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Myers: U.S. capabilities remain robust in Korea

Story by Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The decision to send a combat brigade from the Republic of Korea to Iraq “makes sense,” said the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff before the House Armed Services Committee May 21.

Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers said the 2nd Brigade of the 2nd Infantry Division will deploy from Camp Casey to Iraq in mid-summer. Some 3,600 troops will spend up to a year in Iraq. There has been no decision on whether the troops will redeploy to Korea following their service in the Middle East.

“We think this decision makes sense,” Myers said. “We need those forces in Iraq, and we will

still have sufficient capability in Korea to meet our commitments to the alliance there.”

The chairman said that all U.S. moves in Korea are centered around U.S. global basing posture. He said that in some cases, American forces are in the same positions they were when the cease-fire agreement was signed in 1953.

Part of the decision is to consolidate U.S. troops and reduce the global footprint of U.S. forces, he said. But part of it is to give more responsibility to the ROK armed forces. Korea has 23 active, 11 reserve and seven homeland divisions. “These forces are well-trained, generally well-equipped, well-motivated and we’ve been passing various tasks to them,” he said.

Even when the brigade deploys to Iraq, the

United States will still maintain a “very robust presence to counter any threat from North Korea,” Myers said. The United States has committed to \$13 billion worth of enhancements to U.S. forces committed to the peninsula.

The enhancements – mostly in new anti-missile technologies, Stryker battalion rotations and command and control improvements – will “make our forces even more robust to handle the threat,” he noted.

When the brigade deploys, the 2nd Infantry Division will still have an infantry brigade, the division artillery, division aviation assets and most of the division support command assets, Army officials said.

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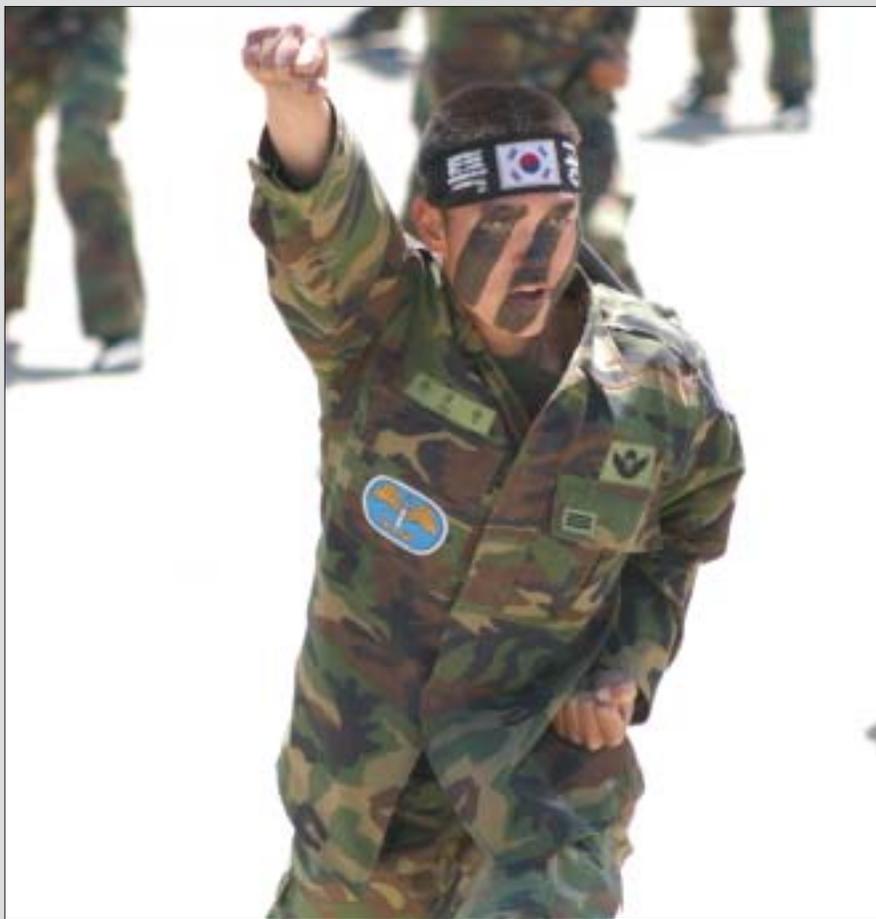


PHOTO BY GALEN PUTNAM

Cpl. Lee Jin-hyung, 201st Special Forces Brigade, 2nd Republic of Korea Army, demonstrates martial arts movements Saturday during opening ceremonies of the Third Annual Armed Forces Day Open House at the Camp Walker Airfield. See Page 25 for story and photos.

Dad follows in son's footsteps

Story by Galen Putnam
Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP HIALEAH — A Pusan American School fifth-grader recently received accolades for winning a youth art competition and, not to be outdone, his father went on to win an art competition as well.

Stevie O’Leary, 10, is a soccer nut. He just paints in his spare time to relax. Despite his casual approach to art, he recently was named a regional winner in the 2004 Boys and Girls Clubs of America Fine Arts Exhibit in the watercolor category. His winning entry portrayed, natch, a soccer game.

“I tried the painting two times and when it was how I wanted it, I submitted it to the art show,” said Stevie whose specialty is watercolors.

After winning at the Camp Hialeah Child and Youth Services Art Show, Stevie’s entry was forwarded to the 2004 Boys and Girls Clubs of America Fine Arts Exhibit, a national competition.

“It feels pretty good (to win) because I didn’t think it (the entry) was that good,” he said. “But after people saw it and liked it I felt good about myself as an artist.”

Stevie isn’t the only O’Leary feeling good about his artwork. His dad, Paul, just received word that he won the 2004

Korea Region Morale, Welfare and Recreation Arts and Crafts Contest for his pencil drawing entry of a Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

“It is kind of a kick to win. I like to draw so I figured ‘why not enter it in the contest,’ ” Paul said. “Once I finish something, boom, I move on to the next project so when I found out I had won it made me feel pretty good. I think I walked around all day with a smile on my face.”

“It is satisfying to know how talented our youth are and to have their abilities validated like this,” said Truda Araujo-Roper, Camp Hialeah Child and Youth Program coordinator. “We have had others advance to the national level in the past so it goes to show that this is no fluke.”

“I like to help my dad with his art, he likes to draw,” Stevie said. “It’s something we can do together.”

Working, and winning, together can help build strong family bonds. So can diplomacy.

“As a mother and wife, I’m very excited,” said Sue O’Leary, Camp Hialeah installation volunteer coordinator. “They are both very talented but I don’t think I should say which one is better.”

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MP Blotter

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

■ A male U.S. servicemember unlawfully entered the room of two female servicemembers and attempted to urinate in their sink. One of the females then attempted to escort the male service member out of the room at which time he struck her on the left side of her head and arm with a closed fist. The offender was apprehended and transported to the troop medical clinic where he was administered a command directed legal breath alcohol test. The troop later reported to the military police station where he was advised of his legal rights, which he waived rendering a sworn statement admitting to striking the female, but added that he does not remember attempting to urinate in the sink or exposing himself to in their room. The troop was released to his unit. Investigation continues by Military Police Investigation.

■ A U.S. servicemember operating a government vehicle was unable to control her approach while pulling up to an installation fuel pump, striking a pole located near the pump. The damage sustained to the vehicle consisted of scratches, dents and paint transfer to the left rear quarter panel. The troop was escorted to the installation Provost Marshal Office where she rendered a sworn written statement admitting to the above offense. She was processed and released her unit.

Courts-Martial

United States v. Mensch

On May 14, a military judge sitting as a general court-martial tried a Soldier from the Religious Retreat Center, Korea Region. Pursuant to his plea of guilty, Pvt. Joshua A. Mensch was found guilty of aggravated assault in violation of Article 128, Uniform Code of Military Justice, when he stabbed another Soldier in the abdomen with a three-inch knife in Itaewon in February. The military judge sentenced Mensch to be reduced to E-1, a Bad Conduct Discharge and confinement for 42 months.

The case must now go to the convening authority for review and action. The convening authority can never increase the punishment adjudged by the court. Before taking action, the convening authority receives legal advice, reviews the case and considers matters submitted by the accused and his counsel. Neither the findings nor the sentence is final until the conveying authority takes action.

Commentary

Volunteer looks back at time spent

By Linus Lee
Morning Calm Weekly volunteer

When I first started working at the Area II Public Affairs Office, the newspaper was known as the Seoul Word. I was a sophomore in high school and it was second semester. Now I am a senior graduating in two weeks.

The first task was getting an interview with Joseph Campbell, then the command information officer. He asked basic questions, such as "What grade are you in?", "Have you even written for the newspaper?", "Can you speak Korean?"

His demeanor wasn't of a drill sergeant; he seemed calm, yet he still followed military ethics.

After meeting Campbell, I met Sgt. Jonathan Del Marcus. He had his own ways of teaching. He was somewhat of a perfectionist and often I needed to give him visual explanations.

He taught me a lot on photo editing and the dos and don'ts on military newspaper. After Marcus left, there was Sgt. Carmen Burgess, a typical southern-belle girl. Like making kimchi, everyone has his own style, and Burgess was very different from Marcus, she was less stubborn and picky.

I can't forget about the Korean Augmentation to the United States Army Soldiers: Sgt. Han Yoo-koo, Sgt. Lee Sang-hyub and Sgt. Choi Sung-yun whom are all discharged from the Army.

Those I work with now are Sgt. Kim Hee-jin, Pfc. Park Jin-woo and Pvt. Park Young-gu.

Without them, the workplace would be absolutely dull and insipid.

As a career working experience student, I have worked with several students, David Matthews, Josiah Colombo, Shirley Chase, Ashley Sherrell and Alex Choi. All of us worked hard, but filling out those weekly time sheets annoyed us all and those online tests and book work weren't necessary.

Working at the Morning Calm was exciting at times and boring at times. There were always ups and downs. I have worked here from January 2002 to June 2004, and it was a great experience.

Someday I may plan on becoming a photojournalist, since I've had the privilege on being one at the high school level.

I worked several stories, most of them relating with the school. Topics ranged from sports to school events to Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps. I also contributed articles that related to base events such as the BiRite food fair and religious retreats.

I want to thank John Nowell, the Area II Public Affairs officer, Campbell, all the KATUSAs, my parents for giving me permission to volunteer, Keith Henson, Seoul American High School principal and the Morning Calm editor for allowing me to write this commentary.

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Morning Calm Weekly Soundoff:
Where is the best place in Korea to visit?



"Soraksan" — Pfc. Joo Y. K., Korea Region, Yongsan



"Dragon Valley. It's a ski resort about 100 miles east of Seoul" — Sgt. 1st Class Jeffery Snuggs, 304th Signal Company, Yongsan



"Daegu because it just looks nice." — Sgt. Roshandra Davis, 702nd Maintenance Support Battalion, Camp Nimble



"I like Lotte World in Seoul." — Spc. Johnny Lopez, 2nd Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, Camp Casey

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NEWS & NOTES

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
- Meet height and 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

Inspector General Assistance Visit

The 8th U.S. Army Inspector General Office will be conducting its quarterly visit to installations that do not have IG offices. The purpose of the visits is to provide assistance to Soldiers with IG questions.

Tuesday 10-11:30 a.m. Camp Jackson Chapel
Wednesday 10-11:30 a.m. K-16 Installation Office
Thursday 10-11:30 a.m. Camp Bonifas Sanctuary Club
June 11 10-11:30 a.m. Yongin multipurpose room, Building S-10

DA recruiter team coming to Korea

The Department of the Army Recruiter Team is looking to recruit sergeants through sergeants 1st class for recruiting duty. The team will brief noncommissioned officers on the benefits, challenges and qualifications of being a recruiter. Personal interviews will be after the briefing to determine qualifications. NCOs are encouraged to attend the briefing in their area. Career counselors are asked to attend the briefing in order to get the latest information.

June 14 2 p.m.
Camp Henry, 20th Area Support Group conference room
Camp Casey movie theater
Camp Hovey movie theater
June 15 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Yongsan Moyer Community Activity Services Center
Camp Gary Owen Saber Club
June 16 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Camp Humphreys movie theater
Camp Red Cloud movie theater
June 17 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Yongsan Moyer Community Activity Services Center
Camp Stanley movie theater
June 18 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Yongsan Moyer Community Activity Services Center
Camp Greaves movie theater

Seoul International Photo Show

Yongsan camera club members are planning a visit to the Seoul International Photo and Imaging Industry Show 10 a.m. Saturday at the COEX Center. The event is open to everyone, but people must sign up for free tickets at the Yongsan Arts and Crafts Center, building 4253. Call 738-4650 or 738-5465 for more information. The arts and crafts center is open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Remains of U.S. servicemen found in North Korea

Department of Defense

WASHINGTON — Nineteen sets of remains believed to be those of American soldiers missing in action from the Korean War were recovered by two teams of U.S. specialists and were scheduled to be repatriated to U.S. control at Yongsan Thursday.

The joint remains recovery work is the result of negotiations with North Korea led by the Defense Department's POW/Missing Personnel Office. The remains will be returned overland across the demilitarized zone for the first time since 1999. Jerry D. Jennings, who led the negotiations with North Korea, was the ranking Department of Defense official participating in the repatriation.

A joint team operating near the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea recovered 12 sets of remains believed to be those of U.S. Army soldiers from the 7th Infantry Division who fought against Chinese forces from November-December 1950. Approximately 1,000 Americans are estimated to have been lost in battles of the Chosin campaign.

Additionally, a second team recovered seven sets of remains in Unsan County, about 60 miles north of Pyongyang. This area was the site of battles between communist forces and the U.S. Army's 1st Cavalry and 25th Infantry Divisions in November 1950.

The 28-person U.S. contingent was composed primarily of specialists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, where the remains will be flown to begin the forensic identification process.

Since 1996, 28 individual joint operations have been conducted in North Korea, during which more than 200 sets of remains believed to be those of U.S. soldiers have been recovered. Of the 88,000 U.S. servicemembers missing in action from all conflicts, more than 8,100 are from the Korean War.

For additional information about POW/MIA recoveries, visit <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo>, or call the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office at (703) 699-1169.

Change in regulation requires new password for all Army Knowledge Online accounts

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Patricia Johnson
8th Personnel Command

YONGSAN — As of March 13 Army Knowledge Online is requiring users to update their passwords in order to comply with Army Regulation 25-2.

The regulation requires that passwords be at least 10 characters long and contain at least two of each of the following:

- uppercase letters
- lowercase letters and numbers
- special characters

AKO will be requiring users to bring their passwords into compliance by forcing them to update their passwords when they log in to the portal.

Since AKO does not have visibility on users' passwords, AKO has no way of knowing if a user's password already complies with the regulation. All users will be required to change their password over the next several weeks. Users will also be required to select their three secret questions and answers at this time.

Under this new process, users will select three secret questions and supply the answers to those questions. These question-answer sets will be stored securely on AKO's servers.

When a user has forgotten his password and must reset it, the user will select the "Forgot your Password?" link on the "AKO Help" Channel on the AKO splash page.

At that point, the user may elect to use one of the two original processes by having their password e-mailed to their registration e-mail address.

Alternatively, the user may elect to answer the three secret questions. If all three questions are answered correctly, the user will be forced through the password and account information update process. After the user has updated their password, he/she may login normally.

Over time, all users will be required to set their three secret questions during the normal password update process. Users will designate their three secret questions and answers in one of two ways:

- Option 1:
- Login to the portal.
 - Go to "My Account" on the left side of the portal.
 - Go to the "Change Lost Password Questions" channel in the Personalization Console.
 - Select three questions and provide your answers.
- Option 2:
- Before logging into the portal. Select "Forgot your Password?" in the "AKO Help" Channel on the AKO splash page.
 - Follow instructions for "Option 3". Users are only given three opportunities to provide the correct answers to all questions during future logins. There is a limit of three attempts to access an account using the "AKO Lost Password Feature." On the third unsuccessful attempt the user must contact the help desk. Answers are case-sensitive. Contact the AKO help desk for more information or help.

Why Korea is the Duty Assignment of Choice



PHOTO BY GALEN PUTNAM
Lt. Col. Michael Pelletier, commander, 607th Support Squadron, at Daegu (K-2) Air Base discusses improvements to the base with Spc. Richard Gooding, a reporter from AFN-Daegu, following a groundbreaking ceremony May 12. The ceremony marked the start of construction on a 3,750 square-foot building to be used by unit security forces and Air Force Office of Special Investigations special agents.

Promotion board convenes earlier for senior NCOs

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs

Army News Service

WASHINGTON – The sergeant first class promotion board will be held three months earlier than scheduled, and selected noncommissioned officers will start pinning on rank in February 2005, officials said.

The promotion board was first scheduled for February, but was changed to November. The master sergeant promotion board will be held one month earlier in September instead of the originally scheduled start of October.

Convening the boards ahead of schedule ensures the Army has the right number of Soldiers in these ranks as it fights the Global War on Terrorism, said officials from the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, G1.

The fiscal year 2003 sergeant first class board selected enough NCOs to meet the promotion needs for a 19-month period.

“However, the current list will be exhausted earlier than anticipated, and if we don’t react it will cause a drop in readiness,” said Sgt. Maj. Gerald Purcell, the Directorate Military Personnel Policy, G1 sergeant major.

Soldiers should go to the Human Resources Command Web site at www.hrc.army.mil to make sure their official military file is accurate, said Master Sgt. Fred Liggett, the G1 personnel policy integrator.

“Soldiers shouldn’t wait for the military personnel message to come out,”

Liggett said. “Most Soldiers know that they are in the zone. They can go online and check photos, awards and evaluation reports.”

The deadline to update information for noncommissioned officers who are in the zone for promotion to master sergeant is Aug. 20. The deadline for those eligible for promotion to sergeant first class will be announced in a MILPER message tentatively scheduled for release in July.

The Enlisted Record and Evaluation Center will notify all Soldiers eligible for promotion consideration through their Army Knowledge Online e-mail account.

Current Army policy requires Soldiers being considered for either master sergeant or sergeant first class be graduates of the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course or the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course respectively. However, Headquarters department of the Army waivers will be given for those who are unable to complete the requisite course because Human Resources Command has not scheduled them to attend school or because of a deployment, officials said.

The waivers will be issued from HRC, Purcell said, and Soldiers don’t need to take any action.

Purcell emphasized the waivers allow Soldiers to be considered for promotion, but does not waive attendance at Noncommissioned Officer Education System schools. The requirement to complete and graduate from the course is still there, he said.

175th: Start off in Korea right

Story by Sidney Keyes

175th Finance Command

Starting off a tour in Korea on the right foot may help smooth out bumps that could possibly be encountered during a one-year overseas tour. The 175th Finance Command is committed to ensuring Soldiers receive timely and accurate pay, but in doing so; it needs help from the Soldiers it supports.

Upon arrival in Korea, Soldiers must immediately attend their respective area finance in-processing briefing. During the briefing, Soldiers must complete a Department of Defense Form 1351-2, travel voucher, in order to be paid their PCS travel entitlements. These entitlements may include: per diem, mileage, dislocation allowance and temporary lodging expense.

Soldiers are required to bring a copy of the following as it applies to them: leave form, PCS orders, TDY Orders, lodging receipts for TLE and TDY and any receipts for reimbursable items over \$75.

For Soldiers who reside on post, in-processing through finance is finished upon completion of the in-processing brief.

Servicemembers authorized to reside in economy housing will have housing

costs paid by either a combination of family separation housing and overseas housing allowance or basic allowance for housing and OHA depending on their situation. Regardless of the method used, the intent is to cover the cost of housing, provided the servicemember stays within the established housing rent ceilings.

Soldiers are required to seek housing through their local housing division. After an apartment is found off-post, TLA documents, as well as all lease agreements drafted by housing and the realtor, will be sent to finance to initiate Overseas Housing Allowance.

All servicemembers assigned to Korea are entitled to special pay and allowances that may differ based on duty location and status.

The Cost of Living Allowance is a tax-free allowance paid to servicemembers stationed in high-cost areas. All servicemembers in Korea are authorized COLA which is based on locality, rank, the number of command-sponsored dependents located in Korea, living quarters and the exchange rate.

For more information on finances, contact a local finance office or visit the finance website at <http://175fincom.korea.army.mil>.

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Camp Stanley troops get 'smoked'

Story, photos by Pfc. Stephanie Pearson
Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP STANLEY — Six hundred Soldiers from Camp Stanley's division artillery regiments packed the gym early May 21 morning to watch and participate in the DIVARTY tae kwon do "smoker."

"A smoker is where units hold amateur sporting events such as boxing or, in this case, tae kwon do," said Sgt. 1st Class Neil Prince, DIVARTY installation tasking noncommissioned officer. "The purpose of having one is to build morale and cohesion among the units within the DIVARTY, to give everyone a chance to get to know each other, and basically to give us a chance to take a load off because we are constantly training."

"The best part was actually seeing everybody get together," agreed Sgt. Wesley Hart, Battery C, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment supply sergeant. "The more time that we have to spend together in a recreational environment, the more camaraderie and esprit de corps we build up."

The 2nd Infantry Division Tae Kwon Do team kicked off the event with a demonstration of its many skills, which included forms, self-defense, acrobatics, and breaking wood and marble slabs with various body parts.

After the team finished, the first competition, colored-belt semifinals, began. Soldiers from each of the battalions squared off against each other while their fellow Soldiers cheered them on from the bleachers.

Next came the black-belt semifinals, after which the Soldiers were released for lunch. Soldiers were treated to a barbecue by the staff of the DIVARTY dining facility, which provided and cooked all the food.

After lunch, the Poomse competition began. Poomse is a competition where teams of six or more participants move through various tae kwon do forms

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Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment cheer for their buddies at the tae kwon do smoker May 21.



The 2nd Infantry Division Tae kwon do Team wows the audience with a high-kick board break.



A member of 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment sets up his punch (left) and lets go, breaking 22 of 25 tiles in the tile-break competition.



Pvt. Kim M.H., 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment (left) and Sgt. Jung J.H., 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery, face off in the black-belt flyweight championship competition May 21.



Members of the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment compete in the Poomse competition, a competition where teams are judged based on precision and synchronization as they demonstrate various tae kwon do forms.

NEWS & NOTES

Government Purchase Cards

Government purchase card stand-down training will be 8:30 a.m. - noon June 8 at the Camp Red Cloud theater. All directors, supervisors, cardholders and approving officials are required to attend.

Post Allowance Decrease

The post allowance rate for Korea decreased from 10 percent to 5 percent May 16. Civilian employees receiving post allowance should see a decrease in their paychecks June 10. No action needs to be taken by employees for the decrease to take effect.

Post Office Closures

The Camp Stanley and Camp Howze military post offices will be closed June 3-4 for the 509th Postal Support Battalion change of command. The Camp Casey Post Office will be closed noon - 5 p.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 4. All other post offices will remain open.

Army Community Service Closure

All Area I Army Community Service offices will be closed June 10. They will re-open June 11.

Sports Health Day

The Camp Red Cloud garrison will hold Sports and Health Day at the CRC pavilion June 4. The all-day event will feature unit team sports competition such as volleyball, choku (kick volleyball) soccer and softball.

'e-ArmyU' comes to Warrior Country

The Korean Region Office has expanded the 'e-ArmyU' program with no laptop option throughout Area I. For more information about eligibility and enrollment, contact post education centers.

Memorial Day Block Party

The 122nd Signal Battalion will host a community Memorial Day block party in front of the Camp Red Cloud gym 1 p.m. Saturday. There will be disc jockeys and a live band, and the 122nd Signal Battalion will be selling food. The block party will be followed by a Morale, Welfare and Recreation outdoor concert featuring R&B artists Avant, Kandi and My Nickname at 8 p.m.

Camp Casey Exchange Closure

The Camp Casey post exchange and Bookmark will be closed June 7. They will re-open for business June 8.

Red Cross Orientation

The Camp Casey Red Cross is looking for volunteers. They will hold a volunteer orientation 9 a.m. June 12 in the Army Community Service classroom. For registration or more information, call 730-3184.

Camp Casey Sandwich Shop

A new "build your own sandwich shop" has opened in the Camp Casey Warrior's Club. Customers build their own sandwiches by choosing the bread, cheese, meat and toppings.

Memorial Day Pool Party

The Camp Stanley Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers, in conjunction with the Defense Commissary Agency, will host a pool party and commissary tour 1 p.m. - 7 p.m. Sunday. There will be drawings for merchandise prizes and shopping sprees at the commissary, and a swimwear contest, swim races and a dance contest at the swimming pool. The BOSS council and Reggie's will sell barbecue and beverages.

MPs get "FIT" during challenge

Story, photo by Sgt. Min Kyung-nam
8th Army Military Police

CAMP CASEY — Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 8th Military Police Brigade from Yongsan Garrison headed to Camp Casey for three days of competition, camaraderie and physical challenges May 3-5.

Fifty Soldiers competed in the "FIT" challenge as part of a two-week series program created by Capt. Heather Stone, Headquarters and Headquarters Company commander. Stone created the three-day field training exercise to begin the series and give her Soldiers a chance to step away for their garrison duties and get down and dirty.

"The concept was just to create a two week training event focusing on the company's overall fitness: spiritual, mental and physical," she said. "It was also to give the sections some time to get out of the office, compete against each other and bond a little more as a company."

The FTX was conducted at a team level, with five teams competing. Soldiers were grouped according to their section and competed in six mentally and physically grueling events.

"The FTX tested us on how well we could perform under pressure," said Pfc. Shawn Geddes, Headquarters and Headquarters Company administration clerk.

During the first day of the event,

Soldiers prepared for the challenge by studying subjects such as first aid, OE-254 antenna set-up, weapon disassembly and assembly, vehicle camouflage, and company-specific mission essential tasks.

Throughout the day, each team brainstormed its strategies for winning each event. By nightfall, the battle was on as Soldiers were put to the test in their first event, a pugil stick competition.

After a night of rest, the teams started the next day with an eight-mile road march. Stations were set up along the route to test their military knowledge in subjects such as Army Training Evaluation Program and Mission Essential Task Listing, High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle pushing, camouflaging and first aid. Three different obstacle courses, a one-and-a-half-mile litter carry, and setting up an OE-254 antenna along the way tested each Soldier to new heights.

"I'm still having a hard time walking because of the fast pace and rough ground when we did the road march," said Pfc. Choi Seung-ho, Headquarters and Headquarters Company administration clerk. "However, it was fun and a great experience."

The competition ended with a weapons relay, where teams assembled and disassembled an M-9 pistol, M-4 carbine and M-249 Squad Automatic Weapon. The challenge incorporated the brigade fitness program to give Soldiers a chance to compete in the "Iron Watchdog" challenge, a brigade-level fitness competition.

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Capt. Steven Gavin, Long Range Plans, carefully climbs over the top of the obstacle course wall during the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 8th Military Police Brigade "FIT" challenge at Camp Casey May 3-5.

MP regimental Sgt. Maj. visits Warriors

Story, photo by Pfc. Stephanie Pearson
Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP CASEY — The military police regimental sergeant major visited Soldiers from the 2nd Military Police Company at Camp Casey's Warrior's Club May 20.

"I wanted to visit all the MPs to see what they're doing, see what they need and see what we can do back at the home of the military police regiment to improve the state of the military police here," said Sgt. Maj. James Barrett.

Barrett talked to the Soldiers for about an hour and a half about issues affecting the corps, what is being done to fix those issues and the future of the MP corps in general. He also talked about his role as regimental sergeant major.

"We're going to talk a little bit about what we're doing at the home of the military police corps regiment, Fort Leonard Wood, for you out here," he told the group of 80 MPs. "What we're supposed to do is provide doctrine, manpower and equipment. The way the MP corps is going to look 10 years from now is decided at Fort Leonard Wood, so what I'm supposed to do is represent you in that whole process."

"Every single thing we do should be centered and focused around you, and what you need," he added, "and if I'm not doing that, then they need to find someone who will."

Barrett said that in his two and a half years as regimental sergeant major, the greatest thing he's done is getting out and traveling around.

"I've seen our Soldiers, and brought their needs and concerns back to the home of the MP regiment, and worked



Military Police Regimental Sgt. Maj. James Barrett addresses troops from the 2nd Military Police Company. Barrett was assigned to the 2nd Military Police Company in 1985-86.

hard to fix the stuff that can be fixed," he said.

The best way to do that is by talking with the Soldiers face-to-face, Barrett said.

"You can't find out what they need without doing that," he said. "My most important role as regimental sergeant major is to find out what our young Soldiers need to better accomplish their mission, whether in a garrison or combat support environment. My job is to speak for the Soldiers."

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Program offers help for smokers

Story, photo by David McNally

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP CASEY — Thirteen warriors interested in kicking the tobacco habit gathered for a smoking cessation class May 14 at the Camp Casey Health Clinic.

"I'm from California," said Pfc. Robert Haynes, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment. "In California, smoking is nearly unheard of now. No one I know back home smokes."

Haynes said smoking is against the law in many buildings and restaurants in his home state. When he joined the Army 18 months ago, he was not a smoker.

"It was tough getting into the swing of things," Haynes said. "I think people pick up smoking as a chance to get away. Because if you smoke and say, 'I've got to take a smoke break,' nobody ever says no. But, if you don't smoke and say, 'I want to take a break,' they send you back to work."

Haynes soon found himself with a pack-a-day habit. Now, as he prepares to return home for leave, he said he wants to give up smoking.

"I don't want to go home and say, 'Hold on, I want to have a cigarette,' and everybody is looking at me saying, 'Why would you want to do that?'"

Smoking cessation classes are part of an Army-wide program to aid Soldiers interested in becoming tobacco free. The training is only part of the package. Army clinics also offer medical treatments.

Through products like nicotine patches and chewing gum, and even oral medication, Warrior Country health officials said they feel they offer a viable path to quit smoking.

"In Warrior Country, I estimate we have a 62-percent success rate among the smokers who have responded to our surveys," said Kenneth Cobb, the health promotion coordinator for Warrior Country.

Cobb offers the two-hour class weekly at Camps Casey and Red Cloud. He travels to teach the class in the Western Corridor when units or individuals request it.

"What is it the tobacco industry doesn't tell you about tobacco?" asked the Soldiers. "What they don't tell you is just by virtue of giving up tobacco you will avoid the single leading cause of death."

Cobb reminded the Soldiers they only get one body in this life, and we should treat it well.

"You don't want to lose your health and independence," Cobb told them. "To be successful at giving up tobacco,

you're going to have to reach inside of yourself."

Cobb's class highlighted the medical facts about the effects of tobacco on the human body. He also emphasized the challenges of changing human behavior.

"I know everyone here is going to stop their tobacco habit, because it's the right thing to do," Cobb told the Soldiers. "Everybody in this room can be successful."

"Nobody's going to be over you to threaten you to stay away from tobacco," Cobb said. "But, if you can

give up tobacco, you can't help but feel good about yourself."

Haynes said he feels confident he can quit. He said he planned to set a quit date, take the oral medication, and stop smoking.

"It would be great if I didn't ever want a cigarette again," Haynes said. "The Army offers this, and I don't have to pay anything. Why not take advantage of the program?"

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Kenneth Cobb, the health promotion coordinator for Warrior Country, presents the case for quitting tobacco to a group of Soldiers at the Camp Casey Health Clinic May 14.

Warrior almost tricked by scam

Story by David McNally

Area I Public Affairs Office

INCHEON — The jumbo jet touches down after a long journey. Many of the passengers onboard are U.S. military personnel returning to or arriving to serve in South Korea. What they might encounter as they leave the airport could depend on luck and sharp wits.

"Delivery guys pose as taxi drivers and watch for Soldiers and airmen walking out of customs," said U.S. Air Force Maj. Eric Grelson, commander of Detachment 1, 607th Weather Squadron. "There are probably a lot of Soldiers and airmen who lose money."

Grelson had returned from his midtour leave in the United States, and was searching for a ride to his quarters at Camp Red Cloud. He said he was aggressively hounded by a taxi driver.

"He was wearing an Air Force hat," Grelson said. "It looked legitimate."

Grelson said the driver's vehicle was a van, painted to resemble an Army and Air Force Exchange Service taxi. He said it had U.S. Air Force plates and rate display hardware.

"Fortunately, I knew the rate from Incheon to Camp Red Cloud," Grelson said. "But, they tried to charge double the AAFES rate."

The matter is all the more confusing because AAFES operates a legitimate taxi service from the Incheon International Airport.

"I previously received complaints and these matters were investigated," said Song Chae-sin, Osan Air Base AAFES general manager. "The result of the investigation was that several bluish color vans, similar in color to an AAFES taxi, were initially licensed as delivery service vehicles."

Song said there are more than 100 similar vans

conducting this type of illegal business at the Incheon International Airport. He said by painting the vans to resemble AAFES taxis, they take customers from the AAFES concessionaire by pretending they are AAFES taxi drivers.

"The Army and Air Force Exchange Service does not have authority over those drivers," Song said. "To prevent similar incidents in the future, all incoming customers must be trained on the proper use of the AAFES taxi service."

The only authorized AAFES taxi location is to the far right of the airport lower level. Officials said customers need to stay to the right as they exit the customs area. When they exit the airport, the AAFES taxi stand is visible across the road.

Grelson said he had previously paid \$55 for a legitimate ride from Incheon to CRC, but this taxi driver tried to charge him \$90.

"He said if I paid him \$55 before we left the airport, he would take me," Grelson said. "I gave him the money, but he started to disappear to find more customers."

Grelson said he asked for his money back from the illegal driver, who then insisted Grelson pay 20,000 Korean won for the airport toll.

"I reached a point where I was so exhausted, I just went with him," Grelson said. "But, I refused to pay anything but the actual toll fare. I didn't lose any money."

Grelson said his advice to anyone returning through Incheon International Airport is to go straight to the AAFES taxi stand.

"That way you'll know what you're getting is legitimate, and not a scam artist," Grelson said.

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Memorial Day safety tips

Area I Public Affairs Office

On Monday, U.S. Forces Korea personnel will observe Memorial Day. This is a day set aside to honor the men and women who gave their lives in defense of their country.

This holiday also marks the end of a four-day weekend and the beginning of the summer season. The summer months are a time of travel, vacations and outdoor activities. Many of these activities could involve risks that may not always be recognized, some of which are preventable.

Servicemembers, civilians and family members can avoid accidents and injury by practicing the following safety measures:

Be aware. Learn the risks involved in activities such as swimming, camping, hiking, cycling and other outdoor sports. Always let someone know where you will be, and make sure you have a buddy with you at all times.

Drive safely. Drivers must operate vehicles at speeds safe for road conditions, and should never exceed the speed limits. Drivers must never drive under the influence of alcohol or medication that might impair judgement. All vehicle occupants should wear safety belts.

Protect yourself. Wear proper safety equipment when operating mopeds, motorcycles and bicycles. Familiarize yourself with protective equipment associated with outdoor sports and make sure you utilize it properly.

Act responsibly. By taking the proper safety measures, avoiding confrontations and using the buddy system, this holiday can be safe and enjoyable for everyone.

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in unison and are judged based on their precision and synchronization.

"It's all about timing," said Sgt. 1st Class Randall Drumheller, C Battery, 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment platoon sergeant and member of the winning team. "You have to make it look good."

Next came the tile-break competition, a crowd favorite. Each member of the four six-man teams took turns punching a stack of 25 tiles to see how many they could break with one hit. The audience cheered as tiles went flying.

The day ended with the colored- and black-belt championship fights.

"The sparring was the most fun to watch," said Hart. "The shows were cool, but the actual fighting was the best."

Prince said the event was a success, and it was a fun way to bring the units together.

"It gives the Soldiers a chance to do something different and boost morale," he said. "It also shows them that their leaders care about the morale and welfare of the Soldiers, considering that a lot of them are away from home for the first time."

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"It provided the company with the opportunity to test on Iron Watchdog events," Stone said.

Overall, the event received positive comments from all that took part.

"They spoke on how the course was overall challenging, and one Soldier commented on how the event

fostered unity and pride within the staff sections," Stone said.

She hopes to see a lot of new "Iron Watchdogs" after the unit wide PT test next week.

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Barrett's visit to Camp Stanley was just one stop in his week-long tour of Korea.

"I've been all over the entire 2nd Infantry Division area," he said. "Everywhere we have MPs, I've been there."

Barrett said he wants to impress upon the Soldiers that what they do for the nation is very important, and without them, "we could not do what our Army asks us to do every single day."

"I'm proud of all these MP Soldiers, and the Soldiers that support them, because they're doing a good job," he said.

"I was stationed here in the 2nd Military Police Company back in 1985 and '86," he added. "It was great back then, and it's still great. Our Soldiers are dedicated to their mission here, just like they are all over the world. They do a great job."

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The beat goes on...

PHOTO BY MANJUL CHAPS

A Uijeongbu City traditional dance and drum company opened the ceremonies at the Asian-Pacific heritage appreciation celebration May 22 on the CRC commissary parking lot for Soldiers, civilians and their families. The CRC commissary hosted the traveling produce road show with participation from Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers, Overseas Car Sales, United Service Organizations, CRC garrison, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and the Arts and Crafts center. Vendors donated the food and soda, which was served free to the participants.



Mr. SAHS gathers Yongsan community for entertainment

Story by Jennifer Anderson

Area II Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — The moment everyone had been waiting for arrived. The white envelope was passed to host and hostess Jake Abramowitz and Jatuan Moore as the audience watched their every move, anticipating the following moments. “This year’s Mr. SAHS is... Alvin Wilkins! Congratulations!”

On the evening of May 14, Yongsan community members gathered to watch the annual Mr. SAHS pageant. The two hour show, as with tradition, hosted by the Seoul American High School seniors, attracted a diverse crowd.

Before the show even began, the awaiting audience held high expectations for the show. “I’ve heard about this show for a long time and I am looking forward to seeing the show,” said sophomore Lorianne Petrassi.

The contestants appeared with sashes stating their title and in their respective uniforms, and one by one were introduced by their escorts. The contestants then showed off their grace and coordination, or lack there of, while performing a dance and lip sync routine choreographed by Mr. Cheerleading Min Cho’s escort, senior Lindsey Mustion, to the song “It’s Raining Men.”

The first chance to get to know the contestants better was the casual wear portion, which accounted for 10 percent of the score. The hosts announced the



Mr. Cross Country senior Boyd Hirata poses during the swimsuit competition of the sixth annual Mr. SAHS pageant May 14 at the Seoul American High School auditorium.

future aspirations of the contestants. Many dreams were shared including careers in the military, as a pilot, a four star general, a member of the U. S. Special Forces, or other occupations, such as becoming a graphic artist or a children’s book illustrator or doctors and engineers.

The next section, which made up 10 percent of the score, the contestants flaunted their beach wear while the hosts shared the contestants’ favorite sports and cartoons. A variety of interests were shared among the contestants, from kendo to football, and Dexter’s Laboratory to the Ninja Turtles.

The contestants performed various

talents, which was 35 percent of their score. Cho performed a duet with Wilkins about two sportscasters reporting on a young determined gymnast. Mr. Art, senior Jesse Thompson played “Freestyle Blues” on his harmonica. A tae kwon do demonstration was done by Mr. Soccer, senior Andrew Kim, with the help of his escort, senior Monica Padua. Mr. Cross Country, senior Boyd Hirata, danced the hula with his escort, senior Angela Novak, and made a written dedication to his parents, “I love you mom and dad!”

After the talent performed by Mr. Senior, Herald Oertwig, a tribal mating dance, Abramowitz joked to hostess

Moore, “I’ll let you translate that one.” Moore responded, “Simply stated, Oertwig said, ‘I am a fool. A fool I am.’”

The interview portion, which was 25 percent of the score, was conducted by questions being selected at random by each contestant from the Mr. SAHS crown. The question senior Oertwig drew was, “What do you think is your best quality?” Oertwig replied, “I believe my best quality is never being down...I get happy when I see people smile. That’s what life’s about.”

Mr. Principal’s Choice, senior Ezra Taimanglo’s question was a little less traditional. He was asked to answer what he would do if he discovered a pimple in the middle of his face on the night of a big date. Taimanglo responded with ease, “I’m comfortable with myself and who I am. I would just show it off and let the world take it.”

The remaining 20 percent of the score came from the evening wear portion. The contestants and their escorts dressed up in suits and gowns and walked down the stage. Abramowitz and Moore described the perfect date in the words of the contestants. Some pairs provided comical illustrations of the beginning of their big night out.

The Mr. SAHS competition was not only a success because of the contestants but also because of its supporting crews, such as the lighting,

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USO teaches Cross-Cultural School for Korean spouses

Story, Photo by Pvt. Park Yung Kwi

Area II Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — In spring and fall, United Service Organizations provides a program for couples of cross-cultural marriages to learn about the differences in two cultures and lifestyles.

The cross-cultural school is normally scheduled for two weeks. The first session of the program this year was held May 10 – 21 at the Seoul USO at Camp Kim.

It provides an opportunity for those who plan to immigrate or study in America and teaches more than 20 subjects that are practical and essential for their daily living in the states as well.

All the instructors are volunteers from the local area who have many years of experiences in living in the states.

Some of the instructors are spouses of cross-cultural marriages. The course topics include U.S military lifestyle, American holidays and customs, money management in

America, American food and cooking and other topics that might help Korean spouses to blend into a new culture.

“I think it is an excellent idea. I think the newly married spouses will have an opportunity to learn a lot of things about culture which they haven’t experienced before,” said Marvin E. Sanders, program manager of the Seoul USO and cooking instructor.

“There are so many good things you learn about: SOFA status and different cooking styles. But on top of all that, you have some comradery.

“Ladies come in being strangers to one another; by the time they leave, they are like sisters. Because they are learning all things about American culture, they are also developing friendships among their groups,” said Sanders.

The program is free to family members of the U.S. Forces Korea military or DoD civilian spouses, but the admission fee for others is \$60. This program has been continued for more than 20 years, but the title was recently



Students of the cross-cultural school learn how to make lasagna during the cooking class

changed from The Bride School to The Cross-Cultural School.

Hyunju Bixler, a student of the Cross-Cultural School, said, “The program has more appeal to us because of the instructors we have. Most instructors are cross-cultural married spouses who have lived in the states for long time. We aren’t learning the

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**Live entertainment-
Aganu'u Samoa**

The public is invited to "An evening to celebrate the rich heritage of Samoa, its people, language and culture," 6 - 11 p.m. today in The Uptown, Main Post Club, Yongsan Garrison.

Volunteers Needed

■ The Rho Nu Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. needs 50 volunteers to work alternate shifts at the Community Festival from 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. Sunday. Call Tiffany for more information at 721-4477 or e-mail to WesternTN@State.Gov to sign up.

■ Volunteers are needed for the Exceptional Family Members Program June Jamboree being held June 4 at Yongsan. For more information, call 738-5311.

Commissary Closure

The Yongsan and Hannam Village commissaries will be closed Monday for Memorial Day. For more information, call 736-3068.

**Area II Retiree Council
Meeting/ IPR**

An Area II Retiree Council Meeting/ IPR will be noon - 3 p.m. Wednesday at the command conference room, Building 4305. For more information, call Command Sgt. Maj. Jose D. Crisostomo at 738-7448.

CIF Closure

The central issue facility will be closed Monday. For more information, call 736-7492.

Language Classes

■ English as a second language class meets every Monday and Wednesday 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at Building 4106, Room 124.

■ Korean language class meets 10 - 11 a.m., 11 a.m. - noon, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at Building 4106, Room 124. These classes are open to all ID card holders. To register please call 738-7505.

Voter registration

Voter registration has begun in Area II. For more information, contact a unit voting assistance officer.

ACAP Briefings

Army Career and Alumni Program briefings usually last about one-half hour depending on unit participation. They are usually held 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Other times and dates can be arranged. For more information or to schedule a briefing, call 738-7322.

Seoul Jobs

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

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is offering a variety of classes to include a babysitting course. For more information, call 738-3670.

Area II celebrates Asian Pacific Americans



A dancer from the Jasz Production Inc. performs a traditional Indonesian dance.

Story, photo by Pfc. Park Jin-woo

Area II Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN –Area II celebrated an Asian Pacific American Heritage Month commemoration ceremony at the Dragon Hill Lodge May 15.

This year's theme is "Freedom for all – a nation we call our own."

The ceremony included dance performances by the Jasz Productions Inc. dancers, martial arts performances by Muye-isibsaki-bojonhoi, Chinese musical selection by Diana Chong and Banyatpiyaphod Sunanta followed by a speech by the day's guest speaker, Command Sgt. Maj. Alejo Quinata, 1st Signal Brigade command sergeant major. His speech was followed by more performances of cultural dances of the Asian Pacific area.

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sound, and backstage crews, participants said. All participants of the pageant acknowledged the dedication of director, Senior Jio Bruce. During the brief breaks between the sections, entertainment was provided from the Falcon cheerleaders, who performed a dance to a remix Britney Spears' song "In the Zone," Mr. National Honor Society William Parker's escort, senior Sarah Bradford singing "Memories," and junior Leo Pacheco, who presented a poem to a special someone.

Support not only came from members of the school, but also of the community, most notably the judges; Roxanne Holland, director of sales and marketing at the Dragon Hill Lodge; Spc. Toby Edler of American Forces Network Korea; Maj. Jeb Seims, United Nations Honor Guard commander; Lt. Col. Michael Dandridge, C-4, chief of supplies; and Col.

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cultural differences from textbook, we learn from their life experiences."

Students prefer to invite Korean-American instructors because of their understanding of two cultures, Korean and American.

"Every class is taught in English but Korean-American instructors deliver the messages or lectures more easier than others. This is because they have already experienced both cultures. Therefore for better understanding of the classes, we're planning to have more

The mistress of the ceremony, Staff Sgt. Pamela Watson, 1st Signal Brigade, said, "I felt all the performances were great. There were things I had never seen before. It was just a great learning experience."

"I especially enjoyed the martial arts performance. It was outstanding. Very traditional and it was just eye capturing. I thought it was a great experience, everything was a great experience." continued Watson.

"I think it's important that we learn from each other. By celebrating each other's culture this is just one way of sharing our culture." said Quinata.

Quinata began his speech by saying good afternoon in several Asian Pacific languages. "Hafa Adai, talofa, magandang gabi, aloha, konichi wa, ahn-young hah-shim-nika, good afternoon." showed the diversity of the Asian Pacific area.

He continued with his personal memories of his childhood, referring to freedom, what it means to him and the acknowledgements to the many sacrifices made by the Asian Pacific Americans to keep that freedom.

"Asian Pacific Americans continue to keep alive the proud heritage and legacy of military service our predecessors established," said Quinata. "In order for us as a people, to live up the theme, 'Freedom for all – a nation we call our own' we must be ever vigilant in our efforts to promote and enhance cross-cultural awareness among the community, our service members, their families and the civilian workforce at every level. We must participate at events and activities set aside to recognize the achievements and contributions made by specific racial or ethnic groups in our organizations. This will only help to promote and educate us of the importance of team work, harmony, pride and spirit among all groups."

He ended his speech with "Si Jesus ma asi, aloha, salamat po, taloufa, arigato gozimas, kahm-sah-hahm-nidah!" all meaning thank you.

"Honestly, this was the first Asian Pacific month I had participated in, but it will not be my last. I wish more people would get involved and to see all the different traditional dances, the instruments and various performances. It was just a great experience for me," said Watson.

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Anne Macdonald, executive officer, United States Forces Korea Command. As Mr. Cross Country, Hirata said, "It was a lot of hard work but it was worth it." Though some were left with a memory to treasure, some were left with a little more than that.

Winner of the title Mr. Congeniality and \$25 went to Thompson. Second runner up for the title of Mr. SAHS went to Cho, who was awarded \$50. Taimanglo won \$100 and the title of first runner up.

"It's a great honor being given the title of Mr. SAHS," said Wilkins. I'd like to thank everyone for their support and for all the hard work that was put into this pageant."

Sophomore Chelsea Ricketson summed up the general feeling of the audience that left the Falcon auditorium that night by commenting, "Everyone up there was really talented. I had a great time at Mr. SAHS. It was awesome."

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Korean-American instructors for next session," said Hee-yun Lee, marketing and community relations manager.

Lee also pointed out a uniqueness of the program, "There isn't any other Cross-Cultural School like the USO provides. I believe it is the only one that teaches real practical materials at one place which helps students to adapt to the American lifestyle."

May 21, the USO held a graduation for students who completed every class throughout

the session. Now they look forward to seeing how the material they've learned would help them in the future. A majority of students were satisfied with the school.

"If I have another opportunity to attend the school, I will love to since the classes were great and better than what I expected," said Yoon-Jeong Choi, a student who attended every class.

The next Cross-Cultural School is November 8.

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4 p.m. Thursday.

■ Sheraton Walker Hill Dinner and
show - 3 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. June 4.

■ Seoul City Night Tour - 3:45 a.m.
- 10 p.m. June 5.

■ Korean Folk Village - 8 a.m. -
4:30 p.m. June 6.

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

Royal Asiatic Society Free Lecture

■ "Through the Ginkgo's Prism:
Perspectives on Collaborative Art in
Korea" given by Al Zaruba - 7:30
p.m. June 9 at the auditorium of
Daewoo Foundation Building, eighth
floor.

■ "Korean Sources and References
in Jack London's The Star Rover"
given by Chang Young-Hee - 7:30
p.m. June 23 at the auditorium of
Daewoo Foundation Building, eighth
floor.

Royal Asiatic Tour

■ Tong River One Day Rafting Tour
- 8 a.m. Sunday.

■ Baeyunsin Kut: Shamanist Ritual
- 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday.

■ Soyangho Boat Ride: Paroho and
Ch'unch'onho Scenic Tour - 8:30 a.m.
June 6.

■ Inner Sorak and South Sorak
Rhapsody Tour - 8 a.m. June 12 - 13.

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

Entertainment

■ 2004 Hanson Tour in Korea will
be at the Olympic Park Olympic Hall 8
p.m. June 9. For more information, call
02-410-1683.

■ Sarah Brightman will be holding a
performance at the Olympic Park
Gymnastics Stadium 8 p.m. June 8 - 9.
For more information call 02-3141-3488.

■ The musical Barrage will be
performed at the LG Arts Center 8 p.m.
June 11, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. June 12, 2
p.m., 7 p.m. June 13. For more
information, call 02-2005-0114.

Memorial Day holiday weekend safety

By Col. Timothy K. McNulty

Commander, Area II Support Activity

The upcoming Memorial Day Holiday weekend will be the first long holiday weekend leading us into the summer season.



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Many of our servicemembers, civilian employees and families will take advantage of the long weekend and visit families, friends and recreation areas.

The usual hazards associated with driving and recreational activities will multiply due to the greater numbers of people using the highways while touring Korea. Accordingly, special emphasis must

be given to the use of safety belts, protective equipment for motorcyclists, as well as the dangers of mixing alcohol with driving and recreational activities, especially swimming.

I urge all commanders and directors to take necessary steps to assure the safest possible holiday weekend for our service members, civilian employees and their families.

Make sure that our leaders and supervisors discuss holiday safety topics with their people prior to the long holiday weekend. Our firm commitment to ensuring the safety of lives entrusted to our care will aid in fulfilling our goal of an accident-free holiday weekend.

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Servicemembers gather to celebrate military accomplishment, history

Story by Nicole Dalrymple

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District

ST. LOUIS — More than 300 Fort Myer, Va., Soldiers journeyed west to Madison, Ill., to participate in an event commemorating the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial May 13.

A National Signature Event marked the Lewis and Clark expedition's departure from the winter post, Camp River Dubois, which is located north of St. Louis, May 14, 1804.

Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark sailed west, traveling up the Missouri River, in search of a water route connecting the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Making a rare appearance outside the nation's capital, Soldiers from the 3rd U.S. Army, also known as the Old Guard, and the U.S. Army Band traveled to present the U.S. Army Military District of Washington's "Twilight Tattoo" during the opening ceremony. The event was held in Hartford and Madison, Ill., May 13-16.

"The Twilight Tattoo is designed to educate audiences about the history, the role and the traditions of the United States Army," said Staff Sgt. Will Patterson, 3rd U.S. Infantry. "This program salutes not only the Soldiers who defend our country, but salutes the citizens and patriots they defend."

Heavy rains forced organizers to cancel the

Tattoo's performance, as well as all other activities, at the Gateway International Raceway in Madison, Ill.

Although The Twilight Tattoo was not performed, an abbreviated version of the evening's scheduled events was presented to hundreds of VIP guests during a reception held under a protective shelter.

The U.S. Army Band played several numbers for the audience and the Oak Ridge Boys did an a cappella version of "Elvira."

Col. Kevin Williams, the St. Louis District commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, conducted the ceremonial swearing-in of 31 local recruits. Williams is on assignment with the Iraqi Reconstruction Office.

Williams greeted the drenched recruits with, "If it ain't raining, it ain't training," and led them in the Oath of Enlistment.

Kristopher Muskopf, an 18-year-old recruit from Millstadt, Ill., said he was proud to be joining the U.S. Army.

"Lewis and Clark didn't know what was out there and they went any way. We know what's out there and we still go," he said.

Standing shoulder to shoulder with the new recruits was Staff Sgt. Robert L. Dannenberg Jr., an Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran and Illinois native.

Dannenberg, who serves as an infantry squad

leader at Fort Riley, Kan., reaffirmed his commitment to service in the enlistment ceremony.

"Today I'm representing the noncommissioned officers, the backbone of the Army," Dannenberg explained.

Aside from Lewis and Clark, the remaining 40 members of the expedition were noncommissioned officers and civilians.

Despite having a father who was a Lewis and Clark enthusiast, Dannenberg said it wasn't until he was stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., two years ago, that he learned the expedition was a military mission.

Fort Lewis, located north of Fort Clatsop, Ore., has a museum dedicated to its namesake, Capt. Meriwether Lewis.

"You look at all the scientific discoveries and geographic knowledge that came out of the expedition and you wonder where we'd be without it," Dannenberg said. "The expedition was a success because they had the discipline of being in the Army."

Values such as discipline, teamwork and courage were critical to the expedition's success, said Charlie Deutsch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District park ranger.

"The values that made the expedition a success are the same things that make the U.S. Army a success today," said Deutsch.

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Casey 730-7354	The Passion of the Christ	The Passion of the Christ	Van Helsing	Van Helsing	Scooby Doo 2	Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind	Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind
Essayons 732-9008	No Show	Spartan	No Show	Dirty Dancing: Havana	Laws of Attraction	No Show	Dawn of the Dead
Garry Owen 734-2509	No Show	Laws of Attraction	Dawn of the Dead	Taking Lives	Never Die Alone	No Show	Never Die Alone
Greaves 734-8388	Laws of Attraction	Dawn of the Dead	Laws of Attraction	No Show	No Show	Taking Lives	Never Die Alone
Henry 768-7724	Taking Lives	Scooby Doo 2	Laws of Attraction	The Passion of the Christ	No Show	No Show	No Show
Humphreys 753-7716	Van Helsing	Scooby Doo 2	Scooby Doo 2	Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind	Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind	The Passion of the Christ	The Passion of the Christ
Hialeah 763-370	Laws of Attraction	Dirty Dancing: Havana	Never Die Alone	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
Hovey 730-5412	The Passion of the Christ	Van Helsing	The Passion of the Christ	Scooby Doo 2	Van Helsing	Jersey Girl	Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind
Howze 734-5689	Secret Window	Dirty Dancing: Havana	Dawn of the Dead	No Show	No Show	No Show	Van Helsing

Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind



Joel discovers that his girlfriend Clementine has had her memories of their tumultuous relationship erased. He contacts the inventor of the process to have Clementine removed from his own memory. But as his memories

disappear, Joel recalls the good times they had together and tries to mentally overcome the procedure while he sleeps.

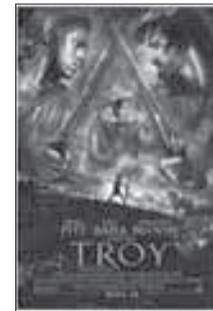
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Troy



Set in ancient Greece, Paris the Prince of Troy, begins an affair with Helen, the Queen of Sparta. King Menelaus takes this as a terrible insult, both to him and his brother, Agamemnon, King of the Mycenaeans.

Agamemnon unites the populations of Greece to bring Helen back from Troy.

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Kunsan 782-4987	Walking Tall	Walking Tall	Walking Tall	No Show	Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind	The Passion of the Christ	Scooby Doo 2
Long 721-3407	The Alamo	No Show	Secret Window	Dirty Dancing: Havana	No Show	No Show	No Show
Osan 784-4930	Troy	Scooby Doo 2	Scooby Doo 2	Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind	Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind	The Passion of the Christ	The Passion of the Christ
Page 721-5499	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
Red Cloud 732-6620	Van Helsing	The Passion of the Christ	The Passion of the Christ	Scooby Doo 2	Scooby Doo 2	No Show	Troy
Stanley 732-5565	Never Die Alone	The Passion of the Christ	The Passion of the Christ	The Passion of the Christ	No Show	Troy	Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind
Yongsan I 738-7389	Troy	Troy	Troy	The Passion of the Christ	The Passion of the Christ	Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind	Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind
Yongsan II 738-7389	Never Die Alone	Scooby Doo 2	Scooby Doo 2	The Passion of the Christ	Taking Lives	Taking Lives	Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind
Yongsan III 738-7389	Scooby Doo 2	Scooby Doo 2	Scooby Doo 2	Teacher's Pet	You Got Served	You Got Served	You Got Served

Spiritual enlightenment: a gift from the Lord

By Chaplain (Capt.) Kim Suk

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment U.S. Army Garrison,
Camps Long and Eagle

Spiritual encouragement is important in life because it sustains the body, mind and spirit. Where does this spiritual encouragement come from? How can it be obtained?

Spiritual encouragement gives an abundant life with happiness. However, people pursue happiness without realizing the importance of spiritual encouragement. Many do not realize that happiness does not come automatically.

People work hard all their lives to grasp this happiness, but sooner or later they realize

that they consume all their energy while they pursue it. From this, people might have a few moments of satisfaction but there is no real sense of true happiness at all.

Desires, dreams and motivation do not give true happiness and joyful moments. When the word true is used, it means pureness and freshness.

It was already already mentioned that happiness does not come to automatically and that all efforts to grasp happiness are not working. Then what must be done? Are people able to taste true happiness and joyful moments in our lives?

While the Apostle Paul was at the prison in Rome, he wrote one of his letters to Philippians. In this letter he said "rejoice

always" and he addressed it to the people of the Philippian church (Philippians 4:4-7).

When someone works for supreme being, in many ways, people automatically assume that men and women of the Creator are supposed to have fewer troubles than anybody else. But the Apostle Paul's situation was totally different than what most normally think.

It seemed like Creator never protected him from any kind of trouble. His life was hardship after hardship. However, he never quit his work for Him and never complained about his situation. In fact, he told the Philippian congregation to "rejoice always" twice even though he knew that he did not have any ability to "rejoice

always" as he wanted to do.

He was not immune to suffering and pain when he told people to "rejoice always." But he knew the secret of how he and others could "rejoice always." Look closely at the words in that passage—"Rejoice in the Lord always." Three important words lie between rejoice and always—In the Lord. That is the focal point that he wants to communicate with others.

Many people face hard circumstances in life. Many of them think they are the only ones and that there is no hope for this life.

Chaplains invite you to trust in the Lord. Come and have a sense of true rest and rejoicing in the Lord and he will give you spiritual encouragement.

Area III Worship Services

Protestant

Lutheran	Sunday	8 a.m.	Freedom Chapel
Collective		10 a.m.	Suwon Air Base
Collective		10:30 a.m.	Camp Eagle
		10:30 a.m.	Zoeckler Chapel
Collective		11 a.m.	Freedom Chapel
		12:30 p.m.	Camp Long

Gospel	Sunday	1 p.m.	Freedom Chapel
Later-day Saints		4 p.m.	Freedom Chapel
Contemporary		6 p.m.	Freedom Chapel
Korean		7 p.m.	Camp Long

Catholic

Mass	Daily	11:45a.m.	Freedom Chapel
Mass	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Freedom Chapel

Mass	Sunday	1 p.m.	Suwon Air Base
Mass		4 p.m.	Camp Long
Mass		5:15 p.m.	Camp Eagle

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Taking a bite out of the competition

Story, photos by Spc. Alex Licea
8th Military Police Brigade Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — After months of preparation and training, the week of May 16 - 20 was one each Military Working Dog team had circled on their calendars as teams across the Korean peninsula met face-to-face to compete in six events during the inaugural U.S. Forces Korea Military Dog Competition held in Yongsan.

The 10 teams, consisting of eight U.S. and two Korean teams, competed in six specialized events including building and vehicle detection, fitness and endurance and explosives detection.

For dog teams such as Sgt. Antonio Rivera and his canine, Nero, the preparation before the event was one of intense training and repetition.

"We trained everyday for at least four hours," said Rivera. "After months of training this competition is the end result."

During the competition, most of the events consisted of the dog handler holding his or her canine by the leash as they conducted building sweeps and endurance drills to test a dog's detection ability for explosives and narcotics. The "controlled aggression" phase displays how dogs can sustain a suspect or even attack a fleeing criminal.

"The average dog can apply up to 700 pounds of pressure per bite," said Staff Sgt. Trapanger Stephens, assistant military working dog program manager. "Working dogs also run about 40 yards in about three seconds making it very hard on a suspect to run away."

The phase is known by most military police officials as the "bread and butter," or "showstopper" of the military police working dog program.

"That is what everyone wants to see," said Staff Sgt. Michael Billo, noncommissioned officer in charge of the Yongsan Kennels.

Winners were announced during a small ceremony held May 20.

Each team was congratulated for its efforts and participation during the USFK competition.

"You all are very important to the readiness of Korea and the rest of the Army," said Lt. Col. Chad McRee, chief of the Provost Marshal Operations. "You all did a remarkable job."

The "top dog" prize was awarded to Sgt. Keith R. Molin from the 94th MP Battalion. Second and third place went to Sgt. James Martin and Sgt. Douglas Timberlake also from the 94th.

All dogs and handlers, regardless of which military service they are assigned, train at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. The military working dog program primary uses German shepherds, Belgian Malinois and Dutch shepherds to train as "top cops."

Military Police officials plan to hold another peninsula-wide event in six months.

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Military working dogs and their handlers competed over three days, ending months of preparation



Sgt. Antonio Rivera of the 728th Military Police Battalion receives a big bite from one of the 10 dogs that participated in the event.



Indy, a military working dog, bites Sgt. James Martin of the 94th Military Police Battalion during the "controlled aggression" phase of the competition.



Camp Red Cloud Fitness Center offers classes

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

Seoul International Photo Show

Yongsan camera club members plan to visit to the Seoul International Photo and Imaging Industry Show 10 a.m. Saturday at the COEX Center. The event is open to everyone, but people must sign up for free tickets at the Yongsan Arts and Crafts Center, building 4253.

Call 738-4650 or 738-5465 for more information. The arts and crafts center is open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Five-Kilometer Run

Camp Red Cloud Fitness Center is sponsoring five-kilometer run 9 a.m. Saturday. Registration begins at 7 a.m. and is open to all active-duty military, Department of Defense civilians and adult family members stationed in Area I.

Free T-Shirts will be given to the first 50 registers. For more information call 732-6309.

Pool Tournament

Camp Essayons Recreation Center is hosting an 8-Ball Tournament at 1 p.m. Sunday. A trophy will be awarded to the winner. Active-duty servicemembers and KATUSAs are eligible to attend.

For more information call 732-7201.

Track and Field Championships

Carey Fitness Center will be hosting the 2004 Warrior Division Track & Field Championships. While the time has yet to be announced, break out old track shoes and uniforms and prepare for this highly-anticipated track event. For more information contact Jim Williams at 730-2322.

Softball Tournament

For those who can't get enough of softball, participants and fans will be delighted to know that Steward and Hovey fields will be the site of a softball tournament today-Monday. Sponsored by Carey Fitness Center, both events will begin at 10 a.m. For more information contact Jim Williams at 730-2322.

Summer program club aims to get children reading, involved in activities

Story by Tom Bruce

Area II Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marketing Office

YONGSAN — Summer Reading Club is organized annually by Area II libraries at Yongsan and Hannam Village to promote reading and offer weekly activities for Area children, ages 5 to 12. The dates for Summer Reading Club 2004 are June 20 to Aug. 7.

During the six-week club, registered members earn small incentive gifts each week for the books they read. They may also attend weekly programs featuring themed activities or special guests drawn from the Area II community.

Parents register their children at one library, but may borrow books and attend weekly programs at either library. On Aug. 7, all club members are invited to a party at Yongsan Library where certificates, gifts and prizes are handed out.

The themes for this year are:

WEEK 1: Laugh out loud! Riddles and Rhymes

WEEK 2: It's a scream! Mystery & Horror

WEEK 3: Gasping for a breath! Sports & Survival

WEEK 4: Grrrs and Prrrs! Animal Stories

WEEK 5: Whoosh! Travels through Time & Space

WEEK 6: Three cheers! Friends & Family

Last summer, 172 children registered for the Summer Reading Club at Yongsan and Hannam Village Libraries.

On average 55 children participated in organized weekly activities at both libraries, which included storyreading, coloring, crafts, songs, games and short videos.

Special programs featuring Mike

Tateishi, AFN Radio, reading humorous poems and Abigail Johnston and two kittens from the Yongsan Veterinary Clinic drew large audiences.

Most children who stayed with the program read at least 15 books, but the summer's top reader, Hana Kim of Hannam Village, read more than 100 books.

At the Yongsan Library party for all the club members, Dianne Campbell handed out reading certificates to 45 children, as well as prizes to the top three readers in two age categories.

Summer Reading Club 2004 is sponsored, in part, by the Armed Forces Spouse's Club and the American Women's Club Thrift Shop. Parents who would like to volunteer time or talents may contact Pat Alter, Hannam Village librarian, at 723-3348.

Registration packets, with reading lists and activities calendar, will be available at Yongsan and Hannam Village Libraries from June 12.

Instructors offer free tours to servicemembers, others

Story by CW4 Teddy C. Datuin

1st Signal Brigade

YONGSAN — For Yongsan and Area II Department of Defense valid ID card holders, a personalized guided tour to one of Seoul's many historic and interesting places is free.

Every Saturday, a group of Americans of various ages and occupation and Korean teachers and students from Kookmin University, one of the leading universities in Seoul, along with two longtime Army Community Service Korean language instructors, meet and go to tour one of those prescheduled places.

"This is a great program. It truly amazes me that so many Korean teachers and students choose to share their time with us from the Post" said Kellie Daugherty, spouse of the Area I Army and Air Force Exchange Service manager. "They enjoy sharing their country."

These free Saturday tours have been ongoing since February this year as part of Michael Lee's initiative and innovative idea to bridge the cultural divide between Americans and Koreans.

"I came up with this idea of having these free tours on a Saturday and pair up Americans with Korean students so they can learn from each other and understand each other better," said Lee.

Lee has been an ACS volunteer for 15 years, teaching Korean language class for Yongsan and Area II. He has been a history instructor at the Kookmin University for four years. Lee authored and published two Korean language books which he uses for the class.

The free Korean language class itself is unique because Lee teaches students not only how to read and write in Hangul, but he teaches them Korean history and culture, including how to cook bulgogi.

"These tours are part of personally experiencing Korean history and culture," said Lee. Some of these tours have been to historic sites, palaces, museums and shopping districts.

Saturday was another free, guided tour, this time to Daehak Ro in downtown Seoul, where 12 Americans, ranging from children, spouses, DoD employees, and active-duty servicemembers were paired up with 26 Kookmin University teachers, former students, and students.

The tour started with the American group meeting at 10:30 a.m. in front of personnel Gate 10. Led by Peter Son, an ACS volunteer who has taught Korean language for two years and co-organizer of

the tours, the American group walked and met Lee and the 26-member Korean group in front of the Korean post office across from the War Museum.

Kang Sung Ho, a senior student from Kookmin University majoring in Management Information Systems and a regular member of the tour group, said he has been enjoying his interaction with the Americans and is looking forward to the next tour.

"I will join the tour group every time I'm free," he said.

Both Americans and Koreans have very similar reasons why they are joining these tours. Choi Yun Young, a Kookmin University freshman majoring in Korean history said, "I join the tour to meet American friends and learn English."

Robert Calvo, son of an active-duty servicemember and a student in one of the colleges on post, echoes Choi's reasons. "I am a university student and I study Korean language at my school," Robert said. "Having the opportunity to join this trip has allowed me to practice my Korean language. I get to meet many nice Koreans, and on top of that, I get a chance to go on a cost-free trip."

Sandy and her husband were paired up separately with three Korean students each. Talking very proudly of her newfound Korean friends, she exclaimed, "My Korean friends are wonderful!" Lee Hoony, a Korean History graduate from Kookmin University and serves as the tour group's photographer since this program started said, "I enjoy every tour and look forward to every tour."

Participants don't have to be a student of Lee or Son to go on any one of these tours. Any DoD valid ID card holder can join the Saturday tours that normally start at 10:30 a.m. The group normally meets in front of Gate 10 by the main bridge connecting Main and South Posts.

The only cost to the participants is transportation, lunch money and shopping money for those souvenir and bargain hunters. The Kookmin University group, along with Lee and Son, will meet the group and after a short introduction, they will lead the group to the tour destination. The list of these tours is published by Lee on a monthly basis and copies are available at Room 205 in the ACS Building on Yongsan South Post, Building 4106. The schedule is at Lee and Son's Web site, www.koreancenter.net.



Area III prepares for change of command ceremony

Story by Susan Barkley

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS – The Director for Plans and Design for the Afghan National Army while assigned to the Office of Military Cooperation in Kabul, Afghanistan will take command of Area III Tuesday morning in a change of command ceremony at Freedom Field.

Col. Michael J. Taliento Jr. will succeed Col. Mike Clay, who is departing to U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii, for his next assignment in the J37 Training and Readiness office.

During Clay's tenure as Area II commander, many new facilities opened at Camp Humphreys. The list includes new post exchange, youth services center, Strike Zone bowling center and Augusta West mini-golf. The first Army-funded family housing built in Korea was also started by Clay.

There is also a list of groundbreaking to match the openings: phases two of family housing, new

commissary, and 800-person barracks and 400-person dining facility complex and numerous other smaller projects.

While still ongoing, the barrack upgrade program has already resulted in completely modernized quarters and improved quality of life for at four units on Camp Humphreys. Other refurbishments include the soon to open consolidated building for the post office, bank and credit union and the crown jewel project that transformed a bowling center into a kindergarten to sixth-grade elementary school within 90 days.

Taliento has served in numerous command and staff positions throughout his career including commanding 4th Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment at Fort Campbell and recently as the director for Plans and Design for the Afghan National Army while assigned to the Office of Military Cooperation in Kabul, Afghanistan. He has also served with the 101st Airborne and 10th Mountain Divisions.

He received his commission in 1983 as an Infantry Officer from Norwich University. Taliento has a

bachelor's degree in English from Norwich, a master's in Administration from Central Michigan and a master's in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

During his 21 years of service, Taliento has earned the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and the Multinational Force and Observers Medal with a numeral "2" device. His unit awards include the Joint Meritorious Unit Award and Army Valorous Unit Award. Taliento's special skills badges include the Senior Aviator Badge, Parachutist Badge and Air Assault Badge. He is rated in UH-1, AH-1, OH-58, UH-60 and MH-6 Helicopters.

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at the post gym at the same time.

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Serving up a storm: Maintenance battalion cooks take it to the field

Story, photo by Susan Barkley

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS – Preparing tasty and nutritious meals for Soldiers is the every day job of people like Sgt. Valdez Byrth and Pvt. Joshua Beyea, both of the 520th Maintenance Company, 194th Maintenance Battalion. On May 5 the job required them and other members of their team to prepare lunch in the field under tactical conditions.

Inspectors were on hand from the 19th Theater Support Command to evaluate the 194th Maintenance Battalion team in the first phase of competition for the annual Phillip A. Connelly award.

The winner of this round of competition will compete at the 8th Army level. The final step is to compete in the Armywide competition for best active Army field kitchen honors.

The Phillip A. Connelly Memorial Awards Program was established in 1968 by the Department of the Army and the International Food Service Executives Association. The award, named in honor of the late Phillip A. Connelly, a former president of IFSEA, is designed to improve food service operations and recognize the best mess halls in the Army.

Under the watchful eye of Sgt. 1st Class Rosetta Miles, 20th Area Support Group food management

noncommissioned officer, Byrth and Beyea cooked a steak lunch complete with salad, mashed potatoes, corn, bread and fruit.

Soldiers passed through the mobile field kitchen for their lunch where only a few minutes earlier the serving line had been the hot grill surface used for cooking the meal. Outside the kitchen, a beverage station and condiments had been set up.

Inspectors were Chief Warrant Officer Travis Smith, food management advisor, and Master Sgt. Norman Carter, senior food management noncommissioned officer, both from 19th Theater Support Command.

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Sgt. Valdez Byrth, 520th Maintenance Company, 194th Maintenance Battalion, cook steaks and side dishes in a mobile field kitchen.

Soldiers and airmen celebrate Children's Day

Story, photos by Cpl. Lee Hyun-suk

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS — Pyeongtaek City invited Soldiers and airmen from Camp Humphreys to celebrate the Children's Day festival with local children and their families. Children's Day was May 5, a Korean holiday.

Soldiers and airmen enjoyed an array of events ranging from a talent show, staged by children from the surrounding elementary and middle schools, to free face-painting stalls, manned by young volunteers from Pyeongtaek University.

Throughout the day, Soldiers and airmen spent time getting to know the children and their families.

Special Agent Glenda Shepherd-Bruce of Criminal Investigation Division said, "Spending time with



Pfc. Jimmy Mead, Company C, 52nd Aviation Regiment, has his face painted during Children's Day festivities in Pyeongtaek May 5.

Korean kids was a great opportunity to intermingle with the local population."

Spc. Al Luck from Company A, 52nd Aviation Regiment, added, "There were kids who waved at

me! It was a positive experience as I really felt welcome by Koreans to join their festivities."

The objective was to reinforce the existing friendship between the military community of Camp Humphreys and the local population.

Kang Kyung-gi, an official from the Pyeongtaek City Department of International Cooperation, saw the festival "as an opportunity to prepare for the influx of military personnel moving here as a result of the scheduled relocation from Yongsan Garrison, we felt that extending this invitation would send the message to the military community that their presence is welcome in the Pyeongtaek area."

Children's Day festivities were a way to for Soldiers and airmen to share laughs with the local children and show that they are well assimilated into the local community, attendees said.

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Camp Humphreys Digital Photofest

A digital photography contest will be through June 27 for all U.S. and Korean military personnel, civilian employees and family members. Categories are people and such; places to go; and things to do. Entries must be 8-inch by 10-inch prints. Entries are limited to three photos per person per category. Winners will advance to the Korea Region contest.

Adult Basic Swimming Lessons

Adult basic swimming classes begin June 8 and will run for four weeks 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Cost is \$20 per person. For more information call 753-8810 or 753-8811.

Camp Adventure Summer Camp

Youth Services is offering a summer camp for children ages 6 to 12. Themed weeks provide children an exciting, educational and productive summer, according to Youth Services. Camp is run in one-week blocks June 14 through Aug. 20. To enroll children or to obtain more information, contact Youth Services at 753-8507.

Veterinarian Clinic Visits Camp Humphreys

The Osan Veterinarian Clinic will be at Camp Humphreys 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 9. The clinic will be set up outside between the Community Activities Center and the gym. The clinic will be held inside the CAC in the event of rain. For more information, contact the Osan Vet Clinic at 784-6614.

Army Birthday and Flag Day Run

An Army Birthday and Flag Day five-kilometer run will be held June 12. Register at the post gymnasium at 7 a.m. The race begins 8 a.m. Participants will get flag pins. For more information contact the gym at 753-8810 or 753-8811.

Learn New Skills

Ballet lessons for ages 5 and up are offered at the Youth Center. For more information, contact 753-7057 or 011-9785-0965.

Racquetball lessons are available at the post gymnasium. For more information, contact 753-8810 or 753-8811.

Introduction to Korean pocketless pool is scheduled 2 p.m. June 12 at the CAC.

Camp Humphreys Community Theater

U.S. and Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers and family members interesting in helping stage a Country Hee Haw Show are invited to contact Darrell Newman at 011-9685-0028.

Zoeckler Station Fitness Annex

A fitness annex is across from the Flaming Dragon Dining Facility at Zoeckler Station. Hours are 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information call 753-5824.

Newcomer's Orientation

Newcomer's orientation is 7:45 a.m. to noon June 8 at the Community Activities Center. For more information contact Army Community Service at 753-8401.

KATUSA trying to create better relationships



Sgt. Ryoo Jae Keun, 501st Military Intelligence Brigade, is working to bond to build better working relationships within his unit

Story, photo by Sgt. Lorin T. Smith

501st Military Intelligence Brigade

When Sgt. Ryoo Jae Keun, was just a soccer-kicking, Starcraft-playing armorer, he wanted to improve the Korean Augmentation to the United States Army program from the inside out. Now, as the 501st Military Intelligence Brigade's senior KATUSA soldier, he has the opportunity to do just that.

While the system has worked well for the 22-year-old from Busan, Korea, he has realized in the short 18 months he has served in the Republic of Korea army and as a KATUSA that the relationships between the U.S. and KATUSAs could be much better.

"A culture difference can be overcome by warm-hearted noncommissioned officers," Ryoo said. "If I make a mistake about the (U.S.) culture or the English language, the Soldiers understand and help me."

He also believes that cultural differences are a two-way street; while U.S. Soldiers need to realize they are protecting the Korean people from foreign aggressors, Koreans need to understand that the Americans are here to help them and they should receive support for that.

"Most young Koreans don't want Americans here, which is kind of sad," he said. "(KATUSAs) soon find out when they enter the (ROK) army that (the U.S. and KATUSAs) are co-workers working for the same goals."

Korea is the only region in the world where foreign servicemembers work directly with and for the U.S. Army. This special relationship was created in August 1950 when Gen. Douglas MacArthur needed to build up the under-strength American units involved in the Korean War.

The senior KATUSA is the highest ranking Korean soldier in the company. He works directly for the ROKA Support Office, and are the liaison between the KATUSAs and the company commander and first sergeant. In Ryoo's case, he takes care of any issue that affect KATUSAs, like possible leave problems or a KATUSA having a charge of quarters detail too much. He has an open-door policy with all of the KATUSAs, and is on-call 24 hours a day. In fact, he has even graduated from the U.S. Army's Equal Opportunity course so he can try and help anyone who needs it.

Ryoo never had a desire to join the military, but because of Korea's mandatory service system for all males requiring them to serve for two years, he decided the best place to go was to

the KATUSA program. After attending ROK Basic Combat Training in Nonsan near Daejeon, he packed up his gear and headed to the KATUSA Training Academy in Camp Jackson near Uijongbu, which is a three-week course.

"The academy is very similar to your (Advanced Individual Training)," he said. "We do (Army Physical Fitness Tests) and common task training."

Each class at the academy has 160 students, with 16 instructors, both ROK and U.S. There are four instructors per platoon, with one ROK NCO, one KATUSA corporal or sergeant, and two U.S. NCOs, usually staff sergeants and above. Once the three weeks are up, the KATUSAs receive their unit assignment and military occupational specialty. For Ryoo, it was becoming a supply clerk with Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 501st MI.

He quickly became the HHD armorer, where he maintained more than 50 weapons, and passed countless inspections. He quickly adjusted to U.S. Army life – he has befriended many U.S. Soldiers and thinks of himself as lucky that he lives only five hours away from home, when all the U.S. Soldiers are at least an ocean and 5,000 miles from home.

Because of his work ethic, Ryoo has been promoted to each rank before the normal waiting time. For example, he was promoted to sergeant in January, putting his time in service at 15 months.

But if he thought trying to understand the differences between two cultures was tough as an armorer, he had no idea what he was in store for when he became the senior KATUSA.

The transition was not as easy as he had expected. He didn't think the job would entail him becoming a "KATUSA chaplain," or the senior sergeant that can solve problems in military life.

He also coordinates cultural events for both U.S. and KATUSA soldiers. He is currently in charge of the Sobbingo Elementary program, and he prepared the brigade's KATUSA Friendship Week and KATUSA Parents Day in April and May.

One of his best friends and fellow KATUSA, Cpl. Jung Oh Sung, said Ryoo taught him everything there was to know about being a KATUSA.

"He taught me to work like a U.S. Soldier, but never forget that I'm a ROK army soldier," Jung said. "He was always hanging out with me for about a month, looking out for me and making sure I don't get in trouble."

Jung said the greatest leadership quality he sees in Ryoo is that he cares.

"It is normal for a leader to care about his Soldiers, but it's different about him," he said. "He cares about Soldiers a lot, like family with love. I know he gets a lot of stress dealing with problems, but he doesn't try to express that. I want to have that kind of dedication like him."

Ryoo is very passionate about being a KATUSA; it has helped reshape his views on other cultures and his life.

"I want the Americans to remember that the KATUSA is doing his job even though he makes practically nothing; he is still motivated and dedicated," Ryoo said.

He has a very distinct message he gives to the newest KATUSA Soldiers, lovingly called "Baby KATUSAs."

"The advice I give to babies is to not be beaten by the Americans. If you are doing physical training, you must do more than the U.S. Soldiers; I want the Americans to see that although he is only a private, he works well and does more than U.S. specialists," Ryoo said.

Once he has finished up his two-year enlistment, Ryoo plans to go back to school at Choong Ang University in Seoul. Once back in school, he said his mother won't worry about him so much – she prefers soccer and Starcraft.

Around Area III



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(Above) Senior Airman Noah Vaughan, 607th Weather Squadron, Detachment 2, gives a Korean child a better view of the Children's Day festivities in Pyeongtaek May 5.

(Right) Soldiers enjoy their meals during the inspection for the Phillip A. Connelly Best Active Army Field Kitchen Award May 5 at Camp Humphreys.



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Special Agent Glenda Shepherd-Bruce, Command Investigation Division, has her face painted during Children's Day festivities in Pyeongtaek May 5.



PHOTO BY SUSAN BARKLEY

Guests crowd Daegu open house



(above) Soldiers from the Republic of Korea Army's 201st Special Forces Brigade hold a martial arts demonstration during the opening ceremony.

(right) Dr. Kim Nan-hee, Keimyung University College of Music dean, and her students examine weapons displayed by the Republic of Korea Army's 501st Infantry Brigade.

Story, photos by Galen Putnam

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CAMP WALKER – The Walker Heliport was a beehive of activity as more than 1,000 visitors, including members of the local Korean community, gathered for the third annual Armed Forces Day Open House Saturday.

The event featured a variety of displays, entertainment and activities geared toward bringing the U.S. military and Korean communities closer together.

“The commander (Col. James Joyner) invited the students from the school to come to the open house,” said Seo Bo-young, a Biseul Elementary School sixth-grade teacher. “I think by participating in an event like this, my students can learn to understand better about the (United States) and its culture. It’s a great thing.”

Entertainment included music by the Second Republic of Korea Army Band, drill and ceremonies performed by the SROKA Honor Guard, and a martial arts demonstration by the ROK Army’s 201st Special Forces Brigade.

“I liked the ROK band, drill team and martial arts demonstration. The drill team was amazing,” said Staff

Sgt. Sidney Hudgins, a CH-47 Chinook flight engineer with Company A, 2nd Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment, Camp Humphreys. “This kind of event provides a good opportunity to meet Koreans and it gives them a chance to meet us. We welcome any opportunity to meet Koreans and to show off our equipment. Everybody has been great. This has been a very good experience.”

One of the highlights of the open house was the opportunity for visitors to get an up-close look at the variety of military equipment including tanks, trucks, helicopters and more.

“I have been quite interested in learning about America. I have been studying English with my partner, Captain Kim, who shares the same interest,” said Capt. Kim Se-woon, a UH-1H Huey pilot with the Second ROK Army’s 207th Aviation Battalion. “I really appreciate the fact the U.S. Army is trying hard to improve Korea-U.S. relations by providing this kind of event.”

Other diversions included a selection of children’s games and refreshments including American-style burgers and hot dogs off the grill.

“My son is having a great time. He loves the equipment. The Korean kids are having a lot of fun

too,” said Maj. Rene Jackson, 6th Ordnance Battalion, who was accompanied by his wife Sandie and son Randy, 4. “Besides being a fun event, this strengthens our ties with the (Korean) community.

Event organizers were pleased with how the event turned out.

“We’ve had really good interaction with the local community. A lot of school children came out,” said Capt. Matt Bowman, Walker Heliport commander. “This is a good opportunity to break down barriers with both the community and our ROK Army counterparts. Their participation truly made this a community event.”



Joyner receives Korean Veterans Association meritorious service medal

By Kevin Jackson

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP HENRY – The Korean Veterans Association’s Certificate of Grand Meritorious Service Medal was awarded to Col. James M. Joyner, Area IV Support Activity and 20th Area Support Group commander, during the annual Good



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Neighbor Awards Reception at Camp Carroll May 4.

Joyner is only the second U.S. Soldier to ever receive the prestigious medal from the KVA’s Gyeongsangbuk-do Chapter. It is one of the KVA’s highest medals and was presented to him by retired Col. Moon Jong-wan, chapter president. KVA chairman, retired Gen. Lee Sang-hoon, signed the certificate accompanying the medal.

Joyner was honored for demonstrating a special concern for strengthening the Republic of Korea-U.S. alliance, attending the KVA’s three major annual events and for speaking at each. Since his arrival in July 2002, Joyner has

attended the KVA’s annual convention, foundation anniversary and Korean War outbreak commemoration ceremony.

“The KVA remembers the Korean War and knows first-hand how Korea has benefited from their partnership with the United States in defense of their country,” Joyner said. “I had the privilege to meet these true heroes and to speak at their conventions on several occasions. The fact that they recognized me with this meritorious award shows again that they care deeply about Americans and our alliance.”

While the Good Neighbor Awards program is an annual event to recognize Korean citizens for their outstanding

contributions to promote friendship and strengthen the ROK-U.S. alliance, Chilgok County Governor Pae Sang-do also seized the opportunity to present several appreciation plaques. The awards were presented to Richard Young, Camp Carroll installation manager, and Lt. Col. William Barnett, 23rd Chemical Battalion commander, for special achievements during their tours at Camp Carroll.

The KVA was founded in 1952 and has more than 650,000 members worldwide. It serves as the foundation of moral support to veterans who served in all branches of service for the Republic of Korea.

NEWS & NOTES

Hilltop Club Re-opening

The Hilltop Club on Camp Walker is holding a re-opening party 4 p.m. today featuring live music, free food and more. For more information, call Ma Cho-rim, Hilltop Club manager, at 764-4985 or 764-5075.

Daegu, Camp Carroll Hail & Farewell

A hail and farewell for Daegu Enclave and Camp Carroll personnel will be held 6:30 p.m. June 5 at Camp Walker's Evergreen Community Club. The event is open to sergeants first class and above, GS-11 civilians and above, and their spouses. Tickets are \$11 each and will be sold first-come, first-served at the ECC and Henry's Place cashier cages. Each unit will hail and farewell its own personnel. For more information, contact Gary Larose at 768-7716 or Bud Rader at 768-7996.

Area IV Change of Responsibility

The Area IV Support Activity and 20th Support Group change of responsibility ceremony for incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Kim and outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Tony Moore will be held 10 a.m. June 4 at Kelly Field on Camp Walker. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Michael Jones at 768-7362.

Commissary Case Lot Sale

The Daegu Commissary will hold a case lot sale 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. June 5-6. Stop by the Commissary to pick up a case lot sale shopping list. For more information, call Kim Han-su at 764-4551.

The Area IV Field Sanitation Team Training

The 154th Medical Detachment (Preventive Medicine) is conducting field sanitation team training 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. June 14-18 at the detachment headquarters, Building 328, on Camp Walker. All company-sized units are required to have a trained field sanitation team. For more information or to sign up, call Sgt. Dennise Cortez or Spc. Tim Meditz at 764-4486 or 764-4618.

8th U.S. Army Ball

The 8th U.S. Army Ball will be 6 p.m. June 18 at Grand Hyatt Hotel in Seoul. Uniform for the event will be mess dress, dress blues, or formal class A uniform for Soldiers. Transportation will be provided from Yongsan Garrison. For more information, contact unit representatives.

AAFES Organization Day

Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities in Daegu and Camp Carroll will be closed for AAFES organization day June 21. Exceptions are Burger Kings and Shoppettes at Camps Walker and Carroll and the K-2 Air Base snack bar. For more information, call Kim Chu-song at 768-7384.

Summer Program Registration

Camp Walker School-Age Services is offering summer specialty camps for children in first-through fifth-grades. Register at the Child and Youth Services Central Registration Office, Camp Walker, Building. 257. The camps run for nine weeks beginning June 21. Only 60 spaces are available each week. For more information, call School-Age Services at 764-4381.



Hundreds of participants, led by Lt. Col. Ronald E. Smith Jr., commander, 168th Medical Battalion, begin the event.

Relay participants show they CARE

Story by Pfc. Oh Dong-keun

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP WALKER – More than 500 people from across the peninsula came together May 21 at the Walker Army Heliport for the third annual Cancer Awareness Relay Event, featuring an all-night walk and run to raise awareness in the community of the deadly disease.

The CARE is an annual health forum sponsored by the 168th Medical Battalion. It is modeled after the "Relay for Life" events conducted by the American Cancer Society throughout the United States.

"The main purpose of (CARE) is one, to emphasize awareness and early detection of cancer," said Lt. Col. Ronald E. Smith Jr., commander, 168th Medical Battalion. "Number two is to emphasize the importance of support from the community to people who are fighting the disease."

"(CARE) is our opportunity to reach out to the community and educate people about cancer and the importance of early screening and what people can do to prevent cancer to themselves and their loved ones," said Capt. Bryan Thomas, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 168th Medical Battalion. "It is a great event that everyone can participate in."

There were 515 people registered in this year's event, which is an increase of more than 200 people from last year. More than 20 organizations fielded 30 teams to walk and run.

Teams were required to keep at least one member running or walking around the quarter-mile track for the duration of the event, which lasted 20 hours.

The luminary ceremony took place 10 p.m. May 21. Hundreds of luminaries, or candles placed in paper bags, were placed around the track in remembrance of people who have lost the battle with cancer.

At the ceremony, two cancer survivors gave testimonies.

"I give all glory and thanks to God," said Allie McNeal, one of the survivors who works at the Camp Walker library.

"Without him, I couldn't have overcome (the disease)."

At Saturday's awards ceremony the 16th Medical Logistics Battalion team was recognized for completing the most team laps, compiling 679 laps equaling 169 miles. Completing the most individual laps was 50-year-old Yi Tae-jae, who ran 218 laps, which came to 54.5 miles, the most ever completed by an individual in CARE's history. The best team spirit award went to the 36th Signal Battalion Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army team.

"I am a trained runner and have been running marathons for four years," said Yi, a Korean civilian who runs a sports shop in Daegu. "One of my running partners who works in Camp Carroll told me about the event and I thought it's a great event to be a part of."

Participants enjoyed the event.

"Everyone in my unit came out today," said Capt. McKinley Rainey, commander, 154th Medical Detachment (Preventive Medicine). "It's a good time and opportunity to represent our unit and to raise awareness about cancer. Hopefully in the long run, what we are doing today can contribute to saving lives."

This year, CARE was held in conjunction with the third annual Armed Forces Day Open House in which the heliport opened its doors to the members of local Korean community. The open house drew about 1,000 visitors for a day of fun and festivities.



Pfc. Andrew Colburn, Company C, 168th Medical Battalion, runs with his company guidon during the CARE.

Southern Region golfers vie for titles

Story, photo by Pfc. Oh Dong-keun
Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP WALKER – Eight golfers battled 54 holes to determine the Area IV men's open and senior champions at the Area IV golf championships held May 19-21 at the par 72 Evergreen Golf Course.

Richard Young, 188th Military Police Company, won the men's open championship with a 25-under par 191. The men's open division is for players up to age 39.

Sam Soloman, 377th Medical Company, took second place with a 10-under 206. Also participating were Chase Melseth, Company B, 307th Signal Battalion, and Paul Lancaster, 293rd Signal Company.

In the men's senior category, Lee Byung-jin, 55th Theater Support Command Material Management Center, finished first with a 24-over par 240 total.

Taking second was Richard Meadows, 728th Military Police Battalion, with a 42-over 258. Also participating in the category was John Hardy, 19th Theater Support Command.

Area IV was granted four players for each category to participate in the 8th Army championships, slated for June 8-11 at Sunnam Golf Course in Seoul. Each Area IV tournament participant will have the opportunity to advance.

"We have a few really good golfers out here today who can go far in the 8th Army championship," said



Sam Soloman putts during third round play in the Area IV golf championships. Soloman finished second and will to advance to the 8th Army championships in Seoul.

Tom Corcoran, Area IV sports director. "But there's going to be lots of competition because each area is sending their best players to Seoul."

A women's open category was also scheduled for the Area IV Tournament but was cancelled because of no participants.

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Area IV dominates volleyball tourney

By Pfc. Oh Dong-keun
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CAMP HENRY – Teams from Area IV won three of four titles at the 2004 8th Army volleyball tournament held at Camp Humphreys May 12-15.

Each area competed in four different categories including company-level, women's, co-ed and three-on-three. Area IV teams dominated the tournament by winning women's, co-ed and three-on-three championships, and a team from Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 36th Signal Battalion, from Camp Walker was runner-up in the company-level championship.

All three championship teams won every match on their road to the championship, showing how hard they had worked in preparing for the tournament.

"(The players) are willing to put the time and effort in to go the distance," said Tom Corcoran, Area IV sports director. "So everything they've got, they deserve. We just have a good core of volleyball players right now and for the last three years, and they have represented the Area IV well. They enjoy it, and that's what makes (the teams) even better."

A team from the 4th Quartermaster Company of Camp Hialeah also participated in the company-level category of the tournament, finishing third.

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KATUSAs experience spiritual fitness training

Story, photo by Pfc. Oh Dong-keun

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP WALKER – The Army has always trained Soldiers' bodies and minds with academic and physical training. In an effort to take things a step further in regards to Soldiers' spiritual readiness, Korean Augmentation To the United States Army Soldiers participated in a unique spiritual fitness training event May 19 at Evergreen Community Club.

The intent of the KATUSA Spiritual Fitness Training, conducted by Area IV chaplains, including Chaplain (Maj.) Richard Bendorf, gave KATUSA Soldiers a chance to be spiritually intact in order to accomplish their assigned missions successfully, according to Sgt. Kim Jae-jin, Area IV chaplain's assistant, who helped coordinate the training.

"The purpose of today's training was to give the KATUSAs in the area an opportunity to receive spiritual training because we don't receive this kind of training that often," Kim said. "I hope this training provided them with much motivation and a positive mindset to help them succeed in the Army."

"Gen. George Marshall, a well-known general from World War II once said, 'The Soldier's heart, the Soldier's spirit, the Soldier's soul are everything,' said Sgt. 1st Class Daniel L. Kang, Area IV Chaplain's Office noncommissioned officer in charge. "We, at the Chaplain's Office, are here to take care of our Soldiers' spiritual readiness, even



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guest speaker, Won Jae-chun, a professor of law at Handong University in Pohang.

Won served 39 months in the Republic of Korea Army as a mental training and education officer. He left the ROK Army as a first lieutenant.

"As a former ROK Army officer, my military days were tough, but they were very meaningful. The experience became a solid foundation for my professional career," Won said. "So when I was contacted by the Chaplain's Office to share my experience with KATUSA Soldiers, I was more than glad to do so because it is an opportunity for me to enhance their military experience.

"The message that I tried to deliver today is that we, as individuals, have to know and be aware of who we are. We need to have self-respect. Self-respect comes when we're secure about who we are, where we come from, and it will enable us to

for KATUSAs, because they are a part of U.S. Army."

The training was open to all KATUSA Soldiers in the Daegu area as well as Republic of Korea Army staff officers. The highlight of the session was a presentation by

think positively in whatever situation, which will lead us to a more meaningful life."

More than 180 Soldiers attended the training, which drew positive feedback from many participants.

"I think it was a great, unique training that we had today," said Sgt. Hong Yung-ki, senior KATUSA, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 20th Support Group. "This kind of training is very useful to the lives of us KATUSAs."

"I believe this training was very helpful to all KATUSAs who attended, because the speaker touched on several issues that will affect the lives of our KATUSA Soldiers during their service, and after they are discharged," said Lt. Col. Kim Chang-yong, the Area IV senior Republic of Korea Army staff officer

Kim also spoke about the possibility of having this kind of training regularly and more often in the future.

"In spite of a few limitations that we may have in planning this kind of training for Soldiers in the future, I will do my best to have the training available more frequently," he said.

There are 241 KATUSA Soldiers assigned to the Daegu area, including Camps Henry and Walker. The Area IV Chaplain's Office conducts a weekly worship service 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays that is specifically for KATUSAs. All KATUSA personnel in the Daegu area are encouraged to attend the service, according to Kang and Sgt. Kim.

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