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## Not going home: Army changes program for active duty Stop Loss, Stop Movement

Story by Karla L. Gonzalez

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Active-duty Soldiers nearing the end of their service contract may not be getting out of the Army as soon as they might have expected.

Army officials announced June 1 the latest Active Army Stop Loss and Stop Movement Program for active Army units preparing for deployment overseas in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Policies in place for reserve-component Soldiers have not changed.

The changes in the Active Army program synchronize the process of units being notified of deployments with the Stop Loss actions, according to Lt. Col. Franklin Childress, public affairs officer with the Army's assistant chief of staff for personnel office. The previous process required a separate action to request the initiation of Stop Loss after the unit received official deployment notification.

The Active Army Stop Loss and Stop Movement program will be effective 90 days prior to the Earliest Arrival Date, specified in the deployment order, according to Childress. Soldiers will

remain affected by Stop Loss and Stop Movement under the program up to 90 days after they redeploy to their home station.

The additional days following redeployment, according to Childress, are to take care of the Soldiers. The time will be used to allow for any medical or dental needs to be taken care of as well as any other out-processing that needs to be completed.

"The focus is on Soldiers taking care of Soldiers," said Childress. Soldiers who have completed all of their out-processing needs can get approval from their command to be released in less than 90 days.

The new program does allow for some separations of Soldiers. The following active-Army soldiers are normally not subject to Stop Loss:

- Soldiers eligible for mandatory retirement
- Soldiers eligible for disability retirement, separation for physical disability or other physical conditions
- Soldiers pending separation for the convenience of the government such as surviving sons and daughters, parenthood or pregnancy
- Soldiers pending separation because of dependency or hardship;

- Soldiers whose quality of service warrants separation
- Soldiers in violation of the Army's homosexual conduct policy

■ Soldiers pending separation who are conscientious objectors

■ Soldiers who do not meet military personnel security program standards.

The focus of Army deployments is on trained and ready units, not individuals, Army personnel officials said. They explained that losses caused by separation, retirements and reassignments have the potential to adversely impact training, cohesion, and stability in deploying units.

Without a Stop Loss and Stop Movement program, an Army divisional-sized unit may require the reassignment of more than 4,000 Soldiers from other units to achieve a reset of the division and ensure a deployable strength of 100 percent, officials said. They said this unmanaged turbulence would preclude the delivery of units that have an enhanced combat effectiveness based on stability and having trained together for long periods of time.

### Army develops policy to address sexual assault

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army is devising a policy that will re-emphasize that all offenses of sexual assault must be reported to the Criminal Investigation Command, officials have announced.

A task force spent 90 days conducting a detailed review of the Army's current policies and programs on sexual assault. One of the findings was that while all commanders had taken action against

assailants accused of sexual assault, not all were going through the proper investigation channels, said Darlene Sullivan, a task force member.

The task force was assembled from various Army organizations and began looking into how the Army addresses matters of sexual assault in February. Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee authorized the task force.

The task force recommendations were approved by Brownlee, and Reginald J. Brown,

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### Air Force offers new incentive pay for ROK duty

Story by Master Sgt. Scott Elliott

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — Airmen who volunteer to extend their tours of duty in Korea may be eligible for an extra \$300 per month.

The assignment incentive pay program is designed to reduce permanent-change-of-station requirements, encourage longer tours, provide further stability and improve readiness on the peninsula, said Lt. Col. Leslie Formolo. The colonel is the chief of the assignment,

classification, separation and retirement policy branch at the Pentagon.

The Air Force currently uses the home basing and follow-on assignment, the overseas tour extension incentive and the in-place consecutive overseas tour programs to encourage Airmen to select a Korean assignment. Officials said they will continue to offer these programs along with the new incentive.

It will be offered as a test program until

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### Sit up



PHOTO BY SGT. ANDREW KOSTERMAN

Pfc. Dustin Matthews, United Nations Honor Guard Company, does sit ups Wednesday morning at Yongsan with his unit.

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MP Blotter

Commentary

Korean War veteran looks back on time on peninsula during 1950s, 50 years later, shares experiences

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.

■ An investigation revealed that a U.S. servicemember was instructed by two uniformed military policemen to escort his buddy, another U.S. servicemember back to post due to his intoxication level. The first servicemember initially complied and began to escort the intoxicated buddy back from an off-post club when he then began yelling profanity directed towards the MPs. The senior military policeman then instructed the troop to stop and identify himself. He refused and continued walking away yelling more profanity. The MPs then approached and told the servicemember to present his ID card which was followed by more belligerent and confrontational behavior. The MPs attempted to apprehend the troop who resisted by kicking at one MP and attempting to grab the other MP's M-9 Pistol. Upon apprehension, the individual was transported to the Provost Marshal Office where he was administered a series of field sobriety tests, which he failed. He was then transported to the Troop Medical Clinic where he was administered a command directed legal breath alcohol test by on-duty medical personnel, with results pending. This is an alcohol-related incident and a investigation continues by military police.

■ A military policeman observed a U.S. servicemember in a local off-post club wearing a tank-top shirt, and ordered the troop to put his regular shirt on. The troop then became belligerent and disrespectful towards the MP, who detained the individual and escorted him to the Civil Military Operations box. The servicemember then became increasingly belligerent and disrespectful toward a second MP, and then proceeded to urinate on the CMO box. The troop was detained and transported to the Provost Marshal Office, where he was administered a series of field sobriety tests, which he failed.

■ An investigation revealed that a Korean contract worker, while mowing a lawn on a U.S. installation, struck several rocks with his lawn mower that were ejected and hit the rear window of a U.S. civilian's car while it was parked, secured and unattended. The damage to the vehicle consisted of a hole approximately four inches in diameter on the right side and a hole approximately three inches in diameter on the left side. The contractor contacted the car's owner and reported the incident. The estimated cost of damages is unknown.

In 1998, a group of us Korean war veterans from Toledo, Ohio were the guests of the Korean government to see what the country looks like after 50 post war years of rebuilding. We were in Seoul for the most part, riding in buses to and from to museums, castles and monuments of the war. Like everybody else, we also were escorted up to the Demilitarized Zone.

Being confined to the Seoul area for the most part, we did not get a chance to see the rest of the country and while we were in the war, we certainly did not stay in any one city or location very long. It wasn't that we felt cheated or were lacking gratitude for the hospitality that was bestowed upon us, it was just a matter that we wanted to see the rest of the country where we had been decades ago.

So after several years had passed, my friend and I decided to come back on our own to do an adventurous trek of the peninsula.

Busan, as we remembered it during the war, was a dirty, smokey town full of begging orphans, thieves, chop shops where stolen army vehicles were dismembered and sold for parts or reassembled elsewhere. The city itself hadn't suffered the damages of warfare, per se, as it was far enough south to escape the direct ravages as was Jimhae also, to the west.

Of course, all the action took place north of Busan and beyond, all the way to the Yalu River. The cities and villages along the war route were all devastated, leveled or burned to the ground. It was, indeed, a nightmare scene to say the least.

Picture thousands of refugees, carrying all their belongings on their backs, heads, A-frames or some kind of cart, some oxen driven heading for some kind of safe haven, and at most times it was temporary because of the changes in the war offense or at times defense.

What got to me personally, were the orphans in torn, battered and dirty clothes with their dirty faces appearing at our mess tent, in the back where we washed out our mess kits. They would be holding out their thin little arms and tin cans for our food scraps through a hole in the fence. Then they would go to caves where they probably had a commune of sorts.

I asked an orphan boy why he did not go to an orphanage rather than eat our garbage, and he said that he eats better doing this, because the "big boys" eat so much that there hardly anything left for the little ones.

My friend served in Korea from 1950 – 1951 and I was there from 1951 – 1952 and the country was, of course, at war and it was in such a desperate state of disrepair that to us it is just amazing the restoration that has transpired. Their economy was nil, their money was 10,000 won to \$1, they had no industry, they really had to hustle to make money selling what ever they could, but mostly, survival was most important and that was a real big job, staying alive.

No war stories from us although we can say "We fought with honor." We fought to a tie and you men and women are doing a great job of protecting that honor and making sure that our efforts were not in vain. We salute you and God bless you.

Richard Piriczky  
Korean War veteran

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What keeps you motivated?



"Having a chance to spend time with my girl friend here in Korea" — Sgt. Eric Berg, 201st Signal Company, Yongsan



"Knowing that my weather forecasts can make a difference." — Senior Airman Ryan Watts, 607th Weather Squadron, Camp Stanley



"Working for a great unit here in Korea." — Pfc. Marvin Martin, 201st Signal Company, Yongsan



"I do volunteer work." — Master Sgt. Martin Tomczweski, 94th Military Police Battalion, Yongsan

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## NEWS & NOTES

### DA recruiter team coming to Korea

The Department of the Army Recruiter Team is looking to recruit sergeants through sergeants first class for recruiting duty. The team will brief NCOs 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.

Monday 2 p.m.

Camp Henry, 20th Area Support Group conference room

Camp Casey movie theater

Camp Hovey movie theater

Tuesday 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Yongsan Moyer Community Activity Services Building

Camp Garry Owen Saber Club

Wednesday 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Camp Humphreys movie theater

Camp Red Cloud movie theater

Thursday 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Yongsan Moyer Community Activity Services Building

Camp Stanley movie theater

June 18 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Yongsan Moyer Community Activity Services Building

Camp Greaves movie theater

### Voting Assistance Officer Workshop

A Voting Assistance Officer workshop will be conducted 9 a.m. June 24 at the multipurpose training facility on Yongsan South Post.

Call Tech. Sgt. Gregg Jordan at 723-4293 for more information.

### CIF Closure

Customer Service Points in all areas will be closed June 18 for an organizational day. Central Issuing Facilities will reopen on June 21.

### U.S. Forces Korea Sexual Misconduct Survey

The U.S. Forces Korea Inspector General is conducting a Web-based survey on sexual misconduct.

The information provided will be used to assess the effectiveness of sexual assault and harassment programs within U.S. Forces Korea.

The survey is open all USFK military personnel and will only take 20 minutes to complete, according to USFK officials.

The survey will be available today - June 30 on the 8th U.S. Army Intranet.

All information will gathered from this survey will remain anonymous and only group statistics will be reported.

To take part in the survey, visit <https://www-eusa-1.korea.army.mil>.

### Schools to Close

Department of Defense Schools will be closed today in observance of a national day of mourning for former President Ronald Reagan. School offices will be open for business on Monday.

### Army Suggestion Program

Information about the Army Suggestion Program can be received by calling the following:

Area I - 732-6546

Area II - 738-6905

Area III - 753-8553

Area IV - 768-6084

Korea Region 738-5545

## Why Korea is the Duty Assignment of Choice



PHOTO BY SGT. ANDREW KOSTERMAN

Construction workers put the finishing touches on a sound barrier near Gate 7 at Yongsan. The gate is undergoing several changes including expansion from single lane to two-way traffic. Gate 7 is scheduled to reopen Saturday.

## 175th Finance offers tips for submitting travel vouchers

### 175th Finance Command

There was a change involving submission of SF 1164 forms that took place June 1. The change affects all SF 1164 vouchers already in the respective travel offices. These vouchers will not be processed as well as vouchers submitted after June 1.

When submitting a SF 1164 for local travel expenses it must have a reviewer's signature. This is a change from prior guidance. The reviewer will sign the voucher and annotate the date in block 5. All SF 1164 submissions after June 1 without a reviewed by signature will be considered incomplete.

When submitting a Department of Defense Form 1351-2 travel settlement voucher it must have a reviewed by signature in block 20c and date of review in block 20d or it will be considered incomplete.

Finance officials said to make sure that all submitted forms should have appropriate signatures. Properly filling out forms will reduce the chances of delayed payment.

The forms should be rechecked before being submitted to the finance unit.

The reviewer should be the traveler's supervisor or designee and

should have direct knowledge of the purpose for travel. The review and signature is not intended as a payment computation or approval of items on the claim requiring specific approval. The review and signature ensures that the claim is complete and proper and complies with the intent of the orders.

The reviewer ensures that: The claim is presented on an original travel voucher with an original signature and date; administrative data on the voucher agrees with the orders; original receipts for lodging and rental cars are attached; and advance and partial payments are indicated in the appropriate block.

Reviews should also check for confirmation numbers of non-availability are present; the claim is reasonable and consistent with the mission and claims for reimbursement are authorized on the travel order; the authorized and used rental car was appropriate to the mission and number of travelers; all single items of expense of \$75 or more are supported by a receipt; when foreign currency is used during travel, the claimed amount must either be in U.S. dollars or provide the rate of exchange used; and any deviations from the travel orders were in the government's best interest and not for personal business.

## Drill sergeants: high-standard Soldiers that fit the bill

### 8th Personnel Command

"Everywhere I go, there's a drill sergeant there" is a line from an Army cadence. For noncommissioned officers interested in becoming that drill sergeant, certain requirements and regulations must be met or followed before they can say they are the one who is "everywhere."

To be eligible to enter the drill sergeant program, all NCOs must meet the prerequisites outlined in Army Regulation 614-200, Enlisted Assignment and Utilization Management, Chapter 8, section 8-15.

Human Resources Command conducts a thorough background screening for unfavorable information of DS candidates.

NCOs with Type I report of unfavorable

information disqualifiers will be excluded from DS duty permanently. NCOs with Type II reports of unfavorable information disqualifiers will be excluded for consideration for DS duty for five years from the date of the incident.

Type I reports of unfavorable information disqualifiers - automatic rejection - are records of unfavorable information during the NCO's career involving moral turpitude of the following nature: sexual harassment; assault of a subordinate, spouse, child; rape; or indecent acts with minors; incest, bestiality, homosexual activities, adultery, sexual activity with subordinate soldiers, or fraternization; conduct in violation of the Army's policy on participation in extremist organizations or activities; any court-martial conviction in the NCO's career, provided a

higher court or other appropriate authority has not reversed it; and any repeat offenders or combination of Type II offenses any time during their careers.

The other type of report is a Type II. Type II reports of unfavorable information disqualifiers - time related - are records of unfavorable information listed below committed within five years of DS consideration: Driving under the influence of alcohol; assault other than subordinate, spouse, or child; any drug offense; larceny or theft; a traffic violation with six points or more assessed; and any record of unfavorable information other than the above in the past three years.

The minimum DS tour is two years with an option to extend up to 12 months.

## Airmen

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December 2005, Formolo said.

Airmen who volunteer to serve a 24-month unaccompanied or 36-month accompanied tour before leaving their current duty station will be offered \$300 per month for the duration of the tour. Extension and in-place options will be available to individuals choosing to extend after they are in country.

The extension program offers enlisted Airmen three options: \$2,000 cash, 30 days of nonchargeable leave or 15 days of nonchargeable leave and a plane ticket to the nearest port of entry. The in-place program pays round-trip plane fare for Airmen and command-sponsored family members to home of record.

Airmen currently in South Korea will be granted a one-time offer to extend their current tours for assignment incentive eligibility. During the "open season," Airmen who previously signed up for the extension or in-place programs may switch to the new program and extend their original tour lengths by 12

months if they have not received benefits from the other programs. They will receive \$300 per month from the date they sign the contract until the end of the extended tour.

Airmen with assignments to South Korea will be offered the incentive before they move. Upon arrival, servicing military personnel flight officials will confirm the Airman's intent and begin the incentive if the Airman elects this option.

Those who take the new incentive will not be eligible for the other programs; however, other entitlements, such as hardship duty pay, are not affected by the new incentive.

"The primary purpose of (the new incentive) is to attract qualified volunteers to extend their tours at one of the more difficult-to-fill locations in the Air Force," Formolo said. "The measure of success will be a change in perception of assignment to (the Republic of) Korea, increased stabilization and readiness."

## Assault

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the assistant secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, was scheduled to brief the House Armed Services Committee June 3.

There were nine shortfalls the task force noted in its 80-page report. One major finding pointed out there was no standard way of handling sexual assault cases, making it hard to collect data and keep track of what services had been rendered to victims.

There were 24 recommendations made to improve the system. One was to develop a sexual assault policy for inclusion in Army Regulation 600-20, Army Command Policy. The chief of personnel, Army G-1 is responsible for the overall sexual assault policy.

The policy will define sexual assault as alleged offenses of rape, forcible sodomy, assault with intent to commit rape or sodomy, indecent assault or an attempt to commit any of these offenses, Sullivan said. The definition is the same one used by the Department of Defense in its recent report "Care for Victims of Sexual Assault."

The roles and responsibilities of commanders from major command to the unit level will be addressed in the new policy and become a part of AR 600-20, said Lt. Col. John McPhaul of Army G-1.

"Commanders must create a command climate where victims feel comfortable reporting acts of sexual assault," said Sullivan. "Rape is one of the most unreported crimes nationwide.

"As a first sergeant, if you don't know your Soldier was attacked or raped, how can you protect that Soldier?" said Sullivan. "What if you put that Soldier on guard duty with his or her attacker?"

It's imperative that leaders know that prevention, training and assistance are a commander's responsibility."

Company commanders will no longer have the authority to sign the disciplinary paperwork for Soldiers who are accused of a sexual offense when the cases don't go to court. The battalion commander's signature will be required, Sullivan said.

Department of the Army form 4833,

Commander's Report of Disciplinary or Administrative Action, is a permanent record that states what a Soldier was accused of, and what action was taken against him.

Sullivan said the task force found that about 20 percent of the commanders had not filled out the form because of operational tempo. Another recommendation of the task force is to alter the form, so that instead of stating that administrative action was taken against a Soldier, his or her specific punishments will be listed on the form.

Commanders alone cannot round out a successful program to prevent sexual assault, according to the task force. Commanders alone cannot be the judge, juror and prosecutor.

In AR 600-20 one of the responsibilities commanders will have is to assign a unit victim advocate to support victims of sexual assault. It is important to keep the victim and the chain of command informed of all case actions as they occur with the case. The unit victim advocate will work to provide emotional support to victims while assisting them in the step-by-step processes involved, McPhaul said.

Other agencies whose roles will be outlined in the chapter will include CID, the Provost Marshal, the Surgeon General, Staff Judge Advocate and Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management (Community and Family Support Center), McPhaul said.

"The Army agencies already have some procedures in place and know what to do, and are doing it, if an act of sexual assault occurs," McPhaul said, "but we must develop comprehensive policy of dealing with sexual assault from awareness and prevention, to victim support and data collection.

"We are developing a mechanism that gets all the agencies in concert with each other by establishing a policy that deals with sexual assault not only in garrison but in a deployed setting as well," McPhaul said.

Training requirements will also be addressed in the regulation, McPhaul said. Within the next 60 to 90 days, new chapters will be added to the regulation and staffed with the field, he added.

# Garrison celebrates summer safety

Story by Pfc. Stephanie Pearson  
Area I Public Affairs Office

**CAMPRED CLOUD** — About 450 garrison Soldiers and civilians gathered for a health and sports day at the Camp Red Cloud multipurpose field June 4.

The event was part organizational day and part safety stand-down day, said Lt. Col. Brian Vines, U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud commander.

“It’s an annual event that we have an organization day to bring all of our employees together,” he said, “but it was Mr. (William) Kapaku’s idea to make this a health and well-being day, too.”

Vines explained that health and safety issues are important to the garrison.

“This past year, we have had a lot of our employees go to the hospital and miss work days because of health-related issues that could have been prevented,” Vines said. “By incorporating it into our organizational day and using the health theme,

employees get to come out and have fun, but it’s almost like a safety stand-down day. It worked out really well to include that with sports, because everyone’s being educated on health while having fun,” he added.

Vines opened the day with remarks to the Soldiers and civilian employees about health and well-being. Afterwards, Vines presented awards to Headquarters and Headquarters Company and the Transportation Motor Pool for going one year without any safety incidents.

“A safety incident would be a car accident, a Soldier getting hurt while mowing grass or any other accident that could occur,” Vines explained. “I think a safety award is one of the more important awards you can receive as a commander, because then you know you’ve done everything you can to keep your Soldiers healthy and safe.”

Vines also presented a symbolic

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PHOTO BY DAVID McNALLY

Working on a 2 – 1 victory, Camp Page’s Pak Sang-ho kicks the ball around three defenders from Camp Red Cloud transportation motor pool, Kim Tae-hun (left), Yi Chong-won and Han Chol-su. The match was one of many during the sports and health day event June 4.



PHOTO BY PFC. STEPHANIE PEARSON

Kim Ki-chong, CRC fire department, kicks the ball over the net in the Korean game of Choku. Choku is similar to volleyball. Kim’s team won the match.



PHOTO BY DAVID McNALLY

Camp Page’s Kil Yong-su eyes the pitch from Camp Red Cloud Sports Directorate’s Scott Ferguson. The team from Page obliterated CRC 21 to 7.



PHOTO BY PFC. STEPHANIE PEARSON

Kenneth Cobb, (left), takes a blood pressure reading for 1st Sgt. Douglas Smothers, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Area I.



PHOTO BY PFC. STEPHANIE PEARSON

Civilians and Soldiers from across U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud gather June 4 for a day of health, sports and safety at the CRC multipurpose field.

## NEWS &amp; NOTES

**Tree-planting Ceremony**

The Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers' tree-planting ceremony will be held 10 a.m. Saturday at the Camp Red Cloud pavilion.

**Warrior Division Biathlon Championship**

The Warrior Division Biathlon Championship will begin 9 a.m. Saturday at the Camp Hovey Physical Fitness Center. Race-day registration begins 7:30 a.m. Call 730-2322 for more information.

**Camp Page Barbecue**

Camp Page Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the USO will host a free barbecue at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the community activity center. Everyone is invited.

**Army Birthday Block Party**

In celebration of the U.S. Army's 229th birthday, the Camp Stanley Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers will host a block party Saturday at the community activities center and commissary parking lot. There will be food and beverages, games, live entertainment, and prize drawings.

**Camp Casey Clinic Closure**

The Camp Casey clinic will be closed June 17 – 20 in support of the Soldier Preparedness Program. There will be limited operations for Soldiers with acute injuries and emergencies.

**Mitchell's Club June Specials**

Camp Red Cloud's Mitchell's Club will offer several specials this month. From 5–8 p.m. Tuesday, they will have "All-U-Can-Conquer" Mongolian barbecue night. There will be beef, pork and chicken barbecue with vegetables, rice, soup, salad bar and beverages for \$11.95. From 5–9 p.m. on Father's Day, June 20, Mitchell's will have a 12-ounce New York steak for \$11.95, a half-pound of crab legs for \$9.95, a full pound of for \$16.95, or a 12-ounce steak and half-pound of crab legs for \$17.95. All meals will include a choice of potato, vegetables, rolls and iced tea or lemonade. From 5–9 p.m. June 27, Mitchell's will offer a half rack of baby-back ribs for \$8.95.

**Report of Survey Class**

Area I Directorate of Logistics will hold a report-of-survey class 9 a.m. Tuesday in the Area I conference room. The course covers "Conducting Proper Property Inventories" and "How to fill out a DA 4697 Report of Survey Form". Primary hand-receipt holders or supply sergeants interested in attending this course must call 732-7332 to reserve a slot.

**Concert on the Green**

There will be a "Concert on the Green" 6:30-9 p.m. June 24, a Thursday, because a special choir will be joining the 2nd Infantry Division band. The rest of the monthly concerts will take place on Wednesdays as normal.

**June Newcomers Orientations**

- The Camp Page Army Community Service will host its Newcomers Orientation 8:30 a.m. Wednesday in the 1st Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment classroom.
- The Camp Stanley ACS will hold its orientation 11 a.m. June 19 in the ACS classroom.
- The Camp Casey ACS will hold its orientation at 8:15 am on June 22 and again June 29 in the ACS classroom.
- The Camp Red Cloud ACS will host its Newcomers Orientation 8 a.m. June 30 in the ACS classroom.

**Family assistance center takes shape**

Story, photo by David McNally

Area I Public Affairs Office

**CAMP CASEY** — Workers put hammers to nails June 4 to begin a \$60,000-plus renovation project to establish a new family assistance center. The facility will be what U.S. Army officials called the "centerpiece of support" for the families affected by the upcoming 2nd Brigade Combat Team deployment to Iraq.

The center, located adjacent to the Camp Casey Army Community Service building, will give family members access to computers with Internet access, e-mail, and web cam capabilities. Second Infantry Division officials plan to provide "quality electronic communications with the deployed Soldiers."

The renovation of the former barracks facility caused workers from the Camp Casey Directorate of Public Works to put aside other projects and focus on completion of the new center before June 19.

"I think we can do it," said Pak Yong-ha, Camp Casey metal shop manager. "You know, sometimes the Korean people can work two times the normal pace."

Pak said crews of about 15 to 20 DPW workers were attacking the project: laying concrete, putting up drywall, installing electrical outlets and painting.

"We are bringing together the professionals here on the peninsula that handle the installation and family support activities," Maj. Gen. John R. Wood, commanding general of the 2nd



Camp Casey workers ready the new family assistance center for its grand opening. The renovation began June 4 on the former barracks. Officials hope to complete the work by June 19 to begin assisting families impacted by the deployment of U.S. troops to Iraq.

Infantry Division, said in recent Warrior Radio interview. "I have put the aviation brigade in charge of standing up the family support center."

Wood said it was important to him, "to put an O-6 level command in charge of establishing the support structure, and integrating the installation side to make this as correct and robust as it can be."

"We will be able to help with any issues that may arise," said Col. Thomas DeVine, commander of the 2nd Aviation Brigade. "Our goal is to have the family members of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team pleased with the excellent service and support they receive throughout the operation."

DeVine said the establishment of the family assistance center will allow Soldiers to focus on their combat

operations and not to worry about the welfare of their families.

Brig. Gen. Robert L. Decker, the chief of the Army Community Family Support Center for the U.S. Army, visited Korea this week to aid in family support preparations for the deployment.

"He's going to come over and bring a team of experts with him," Wood said. "If you think about it, the National Guard is very much like this division in terms of family who are distributed not just out the back gate of Fort Hood (Texas), but (with) families living in Davenport, Iowa and Newark, New Jersey and everywhere else around the United States."

Wood said he is pushing Decker to

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**Camp Page installation manager stands out**

Story by Margaret Banish-Donaldson

Area I Public Affairs Office

**YONGSAN** — Camp Page's installation manager, Cecil "Joe" Bell, received the 2004 Korean American Friendship Society Award during Tuesday's ceremony at the Hyatt Hotel in Seoul.

Bell was one of four people recognized for significant contributions to the Korean-American friendship, KAFS officials said. Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, commander of United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and U.S. Force Command-Korea, and Gen. Kim Jang-soo, deputy commander of CFC, presented a medallion to each recipient.

KAFS was established as a nonprofit, nonpartisan and nongovernmental organization in June 1991 to strengthen friendship and relationship between Korea and the United States through various kinds of studies on the relationships, activities for mutual understanding and friendship, and promotion of exchange.

Bell leads a staff focused on close ties with Camp Page and the local community, according to his nomination.

"Bell masterfully planned and implemented a community program to demonstrate the benevolence of the U.S. Army, allowing Soldiers to volunteer in the Chuncheon community, and brought Korean children on Camp Page to witness Soldiers living and working in Korea," said Lt. Col. Brian Vines, U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud commander. "His community efforts significantly enhanced the U.S. and Korean partnership through facilitating a better understanding of the U.S. Soldier by Korean children and adults."

His numerous accomplishments of national and international significance within the Army included inviting members of the Gangwon University Boys High



PHOTO BY DAVID MCNALLY

Camp Page Installation Manager Cecil Bell (right), briefs Air Force Maj. Eric Grelson, a visiting commander, on the garrison's management practices.

School and Bongui Girls Middle School to play basketball in the Camp Page fitness center in preparation for the National Youth Athletic games held last month. Both teams presented Bell with signed basketballs to commemorate Camp Page's good will toward the Chuncheon student athletic program.

Following the aftermath of Typhoons Rusa and Haemi,

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check to the Uijeongbu Korean Employees Union for \$88,000.

"That's how much money we spent on safety equipment for our employees," he said. "things like hard hats, safety goggles and protective boots. It was more than just telling the employees 'we care about you, we want you to be safe and have better well-being;' we wanted to demonstrate to them how we've taken measures to make it a safer work environment."

Then the games began. Scott Meredith, garrison sports director, organized four sports tournaments for the garrison teams: softball, volleyball, soccer and choku, a Korean game similar to volleyball where players only use their feet, legs and heads.

"We tried to even the playing field so there were some events Koreans are traditionally better at, like choku and soccer, and there were some things Americans are traditionally better at, like softball and volleyball," said Vines. "It forced us all to gain an appreciation of each other's sports and athletic abilities."

While the seven teams vied for trophies in the four events, health and safety information was being offered in the Camp Red Cloud pavilion.

"We had Kenneth Cobb, Area I health promotion coordinator, come out and set up a booth to do blood-pressure checks and set up brochures to educate employees on how they can take better care of themselves," Vines said, explaining "We get the benefits from that - if we have a healthier

work force, then we don't have to spend a lot of money on health care and we're not losing a lot of man hours because employees are at home sick."

At noon, the sports and health events were put on hold for lunch, which consisted of both Korean and American foods. Vines explained that the whole day was also an intercultural event, from the different sports to the ethnic foods.

"Anytime you get folks together, it's a healthy environment," he said. "You get people talking about what they do, and people get an appreciation for other people's culture."

After lunch, the sports championship games were played, while non-participants cheered on their favorites. Some Soldiers and civilians enjoyed singing Karaoke back at the pavilion. At the end of the day, everyone gathered to award trophies to the winning sports teams and take part in a raffle. Hopeful winners clutched their tickets and waited for their numbers to be called as all sorts of prizes, from ice chests to stereo systems, were given away.

To Vines, the day was a success.

"It's gone great so far," he said after lunch. "I can look out there and see our employees and Soldiers smiling; they're all arm-in-arm and are having a good time. To me, that says success right there."

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## Claims Advice for Arriving Soldiers

By Capt. Theodore Houdek

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It is summertime in Korea, which means it is permanent change of station time. As always, PCS moves mean the shipment of household goods and hold baggage. Unfortunately, it can sometimes mean the loss or damage of shipped property. If you discover your property has been lost or damaged during shipment, it is important to know how to properly file a claim. A properly filed claim will go a long way to ensure you are fairly compensated for your loss. The rules are simple, user friendly, and listed below.

**FIRST, INSPECT YOUR PROPERTY.** When your household goods or hold baggage arrives, be sure to inspect the shipment as carefully as possible. Have a copy of your inventory handy so you can account for all of the boxes unloaded by the movers. The movers are responsible for unpacking your items. You should take advantage of this service so you can immediately determine if any of the items are broken. Additionally, you can immediately notify the movers of any damage.

**SECOND, FILL IN THE PINK FORM.** If any boxes are lost or items damaged, be sure to annotate this on the front of the pink DD Form 1840. The movers will give you the form when your property is delivered. The form has a space for the item's inventory number, name, and a description of the damage. Make sure you fill in all of these blocks. After you have noted the immediately recognizable loss or damage, the movers will leave you with a copy of the form so you can annotate additional loss or damage later.

**THIRD, TURN IN THE DD FORM 1840 TO THE CLAIMS OFFICE WITHIN 70 DAYS.** After your property has been delivered, you have 70 days to report any loss or damage you discover after the movers leave. This should give you more than enough time to unpack all of your boxes and check all of your property. Write down the loss and/or damage on the back of the form, or the side labeled DD Form 1840-R. List the item's inventory number, name, and a general description of the damage. Turn the form in to your nearest claims office as soon as possible. You do not need to collect repair estimates in order to turn in the pink form; you only need to write down the information for the lost or damaged items. If you do not turn in the form to the claims office within 70 days, it may prevent you from being compensated for any loss or damage discovered after delivery.

**FOURTH, PROCESSING YOUR CLAIM.** Once you turn in the DD Form 1840, the claims office will instruct you on how to file your claim. At this point you may need to collect repair estimates or substantiate the value of your lost or damaged items. The claims office will let you know what information is required. You have 2 years to file your claim, but this time period begins on the day of delivery, not the day you turn in your DD Form 1840. Regardless, you should not wait 2 years to file your claim. Your claim should be filed as soon as possible, and failure to file within the 2-year time period will generally prevent you from recovering any money for your loss or damage.

Moving is a difficult experience. Knowing how to file a claim can make it a little easier and will help ensure that you are fairly compensated for any loss or damage caused by the movers. For more information contact the 2nd Infantry Division Claims Offices either at Camp Casey, 730-1448/1910; or Camp Red Cloud, 732-6099/6017.

## Korean American golf tourney builds strong ties

Story, photo by David McNally

Area I Public Affairs Office

**CAMP RED CLOUD** — Koreans and Americans joined on the Camp Red Cloud Golf Course Saturday to honor a Korean comrade.

The 3rd Annual Kim, Yong-kuen memorial golf tournament brought players of all skill levels together for more than just a game.



Hwang Sun-kun, 15th Korean Service Corps company commander, prepares to tee off at the 3rd Annual Kim, Yong-kuen Golf Tournament Saturday at Camp Red Cloud.

The event commemorated a major supporter of Korean-American relations, the late Kim, Yong-kuen.

"He was a great friend of United States Forces Korea," said Lt. Col. Brian Vines, commander of U.S. Army Garrison, CRC. "Kim was a humble man whose unrelenting commitment to promote freedom and preserve friendship between the United States of America and the Republic of Korea will never be forgotten."

The Kim family financed the tournament and awards banquet. At the opening ceremony Kim, Han-ju, one of his sons, played host to the gathering of Americans and Koreans.

"Although my father can not play golf today," Kim said. "I think he is watching us from heaven, and saying, 'let me play, I can get a bogey just as any young player.'"

"I think anytime Koreans interact with Americans and see how much we have in common," Vines said, "it is positive for our relationship and it further strengthens our bond and our alliance."

The Korean players in the tournament were members of what was the Uijeongbu Friendship Golf Club. The late Kim was a charter member of the group. The club recently reorganized as the Second-to-none Soldier Support Group. Although a social organization, the group plays an important role in Korean American good neighbor relations, Vines said. Most of the members are politicians, community leaders and business icons.

Ike Park, a retired businessman and president of the Second-to-none Soldier Support Group said the late Kim was recognized by many American generals.

"I am honored to accept the invitation to play in this golf tournament," said Park. "I wish more Americans were here to play."

"I am here in his memory," said Hwang Sun-kun, 15th Korean Service Corps company commander. "I

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met Kim, Yong-kuen only one time. But, I think he was good at building a relationship between the Koreans and Americans."

Before the tournament, Vines told the golfers about the life of the late Kim, Yong-kuen.

"He grew up in North Korea as a laborer on a family farm," Vines said. "During the Korean War he escaped from the north and settled in Busan."

Vines said with only a middle school education, Kim used determination and business sense to build and lead his own contracting and construction companies.

"Prior to 1978, Kim had never played the game of golf," Vines said. "As a prominent Uijeongbu businessman, he was asked to join the Uijeongbu Friendship Golf Club."

Vines said Kim's passion for the game

led him to frequently play a round of Golf everyday with Soldiers of all ranks.

"He often took the Soldiers to dinner at a Korean restaurant following the game," Vines said. "He loved American Soldiers, loved the game of golf and raised a family inspired by the same ideals."

Kim donated many trees and shrubs to the U.S. military installation that was home to his favorite golf course. A monument to his commitment to the Korean American alliance is located at hole no. 7. His legacy was a life of charity, his son said. The Kim family established an annual college scholarship fund -- 30 million Korean won, to sponsor 30 disadvantaged students.

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Bell and other members of the U.S. Army Garrison staff volunteered their time, money and efforts, helping families in the Kangwon area recover from the devastating effects and destruction.

"We assisted local farmers in protecting and preparing their remaining crops just in time for harvest season," Bell said. "We were lauded on both local television and in newspapers for leading the American effort to help farmers affected by adverse weather."

On Christmas day, Bell and Soldiers from the 168th Medical Squadron visited the Aheimin Children's Orphanage to deliver gifts, games, and homemade cookies baked by wives at the Pear Blossom Cottage.

"Bell has done a tremendous job fostering the 'Warrior Country Family' spirit amongst all of his community members, both on and off post," said William Kapaku, USAG, CRC civilian executive assistant. "He has worked tirelessly volunteering his time, energy and money to improve the quality of life of nearby residents in need of a warm meal, encouraging word or kind deed."

All through the Lunar New Year holiday, Soldiers from Camp Page visited Kunhwa Dong Office to meet with 20 needy senior citizens living in an area adjacent to Camp Page. Bell and the Soldiers presented them with \$570 of donated food items. Also, they met with a group of single mothers from the Soyang Dong Office and provided them with \$150 of donated food items.

On the last day of the holiday, the Korean Employment Union president, garrison members and Bell, visited the 1st Riot Police Company who guard the Camp Page perimeter, where they delivered 740,000 Korean won of donated food items in thanks for their service to the Page community.

Other awardees included: Staff Sgt. Min S. Ellis of the U.S. Marine Forces Korea; 1st Lt. Jaehun Lee of 7th Air Force, Gunnery Sgt. Charles P. Millner, a special U.S. liaison advisor Korea, and the 8th Army Band for exceptional contributions to enhancement of goodwill and understanding between Koreans and Americans.

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continue a project he gave him about six months ago.

"This project would create a virtual community for this distributed family that we have," Wood said. "So, we can contact families and keep the information flowing to the group in the United States, and then deal directly here with the families who are going to be staying behind or the families that choose to move back to the United States."

The facility is slated to receive 20 cubicle-style workstations with high-speed desktop computers. The center will also feature a toll-free number to improve worldwide access to inform and help.

Officials hope to begin 24-hour, seven day a week operations at the FAC by the end of the month.

DeVine said the center's primary mission will be to serve the families of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team. He said the garrison functions will still be running to support other family members.

The 2nd Infantry Divisions plans to rehearse possible actions required by the family assistance center in an upcoming internal readiness review.

Officials explained possible actions as helping a spouse with a passport, pay problems, legal assistance, or even a death in the family.

"It is the commander's intent to ensure families are well cared for in order to sustain high morale, maintain unit cohesion, and focus on combat readiness," DeVine said.

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## Law enforcement community gathers in Yongsan

Story by Spc. Alex Licea  
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**YONGSAN** — It was a warm and comfortable evening as members from the law enforcement community gathered together for the Fourth Annual U.S. Forces Korea Provost Marshal's Law Enforcement Reception May 18 at the Dragon Hill Lodge.

The reception is held each year to recognize outstanding achievement in the world of law enforcement across the Korean peninsula.

This year's theme "one team, one purpose" was symbolized as both Koreans and Americans displayed a continued partnership to force protection for military bases stationed in the Republic of Korea.

"Right now we have Korean National Police men in and around every installation protecting servicemembers and their families," said Lt. Col. Chad McRee, chief of Provost Marshal Operations. "They support us everyday no matter the situation, in the rain or snow, they are there."

This event began with a traditional cake cutting to mark the annual festivities followed by the award's ceremony.

This year's VIPs included Dave Schnorbus, U.S. Embassy regional security officer, Col. Kim, Hon-bae, ROK Army provost marshal general, Retired Brig. Gen. Song, Hwan-ok, and Brig. Gen. Han, Seong-dong, ROK Army Joint Investigations enforcement officer.

## Cars on the lot



PHOTO BY JOHN A. NOWELL

Used vehicles for sale are no longer allowed to park in public parking areas starting from June 18. Vehicles like these three, parked in front of the Main Post Exchange, must be moved to the new Used Car Lot located in the tree covered area in background. See article on page 10.

"We continue to work with each other more and more," said McRee. "We form an unbeatable team."

Before the reception concluded, Air Force Lt. Col. Gerald Curry, who worked as the U.S. Forces Korea deputy provost marshal, was sent off by his peers as he received the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for his two years of service and dedication to the position. The reception was the highlight of a

continued U.S.-ROK alliance.

"We learn from each other and benefit from our work relations," said Col. Peter M. Champagne, Combined Forces Command, U.S. Forces Korea, 8th U.S. Army provost marshal. "U.S. and Korean law enforcement continue to work as one team."

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## Area II swimming pools open



PHOTO BY PVT. PARK YUNG-KWI

Yongsan outdoor swimming pool, located on South Post behind the Seoul American High School soccer field, opened May 29 along with all other swimming pools in Area II installations. The pool operation hours are noon - 8 p.m. and it is open 7 days a week.

## NEWS &amp; NOTES

**Seoul Computer Club  
Activities**

A monthly meeting will be held 2 p.m. Saturday at the Seoul USO. The annual Golf Tournament also will be held Wednesday at Sungnam Golf Course. SOFA personnel \$70 or 150,000 won for non-SOFA players. For more information, see Web site for details: <http://www.seoulcc.org/>

**No Hot Water**

The Korea National Housing Corporation is in the process of replacing a variety of utility pipes in the leased housing areas on Yongsan South Post. Chilled water for air conditioning units and hot water will be shut off for the Eagle Grove residents 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call Kim Young-ho at 724-6693.

**121 General Hospital  
Services Reduction**

The 121st General Hospital will experience reduced clinical services Thursday and Friday due to mission requirements to support the 2nd Infantry Division. Urgent and emergency care is available. For more information, call 737-2273.

**Army Birthday Ball**

The 229th Army Birthday Ball will be held 6 p.m. - midnight June 18 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Seoul. For more information, call 723-8256 or 723-9040.

**Area II Town Hall Meeting**

There will be an Area II town hall meeting 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. June 22 at the ACS Conference Room. For more information, call 738-7453.

**CIFF Closure**

The central issue facility will be closed June 28 - July 2 for inventory checks. For more information, call 736-7492.

**Job Employment**

Yongsan Commissary accepts application for sales store checker GS-2091-03 positions. Permanent, temporary and a variety of work schedules are available. For more information, call 736-3301.

**Change of Command**

There will be a change of command ceremony for the following units:

■ 25th Transportation Battalion, 10 a.m. June 22 at the Lombardo field. For more information, call 725-5254.

■ 94th Military Police Battalion, 2 p.m. June 30 at the Seoul American High School Falcon Field. For more information, call 724-6305.

■ 164th Air Traffic Service Group, 10 a.m. July 9 at the K - 16 hanger. For more information, call 741-6311.

**ACAP Briefings**

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

**Seoul Hot Jobs**

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

**Librarians gather at Yongsan Library**

PHOTO BY JOHN A. NOWELL

Minn Tae H, regional reference librarian (left, center), Yongsan Library, briefs visiting Korean librarians hosted by the United States Information Service Public Affairs Office on a recent visit to Yongsan Garrison.

**Area II establishes used car lot**

Story by John A. Nowell

Area II Public Affairs Office

**YONGSAN** — Starting June 18, Area II personnel wanting to sell a vehicle will be able to park their privately-owned vehicle in a designated used car parking lot on Main Post near the Yongsan Post Exchange.

"I have designated the upper level parking lot on the west side of and adjacent to the (Yongsan Post Exchange) as the official used car lot for personnel wanting to sell their POV," said Col. Timothy K. McNulty, commander, Area II Support Activity.

"Due to the high number of personnel PCSing from Korea, there will be many vehicles being sold this summer. "Sellers will be able to park their car in a highly trafficked area and potential buyers will

have a one-stop location to test drive a vehicle prior to purchase," he said.

Personnel placing their vehicle for sale will not be allowed to park elsewhere on Yongsan Garrison. "If someone is planning to sell their vehicle, they need to come to the Law and Order office and pick up a form authorizing them to park their vehicle in the designated lot," said Ricky Oxendine, Area II Law and Order Office.

"Many POVs are being parked in a variety of locations on post such as the Main PX parking lot, adjacent to the Yongsan Library or near Burger King and Popeye's or Dragon Hill Lodge on South Post," said Oxendine.

The purpose of having a designated used car lot is to prevent long term parking of cars for sale in high traffic parking areas on post. "This parking lot

will be limited for parking of used cars for sale only for a two-week period of time," said Oxendine, "other vehicles parking in this lot will be towed, if they do not have the authorized form on their dashboard," he said.

"Autos not sold may be disposed of as explained in the The Morning Calm Weekly newspaper article on page 9, May 14 edition. However any vehicle left in the lot beyond 30 days will be declared 'abandoned' and disposed of at owner's expense," said Oxendine.

POV owners may call the Law and Order office at 738-4603 for additional information and to obtain the form to place on their auto dashboard permitting them to park their vehicle at this reserved parking location.

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**Some south post roads to close over weekend**

Story by John A. Nowell

Area II Public Affairs Office

**YONGSAN** — Officials of the Directorate of Public Works have announced intermittent road disruptions will occur beginning Saturday and Sunday on Yongsan South Post while a contractor excavates roadways to install communication lines.

"Flagmen will be on duty at all times to direct traffic on roads that will remain open during the excavation work," said Yun Heo, Buildings and Grounds Division, DPW. "However, some roads may be closed entirely for brief periods." Vehicle operators are requested to avoid the following areas during this period:

■ On Saturday, the intersection at Gate 52 on X Corps Boulevard, adjacent to Building 5447; and the intersection in front of Commiskey's on X Corps Boulevard and 45th Division Road, where 45th Division Road will be partial closed.

■ On Sunday, the intersection of X-Corps Boulevard and Welch Street, adjacent to building 7080. No right turns allowed going onto X-Corps Boulevard from Army family housing units in the morning for about two hours.

"The command regrets this inconvenience to the community and will restore roadways to normal as soon as possible," said Heo. For further information, contact Heo at 724-4205.

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**Chemist fights against himself in marathon**

Story by Kim Chong-yun

Far East District Public Affairs Office

**FAREAST DISTRICT** — Pak Chong-pin, a chemist at the Far East District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, participated in the 2004 Boston Marathon, which is one of the world's most prestigious annual road races. He not only participated in it, but ran the whole course, which is 26.2 miles.

Pak started running about three and a half years ago.

"Actually I didn't like running before.

I liked soccer and other sports, but running was very boring to me. However, I met some nice friends in a runner's club and realized that running with good friends is something that anyone can really enjoy," he says. Pak is a race coordinator at an international running club called "Seoul Synergy." He has run full-course marathons 13 times and joined numerous half-course marathons, five- and ten-kilometer races.

To qualify to run the Boston Marathon, Pak had to run a qualifying time at a

certified marathon. So, he took part in the Seoul International Marathon in 2003 at which he made the qualifying time enabling him to register for this year's Boston Marathon. However he made his personal best record in this year's Seoul International Marathon held in March: 3 hours, 5 minutes, 31 seconds. "Everything was so perfect for running that day. Weather was fine and the course was very beautiful and plain. Plus, I was in my best

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Experience  
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## Cultural Events, Tours and Entertainment

### USO Tours

- Water Rafting Tour – 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Saturday.
- Lotte World Amusement Park – 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sunday.
- Panmunjom (DMZ) and Tunnel – 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday.
- Incheon Tour – 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Thursday.
- Bomun Temple – 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Friday.

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

### Royal Asiatic Society Free Lecture

- “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

- Inner Sorak and South Sorak Rhapsody Tour – 8 a.m. tomorrow - Sunday.
- Chindo and Wando Island Tour

– 7 a.m. June 19 - 20.

- Kangnung Tano Festival – 8 a.m. June 26 - 27.

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

### Entertainment

- The concert - Yo-Yo Ma and The Silk Road Ensemble will perform at the Seoul Arts Center 7:30 p.m. June 24. For more information, call 02-720-6633.

■ The Emerson String Quartet will perform at the LG Arts Center 8 p.m. June 25. For more information, call 02-2005-0114.

■ The musical Cabaret will be performed at the Sejong Center 8 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, 4 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8 p.m. Sunday and 3 p.m., 7 p.m. July 3 - 16. For more information, call 02-399-1700.

■ Great Mountain Music Festival will be held at Yongpyong Ski Resort July 24 - August 8. For more information, call 02-724-7781.

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condition. I ran 10 minutes faster than the qualifying time of my age group,” Pak says.

After the Seoul marathon, he flew to Boston in mid-April.

“Edward Primeau helped me a lot on the trip, said Pak. “He is a friend of mine who worked in the FED Safety Office between 2000 and 2003 as an industrial hygienist. He is a good runner. He has run in the Boston Marathon a few times, so he gave me good tips about the marathon race while driving me through the course.”

The Boston Marathon takes place on the third Monday in April. It is a holiday in Massachusetts called “Patriots Day.” From 1897-1968, it was celebrated on April 19,

commemorating the beginning of the American Revolutionary War. This day was only recognized in Massachusetts and Maine. The holiday was officially moved to the third Monday in April in 1969. Most people don’t know exactly what this holiday celebrates, but they see it is just a good excuse to take a day off and go out to watch this long road racing event on Marathon Monday.

The race begins in Hopkinton at noon, stretching for 26.2 miles through Ashland, Wellesley College and Brookline, and finishes at Boston’s Copley Square.

“There were many people cheering out there along the whole course. Especially at

the Wellesley College area. Female students came out in droves and supported runners. They really enjoyed the event,” Pak says.

Although the race was a hilarious event for the locals, it was a punishment for the runners when they passed uphill near the Boston College.

“It was a fight against heat and an uphill climb,” said Pak.

The temperature was about 85 degrees Fahrenheit. Furthermore, the Boston Marathon is notorious for its hilly course. “

I became very exhausted after only 5 miles,” he continued. “I didn’t expect a good record and just struggled to finish the whole course. I’m happy that I made it.”

Pak’s official record was 3:56:26. Even though it took way longer than his personal record, he says he is satisfied with finishing the race.

After the long struggling race, Pak received a commemorative medallion given to all finishers. However, the rush of exhilaration at the moment he passed the finish line is the best reward, which makes him forget the pain and want to run again.

Now that he is back home, Pak said his next goal is to finish the full Boston Marathon course within three hours.

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# New procedures to speed overseas absentee balloting

Story by Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Absentee ballots from servicemembers overseas will move faster and with greater control for the 2004 elections, Department of Defense and U.S. Postal Service officials said recently.

Charles S. Abell, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, and Paul Vogel, the Postal Service's vice president for network operations management, discussed the changes made in the absentee balloting process for 2004.

"We've had a year of getting ready for the upcoming federal election, focusing on how we can help military personnel, their families and civilians overseas to exercise their right to vote," Abell said during a Pentagon interview. "As we have looked at every sort of situation, problem and impediment and tried to resolve them, we have come to another resolution to help us move ballots and ballot request materials from the hand of the overseas soldier, sailor, airman, Marine or family member to their county boards of elections."

Vogel said USPS has been working with the Military Postal Service Agency to improve the process, "because it is that important — especially with a presidential election year coming up. If it's even as remotely close as the last election was, every ballot really counts."

Vogel said the DoD and USPS team has put together a process that will expedite the overseas absentee balloting mail flow and give greater accountability.

The Postal Service has no special program in place for service members voting absentee in the United States. "The Postal Service does a great job within the

United States," Abell said. "Our problem has always been more with the overseas voters."

Essentially, the Postal Service will ask local postmasters to contact the officials in counties that are responsible for mailing ballots and to whom completed ballots are returned. "Traditionally, 30 to 45 days in advance of the elections, the blank ballots will be mailed out from those counties," Vogel said.

The Postal Service is asking the county officials to hold out the military ballots. Local postmasters will take those ballots and sort them for three different destinations: San Francisco for service members based around the Pacific Rim, New York for Europe, and the Middle East and Miami for Central and South America. The balloting materials will go to those destinations via the Postal Service's Express Mail service, Vogel said.

Once at these military mail "gateways," Postal Service managers will log in the Express Mail pieces and sort them to the different military ZIP codes. "All the balloting material will be sorted first," Vogel said. They will go into specially marked mail trays and handed over to the airlines.

Airline personnel will recognize the trays have voting materials and those trays will again receive priority.

In theater, military postal officials will ensure balloting materials are again given priority as it travels to the service member.

Once servicemembers vote, the reverse process is the same — balloting materials receive priority and ballots are placed in specially marked trays. One change, however, is that when ballots are received at the APO or FPO, mail clerks will put

postal cancellation marks on the envelopes. This gives an accurate measure of the date and time a ballot is received.

At the postal gateways, ballots will go back into the normal mail flow in the United States that allows for a three-day delivery, Vogel said.

But on Oct. 30, Postal officials will again segregate balloting materials and use express mail to send ballots back to county officials. Election Day is Nov. 2, but these special-handling procedures will continue through Nov. 8, Vogel said. However, he pointed out, some ballots received after Election Day may not be counted, because different jurisdictions have different voting requirements.

To be on the safe side, DoD and the Postal Service recommend servicemembers and their families follow Federal Voting Assistance Program guidelines. FVAP is designating the week of Sept. 6 as "Get Out the Vote Week." By then, "if servicemembers haven't already requested their ballots, that's the week to do it," Abell said.

They are also designating the week beginning Oct. 11 as Overseas Voting Week. "If you vote that week, your ballot should arrive back at your home ... before election day, which will qualify your ballot to be counted in every state, county and precinct," Abell said.

Traditionally, military members and their families vote at a higher percentage than the general population. All administrations have encouraged military members to exercise their rights to vote. "We don't care how they vote, just so long as they do," Abell said.

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Location Phone No.	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17
<b>Casey 730-7354</b>	The Ladykillers	The Alamo	The Alamo	The Whole Ten Yards	The Whole Ten Yards	The Girl Next Door	The Girl Next Door
<b>Essayons 732-9008</b>	No Show	Taking Lives	No Show	Jersey Girl	Troy	No Show	The Passion of the Christ
<b>Garry Owen 734-2509</b>	No Show	Troy	Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind	Jersey Girl	Jersey Girl	No Show	Jersey Girl
<b>Greaves 734-8388</b>	Troy	Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind	Troy	No Show	No Show	The Ladykillers	Jersey Girl
<b>Henry 768-7724</b>	Jersey Girl	Home on the Range	Troy	The Alamo	No Show	No Show	No Show
<b>Humphreys 753-7716</b>	Shrek 2	Shrek 2	Home on the Range	The Whole Ten Yards	The Whole Ten Yards	The Alamo	The Alamo
<b>Hialeah 763-370</b>	Troy	The Prince and Me	Jersey Girl	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
<b>Hovey 730-5412</b>	Hellboy	The Prince and Me	The Whole Ten Yards	The Whole Ten Yards	Hellboy	Hellboy	Walking Tall
<b>Howze 734-5689</b>	Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind	The Passion of the Christ	The Passion of the Christ	No Show	No Show	No Show	Scooby Doo 2

**The Girl Next Door**



Matthew Kidman is a straight arrow over achiever who has never really lived life, until he falls for his new neighbor. When Matthew discovers this perfect "girl next door" is a one-time porn star, his sheltered existence begins to spin out of control.

Suddenly, Oz shows up on their doorstep, begging them to help him rescue his wife from a Hungarian mob.

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**The Whole Ten Yards**



Thanks to falsified dental records supplied by his former neighbor "Oz" retired hitman Jimmy now spends his days compulsively cleaning his house and perfecting his culinary skills with his wife Jill.

Suddenly, Oz shows up on their doorstep, begging them to help him rescue his wife from a Hungarian mob.

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Location Phone No.	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17
<b>Kunsan 782-4987</b>	Laws of Attraction	Laws of Attraction	Home on the Range	No Show	The Whole Ten Yards	The Alamo	The Alamo
<b>Long 721-3407</b>	Man on Fire	No Show	The Passion of the Christ	Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind	No Show	No Show	No Show
<b>Osan 784-4930</b>	The Day after Tomorrow	Home on the Range	Home on the Range	The Whole Ten Yards	The Whole Ten Yards	The Alamo	The Alamo
<b>Page 721-5499</b>	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
<b>Red Cloud 732-6620</b>	Shrek 2	The Whole Ten Yards	The Whole Ten Yards	The Prince and Me	The Alamo	No Show	The Day after Tomorrow
<b>Stanley 732-5565</b>	Jersey Girl	The Alamo	The Alamo	The Whole Ten Yards	No Show	The Day after Tomorrow	The Girl Next Door
<b>Yongsan I 738-7389</b>	The Day after Tomorrow	The Day after Tomorrow	The Day after Tomorrow	The Whole Ten Yards	The Whole Ten Yards	The Whole Ten Yards	The Whole Ten Yards
<b>Yongsan II 738-7389</b>	The Prince and Me	The Prince and Me	The Prince and Me	Home on the Range	Home on the Range	The Alamo	The Alamo
<b>Yongsan III 738-7389</b>	The Prince and Me	The Prince and Me	The Prince and Me	Dirty Dancing: Havana	Dirty Dancing: Havana	Home on the Range	Home on the Range

# Chaplain's corner: forgiveness an expression of the heart

By Chaplain (Maj.) Jerry Owens

17th Aviation Brigade

"The world can do almost anything as well as or better than the church. You need not be a person who believes in God to build houses, feed the hungry, or heal the sick...There is only one thing the world cannot do. It cannot offer grace."

As a chaplain representing the Christian tradition, I would like to share some reflections concerning grace that has particular implications for those of the Christian faith, acknowledging of course, that the concept of grace takes on different nuances of meaning within different faith traditions.

A young lady named Sally relates an experience she had in a seminary class, given by her teacher, Dr. Smith. She says Dr. Smith was known for his elaborate object lessons.

One particular day, Sally walked into the seminary class and knew they were in for a fun day. On the wall was a big target, and on a nearby table were many darts. Dr. Smith told his students to draw a picture of someone that they disliked or someone who had made them angry, and he would allow them to pin it on the target and throw darts at

the person's picture, if they wished. Sally's girlfriend drew a picture of a girl who had stolen her boyfriend. Another friend drew a picture of his little brother. Sally drew a picture of a former friend, putting a great deal of detail into her drawing, even drawing pimples on the face. Sally was pleased with the overall effect she had achieved.

The class lined up and began throwing darts. Some of the students threw their darts with such force that their targets were ripped apart. Sally looked forward to her turn, and was filled with disappointment when Dr. Smith, because of time limits, asked the students to return to their seats. As Sally sat thinking about how angry she was because she didn't have a chance to throw any darts at her target, Dr. Smith began removing the target from the wall.

Underneath the target was a picture of Jesus. A hush fell over the room as each student viewed the mangled picture of Jesus; holes and jagged marks covered his face, and his eyes were pierced. Dr. Smith said only these words: "In as much as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Matthew 25:40.

No other words were necessary; tears filled the eyes of the students, focused only on the picture of Christ.

Phillip Yancey authored a priceless journal on forgiveness entitled, "What's So Amazing About Grace." Following are just a couple of his reflections on grace. Like vintage wine, sip slowly and savor the aroma of grace.

■ "A humble awareness that God has already forgiven us a debt so mountainous that beside it any person's wrongs against us shrink to the size of anthills. How can we not forgive each other in light of all God has forgiven us?"

■ "...forgiveness is an act of faith. By forgiving another, I am trusting that God is a better justice-maker than I am. By forgiving, I release my own right to get even and leave all issues of forgiveness for God to work out. I leave in God's hands the scales that must balance justice and mercy."

■ "When you forgive someone, you slice away the wrong from the person who did it...you think of them now not as a person who hurt you, but a person who needs you."

In the final analysis, we forgive others because that is the way God is. Forgiveness is an expression of the heart and character of God. "The strongest argument in favor of grace is the alternative, a world of ungrace."

## Area I Worship Services\*

### Distinctive Faith Group Services

Islamic Prayers	Fri 1 p.m.	DISCOM Chapel
COGIC	Sun 12:30 p.m.	Warrior Chapel
Eucharistic Episcopal	Sun 5:30 p.m.	Stanley Chapel
Latter-day Saints	Sun 1 p.m.	Crusader Chapel

### Catholic

Saturday	6 p.m.	Stanley Chapel
Sunday	9 a.m.	Warrior Chapel
	9 a.m.	Howze Chapel

### Protestant

Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Happy Mountain Chapel
	9:30 a.m.	DISCOM Chapel
	9:30 a.m.	Essayons Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Kyle Chapel
	11 a.m.	Warrior Chapel
	11 a.m.	Howze Chapel
	11 a.m.	Hovey Chapel
	11a.m.	Stanley Chapel

### ROK/KATUSA Services

Monday	7 p.m.	Howze Chapel
	7 p.m.	Castle Chapel
Tuesday	7 p.m.	Stone Chapel
Wednesday	7 p.m.	Hovey Chapel
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	DISCOM Chapel
	7 p.m.	Stone Chapel
Sunday	1 p.m.	DISCOM Chapel
	6 p.m.	Warrior Chapel

\*Not all services for Area I are listed. For information about services, contact the nearest chaplain's office

# Aganu'u Samoa perform in Yongsan

Story, photos by Pvt. Park Yung-kwi  
Area II Public Affairs Office

**YONGSAN** — People gathered in the Yongsan Main Post Club June 4 and heard Samoan soldiers screaming. Samoan soldiers from all around the peninsula got together to enjoy a cultural event dedicated to them, Aganu'u Samoa.

“Since (May) is the Asian-Pacific American Heritage month, we try to pull it together for the Samoan soldiers who are in service now,” said Faresa Tu'uao, chief of the Aganu'u Samoa Committee. “Most of them are thousands of miles away from home and we like to bring every one of them up to Yongsan for this event; not only to get together but to get to know those young soldiers.

The Soldiers came from installations as far away as Busan and the Demilitarized Zone, Tu'uao added.

It was the second event in Area II that celebrated the Asian-Pacific American Heritage month after the commemoration ceremony held at the Dragon Hill Lodge May 15.

There were many non-Samoan Soldiers and their family members who came to see what Aganu'u Samoa is like and open their eyes for another culture. A dinner was provided for everyone and entertained guests with dance performances performed by Samoan Soldiers from Area I, Area II, Area III and Area IV.

“It [the event] is great because it has a lot of community people together seeing their own culture,” said Charley Mosley, a Material Support Command-Korea accounting officer. “I'm not from the islands, but I loved it because it's bringing people together.”



Pfc. Soliai Soliai, 2nd Infantry Division, makes a scary face during the Haka dance.

Dancers spiced up the event from the beginning by showing traditional dances of the pacific islands. As the finale of the entertainment show, one little Samoan girl from Area II danced in traditional costume in the middle of the stage with the crowd around her. It was such an amazing night for non-Samoans as well.

“It was really cool to see their dances and how they moved,” said Amber Blain, a law school student.

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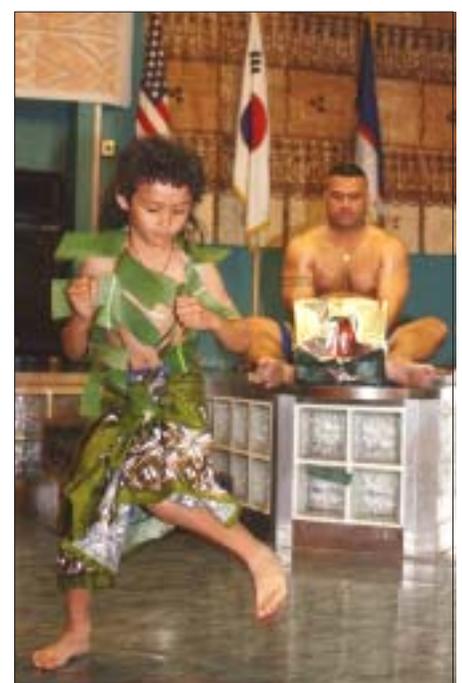
Spc. Christine Burns, 2nd Infantry Division, performs the Hawaiian traditional dance at the beginning of the show.



During the Haka dance Pfc. Boaz Boat and Pfc. Soliai Soliai, both from 2nd Battalion, 9 Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, show the audience what strong Samoan men are like.



As the finale of the night, Diana Mapuoletui, daughter of Command Sgt. Maj. Melane Mapuoletui from 94th Military Police Battalion, dances in the middle of the stage surrounded by Yongsan students.



Representing Area II, Austin Matautia, son of Lt. Col. Shelley Matautia from the 1st Signal Brigade, performs “the coconut climbing dance” along with drum beat by Staff Sgt. Koke Pumele from the Joint Security Area.



### Tech TV no longer available

Tech TV, purchased by Comcast Corporation in May, will no longer be available on the MWR cable network. This change in service will begin June 25.

Following the purchase of Tech TV, Comcast announced that it was merging the network with its own technology channel, G4, and was eliminating all international services. Because of this decision by Comcast, MWR Cable television is unable to carry Tech TV.

"MWR regrets the loss of this channel and asks for your understanding with a situation that is beyond our control," said Ron Buss, program manager for MWR cable TV. "MWR is currently looking for a suitable replacement for Tech TV."

Customers who have questions about the change in service may call the cable TV office at 738-2288.

### Track and Field Championships

■ Carey Fitness Center will be hosting the 2004 Warrior Division Track and Field championships. For more information contact Jim Williams at 730-2322.

### Comedy ROKs - Part III

MWR is bringing the third Comedy ROKs session to Korea. Stop by a local club to check out the 90-minute shows.

7 p.m.	Today	Camp Casey	Warrior's Club
7 p.m.	Saturday	Camp Casey	Primo's
7 p.m.	Sunday	Camp Garry	Owen Saber Club
8 p.m.	Wednesday	Camp Walker	Hilltop Club
8 p.m.	Thursday	Camp	Carroll Hideaway Club
9 p.m.	18 June	Camp Hialeah	Pusan Pub
9 p.m.	19 June	Camp Henry	Henry's Place

### Pool Tournament

Yongsan will be having an 8-Ball Tournament at the Community Activity Services Building July 10-11. Call 725-6070 for more information.

### Battle of the Bands Contest

Camp Humphreys will be the site of a battle of the bands contest July 24. Call 725-6070 for more information.

### Free Golf Lessons

U.S. ID card holders from Area IV are invited to take advantage of free golf lessons at Camp Walker's Evergreen Community Club, Saturday and June 19. Novice golfers with little or no experience will learn the basic techniques on grip, form, swing, driving, long, short-and middle irons, and putting. Classes begin 10 a.m. at the driving range. Sign up in advance by calling 768-4601, or stop by the Pro Shop.

# BOSS program 'blasts' beach

## Korea Region Morale, Welfare and Recreation

**CAMP HIALEAH**—The Korea Region Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers program hosted the Annual Beach Blast Weekend over the Memorial Day break in Busan. Day one kicked off with bodybuilding and karaoke contests at the Pusan Pub on Camp Hialeah while day two featured some old fashioned rest and relaxation on Song-Jung Beach. Soldiers from as far north as the Demilitarized Zone were able to attend the two-day long event. About 300 people participated in the festivities.

"Servicemembers signed up for this

event because it focused on having a good time through competitive and social events," said John Lavender, Recreation Program Manager. "We did the best we can to make Soldiers forget the rigors of their duty to mission."

Held in conjunction with the traditional bodybuilding contest on day one was a karaoke contest, an addition to this year's events. Soldiers met in the late hours of the evening to wind down from the travel and enjoy the entertainment. Some of the best-built bodies from the Korean peninsula competed for top honors in the men's lightweight, men's light-heavy weight and women's categories. While Eddie Hammonds, Benjamin Hutchinson, and

Angelina Montecalvo were declared bodybuilding winners, vocal performers competed in both individual and group singing categories for the karaoke contest.

Despite less than perfect weather, day two signaled the start of the Beach Blast. Servicemembers flooded the beach for a barbecue lunch and competitions including beach volleyball, sand sculpting and tug of war.

The Beach Blast is just one of many events organized by MWR, a program that gives single and unaccompanied Soldiers the opportunity to explore some parts of the country beyond the gates. Contact local BOSS Councils for more information on future happenings in respective areas.

## Youth essay contest yields the meaning of one person

By Jessica Alm

Area IV Family Advocacy Program

May was recognized across the United States as National Foster Care Month, a time to honor America's more than 133,000 foster families and to recognize the approximately 556,000 children in foster care.

Foster care providers play a crucial role in helping children and families heal, reconnect, and launch children into successful adulthood.

In an effort to illustrate the profound impact that a single adult can have on the life of a one child the Area IV seventh-through 12- grade students competed in an essay contest in which they wrote about one person who has inspired them during their lives.

After all the essays from the Taegu and Pusan schools were collected and judged only one winner was chosen. The winning contestant is Yoo Kwi Hwang, a seventh grader at the Pusan American School. Yoo Kwi received a certificate of achievement, \$20 gift certificate from AAFES, and free ice cream from Baskin-Robbins.

### "About My Special Person"

*Her smile is soft and sweet like pink cotton candy. Her hands are full of scars because of her efforts for households. Her calm but strict voice always remains in my heart. Her hand's warmth always remains in my hands. I still remember the tender kisses that she gave me at birth. My special person is - my mom.*

*You probably have a mom and she is special. I also have a mom who is special. This is a little bit about her. She always laughs, smiles, and giggles. I had never seen her cry. I thought she was strong and faithful, which is not like me. One day, when I was young, I saw her glimmering tears, like pure pearls, falling down her cheeks. At first I thought she was angry, but those tears made me think of sad thoughts, real sad thoughts. Then she looked up, glanced upon me and wiped her tears. She smiled at me and said she was alright. I didn't know why she smiled at me. I thought, why doesn't she keep on crying? But now I know. I think she didn't want to let me see her weakness swallowing her up. She didn't want to let her daughter see her crying.*

*Whenever I want somewhere, she would always warn me not to follow strangers and other things. Even though I am 13 now, she still warns me. I thought it was annoying and irritable. I argued with her to stop worrying about me. Do you know what she replied to me? She said that even though that I am 13 I am her child and she cares so much about me. At first I thought my mom was a jerk. No offense, I just thought that she doesn't need to care about me. Then I thought for a moment. She has always protected me. I mean, if you protected your daughter for 13 years you could not just stop worrying about her. I realized that I was her only daughter and she was my only mom. Why? There is only one reason that she cares about me; I am her daughter. On the night before National History Day she helped me work at it until 1 a.m. When I try to think how many things she did for my National History Day project, they will be impossible to count.*

*Each day she probably does more than 100 things for me. Each year she will do more than a million things for me. Why? She cares about me and loves me.*

*Every mother loves to shop. It took me a long time to realize this. One day I was watching her buy my clothes and supper. I never saw her shopping for her self. I asked her why. She would always tell me she had enough clothing and jewelry. When I was a bit older and taller, I found her wallet and was able to see what was inside her wallet. Then I saw it was empty. Now, I knew why she won't buy her things. I slowly placed the wallet back to her drawer. It felt like I saw something really bad. I slowly went back to the living room. I asked her why she wasn't buying anything for herself. Her eyes looked as if they knew everything about me. She answered me very smoothly. She told me that it was more important to care about me than to care about her self. I learned an important truth about my mother's love that day.*

*When I started going to softball, on the very first day, I got hit by the ball right in my face. Well, I had thought softball was soft. It wasn't soft at all. It was rock hard. Blood was all over my face. I cried because I didn't catch the ball and I was so ready to catch the ball. I didn't catch the ball and even worse, I got hit by it. The only thing I was able to see was read blood all over my clothes and a red, bloody ball. When I saw this, I lost my confidence. I didn't have the confidence to continue to be a member of the softball team. When I got home I wanted to forget what happened. I cried in my room. Then I saw a light from the door. My mom came in. I felt quite sheepish when I was crying in front of my mom. She slowly came towards me and asked me what had happened. I told her I wanted to quit softball. Then there was silence. Then my mom finally replied. She said that not to worry about to catching the ball. She said not to worry about it at all. She told me to not to cry anymore because I would lose my pride. There was another long silence. I looked at her face. She looked at me with a great smile. Then it made me smile too. Her words gave me back my confidence and pride.*

*My mom has done many more things than I have shared. She did countless things for me everyday. If I wanted to thank her, it would take more than a hundred years. So, I guess it's my turn to make her happy and comfortable like she has done for me. I shall try to do this everyday.*

*Now it's your turn to make your special person feel beloved.*

If you would like to make a positive and long-lasting impact on the life of a child by becoming a foster parent contact your local Family Advocacy Program and ask for more information about the Army's Emergency Placement Care Program.

Emergency Placement Care has been implemented to provide short term foster care services for families in crisis at installations outside the continental United States until the situation causing placement has been resolved, or until longer term care or placement can be arranged at a CONUS location.

Those interested in learning how to become a certified EPC provider in should contact 768-8090.

# Humphreys airfield: one of busiest outside of U.S.

## Desiderio Airfield team keeps it running smoothly with help of partner units

Story, photos by Steve Davis

Area III Public Affairs Office

**CAMP HUMPHREYS** – Newcomers at Camp Humphreys are often astounded when they pass through the main gate of the base near Pyeongtaek, 45 miles south of Seoul. One of the first things they notice is a long, busy runway, an air traffic control tower and a lot of helicopters and planes.

“At first glance, Camp Humphreys looks more like an Air Force base than an Army post,” said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Bryan E. Boyd, who commands Desiderio Army Airfield at Camp Humphreys.

Boyd and the 26-member airfield staff – all part of the U.S. Army Support Activity, Area III – help keep the airfield running smoothly. They work closely with the U.S. Air Force’s Detachment 2, 607th Weather Squadron and air traffic controllers from Company D, 58th Aviation Regiment, as well as the other Area III organizations such as the Directorate of Public Works, the fire department and the Area III Safety Office, among others, to support aviation units based at Camp Humphreys.

Among airfield users are the 6th Cavalry Brigade, which has a squadron of AH-64D Apache Longbow helicopters based at Camp Humphreys. CH-47 Chinook helicopters from the 2nd Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment are also based at the airfield to provide heavy lift capability to U.S. Forces Korea. The 377th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) operates out of Desiderio Army Airfield to respond to emergency medical situations in the area that require air evacuation. Fixed wing aircraft from the 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion fly intelligence-gathering missions from the airfield at Camp Humphreys.

Korean and U.S. military aircraft from all over the Republic of Korea often use Desiderio Army Airfield to refuel or as a stop-over during bad weather. Last year, there were more than 65,000 aircraft movements at the airfield.

“Desiderio Army Airfield is considered to be the busiest outside of the continental United States,” said Boyd, a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter pilot with 11 years flying experience. Boyd was chosen to be airfield commander when he reported for duty at Camp Humphreys last October. He now spends most of his time coordinating airfield activities and attending to administrative requirements.

“There’s no typical day at the airfield,” he said. “We have an important mission and there’s always a lot going on.”

The list of mission requirements is longer than a helicopter’s main rotor blade. The Desiderio Army Airfield mission reads like this:

- Responsible to the commander for primary supervision and management of the airfield, hot refuel point and an alert services section.
- Provide high quality flight planning and air traffic services to tenant and transient aviation units.



Above: A crewmember works on a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter at the 377th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) pad at Camp Humphreys' Desiderio Army Airfield.

Right: Desiderio Army Airfield noncommissioned officer in charge Staff Sgt. Nathaniel L. Westly and airfield commander Chief Warrant Officer Bryan E. Boyd stand by as an Air Force plane parks during a recent exercise. The two, along with a staff of 26 Soldiers and Korean employees, manage the airfield for the U.S. Army Support Activity, Area III.



- Inspection and general police of the airfield and its facilities.
- Oversee the weather detachment, crash rescue and air traffic control sections.
- Coordinate with the Camp Humphreys installation commander and staff on all aviation matters.
- Coordinate with air traffic control, crash rescue, military police and medical facilities for execution of a crash plan.
- Update the airfield standard operating procedures.

- Maintain airfield security.
- Assist with aviation safety.

That’s just for starters. As airfield commander, Boyd also advises the installation commander on airfield activities — particularly during major training exercises — and provides assistance to visiting units and keep the local area hazard map updated.

Then there’s the “daily shuffle,” routine things that must be done like receiving and distributing flight plans and notices to airman.

“A lot of information originates or passes through

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## History of Desiderio Army Airfield

Area III Public Affairs Office

Desiderio Army Airfield was named in honor of Capt. Reginald B. Desiderio. He commanded Company E, 27th Infantry Regiment and was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for heroic acts performed during the Korean War. He was killed in action Nov. 27, 1950, near Ipsok, Korea.

Prior to the Korean War, Desiderio Army Airfield was known as the Pyeongtaek Airfield. It was constructed by the Japanese during their occupation of Korea and, until the Korean War broke out, was nothing but a desolate airfield in the rice lands surrounding Pyeongtaek.

On April 25, 1951, the U.S. Air Force sent the 930th Engineer Aviation Group to Pyeongtaek to repair and build a new perforated steel plank, or PSP, runway to accommodate Marine Air Group 12 and the 6147th Tactical Control Group. In the summer and fall of 1951, the group renovated the

runway at Pyeongtaek Airfield, which was given the designation “K-6 Airfield.”

In May 1952, the 417th Engineer Air Brigade arrived in Korea to supervise the 930th, 931st and 934th Engineer Aviation Groups in their ongoing improvement of K-6. In September 1952, the 1903rd Engineer Aviation Battalion, part of the 930th Group, began construction of a new concrete runway and a new parallel taxiway, along with concrete taxiways connected to the existing PSP facility. The new facilities were completed by the fall of 1953.

From early 1952 through 1953, Marine Air Group 12 was located at K-6 Airfield and operated on the PSP and concrete runways. The 6147th Tactical Control Group had the primary mission to control air strikes against enemy targets. Their T-6 Mosquitoes served as the “eyes” for the Joint Operations Center during the Korean War, relaying messages from the battlefield to Daegu. The unit

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## NEWS & NOTES

### CPX Gate Closure

The Camp Humphreys CPX gate will close 10 p.m. June 18 for construction and reopen at 6 a.m. June 21. It will also close again 10 p.m. July 9 and reopen 6 a.m. July 12. All vehicle traffic may enter through the Camp Humphreys main gate during these construction periods.

### Customer Service Points to Close for Inventory

All Customer Service Points and Central Organizational Clothing and Individual Equipment issue points will be closed between June 28 and July 2 for inventory.

### 527th MI Dining Facility Closes for Upgrade

The 527th Military Intelligence Battalion dining facility is closed through June 18 for the upgrading of freezers and other equipment.

### Army Birthday and Flag Day Five Kilometer Run

The Army Birthday and Flag Day five-kilometer run will be held Saturday at the Camp Humphreys post gym. Registration begins 7 a.m. The race begins 8 a.m. Free flag pins will be presented to all participants. For information call, the gym at 753-8810 or 753-8811.

### Camp Adventure

Youth Services at Camp Humphreys is offering a summer camp Monday through Aug. 20 for children ages 6-12 years old. Themed weeks provide children an exciting, educational and productive summer. The camp is run in one-week blocks. Camp Adventure fees are based upon total family income. To enroll a child or to obtain more information, contact Youth Services at 753-8507.

### Digital Photo Fest

Show off your best pictures during the Digital Photo Fest at the Camp Humphreys Community Activities Center. Enter as many as three digital photos each in the following categories: People & Such; Places to Go and Things to Do. Prizes will be awarded in each category. The contest is open to Korean and U.S. military personnel, civilian employees and family members. Entry deadline is June 27.

### Airport Shuttle

An Incheon Airport Shuttle leaves daily from the Camp Humphreys Community Activities Center. Cost is \$25 per person. The shuttle will stop at airline portals. Reservations are required. For more information, call 753-8825.

### Hometown News Releases

Promotions, reassignments, awards and participation in major field training exercises or sports events are important activities in a Soldier's career that can be recognized in a hometown newspaper. Let the folks back home know. Submit a signed Department of Defense form 2266, Hometown News Release, to the Area III Public Affairs Office, Building S-728, at Camp Humphreys. For more information, call 753-8847.

### News & Notes Deadline

The deadline for submitting items for Area III News & Notes is Friday each week for publication the following Friday. However, it is best to submit items for publication well ahead of the deadline. Requests should be sent to Steve Davis, USASA Area III command information officer, at davisst@usfk.korea.army.mil



6th Cavalry Brigade flight surgeon Capt. Matt Smith, left, attends to a "casualty" with help from Company C, 168th Medical Battalion medics Sgt. Jeff Tinsman and Spc. Nikisha Pitts.

## Humphreys' units respond during mass casualty drill

Area III Public Affairs Office

**CAMP HUMPHREYS** — Camp Humphreys fire, military police and medical personnel took part in a mass casualty exercise May 18 to simulate various types of accidents and treat resulting casualties.

According to Capt. Roddex Barlow, commander of Company C, 168th Medical Battalion, casualties were triaged at accident sites, then transported by ambulance to the Camp Humphreys Health Clinic for treatment.

## Airfield

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Desiderio Army Airfield Commander Chief Warrant Officer 3 Bryan E. Boyd talks to the airfield tower as he waits for planes to land during a recent exercise.

airfield operations each day," said Staff Sgt. Nathaniel L. Westly, noncommissioned officer in charge at Desiderio Army Airfield flight operations. Westly is Boyd's "go-to guy" in the seven-day-a-week, 24-hour-a-day operation.

"We have a high-visibility role," said Westly. "The airfield has to run like a well-oiled machine."

The airfield operations staff also keeps the airfield operations building gleaming, ready to receive dignitaries who come and go from the airfield. The VIPs who frequent the airfield range from ambassadors or high-ranking Department of Defense senior executives

to generals or commanders from all of the U.S. or Republic of Korea military services who visit the installation.

"It a big job and somebody has got to do it," said Westly.

By "somebody," Westly means Soldiers of the U.S. Army Support Activity, Area III, who work around-the-clock with other Camp Humphreys organizations to keep aircraft flying.

**Editors note:** Next week's newspaper will feature stories about the roles of flight dispatchers and Air Force weather personnel at the Desiderio Army Airfield.

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## History

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got its name "Mosquito" from radio call signs like "Mosquito Able," "Mosquito Baker" and others it often used. Those call signs caught on and the unit became known as the Mosquito Squadron. It's airborne controllers and planes were known as "Mosquitoes."

K-6 was one of the most strategic and important airfields in the war. While most of the heaviest and fastest aircraft had to be based in southern Japan because of the small size of airfields in Korea, the theater command group relied heavily on intelligence information received from forward-deployed units at K-6 Airfield.

In 1961, the installation was renamed "Camp Humphreys" in honor of Chief Warrant Officer Benjamin K. Humphreys of the 4th Transportation Company, who died in a helicopter accident near the base. At that time, the post was under 8th Army command and was used as a sub-post of the Seoul Area Command and the 7th Logistical Command. The Humphreys District Command was activated in 1964 as a separate installation command of the 8th U.S. Army. A few years later, Camp Humphreys was redesignated as the 23rd Direct Support Group, which provided all direct support, supply and maintenance, storage of all conventional ammunition in Korea, adjutant general



Above: Contractors pour concrete on a taxiway under construction at the Desiderio Army Airfield at Camp Humphreys.



Right: U.S. military personnel pour a concrete runway at K-6 Airfield in this undated Korean War-era photograph.

publications and training aids, and operated the 8th Army Milk Plant. Its units were spread from Tobong San in the Northern I Corps area around Uijeongbu to Masan in the south.

With the activation of the 19th Support Brigade in 1994, Camp Humphreys was redesignated as U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Humphreys. In 1985, garrison headquarters was restructured to support its wartime mission and was redesignated the

23rd Support Group, and later the 23rd Area Support Group.

In 1996, garrison headquarters functions were separated from the 23rd Area Support Group with the formation of the U.S. Army Support Activity for Area III and Camp Humphreys. Desiderio Army Airfield now falls under the control of U.S. Army Support Activity, Area III, which continues to improve and maintain the airfield.

# 527th Military Intelligence Battalion changes command

## Area III Public Affairs Office

**CAMP HUMPHREYS** — Lt. Col. Jerald L. Phifer assumed command of the 527th Military Intelligence Battalion from Lt. Col. Robert H. Harms during a ceremony June 4 at Camp Humphreys.

The 527th Military Intelligence Battalion, part of the 501st Military Intelligence Brigade, provides intelligence support to the U.S.-Republic of Korea Combined Forces Command and U.S. Forces Korea.

Phifer, who holds master's degrees in strategic intelligence and human resource management, was most recently Human Intelligence Division chief, Army G-2 at the Pentagon.

Col. Mary A. Legere, 501st Military Intelligence Brigade commander, passed the unit colors from Harms to Phifer as American and Korean Soldiers, civilians, family members and military guests watched.

During an address following the change of command, Legere commended Harms and his wife Sherry for an "absolutely magnificent job providing tremendously positive leadership to this great unit."

"For 730 days, 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week, the Soldiers and civilians of the 527th, along with their outstanding Republic of Korea counterparts, have been the ears of the theater commander," said Legere. "The 'Silent Warriors' have been the Combined Forces Command's 'go-to' signal intelligence organization."

Legere said that during Harms' tenure the unit:

- Was commended by the commander of the Combined Forces Command and the director of the National Security Agency for "unique and essential contributions" to the Republic of Korea-U.S. alliance and national security.

- Was awarded more than \$12 million for 17 new

systems in recognition of their Soldiers' potential and importance to the national intelligence efforts in the Pacific.

- Won the 2002 Army Supply Excellence Award, the 2002 Army Maintenance Excellence Award, the 2002 U.S. Forces Korea runner-up in the Phillip A. Connelly food service competition, the 2002 U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command Career Counselor Award, the 2003 Intelligence Command Soldier of the Year, and the 2002 and 2003 Area III Community Excellence awards for work promoting English literacy and community relations, and a Republic of Korea Army award for support to the Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army, or KATUSA, program, among others.

After thanking 527th Military Intelligence Battalion Soldiers and civilians and their Republic of Korea counterparts for their "tenacity, teamwork and determination to be the best," Legere thanked Harms for "superb leadership, tremendous talent sustaining a positive command climate and tireless efforts to create conditions for Soldiers' success."

She also thanked Sherry Harms for her dedication to Soldiers and their families and for lending "incredible talents and passion" to the entire battalion family.

Legere then welcomed Phifer.

"Lt. Col. Jerry Phifer, welcome to the brigade and to the best signal intelligence battalion in the Army today and the best job on the planet," she said. "You are taking command of a great organization. Command it with pride."

Before publicly welcoming Phifer as the new 527th Military Intelligence Battalion commander, Harms thanked the officers, Soldiers, civilians and contractors he has worked with, as well as family members and friends attending the change of command ceremony.



PHOTO BY STEVE DAVIS

*Lt. Col. Jerald L. Phifer returns his unit colors to Command Sgt. Maj. David J. Thomas after assuming command of the 527th Military Intelligence Battalion June 4 at Camp Humphreys.*

Phifer, speaking to his unit as commander for the first time, said, "I am humbled."

"Silent Warriors, thank you for what you do 24 hours-a-day. You are the reason why people can sleep well at night," he said, calling the Soldiers, civilians, family members and Korean counterparts "a great total team." He pledged to continue to build upon the "solid foundation of excellence" already put in place by Harms, who is on his way to an assignment at Fort Meade, Md.



## Joyner gets soaked for safety

Story, photo by Galen Putnam

Area IV Public Affairs Office

**CAMP WALKER** – It's not that often one can tell the commander to "jump in a lake" but that's exactly what happened when a senior officer took the plunge in an effort to promote monsoon awareness and safety.

Donning full battle-rattle, Col. James M. Joyner, Area IV Support Activity and 20th Support Group commander, submerged himself in the Camp Walker Golf Course pond May 29 while taping a public service announcement to air on the American Forces Network.

The intent is to educate viewers regarding monsoon perils, tape an eye-catching public awareness message viewers won't forget soon and have some fun with it.

Not wanting to tape a traditionally static command information message as a "talking head," Joyner directed his public affairs office to come up with something fresh.

With the assistance of the American Forces-Korea Daegu affiliate, the Area IV Safety Office and Joyner himself, it did just that.

Joyner ended up in the Camp Walker Golf Course "Island Hole" pond with more than 1,200 gallons of water from a Camp Walker Fire Department ladder truck dousing him as he delivered the safety message.



(from left) Col. James M. Joyner, commander of Area IV Support Activity and 20th Support Group, Kevin Jackson, Area IV Support Activity public affairs officer and Willie DeCook, director of Resource Management, Area IV Support Activity, tape a typhoon awareness message to be aired on American Forces Network-Korea.

"I wanted to make a commercial that would draw people's attention," Joyner said. "We wanted to show the destructive powers of severe weather. Last year here in Daegu, Typhoon Maemi caused more than \$1 million in damage."

Although not as powerful as typhoons, the monsoon season brings deceptive dangers as heavy rains lead to rising waters and winds turn debris into potentially deadly projectiles.

In the commercial Joyner advises

individuals to stay away from high-water collection points and storm drains, avoid downed power lines, to stay indoors away from windows, and to check road conditions before traveling.

Despite the seriousness of the message, the support staff assembled to tape the message had a good time.

After the fire truck was in place and the street blocked by military police, the gray and drizzly late Sunday afternoon was transformed into a monsoon. With

a fire hose operated by Area IV Fire Chief Bob Purvis spraying water onto Joyner, crew members, including Staff Sgt. Rick Lewis, AFN-K Daegu Detachment commander who taped and produced the spot, huddled under umbrellas as the deluge poured down.

"My main concern was the water. We knew coming in that we were going to get wet," Lewis said. "Thanks to duct tape and golf umbrellas we were able to get clean audio and keep the camera from getting too wet and crashing."

Joyner was joined in the pond by Kevin Jackson, Area IV public affairs officer, who was in charge of the "debris" seen floating by Joyner as the commander gradually sinks deeper and deeper into the "rising" waters.

"We had a great plan, the weather actually cooperated with us and everyone did a great job to ensure a first class product," Jackson said. "I don't know how we'll ever beat it."

The Area I Public Affairs Office is pondering the same question.

"I have a good-natured rivalry with Col. (Jeffery T.) Christiansen, the Area I commander," Joyner said. "I think we raised the bar pretty high. I can't wait to see what he comes up with next."

Christiansen taped a monsoon spot last year that showed him in driving rain delivering a weather safety message.

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## Area IV planning week of activities for Army's 229th Birthday

Story by Galen Putnam

Area IV Public Affairs Office

**CAMP HENRY** – A week of festivities, highlighted by an Area IV "all personnel" gathering is slated June 14-19 to celebrate the Army's 229th birthday.

Kelly Field on Camp Walker will be the duty location for all Area IV Soldiers June 18 as they gather for a day of activities to celebrate the Army birthday. Civilian employees, contractors and family members are encouraged to attend as well.

"This will be an enjoyable occasion. It is an opportunity to play sports and enjoy celebrating the Army's birthday," said Sgt. Major Lorria P. Anderson, Support Operations and Plans Section, 19th Theater Support Command, who is coordinating the week's activities. "This will be every Soldier's place of duty beginning at 5:45 a.m. when they form up."

The day will begin with reveille at 6 a.m. Events throughout the day will include a Republic of Korea Army Honor Guard demonstration, a streamer ceremony and a flag-folding ceremony. In addition, a



variety of children's games activities are planned throughout the day including train rides, three-on-three basketball, face painting and more.

A massive barbecue is planned for lunch with entrees ranging from grilled steaks with sautéed mushrooms and onions to hamburgers and hot dogs. Tickets for Soldiers receiving basic allowance for subsistence and all others (civilians, contractors, guests, etc) cost \$5.40. Tickets for family members of Soldiers specialist and below cost \$4.60. Tickets will be available at the main entrance of the Camp Walker Post Exchange, the Evergreen Community Club, and Henry's Place on Camp Henry from 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. each duty day through Tuesday. Meal card holders and Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers can obtain meal tickets from their unit first sergeant.

A live band will provide entertainment and American Forces Network radio will also be on hand.

"I think the Soldiers, civilians and kids will have a good time," Anderson said. There will be a lot of activities for people to participate in. Also, the streamer and flag-folding ceremonies will teach people about the Army's history."

The week culminates with the "229th Army Birthday Ball-South" slated for 6:30 p.m. June 19 at the Evergreen Community Club. This year's theme is "Supporting Our Army at War." Tickets for the ball are \$20. Call 768-8363 for tickets or see unit representatives.

The week will kick off Monday on the Army's 229th birthday with units beginning week-long competition in 22 sports and games ranging from flag football and basketball to checkers and spades. Units will be competing for the "Commander's Cup" to be presented by Maj. Gen. Jeanette K. Edmunds, commanding general of the 19th Theater Support Command, to Area IV's top unit. Units will be scored by their standings in each event as well their overall participation.

NEWS & NOTES

**Camp George Gate Construction**

It will be difficult for vehicles to enter and exit Gate 3 at Camp George during duty hours because of construction in the area. Gate 10 will be open during normal duty hours for vehicle traffic until construction is complete. For more information, call William Hall at 768-8987.

**American Red Cross Station Closure**

The American Red Cross station in Daegu will be closed until further notice. All emergencies and casework will be handled by the Kunsan Red Cross. For more information and assistance, call Jocelyn Townsend at 782-4601.

**16th Medical Logistics Bn. Change of Command**

The 16th Medical Logistics Battalion will host a change of command ceremony for outgoing commander Lt. Col. Jeffrey Unger and incoming commander Lt. Col. William Ackerman 9 a.m. Tuesday at Kelly Field on Camp Walker. A reception will follow at the Evergreen Community Club. For more information, call 1st Lt. Kendal Kettle at 765-8015.

**Warrant Officer Recruiting Team**

The Warrant Officer Recruiting Team will be in Area IV Monday-Tuesday. It will be at the Camp Carroll Community Activity Center 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. July 15 and Camp Henry Education Center, Room 205, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. July 16. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Eva Commons at 768-6954.

**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.

**Busan/Chinhae Veterans Affairs Seminar**

A Busan and Chinhae area Veterans Affairs seminar will be held 9 a.m. June 22 at Army Community Services, Camp Hialeah. Steve Tucker, a Veterans Affairs representative from Yongsan will give a presentation followed by one-on-one counseling. For more information and to sign up for individual appointments, call Brenda Conner at 763-7470.

**CEB-NEA Change of Command**

The Combat Equipment Battalion-North East Asia will host a change of command ceremony 10 a.m. June 23 in Camp Carroll Warehouse 15. The outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Andre Q. Fletcher and the incoming commander is Lt. Col. Jobie Roach. For more information, call Pak Kyong-hui at 765-8384.

**Severe Weather Workshop**

The Camp Carroll Army Community Service is hosting a severe weather workshop 1 p.m. June 29 at the Apple Blossom Cottage. The topics include what is a monsoon and how to protect you and your family from severe weather conditions in Korea. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Chris Song at 765-7049.

**Students take a trip on the 'wild' side**

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

**CAMP HENRY** – Harry Holmes, an eighth-grader at Taegu American School, opened his sleepy eyes around 4 a.m. May 29, and he was surprised to see a shark swimming 10 feet above him ... and he definitely wasn't dreaming.

He was one of 10 Taegu American School students who went on an overnight trip to Busan to participate in Skill Building Adventure Training May 28-29 at the Busan Aquarium, Haeundae Beach and other locations.

The training, conducted by the Community Counseling Center, Family Advocacy Program, Adolescent Substance Abuse Program and other entities, was geared toward providing students with the personal skills needed to help them become more confident individuals and better leaders.

"The training was open to everyone who wants to improve their skills such as self-esteem, communication skills, integrity, knowing what their values are," said Heather Robinson, Area IV adolescent substance abuse counselor. "Because that is what prevents kids from doing bad things such as using alcohol and drugs."

This training was also planned to prepare and equip the participants with skills to teach drug prevention sessions to younger kids in the community, according to Ken Welch, director of Daegu Community Counseling Center.

"I know that teenagers can teach drug prevention to children better than grown-ups can," Welch said. "They are the heroes for children. So we asked for some volunteer teenagers to work with us to teach children about smoking, drinking and drugs. To train them, we decided to hold adventure training."

More than half of the students who participated in the training were members of the team that gave the first



PHOTO BY SPC. DAN JONES

Kim Song-min, prevention specialist for the Area IV Family Advocacy Program, falls back during the "trust fall," part of team building activities conducted at Haeundae beach.

presentation featuring the Daegu Community Counseling Center's antisubstance abuse animated puppet, "Sergeant Smart," at Taegu American School in March.

The overnight training started with team building activities at the beach.

"We did some team building activities such as the trust fall at the beach," said Welch. "We also had some fun building sand castles as a part of team building and we had a pizza party."

After dinner, they moved into the aquarium for presentations that lasted all through the night. Seven chaperones who went along, including Welch, Robinson, Kim Song-min, prevention specialist for the Area IV Family Advocacy Program, Spc. Dan Jones, Camp Carroll Substance Abuse Counselor, Kari Kugler, a teacher from the Taegu American School language arts program, and Debbie White, Camp Hialeah Community Counseling Center, each gave an hour-long presentation on issues such as substance abuse, decision

making, anger management, communication skills, self-esteem and defining values in life.

"The presentations were to give these kids the skills to make a decision in their lives towards a healthy lifestyle, and be respected and trusted by others," said Robinson. "It was also to teach them how to mentor those skills to other kids around them."

The students learned some important tips during the overnight program.

"This experience and education was good for me because I could use it to help myself and others in the society," said Jay Jung, an eighth-grader at Taegu American School. "The most helpful information I learned was communication skills and how to trust others and be trusted by them."

According to Robinson, organizers plan to conduct the training again in this fall with more students.

"I think (the training) went great. It was a big success," Robinson said. "We are going to do another one in September and hopefully then we will do another one in May. We are trying to make (the training) into something regular. Next time, we are going to include students from Busan also."

The training was conducted by the Area IV Adolescent Substance Abuse Program, Taegu American School's language arts program, the Area IV Family Advocacy Program, and the three Area IV Community Counseling Centers. The entire trip was funded solely by private donations.

"What was nice about planning this training was that there was no Army money involved. In stateside assignments, I always received special funds for this sort of training" Welch said. "Here it was funded by donations from the Daegu Sergeants Major Association, the parent-teacher organization and other private individuals."



PHOTO BY SPC. DAN JONES

A Shark glides over as "Andy," a motivational speaker from Busan, and Brandon Crowskey, an eighth-grader at Taegu American School, walk through a glass tunnel in the Busan Aquarium.

# Busan Soldiers respond to mock chemical attack

Story by Pfc. Oh Dong-keun

Area IV Public Affairs Office

**CAMP HENRY** – A SCUD missile with a warhead full of chemical agent is headed south. Alarms go off everywhere in Korea, including Busan, a port city at the southeast tip of the peninsula. Soldiers in the vicinity immediately don their protective gear and begin their contingency procedures.

Luckily it wasn't a real situation. Rather, it was the beginning of the 837th Transportation Battalion's hypothetical combined port chemical defense exercise conducted May 20 at Busan's Pier 8.

The purpose of the exercise was to familiarize participants with battle drills associated with a chemical attack and combined decontamination procedures port facilities in Korea, according to Lt. Col. James E. Brundage, 837th Transportation Battalion commander.

"(The exercise) was to establish a contingency plan for the working environment under a chemical attack between U.S. and Republic of Korea counterparts," said Maj. Courtney Brooks, cargo operations officer, 837th Transportation Battalion. "It was an opportunity to train with our Republic of Korea counterparts in preparation for emergency situations that can occur in the peninsula which affects us at the port."

The participants were divided into four teams, consisting of 33 to 35 Soldiers and civilians, led by a noncommissioned officer. Each team was assigned to a different location at the port for the exercise.



PHOTO BY PFC. LEE SUNG-HO

*A Soldier from 61st Chemical Company sprays a light-medium tactical vehicle during the equipment decontamination process.*

The exercise was conducted in four phases beginning with initial reactions to an attack. Then a survey team was dispatched to conduct M256A1 chemical agent detector kit and M8 detector paper contamination testing. The team also conducted tested the air for chemical agents submitted a nuclear, biological and chemical report. When the area was declared safe by survey teams, the teams conducted thorough individual and equipment decontamination.

Other units participating in the combined exercise were the 61st Chemical Company, Camp Hialeah; 25th Transportation Battalion Port Movement Control Team, Pier 8, Busan; and the 3rd Fleet of the Republic of Korea Navy from Jinhae.

"We had several in-progress reviews before the

exercise to establish coordination with Republic of Korea Navy 3rd Fleet, discussing their role of providing protection at the port along with the 61st Chemical Company," said Brooks. "After we figured out what kinds of protection and support they can provide, it was easy to coordinate things with them."

"I think the units worked really well together," said Staff Sgt. Wilemina Jules, cargo operation division non-commissioned officer in charge, 837th Transportation Battalion. "They were well aware of the mission that was to be accomplished and the sequence of the exercise. It was a good experience."

"The 61st Chemical Company gave us a good training on decontamination procedures," said Pfc. Lee Sung-ho, training clerk, 837th Transportation Battalion. "The 25th Transportation Battalion also participated and did very well."

The participants said the exercise was helpful and educational.

"I learned various aspects of a chemical attack such as decontamination procedures from the exercise," said Lee. "I really enjoyed the fact that I got to learn through classroom training before the exercise and real hands-on experience during the exercise."

The battalion would like to improve its working relationship with its Korean counterpart who participated in the exercise by training with them more often.

"I think we have achieved the goal of working with our counterparts, but we are still in the initial phase of the relationship," Brooks said. "We will have to continue to build the relationship by making (this kind of exercise) more frequent in the future."

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# French town welcomes back its WWII liberators

Story by Hugh C. McBride

Task Force Normandy 60 Public Affairs

**STE. MERE-EGLISE, France** – In a world of uncertainty, one constant remains sacrosanct: Ste. Mere-Eglise loves its liberators.

Six decades after the D-Day invasion started in the pre-dawn skies over this small village near the Normandy coast of France, tens of thousands of celebrators packed the narrow streets of Ste. Mere-Eglise to commemorate the onset of Operation Overlord and to once again thank the men who rid the region of its Nazi occupiers.

“I’ve never seen such appreciation for America,” said retired Army Col. Albert Wells, whose father, Bud Wells, trained fighter pilots during the war.

Wells was one of the thousands who filled the square around the town’s historic church, where paratrooper John Steele hung for more than two hours over German-patrolled streets after snagging his chute on the steeple in the early hours of June 6, 1944.

Throughout the daylong celebration, bands played from a variety of stages (including a Dixieland sextet on the back of a World War II-era Army truck), military re-enactors mingled with their real-life counterparts, and couples literally danced in the streets of what on most days is a quiet village with an appreciation for its history.

But this, clearly, was not most days.

“It’s like the Fourth of July,” said Robert McAndrew, who said he was in Normandy to fulfill a promise to his late father, World War II Veteran Richard B.

McAndrew. “I told him that if he didn’t live to be here ... I would represent him at the 60th.”

Also paying prominent homage to their forbears were the 602 U.S. airborne forces who parachuted onto a drop zone near the “Iron Mike” memorial on the outskirts of town. The paratroopers (including members of the 82nd and 101st Airborne divisions, which led the 1944 assault) descended upon the region in a series of drops from C-130 Globemaster and C-17 Starlifter aircraft, and then - still sporting their battle dress uniforms - merged into the crowd that was walking toward what one jumper termed the “sacred ground” of downtown Ste. Mere-Eglise.

“If you’re a paratrooper, you learn about this place from day one,” said Sgt. 1st Class Peter Crittenden, who drove from Stuttgart, Germany, with fellow members of the 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) to participate in the jump. “This is the holiest of holies for the airborne,” he said.

Standing almost in the shadow of the steeple of which he had read and heard so much for so long was, Crittenden said “an overwhelming experience.” But the best part of being there, he said, was the opportunity to talk with the very men who pried this town from the iron grip of Nazi occupation.

“It’s all about the veterans here today,” Crittenden said. “This is their day.”

One look around Ste. Mere-Eglise was all it took to verify that statement.

Winding one’s way through the throngs of celebrators was difficult, but getting near a veteran

verged on the impossible. Ringed by well-wishers wherever they went, the veterans signed autographs, posed for photographs, and accepted the handshakes and hugs of well-wishers whose only desires were to get close enough to stay “thank you.”

“It’s beautiful to see such an international outpouring of support for these men,” said Mary Casey, whose father, Robert C. Casey, piloted a glider into the area on D-Day. Standing beside her father amid the adoring crowds of Ste. Mere-Eglise was, Casey said, “very moving indeed.”

Proving that “moving” has more than one meaning for a veteran in Normandy, John Roman spent much of the afternoon dancing in the street with his bride of 58 years, Jacqueline. Married on the second anniversary of D-Day – two years after John helped liberate Jacqueline’s home town - the Romans return to the Normandy region nearly every year to celebrate their wedding day and remember those whose lives ended there.

“You feel the tears coming,” Roman said, yet as he shook hands with a steady stream of passing service members and civilians - or twirled his wife at the end of another dance – it appeared to at least one onlooker as though this veteran’s means of acknowledging the sacrifices of his comrades-in-arms was to love the life that they had provided for him.

As he twirled his wife and waltzed her into a street filled with service members and civilians celebrating one of the great achievements of America’s “greatest generation,” Roman appeared to be as in love with Ste. Mere-Eglise as it was with him.