wife and daughter. This is our home for now

and we enjoy being here."

"This is such a gorgeous day to plant trees and for us in our community planting trees means life. The friendship we share between the United States and Korea is so strong

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## Theaters to play Korean anthem

Story, photo by Cpl. Kim Hee-jin

Area II Public Affairs Office

**YONGSAN** — The Korean national anthem will now be played at all the movie Theaters on post.

Representatives from Gyeonggi Province presented 30 copies of the Republic of Korean national anthem, with English subtitles, on 35mm film to U. S. Forces Korea for showing at all USFK movie theaters in conjunction with the playing of the U.S National Anthem.

The Korea Broadcasting System granted copyright authority to USFK for the reproduction of the films. Gyeonggi Province provided the funding, technical expertise and coordination in support of the Good Neighbor initiative.



Col. Timothy K. McNulty, commander Area II Support Activity and 34th Support Group, hands copies of the Korean national anthem to Paul Stenseth, Army and Air Force Exchange Service general manager, after receiving them from Gyeong-gi Province representative Choi Young-gun.

## NEWS &amp; NOTES

**Black and Gold Ball**

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will host its annual Black and Gold Ball at the Dragon Hill Lodge April 17. College scholarships will be awarded to peninsula-wide high school seniors during the event. The ball is open to all U.S. Forces Korea personnel. Call 738-3037 for reservations and more information.

**Commissary Closures**

The Hannam Village Commissary will be closed April 18 because of formal inventory and will reopen on April 19 and 20. The Yongsan Commissary will be open normal hours April 18, but will be closed April 19 - 20 for its formal inventory.

**Area II Volunteer of the Quarter/Year nomination**

Volunteer of the quarter and year nomination forms are now available. Deadline for applications is Tuesday. Call Faithleen Henderson at 738-7510 for more information.

**Newcomers Orientation**

Newcomers Orientation will be at building 4106, room 118, April 20 - 21. Call Elizabeth Cotton at 738-7186 for more information.

**Scholarships**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Rho Nu Omega Chapter is sponsoring scholarships for Department of Defense Dependent Schools high school seniors. Scholarships awarded based on: application, written essay, transcript and letter of recommendation. Application deadline is Monday. See your guidance counselor for an application packet.

**Health Fair and Fun Run**

A community health fair and five-kilometer fun run will be held 9:30 a.m. April 24. This event will take place on the east parking lot and soccer field by Collier Field House, Yongsan, South Post. For more information, call 738-5171.

**Summer Hire Program**

The Area II Civilian Personnel Advisory Center is accepting applications from eligible teens for the 2004 Summer Hire Program. There are two sessions scheduled for high school students, June 14 - July 10 and July 12 - Aug. 7, and one session for college students that begins May 17. Applications are available at the Seoul American High School, Army Community Service and Area II CPAC. Last day to turn in applications is April 30. For additional information, call 738-3603.

**Area II Staff Chaplain Offices**

The Area II Staff Chaplain's Office and Area II Chaplains Tithes Offerings Fund's Office have relocated to building S3794, near the South Post Chapel. Call 738-4043 for more information.

**Community Fun Fair**

The community fun fair will be held at the Child Development Center building 4280, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., April 17. Fun, game, give-aways and youth performances:

Gymnastics: 11:35 to Noon  
Taekwondo: 12:30 to 1 p.m.  
Ballet: 2 to 2:30 p.m.

The Provost Marshal will conduct bicycle registration. Bikers must wear a helmet and vest. Call 738-5556 for more information.

**Students learn of smoking's dangers**

Story, photo by Pfc. Park Jin-woo

Area II Public Affairs Office

**YONGSAN** — Lung cancer, throat cancer, heart disease, stroke and emphysema are just some of the life-threatening diseases linked with smoking.

The chemical nicotine found in cigarettes and other tobacco products is an addictive drug, which is why it is so hard for people to quit using tobacco once they start. Almost 90 percent of adults who have ever been regular smokers began smoking at or before age 18. Every day more than 3,000 kids become regular smokers.

The children were all amazed and also quite shocked when they looked at a pig in a bag of formaldehyde, which is a preservative used to embalm dead bodies. The children reacted with disgust as they looked at posters and other materials on display.

This was a part of the display at the



Children look at the display showing some of the substances that goes into cigarettes on Kick Butts Day March 30.

Seoul American Middle School courtyard March 30. The display was a part of the annual "Kick Butts" campaign. The theme for this year was "Stand out, speak up and seize control."

On display were various ingredients found in cigarettes such as ammonia, a

poisonous gas and a powerful toilet cleaner; and lighter fluid which contains butane, also an ingredient in cigarettes. Cigarettes also contain fiberglass, an ingredient that is also used to make various products such as

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we are continuously building life.

"When these trees grow they will be very strong and they will symbolize the relationship that we have with Sungnam City and what our U.S. Soldiers have with the Korean people."

"I'm just interested in interacting with the community, said Pfc. Jon Graves, Company D, 58th Aviation Regiment, K-16. "We're citizens of Sungnam like anybody else. We're here to work with our friends and we're here to start new life."

"I volunteered to come out here because I like to plant trees, it's a lot of fun and something to do on a Saturday," said Pvt. Justin Adsitt, Company D, 1st Battalion 52nd Aviation Regiment.

Pvt. Timothy Finnegan, Company C, 1st Battalion 52nd Aviation Regiment said, "If Koreans and Americans work with each other it helps to improve relations."

"It's a great way to interact with our Korean neighbors," said Gloria Abramowicz. "My mother is Japanese and I understand the history between Japan and Korea. I know that during the occupation of Korea, Japan exported timber to Japan. I feel like my daughter and I are helping in a small way to replant the trees that were taken back then."

Kim Jae Chun, in charge of Foreign Capital Invitation for Sungnam City said, "I believe it is good for our Sungnam citizens to get to know the

American Soldiers up close. It helps to better understand Americans."

Andrea Curtis, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 164th Aviation Group personnel specialist has only been in Korea one week and said, "I want to get out and see the community. They sort of volunteered me in that they asked me to come and I said sure."

I planted about six trees and, I'm glad I did. It's just been beautiful. I plan on getting out and doing more volunteer work.

"Korea is beautiful and I can't wait to explore it," added Curtis.

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**DHL to repave north parking lots**

Story by Gina Park

Dragon Hill Lodge

**YONGSAN** — Dragon Hill Lodge will repave its two small parking lots located north the hotel on Thursday. DHL will start clearing the parking lots Monday.

There will be a change in traffic flow for each of the repaving phases.

Drivers are encouraged to abide by the directional signage and drive safely, DHL officials said.

Do not forget that you can also park at the main DHL parking lot in front of the lodge and the parking garage behind the lodge.

For more information, contact Security and Safety at 738-2233. At the next dial tone press extension 6900.



A steam roller compacts the dirt during a repaving of the road in front of the Dragon Hill Lodge.

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- Memorial Hall of Incheon Landing Operation – 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Thursday

For more information, call the Seoul USO office at 02-792-3380

**Royal Asiatic Society Free  
Lecture**

- “For Internalization of the Korean Literature” – 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at The Auditorium of Daewoo Foundation building, eighth floor.

**Royal Asiatic Tour**

- Kyonggi-do Cherry Blossom Tour to Yoido, Kwachan City and Namhan Sansong – 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Saturday
- The Kingdom of Paekche Tour to

Puyo and Kongju – 8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Sunday

- Maisan and Muju Kuchon-dong Valley Tour – April 17 - 18
- Chollipo and Mallipo Arboretum Tour – 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., April 24
- Museum Tour – 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. April 29.

Call 02-763-9483 for more information about Royal Asiatic Society events.

**Entertainment**

- Maksim 2004 concert in Seoul will

be at the Olympic stadium Thursday. For more information call 031-607-3981.

■ An evening with Dream Theater Train of Thought 2004 Seoul Tour will be at the Olympic Stadium April 28. For more information, call 02-3141-3488.

■ Dance of Desire Musical will be at the Dome Art Hall now through April 25. For more information call 02-1544-1555.

■ The Opera Carmen will be held at the Jamsil Stadium May 15 - 19. Call 02-1544-1555 for more information.

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as yarn, fabric, insulators and structural objects or parts. Fiberglass is included in cigarettes in order to cause tiny cuts in a smoker or tobacco chewer's mouth, throat and lungs to ensure faster delivery of nicotine and other chemicals in to the blood stream, health officials said.

Also on display were substances such as satiric acid, benzene and acetone, all of which are found in tobacco products.

The display also showed anti-smoking posters made by the students and three dimensional models of lungs and mouths

to show the hazards of smoking.

“Adults, especially teachers can make a difference in the fight against youth tobacco. Hopefully with this display we can educate youth about the dangers of smoking and tobacco usage,” said Theresia K. Lee, SAMS nurse.

Apart from the displays, sixth-graders gave a presentation to the fifth-graders at the Seoul American Elementary School and presented Kick Butts Day skits. The students also wrote essays as a part of the campaign.

“Do you even know what goes into those things? For every puff you take, you take in rat poison materials, parts of hair dye and rubber cement, ingredients for explosives, rocket fuel and lighter fluids! That is what cigarette makers are giving to you! Don't fall for it; don't give them what they want! When you smoke – the joke is on you,” said Liz Cormack, SAMS student, in her essay.

Robin Hutchins speaks about his grandfather Bob in his essay. “The heart just decided that the world got too painful

to live. It just stopped working. Took too long of a break. Just stopped. Left everyone empty. Empty in their souls. So, don't end up like Grandpa Bob. Don't leave everyone with an empty void only you can fill. Don't smoke, unless you want to die,” said Hutchins.

*(Editor's note: Information about this article can be found at [kickbuttsdays.org](http://kickbuttsdays.org), [standoutspeakup.org](http://standoutspeakup.org) and [tabaccofreakids.org](http://tabaccofreakids.org))*

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## Commentary

# New ID card outsmarts one user

Last year, the Department of Defense decided to make a computer chip identification card a requirement for all Soldiers and civilian employees.

By Oct. 1, 2003, a mandate called for the common access card to be universal; however, the goal was apparently too much.

As the deadline approached, Army officials decided to delay implementation.

The smart card, as it is known, contains an embedded computer chip with 32 kilobytes of memory. Officials said the new card would present a bevy of new security solutions. They said the card would aid entry to secure areas, contain important personal data and slice and dice bread. Okay, they didn't say that last one, but when you think about it, it's possible!

"This will allow users to receive and send digitally encrypted e-mails," said Eddie Griffin, Area I director of

information management. He added the card was not for classified e-mail "The local area network is strictly for unclassified e-mail traffic," he said. The card and reader only ensure a higher level of e-mail security.

The Soldier or civilian inserts the chip card in a reader connected to a networked Army computer and enters a personal identification number.

In Korea, the Army has spent a lot of time and resources to bring the hardware and software to each government computer.

Recently, I traveled to the pass and identification office at Camp Stanley where they issued me a new smart identification card. Trust me, it's a nice looking piece of plastic.

So, new card in hand, I tried to log onto the system.

Now, my experience may totally differ

from yours. But this is my commentary and this is what happened when I inserted my card and entered my PIN.

Unfortunately, the system didn't recognize my new card. Perhaps this was an isolated incident. Maybe it takes a while for the PIN issued to be promulgated across Army computer systems. Maybe I did something wrong.

In my opinion, the need for encrypted e-mail is necessary for some. But, for daily operations, like setting up appointments or basic communication between workers, the need for a digitally signed e-mail seems trivial.

Really, how many Soldiers and civilians transfer this type of information via e-mail on regular basis? It's just not something I've ever had to do, and I send official e-mails every day.

Forgetting a PIN number could be a common problem. Writing down your PIN

could compromise your security. What if a lost wallet or purse contains both the smart card and PIN?

If the card becomes dirty or damaged, or if the computer hardware should fail to recognize the PIN, what procedures are in place?

The smart card is a great invention I'm sure. My only problem is you have to be smart to use it. I'll let you know when I figure it out.

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## Morning Calm Weekly Soundoff: What do you like about being stationed in Korea?



**"Extra money."** — Spc Mark Budinsky, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Infantry Division Artillery, Camp Stanley



**"Different scenery."** — Sgt. Tony Smith, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Hovey



**"I get a lot of flight time"** — Warrant Officer 2 Kristopher Nordyke, Company C, 1st Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment, 17th Aviation Brigade, K-16



**"Shopping and the clubs."** — Pfc. Brooke Brenner, Headquarters and Headquarters Services Company, 532nd Military Intelligence Battalion, Camp Coiner



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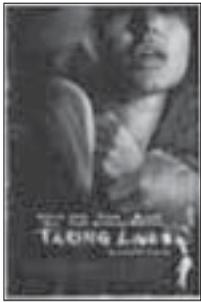
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Location Phone No.	April 9	April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13	April 14	April 15
<b>Casey 730-7354</b>	Win a Date Tad Hamilton	Win a Date Tad Hamilton	Taking Lives	Taking Lives	The Passion of the Christ	The Passion of the Christ	You Got Served
<b>Essayons 732-9008</b>	No Show	My Baby's Daddy	No Show	The Big Bounce	Spartan	No Show	The Perfect Score
<b>Garry Owen 734-2509</b>	No Show	Spartan	The Big Bounce	The Big Bounce	The Perfect Score	No Show	Calendar Girls
<b>Greaves 734-8388</b>	Spartan	The Big Bounce	Spartan	No Show	No Show	The Perfect Score	Calendar Girls
<b>Henry 768-7724</b>	Starsky an Hutch	Spartan	Spartan	The Passion of the Christ	No Show	No Show	No Show
<b>Humphreys 753-7716</b>	The Passion of the Christ	The Passion of the Christ	Taking Lives	Taking Lives	Barbershop 2	You Got Served	You Got Served
<b>Hialeah 763-370</b>	Spartan	Starsky and Hutch	The Perfect Score	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
<b>Hovey 730-5412</b>	You Got Served	Taking Lives	Welcome to Mooseport	The Passion of the Christ	Taking Lives	Welcome to Mooseport	The Passion of the Christ
<b>Howze 734-5689</b>	The Perfect Score	The Perfect Score	The Big Bounce	No Show	No Show	No Show	Taking Lives

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<b>Kunsan 782-4987</b>	Hidalgo	Hidalgo	Barbershop 2	No Show	Calendar Girls	You Got Served	Win a Date Tad Hamilton
<b>Long 721-3407</b>	Welcome to Mooseport	No Show	Along Came Polly	Cold Mountain	No Show	No Show	No Show
<b>Osan 784-4930</b>	The Ladykillers	The Ladykillers	The Ladykillers	Barbershop 2	Barbershop 2	You Got Served	You Got Served
<b>Page 721-5499</b>	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
<b>Red Cloud 732-6620</b>	Taking Lives	The Passion of the Christ	The Passion of the Christ	You Got Served	Win a Date Tad Hamilton	No Show	The Ladykillers
<b>Stanley 732-5565</b>	The Passion of the Christ	You Got Served	You Got Served	Win a Date Tad Hamilton	No Show	The Ladykillers	Win a Date Tad Hamilton
<b>Yongsan I 738-7389</b>	The Ladykillers	The Ladykillers	The Ladykillers	Scooby Doo 2	You Got Served	Win a Date Tad Hamilton	Win a Date Tad Hamilton
<b>Yongsan II 738-7389</b>	Scooby Doo 2	Scooby Doo 2	Scooby Doo 2	Calendar Girls	Calendar Girls	You Got Served	You Got Served
<b>Yongsan III 738-7389</b>	Scooby Doo 2	Scooby Doo 2	Scooby Doo 2	Barbershop 2	Barbershop 2	Barbershop 2	Barbershop 2

## Death row inmate discovers God, changes lives

By Chaplain (Maj.) Mark Zerger

1st Brigade chaplain, 2nd Infantry Division

One of my favorite verses is Romans 1:16. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek (King James Version)."

In the 1920s, in Lubbock, Texas, there lived a man by the name of Clyde Thompson. Thompson was the son of a Baptist preacher. As a boy he refused to go to church with his family. Instead he went hunting on Sunday morning. Clyde grew into a man and drank heavily and gained the reputation as one of the fiercest

bar room brawlers in Lubbock, Texas. Clyde became known as the toughest of the tough.

One day Clyde went hunting and four game rangers trying to enforce the new hunting laws surprised him. Clyde was as good with a gun as he was with his fists. A gun battle occurred and Clyde was wounded into submission but not before he had killed all four of the game rangers.

Clyde was sentenced to die in the electric chair in Huntsville Prison. Clyde killed four more men on death row in hand-to-hand fights. The warden placed Clyde in an isolated room called the tomb. They stripped him and left him there with one hour of light a day. He stood at the

small window and cursed and spit at the guards as they walked by. The entire prison began to call Clyde Thompson the meanest man in Texas.

Clyde was a country boy who loved the great outdoors. The close confines of the isolation cell began to break him down. One day he pleaded for a guard to give him something to read. The guard gave him a Gideons New Testament.

After a few days the guards noticed a change for the positive in Clyde. They let him back on to death row with the other prisoners and within six months Clyde had baptized 18 men.

The warden was so impressed that he petitioned the governor of Texas to change

Clyde's sentence from death to life. Clyde was released into the general population and allowed to serve as the prison chaplain's assistant. After five years Clyde so impressed the parole board with his exemplary behavior that he was paroled to go back to Lubbock. Clyde became the chaplain of the Lubbock country jail where he led thousands of dangerous men from crime to Christ.

The Bible says in John 1:12 that as many as receive Jesus to them are given the power to become children of God. It is my prayer that you will experience the power and peace of Christ in whatever life situation you find yourself in.

### Area I Easter Worship Services

<u>Catholic</u>				<u>Protestant</u>				
Good Friday	3 p.m.	Warrior Chapel	Sunday	9 a.m.	Camp Howze Chapel	Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Camp Kyle Chapel
Sunday	9 a.m.	Warrior Chapel	Sunday	2:30 p.m.	Camp Stanton Chapel	Sunday	6 a.m.	Camp Stanley Softball Field
Thursday	7 p.m.	Camp Stanley Chapel	Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Camp Paige Chapel	Sunday	11 a.m.	Camp Stanley Chapel
Good Friday	7 p.m.	Camp Stanley Chapel	Sunday	11 a.m.	Camp Carryowen Chapel	Sunday	1 p.m.	Camp Stanley Chapel
Saturday	8 p.m.	Camp Stanley Chapel	Sunday			Sunday	6 p.m.	Camp Stanley Reggie's
Sunday	8:15 a.m.	Happy Mt. Chapel	Sunday			Sunday	10:30 a.m.	West Casey Chapel
Sunday	Noon	Stone Chapel	Sunday	7 a.m.	CRC Village Green	Sunday	11 a.m.	Division Memorial
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Camp Hovey Chapel	Sunday	11 a.m.	CRC Chapel	Sunday	10 a.m.	Stone Chapel
Thursday	7 p.m.	Camp Howze Chapel	Sunday	12:30 a.m.	CRC Chapel	Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Happy Mt. Chapel
Good Friday	3 p.m.	Camp Howze Chapel	Good Friday	7 p.m.	Camp Essayons Chapel	Sunday	11 a.m.	Crusader Chapel
Saturday	7 p.m.	Camp Howze Chapel	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Camp Essayons Chapel	Sunday		Camp Hovey Chapel



Referee Timothy Walley holds the flag each side will try to capture during the game.



"Guardrail Rules" shooters conceal themselves during the Area III paintball championship April 3 at the Camp Humphreys course on Beacon Hill.



Spc. Braswell McMean shows off head and chest wounds received in the heat of paintball battle.



Colorful splats surround Senior Airman David W. McNally as he battles during the paintball war at Camp Humphreys.

# Paintball War

Area III hosts colorful conflict on Beacon Hill

Story, photos by Steve Davis

Area III Public Affairs Office

Purple shots to the head and chest may have eliminated Spc. Braswell McMean from the paintball match, but they didn't wipe the smile from his face. He grinned proudly as he showed off his "wounds" Saturday during the Area III Paintball Championship at Beacon Hill on Camp Humphreys. All interested teams were invited.

McMean, a member of the 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion "Guardrail Rules" paintball team, survived the lethal paint splats and returned to action in another match.

The winner of the double-elimination "capture the flag" competition was a 1st Battalion, 2nd Aviation team from Camp Page known as "HBD."

"Guardrail Rules" from Camp Humphreys took second place, followed by the Air Force's 607th Combat Communication Squadron team from Camp Humphreys and the "Noobhunters" from Osan Air Base.

The concept of paintball war is simple, said Jim Hogrebe, the community activities director who established the Area III paintball program.

"Each team begins from a starting point on opposite sides of the course and battles for a flag

placed in the center," said Hogrebe.

Referee Timothy Walley said 10 points are given for each "kill" of an opposing team member. Twenty points are awarded when a team captures the center flag and 30 points were given if the captured flag is taken to the team's starting point.

"It's a lot of fun," said Pfc. Theodore Nelson of the winning Camp Page "HBD" team. It was Nelson's first time playing paintball.

Pfc. Christopher Spenser, also on the "HBD" team, has been participated in paintball competition since 1998.

"This is a very nice course. I particularly like the inflatable paintball barricades and the trees," said Spenser, who said he was used to playing in dense woods back in the U.S.

He said the team's winning strategy was to "keep moving."

"If you stop at one barricade, the other team will target in on you," he said. "You've got to keep moving."

Spenser said paintball competition can help hone military skills like concealment and assault.

"It's great fun," he said. "I just love the adrenaline. Your heart gets pumpin' fast as you run through the woods finding people and shooting at them."

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Paintball warriors attack their opponents during Area III paintball competition.



Jim Hogrebe, center, calculates team scores at the end of competition.





### April Training Schedule

April is Alcohol Awareness Month and the Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month.

In support of these events, Yongsan's Community Counseling Center, Army Community Services and Family Life Center have combined to offer classes at the Yongsan South Post Multipurpose Training Facility each Thursday in April.

Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Training is planned 8-8:50 a.m., Domestic Violence Prevention Training will be 9-9:50 a.m., Suicide Prevention Training will be 10-10:50 a.m. and Stress Management is scheduled 11-11:50 a.m.

### Coaches Needed

Volunteer coaches are needed for youth base swim teams in the Daegu area. Coaches for swim season are needed before the beginning the season starts in May. For more information, call Neil Fletcher at 764-4859.

### Camp Red Cloud Fitness Center offers classes

■ The Camp Red Cloud Fitness Center offers indoor cycling classes 7:30- 8:30 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday. For more information call 732-6309.

■ The Camp Red Cloud Fitness Center offers an aerobic class at 6 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. For more information call 732-6309.

### Arts and Crafts Contest

Entries are being accepted for the 2004 Korea Region Morale, Welfare and Recreation Arts and Crafts Contest.

Competition categories are ceramics, wood, fibers and textiles, glass, meals and jewelry, drawings, prints, water-base painting, oil base painting, and two- and three-dimensional mixed media.

All Korea Region MWR Arts and Crafts Centers are accepting entries.

The deadline for entry is April 30 at the Yongsan Arts and Crafts Center.

### USA Express finales

Today Camp Edwards, Wolverine's Den Club  
Saturday Camp Casey, Warrior's Club

### Earth Day Kick Off Events

Earth Day celebrations kick off April 17 with running events at Installation Management Agency-Korea Region installations. Earth Day is April 22.

Fun runs and walks planned April 17 are:

■ Camp Page: 10-kilometer fun run from the gym. Registration starts 8 a.m.; Run starts 9 a.m.

■ Yongsan: 10-kilometer fun run starts 9:30 a.m. at Collier Field House.

■ Camp Humphreys: 10-kilometer fun run. Registration is 8 a.m. Run starts 9 a.m.

■ Camp Carroll: Five-kilometer run and two-mile walk from the Camp Carroll Fitness Center. Registration is 8 a.m. Run starts 9 a.m.

Log onto <http://ima.korea.army.mil/> for a complete listing of Earth Day events across the Korea Region.

# KATUSA sports bolster Area III competition

Story by Mike Mooney

Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marketing Office

**CAMP HUMPHREYS** — The annual Korean Augmentee to the United States Army Week festivities are just around the corner. And while that means a sudden influx of KATUSA sports events for the rest of Korea, for Area III, it actually means a slow down in KATUSA sports programs.

"Since all the units are involved in KATUSA Week activities, we have to cancel all of our KATUSA volleyball games for the week, explained Area III Sports Director Jim Howell.

"Unlike the rest of Korea, Area III runs an extensive KATUSA sports program. And it's something we've done for the last six years, Howell said."

The KATUSA program was originally created by Gen. Douglas McArthur, United Nations Command Forces commander during the Korean War, and is designed to provide continuity in U.S. Army programs and activities. KATUSAs are actually members of the Republic of Korea Army who perform their military obligation with U.S. units.

"The KATUSAs and the U.S. Soldiers are a team," Howell said, "and because we're a team, we feel it is essential to treat the

KATUSAs the same as we treat the U.S. personnel. We encourage KATUSAs to participate on the company-level teams and in the individual sports. But we're also realistic enough to realize that it's difficult for KATUSAs to compete against Americans in some sports such as softball and basketball."

Howell's answer is KATUSA Leagues followed by all-area and all-star competition that pairs the top U.S. and KATUSA athletes from Camps Humphrey, Long, Eagle and Suwon Air Base.

"Humphreys and Long and Eagle in Wonju have full blown KATUSA leagues," Howell said. "Suwon doesn't have enough KATUSAs for a league."

"For the past six years, we have ended the soccer season with a U.S. vs. KATUSA All-Star Soccer Game – surprisingly won by the Americans four times. In basketball, soccer, volleyball and softball, we hold Area III KATUSA championships. And this year, we're working on a multicultural softball tournament that will put the U.S. and KATUSA Soldiers on the same team for an area-wide tournament."

Area III has roughly 500 KATUSA soldiers – the vast majority stationed and working at Camp Humphreys. Normally, Camp Humphreys KATUSA leagues feature

from seven to 10 teams. One night a week, usually Wednesday, is set aside for KATUSA league action.

In addition to team sports, Howell also encourages KATUSAs to participate in individual sports.

"Basically, we try to offer the complete program to our KATUSAs," he said. "We even include a KATUSA in our athlete of the month program. We work very closely with the ROK Army staff to offer as complete a program as possible and we get the support. No matter what their teams record, KATUSAs show up in mass to support their team."

"I'm very happy to hear that other areas in Korea are starting a KATUSA program. I'm sure theirs will be just as successful as ours if they work it hard and offer a meaningful program. A good program is a very positive morale builder for the entire installation and area and generates a lot of good will and companionship. Many of our KATUSA teams are so well ingrained into their units that they have U.S. coaches helping out. It's a very successful program here, and I'm confident it will be in other areas, too, Howell said."

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# Eggstravaganza aims to please kids

Story by Mike Mooney

Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marketing Office

**CAMP HUMPHREYS** — Area III will celebrate its largest youth festival of the year Saturday with the fourth-annual Eggstravaganza.

Eggstravaganza is a multi-functional festival designed to combine Easter, Month of the Military Child and Area III's own "Salute to Kids," explained Dave Watson, director of community activities.

"Before the start of Eggstravaganza, we had Youth Services doing an egg hunt, and ACS doing its Month of the Military Child activities, said Watson. "They were held at all different times and at different places. So we decided to package them together and create our own 'youth festival' and turn the small things into something big."

And Eggstravaganza has been big since its start.

"I remember feeling like Gen. George Armstrong Custer at the Little Big Horn with our first Eggstravaganza, wondering where all those kids came from," Watson laughed. "And it's been the same every year. Last year, we gave away 500 T-shirts to kids age 10 and below. That's not bad for a non-command sponsored area where we only have 200 command sponsored youngsters age 11 and below and another 200 non-command sponsored children in the same age group. Of course, we also open Eggstravaganza to the children and grandchildren of our loyal Korean employees, and some of them attend, too."

This year's Eggstravaganza starts at 10 a.m. with the 10,000 egg grab.

"Rather than having an Egg Hunt, where kids trample each other in a race to find the eggs, we created three 10-yard 'seas of eggs' on the Soldier's Park football field," Watson said. "We advertise 10,000 stuffed eggs. In reality, that number includes candy, toy, stuffed animals and stationary stuffed eggs, bunny bubbles, plastic egg plates and cups, yo-yo eggs and other toys."

The 10-yard stripes are divided into three age groups: 0-3, 4-6 and 7-10. Kids surround the eggs and once the Easter Bunny signals the start, the kids walk forward and start filling their bags.

"One change we've made this year is not allowing people to bring their own baskets or containers," Watson said. "Last year, we

had several people bring laundry baskets and start scooping up eggs as fast as they could. Some of the kids from Wonju and Suwon got held up in traffic, and by the time they got here, everything was gone.

"So this year, we will supply the bags and limit everyone to one bag per child. Children will receive their bag and their Eggstravaganza T-shirt as they enter the Egg Grab area on the football field. Parents will be allowed to assist children 0-3, but adults and older siblings will be chased out of the area for the older age groups."

Mixed among the stuffed eggs in each age group are "golden eggs." There will be three for each group of youngsters. First prize is worth a \$50 gift certificate from Army and Air Force Exchange Service, with \$25 for second place and \$15 for third.

Since Eggstravaganza is also open to the children and grandchildren of Korean employees, who are not allowed access to the Post Exchange, stuffed animals will be awarded to Korean youngsters who find the golden eggs.

Following the egg grab, the action moves to one of the two Soldier's Park softball fields for the Junior Olympics.

Children stay within their age group and compete in such diverse activities as sack races, relays, egg races, diaper crawls and more. Army Community Service and Youth Services combine to run the Junior Olympics.

The final stop on the day's festivities is the youth festival, held on the second Soldier's Park softball field.

"This is our own version of Korea's Children's Day," Watson said. "We have all the blow up games, the costume characters, Project Identikit with the (military police), the fire department and Sparky the Firedog and retired Sgt. Maj. Chris Vaia with his balloon animals. We also have free food which includes hot dogs, chips and soda prepared by the Christen Men's Ministry.

"That's the great thing about Eggstravaganza, it has become a major community event."

Eggstravaganza will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday if there is rain on Saturday.

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Workers make finishing touches before the April 2 grand opening.



PHOTOS BY STEVE DAVIS

Five-year-old Zahra Hines waits patiently as her ball rolls slowly down the lane.

## 'Strike Zone' opens

Area III Public Affairs Office

**CAMP HUMPHREYS** — The 16-lane, \$3.2 million Strike Zone Bowling Center officially opened here April 2 during a colorful grand opening ceremony.

"Bowling combines types of entertainment these days, and this facility is state-of-the-art," said Bill Garlock, chief of bowling operations for the Installation Management Agency-Korea Region.

Features include:

- Maple and pine lanes.
- AMF pinsetters and Qubica automatic scorers with 42-inch color plasma monitors over each lane.
- Sound and "push and glow" light systems that create a nightclub atmosphere.
- A sales center featuring custom ball drilling.

"This center is the most modern, best looking, most versatile bowling center in the Army. It has all the bells and whistles," said Area III Commander Col. Mike Clay at the grand opening ceremony. "The opening of the Strike Zone is just another step in the creation of the Army best recreational activities centers and joins the Nitewatch, Augusta West miniature golf course and the driving range here at Camp Humphreys."

Clay congratulated the Area III Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the Poong Chan Construction Company for "another excellent job."



Guests load up on finger food during the Strike Zone bowling center grand opening April 2 at Camp Humphreys.

### Strike Zone Hours

Sunday-Thursday: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
 Friday: 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.  
 Saturday: 9 a.m. to 1 a.m.

### Cost

Open bowling: \$2 per game  
 Early bird bowling: \$1 per game  
 Shoes: 75 cents  
 Lane rental: \$8 per hour between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. or \$10 per lane between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m.; includes shoes.

The first balls break the ribbon at the grand opening of the Strike Zone bowling center at Camp Humphreys.



## Healthcare accreditation survey begins soon

Area III Public Affairs Office

**Yongsan** — The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of the 18th Medical Command, which includes the 121st General Hospital and outlying clinics, April 19-23.

The survey will be to evaluate the 18th Medical Command's compliance with nationally established joint commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which, accreditation should be awarded.

Joint commission standards deal with

organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Individuals believing they have pertinent and valid information about such matters may request public information interviews with the joint commission's field representatives at the time of survey. Information presented at the interview will be evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process.

Requests for public information interviews must be made in writing and should be sent to the joint commission at least five working days before the survey begins. Requests must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Requests

should be mailed to:

Division of Accreditation Operations  
 Office of Quality Monitoring  
 Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations  
 One Renaissance Blvd.  
 Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

Requests also may be faxed to 630-792-5636 or e-mailed to [complaint@jcaho.org](mailto:complaint@jcaho.org)

The joint commission will acknowledge requests in writing or by telephone and will inform the 18th Medical Command of requests for interviews. The 18th Medical Command will notify interviewees of the dates, times and places of meetings.

## Police ticket drivers

Area III Public Affairs Office

**CAMP HUMPHREYS** — Military police here have issued 60 tickets since January to drivers for cell phone use while operating a vehicle.

Sgt. Rob Klein, an Area III traffic accident investigator, said the use of cell phones while driving is prohibited.

"This well-aimed policy is not limited to Camp Humphreys and Area III," said Klein. "Using a cell phone while driving is prohibited by U.S. Force Korea regulation 190-1."

Klein said some of the drivers who received citations were not aware that cell phone use was unlawful while driving.

NEWS & NOTES

**'Passion of Christ' Showing**

Freedom Chapel and the Camp Humphreys post theater will sponsor today's 6:30 p.m. showing of "The Passion of Christ." The theater will open 5:30 p.m., followed by a praise and worship service from 5:45-6:05 p.m. The theater will open to the general public 6:05 p.m. Moviegoers will be provided one free drink and one free food item.

**Kid's Time**

Join Kid's Time from 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. April 16 and April 22 at the Camp Humphreys Youth Services Center. Kid's Time includes story reading, crafts, music and a surprise guest appearance. Activities are geared toward children in grades kindergarten -three, but all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. To register, call 753-6252.

**23rd ASG Spring Ball**

The 23rd Area Support Group "Warrior Ethos" Spring Ball will be 5:30 p.m.-midnight April 16 at the Camp Humphreys Community Activities Center. All 23rd ASG Soldiers are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, call 753-7136.

**Retiree Appreciation Day**

Retiree Appreciation Day will be celebrated noon April 24 at the Nitewatch at Camp Humphreys. The event, hosted by the newly formed Area III Retiree Council, will be an opportunity to recognize the contributions of military veterans. Free finger food and door prizes will be offered. Military retirees who plan to attend are encouraged to call Bill Spearman at 753-8401 or A.C. Scott 753-7337.

**Days of Remembrance**

"Days of Remembrance" will be hosted 3 p.m. April 21 at the Camp Humphreys post theater. The event is sponsored by Area III Equal Opportunity to remember those who survived the mass slaughter of European civilians and especially Jews by the Nazis during World War II. The public is invited.

**United Club Scholarships**

The Camp Humphreys United Club will soon award scholarships to Area III high school seniors and continuing education students. Applications are available at the Osan High School guidance counselor's office and the Camp Humphreys Education Center. Submission deadline is April 30.

**Vounteer of the Quarter Nominations**

Nominate a favorite volunteer to be the Area III Volunteer of the Quarter, Volunteer of the Year or Outstanding Youth Volunteer. Nomination forms are available at the Army Community Service, building 311. The deadline for nominations is Monday. For more information, call 753-8294.

**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 is also available at Camps Eagle and Long and Suwon Air Base. Soldiers must see their unit tax advisor before visiting the Tax Center, building 734 on Camp Humphreys. For more information, call 753-3170.

**News & Notes Deadline**

The deadline for submitting items for Area III News & Notes is Friday each week for publication the following Friday.

**Area III Soldiers visit Korean monument**

**Independence Hall explains history of South Korean freedom**

Story, photos by Cpl. Lee Hyun-suk  
Area III Public Affairs Office

**CAMP HUMPHREYS** — Thirty-nine Area III Soldiers got a lesson in Korean history recently when they visited a shrine to freedom in Cheonan City.

The Soldiers, from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Support Activity, Area III, journeyed by bus from Camp Humphreys to Independence Hall in Cheonan.

Founded in 1987, Independence Hall is a cultural landmark that has many exhibits depicting events on South Korea's road to independence.

The unit outing was organized by Sgt. Pak Jong-hui, the unit's senior Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army, or KATUSA, Soldier. The objective of the trip, Pak said, was to strengthen unity and promote bonding within the company between U.S. and KATUSA Soldiers by participating in an educational cultural excursion together.

Pvt. Micah Money, a newcomer to Camp Humphreys who works at the airfield hot refuel point, said he was glad to have learned so much about the country in which he is stationed.

He said American Soldiers often come to South Korea without knowing the history of their host country.

"Trips like this help us understand Korea and its people," said Money.

The trip not only enabled U.S. Soldiers to learn about the history of their duty station; it also educated KATUSA soldiers about their own heritage.

Cpl. Kim Kyung-min, who works with the Area III Directorate of Public Works, said that this trip helped him understand and appreciate the hardships his forefathers endured before gaining independence from the Japanese in 1945. Liberation Day is celebrated on Aug. 15 each year.

Independence Hall exhibits show the sometimes Koreans endured under Japanese colonial rule.

"The exhibits at Independence Hall are evidence that must not be forgotten," Kim said. "Young people need to know that independence comes at a price."

When Soldiers were not viewing exhibits, they paused and relaxed on the benches or spent their energy on Korean traditional games such as the traditional seesaw and horseshoe throw.

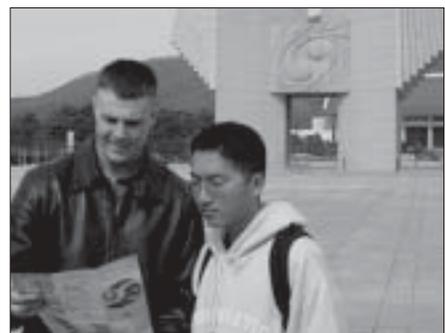
Independence Hall is about an hour drive from Camp Humphreys. Drive south and take exit 37 on the Kyungbu Expressway and follow the signs. It is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is 2,000 won for adults and 1,500 won for groups of more than 30.



Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Support Activity, Area III, emulate the statue at Independence Hall in Cheonan City during their March 19 field trip.



Soldiers enjoy traditional Korean games at Independence Hall in Cheonan City.



Pfc. James Sudbay and Sgt. Oh Jin-hyuk read an exhibit guide at Independence Hall.

**20th century brings change to South Korea, including end of Joseon dynasty**

Area III Public Affairs Office

**CAMP HUMPHREYS** — There are many milestones along the road to South Korean independence. Among the more prominent dates and events are:

- 1905: The Russo-Japanese war resulted in Japanese control of Korea.
- 1907-1910: Period of Japanese colonialization of Korea. Koreans were compelled to drop Korean names and study Japanese history and language. Korea's Joseon dynasty officially ended.
- 1919: The "March 1" movement of Korean students in Japan drafted a

declaration of Korean independence, which was read March 1 at Pagoda Park in Seoul and throughout Korea. Provisional Korean governments formed outside of Korea.

■ 1937- 1942: The "Japanization of Korea" continues. Between hundreds of thousands of Korean workers are conscripted into the Japanese army.

■ 1945: Allied foreign ministers set up an international trusteeship and established a provisional government to direct Korean affairs following Japan's defeat in World War II. Korea recognized Aug. 15 as the official day of liberation.



PHOTOS BY STEVE DAVIS

Humphreys American Elementary School students try on Month of the Military Child T-shirts.

Led by Ashley Alonso Holtorf, left, students recite the Pledge of Allegiance during Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month festivities at the Camp Humphreys Youth Services gym.



## Military kids gear up for 'their' month

Area III Public Affairs Office

**CAMP HUMPHREYS**—Area III's Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month celebration got off to a razzle-dazzle start April 1 at Camp Humphreys.

Students from Humphreys American Elementary School filled the Youth Services gymnasium for a fun-filled hour of skits, poems, songs and inspiration promoted by Army Community Services.

Cynthia Jacobs, acting ACS director, welcomed the students and Col. Mike Clay told them how important they are as members of the military family.

Among festivities that began with the serving of cake were a Home Alone skit that told children what to do if an unknown person visits while parents are away, a poem reading by Mary Juergens and recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by students. The Humphreys Cheerleaders performed. T-shirts were also passed out, along with door prizes.



Joseph Spivey hands out cake.



The Humphreys Cheerleaders perform during Month of the Military Child festivities at Camp Humphreys. April is also Child Abuse Prevention Month.





## 'Original' KATUSA calls it a career

By Pfc. Oh Dong-keun

Area IV Public Affairs Office

**CAMP WALKER** – One of the original 313 Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers retired from the Camp Walker Medical Clinic March 31 after serving with the U.S. military for nearly 50 years.

Yu Young-bong, who was born June 15, 1932, has worked for the U.S. military since 1950, the year the Korean War began. He was born and raised in Euisung, a small town north of Daegu. His family moved to Daegu when he was 13.

"It was August 16, 1950. I was a junior in high school. On my way to school that day, a policeman asked me to go with him," said Yu. That is how his tour with the U.S. Army began at the outset Korean War. He was sent to Mt. Fuji, Japan, for three weeks of basic training, then was assigned as a medic to the U.S. Army 7th Division, 17th Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion Aid Station. He took part in the Incheon landing led by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who is the co-founder of KATUSA program. The famous invasion turned the tide for the allied forces.

"I was involved in quite a few of important battles during the war," said Yu. "For example, the Punch Bowl Hill battle, the Triangle Hill battle, the White Horse Hill battle and the Pork Chop Hill battle."

Yu carries some significant memories from the times of war to this day.

"After Incheon landing and recovering Seoul, my unit headed south to Daegu by train. While at the train station, we were given about 20 minutes to hang around, so I came out on the street, wandering," Yu said. "Then I saw an old woman wandering on the street just like I was. She was my mother, who was wondering where her son went after he disappeared on his way to school. She didn't recognize me at first, but when I took my helmet off, she knew who I was. It was a true gift from God."

"One time, I and another KATUSA medic were carrying an injured American Soldier on a litter," said



PHOTO COURTESY YU YOUNG-BONG

*Yu Young-bong outside a medical aid station during the Korean War.*

Yu. "The other KATUSA asked if we could rest for a while, because he was too tired. But I said 'let's go little farther and rest.' So we moved about 20 more yards when I heard a loud explosion behind us. The place where we would have rested had just been bombed. We barely saved our lives, and the American Soldier on the litter was in tears, thanking us."

After the armistice was signed in July 1953, along with all other KATUSA Soldiers, Yu was sent back to the Republic of Korea Army. He was assigned as an instructor at the Republic of Korea Army Medical School and had a chance to re-enlist as second Lieutenant, but he decided to leave the Army in July 1954. Upon completing his education he worked briefly

at the Korean War Veteran's Hospital before he began work at the 543rd General Dispensary, now known as Camp Walker Medical Clinic, in May 1958.

According to Maj. Tzvi Robbins, former commander of Company D, 168th Medical Battalion (Area Support), Yu worked several different jobs at the clinic. He worked essentially as a nurse's aid, but he was also an expert cast technician, a wound-care technician, and a warts technician.

"He has had a great impact (on the clinic), not just helping with the workload, but boosting the morale," said Robbins. "He's very happy-go-lucky person, and he brightens this whole clinic experience. So when patients come here, they meet a friendly face who takes care of them."

The impact he had on so many people at the clinic as either patients or co-workers, could be seen by the number of people who attended his retirement ceremony March 29 at the clinic, and the remarks made by his many friends and co-workers.

"It's very sad to lose a person like him," said Robbins. "In fact, my chief nurse and I fought to keep him here for the last two years, as long as we could. Mr. Yu has been always friendly, professional, polite, very respectful of people and their privacy, and just a pleasure to work with. I've learned a lot from him, too"

Yu was not just another experienced employee. With his rich working experience of more than 45 years including the battlefield environment, he has been a teacher to all the medics and doctors who have worked at the clinic, Walker Clinic staff said.

"(His presence) was a tremendous, positive influence," said Maj. Jeffery Brooks, physician's assistant and officer in charge of the Camp Walker Clinic. "He has trained so many new medics that came through here, helping all the new doctors that came through here. He helps everybody in this clinic. He is a great inspiration to the medical corps and all nurses and doctors. He has touched so many lives here at the clinic."

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## Area IV Support Activity recognizes kids in April

By Pfc. Oh Dong-keun

Area IV Public Affairs Office

**CAMP HENRY** – Area IV is recognizing Child Abuse Prevention Month and Month of the Military Child in April. A variety of activities are planned throughout the month by the Area IV Family Advocacy Program, Camp Walker Youth Services and other organizations to acknowledge children.

Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Month of the Military Child are recognized together in U.S. Army communities around the world.

In 1982, President Ronald Reagan declared April as Child Abuse Prevention

Month in a presidential proclamation, and in 1986, Secretary of Defense Casper W. Weinberger declared April as Month of the Military Child.

"This community is committed to putting an end to child abuse," said Col. James M. Joyner, commander, Area IV Support Activity, in a proclamation marking the event. "It is for that reason that the Army designates April as child abuse prevention month. Everyone shares responsibility for keeping our children safe from child abuse and neglect. Parents have personal accountability for their children's protection. Command and all community members share with parents the duty

to create a supportive and secure environment for children."

"The Family Advocacy Program is dedicated to providing programs to heighten the awareness of parents and children as well as keeping our children safe," said The Family Advocacy Newsletter for Area IV Commanders, a quarterly newsletter issued by the Area IV Family Advocacy Program.

Some of activities, classes and events slated throughout the month are highlighted below. Some of the activities coordinated by FAP are highlighted below.

■ April 17 – The Camp Hialeah community one-mile family fun run and walk, 9 a.m. The run and walk starts

at the Camp Hialeah Community Activity Center.

■ April 24 – A series of events is planned by the Camp Walker Youth Services. A parade kicks off the day 10 a.m. in front of the Camp Walker Post Exchange. Dance demonstrations, train rides, youth 3-on-3 basketball games and face painting are some of the events to follow.

■ April 29 – Family Advocacy Program training to inform and educate military police personnel in the Camp Carroll community about FAP 1 p.m. at the Community Activity Center, Camp Carroll.

## NEWS &amp; NOTES

**Tax Center Closing**

The Area IV Tax Center will close Thursday. It will be open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday. It is located in building 1805 on Camp Henry. For more information or to make an appointment call Staff Sgt. Derrick Butler at 768-6680.

**Area IV Retiree Council**

The initial meeting to form an Area IV Retiree Council will be 1 p.m. Saturday in the Area IV Support Activity Community Conference Room, building 1211, on Camp Henry. All military retirees who live in Area IV are invited to attend this organizational meeting. For more information, contact Lt. Col. Wilfred Plumley at 768-8021 or Wilfred.Plumley@us.army.mil

**Easter Sunrise Service**

The Camp Walker Community is holding an Easter Sunrise Service 7 a.m. Sunday at the Evergreen Community Club. The speaker will be Chaplain (Col.) Richard Garrison, command chaplain, 19th Theater Support Command. Special music will be provided by "Men of Trinity" and the Camp Walker Multicultural Gospel Choir. Breakfast will be provided.

**Earth Day Run and Walk**

The Camp Carroll Fitness Center is hosting the Army Earth Day Five-Kilometer Run and Two-Mile Walk April 17. Registrations begin 8 a.m. and the race begins 9 a.m. There are prizes to the top three finishers in each event. No watches are allowed. Runners must guess their times. For more information, call Chuck Harper, environmental coordinator, at 765-7478.

**Holocaust Victims Commemoration**

Area IV, the 20th Support Group and the 168th Medical Battalion are sponsoring a day of remembrance for victims of the holocaust 11:30 a.m. April 19 at Evergreen Community Club, Camp Walker. The guest speaker will be Lt. Col. Brett Oxman, U.S. Forces Korea deputy command chaplain. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Sharon Bryant at 768-8972.

**Boxing Coaches Needed**

Taegu Sports and Fitness is looking for boxing coaches. For more information, call Darryl Chandler at 764-4225.

**Enlisted Dining-In**

The inaugural Area IV Support Activity Enlisted Dining-In will be held 6 p.m. May 27 at the Daegu Grand Hotel. For more information, call Command Sgt. Maj. Tony Moore at 768-8700.

**Extended Shoppette Hours**

Shoppettes at Camps Walker, Carroll and Hialeah will have extended hours through May 31. The hours are 7 a.m.-11 p.m. daily.

**Food Safety and Security Awareness Campaign**

The Camp Carroll Commissary will be participating in the second Food Safety and Security Awareness Campaign during April. A tabletop display will be set up in front of the commissary. Security and sanitation brochures and handouts will be provided by the U.S. Army Veterinary Command. The U.S. Army medical food inspector will be answering food safety, security and sanitation questions 11 a.m. April 17 and 24. For more information, call Eun Sim at 765-8978 or eun.sim@deca.mil.

**Soldiers wash out 'agents' in exercise**

Story, photo by Pfc. Hwang Kyoo-won  
19th TSC Public Affairs Office

**CAMP HENRY** — The 61st Chemical Company, 23rd Chemical Battalion, conducted a combined chemical decontamination exercise with the Republic of Korea Army March 22-24 in Busan, Jinhae, and Kimhae as part of the recent Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration Exercise.

The 23rd Chemical Battalion is organized into a Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment and five decontamination companies. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Platoons from the 61st Chemical Company participated in the exercise.

March 22, 1st Platoon, 61st Chemical Company, the Navy 3rd Fleet Divisional Headquarters, and the 53rd ROK Port Group were the first chemical detachments to work as a team. The exercise took place in the ROK Port Operation Group, Busan.

During wartime, both the U.S. and ROK armies have to be in accordance with each other, and it's important to act as one. "The purpose of this exercise is to ensure that the skills of the soldiers, both U.S. and ROK army, are to standard," said 2nd Lt. Shawn Tillman, platoon leader, 1st Platoon, 61st Chemical Company.

The content of the decontamination training is pretty much the same, but some of the details may vary. First, when use of chemical weapons is suspected, the decontamination vehicles analyze the area for chemical and biological contamination. If the vehicles sense contamination, they drop a mark indicating that the area has been contaminated. Then,

Soldiers analyze the area for more specific information in a full Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear, said 1st Lt. William Hart, executive officer of the 61st Chemical Company

"The U.S. Army decontaminates the contaminated area with their M12, decontamination vehicle, and the ROK army uses their decontamination equipment to decontaminate the vehicles," said Cpl. Park, Jong-gook, Navy 3rd Fleet Divisional Headquarters Chemical Detachment.

After all the analyzing is done, Soldiers decontaminate the areas marked using decontamination apparatus. To finish the whole exercise, the apparatus and all the soldiers who were at the contamination site have to get decontaminated as well. The decontamination vehicles make a final check of the area to make sure that everything has been decontaminated.

"The mission of the 23rd Chemical Battalion is to decontaminate the ROK



Soldiers from the Republic of Korea Army's 39th Division Chemical Detachment spray down the area with decontaminating apparatus at Pier 11 in Jinhae.

army's supply warehouses when they are contaminated. It's important to have combined exercises, because we have to work together when we are needed," said Kim.

The second decontamination exercise took place March 23 in Jinhae at the ROK Navy Base Pier 11. The process was similar to the training from the day before, but it included a decontamination of a building. This time it was 2nd Platoon, 61st Chemical Company, the 39th Division Chemical Detachment, and the Chinhae Navy Base Divisional Headquarters Chemical Detachment who worked together.

As the U.S. Soldiers worked with the ROK army, they learned the different ways each service conducts decontamination. "The ROK army still has soldiers on

the bumper of the decontamination vehicles to spray chemicals, whereas the U.S. Army decontamination vehicles have a sprayer in front of the vehicles. We used to have Soldiers on the bumpers too, but for safety reasons, we replaced them with sprayers," said Hart.

"This is my second time working with the U.S. Army. There are some differences in the decontamination vehicles between the U.S. Army and the ROK army, but there isn't much difference in the way they conduct their trainings," said Cpl. Choi Young-tak, 1st Platoon, 61st Chemical Company.

The third combined exercise took place March 24 on the ROK air base, Kimhae. This time, 3rd Platoon, 61st Chemical Company, worked with ROK army. In this exercise not only did they decontaminate the ground, but also an airplane. The Soldiers first sprayed chemicals on the plane, then scrubbed the plane and washed it down to finish the operation.

"A decontamination operation should take about 45 minutes of spraying and another 45 minutes to get everything cleaned," said Hart. "The hardest part in a decontamination operation is to minimize time. It means getting your MOPP gear on and mixing chemicals."

According to Hart, the type of contamination depends on what kind of contamination it is. The contamination could be chemical or biological, and it is important to analyze the area first carefully, so that the soldiers know what they are dealing with, he said.

Chemical weapons are very dangerous and maybe the most threatening weapons in war. "So we have to respond quickly to reduce any damages or casualties," said Hart.

Since the U.S. and ROK armies are different, they plan this exercise very carefully so they can work as an effective team. "For this RSOI combined exercise, we had planned this two months ago," said Lt. Col. William Barnett, battalion commander of the 23rd Chemical Battalion. "For normal training, we would spend only six hours getting ready prior the exercise, but for this we wanted everything to be perfect."

"We have meetings and briefings with all three sides, and about one week before the real exercise we perform rehearsals to finalize for the RSOI exercise," he said. "We may have had some different views on different things, but through all the briefings and meetings, we came down to an agreement and now we work like an Army of One."

Working as a team is key to a decontamination exercise. In this case, both U.S. and ROK soldiers worked together to finish the exercise successfully.

"I had fun working with the U.S. Army, and I think we should have more combined exercises over the year," said Choi

**"I had fun working with the U.S. Army and I think we should have more combined exercises."** – Cpl. Choi Young-tak

# LSA provides amenities to thousands during RSOI

Story by Spc. Lynn Weiland

111th Press Camp Headquarters

**Camp Henry** — Camps Henry and Walker were the home-away-from-home destinations for 3,000 service members who traveled from various parts of Korea and the United States for the Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration exercise March 21-28.

“Every Soldier wants a roof over their head. If they don’t have a roof and a bed to sleep in, then they’re not happy,” said Staff Sgt. Joel Bean of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 734th Transportation Battalion, Nebraska Army National Guard.

Upon arrival, Life Support Area personnel assigned individual sleeping arrangements and helped the new arrivals become acclimated to their new surroundings.

“Our mission is to provide the best life support for anyone who is passing through or staying at Camp Henry,” said Sgt. 1st Class Myrna Fullard, life support non-commissioned officer in charge.

She explained that the term “life support” covers things like sleeping arrangements, bus schedules and



PHOTO BY PFC. KIM TAEK-HYUN

*A Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration participant in-processes upon arriving at the Life Support Area at Camp Henry.*

times and locations of meals in an organized and uniform way.

“One of my goals is to ensure that all of the areas have all of the information and everything that they need for the people staying here to be comfortable,” Fullard said.

“Keeping the locations of bulletin boards and signs featuring all of these schedules at Camp Henry and Camp Walker uniform is important at the different locations so people

can go from one location to the other and find what they need quickly and with little stress,” she said.

The mission of the LSA is a continuous process beginning two months in advance, Fullard said. The process continues on after the exercise until mid-July as everything is taken down and cleaned to begin preparing for the next exercise, Ulchi Focus Lens.

Fullard said one of the biggest

differences between normal working days and RSOI is that during the exercise long lines of people begin arriving at many different times, and they all need a bed to sleep in.

“One of our biggest challenges has been having more people show up than what was originally slotted for,” she said. “Sergeant Major Davis assisted me with this situation. He stayed at Camp Walker, and I stayed at Camp Henry. This way we had a primary contact person at both locations.”

The role that the LSA provides is critical to this and any operation. Everyone needs food, shelter, water and comfort every day in life and because these needs are taken care of, everyone participating in RSOI can focus on their missions at hand.

“We want to do our mission as effectively as possible to avoid anyone coming into Area IV and being inconvenienced,” Fullard said. “People’s first impression is their last impression, and if everyone is treated in a timely and courteous manner they will remember this (Camps Walker and Henry) as being the best and want to return here in the future.”

# KATUSA

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“I am proud of myself that I can teach the young medics, whether they are KATUSAs or American Soldiers, with my knowledge from the experiences I have,” Yu said.

His exceptional hospitality impacted many lives at the clinic, especially the Soldiers who had just arrived in Korea for their first time, clinic members said.

“On my first night in Korea, when I didn’t know much about the area, he took me and my family out for a dinner,” said Maj. Pete Kubas, chief nurse at the clinic. “That left me a great impression of him and the country. I will always remember him for that.”

“I’ve known him since I took command in July 2002. In fact he was one of the first people that greeted me when I came through the clinic on one of my visits,” said Lt. Col. Ronald E. Smith, 168th Medical Battalion (Area Support) commander. “He’s absolutely a selfless servant and an incredibly loyal servant to the community, to the U.S. Army. He has been a model for our young medics and taught them the proper way to be a health-care provider. The fact that we are losing him



PHOTO BY PFC. OH DONG-KEUN

*Yu Young-bong treats a patient at the Camp Walker Medical Clinic. In 45 years at the clinic, Yu never missed a day of work.*

caused me a deep sadness because he has really been a prominent member of this clinic.

He has affected so many people so deeply. He’s become a part of the pulse of the quality patient care that we provide, and that whole family that we have here at Camp Walker.”

According to Yu, he can’t help

having such a positive outlook because he is thankful for just being alive, surviving the war. He brought his buoyant attitude to work with him for 45 years without ever missing a day.

“I am the luckiest and the happiest man in the world,” said Yu. “I have two sons, two daughters and eight grandchildren. I am still

healthy and still working. Over the years I have worked here I always did my best to be a responsible person and I believe keeping myself busy at work and being able to work with young Soldiers are the reasons that I am still healthy and that I feel young. I am planning on coming back as a volunteer because that is the only way I can stay healthy. I will be here until my last day on Earth.”

Over his 48-year career with U.S. Army, Yu has received the Combat Medical Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, United Nations Ribbon, Order of Military Medical Merit, Achievement Medal of Civilian Service, Certificate of Achievement from the 8th U.S. Army commander, Certificate of Achievement from the president of Korean War Veteran’s Association, Certificates of Achievement from two former Republic of Korea presidents Kim Young-sam and Kim Dae-joong, and was inducted as an honorary member of the U.S. Army Medical Department Regiment by the surgeon general and other accolades.

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