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Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Myhre, the program executive office noncommissioned officer in charge, sports the Army Combat Uniform, the recently approved wear for Soldiers. It contains 18 new improvements.

## Officials: Combat uniform is more than fashion statement

By Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army officially unveiled its new combat uniform designed with major input by the noncommissioned officer corps and enlisted Soldiers, and tested by Stryker Brigade Soldiers in Iraq since October 2003.

Army senior leadership introduced the Army combat uniform during an Army birthday cake-cutting ceremony Monday. Soldiers displayed and also suited up in the wrinkle-free uniform with a digitized camouflage pattern.

“This isn’t about a cosmetic redesign of the uniform,” said Col. John Norwood, the project manager for clothing and individual equipment. “It’s a functionality change of the uniform that will improve the ability of Soldiers to execute their combat mission.”

The Army unveiled a redesigned combat uniform with a digital camouflage pattern that looks strikingly different from Soldiers’ current battle dress uniforms.

Three different versions of the ACU were

developed, and more than 10,000 uniforms were produced and battle-tested in the sands of Iraq and at Army training centers. Even more are on American production lines set to be issued by April 2005 to Soldiers in deploying units. Current fielding plans call for fielding to the total Army by December 2007, said officials from the program executive office, known as PEO Soldier.

The announcement said every change was made for a reason. The bottom pockets on the jacket were removed and placed on the shoulder sleeves so Soldiers can have access to them while wearing body armor. The pockets were also tilted forward so that they are easily accessible. Buttons were replaced with zippers that open from the top and bottom to provide comfort while wearing armor.

There were 18 changes made to the uniform, to include removing the color black and adapting the digital print from the Marine Corps uniform to meet the needs of the Army, said Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Myhre, the clothing and individual equipment noncommissioned officer in charge.



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## America’s Army celebrates birthday

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — With a little pomp and circumstance, observances Monday marked the U.S. Army’s 229th birthday and the 227th observance of Flag Day.

Soldiers and civilians from the Pentagon to Korea continue to gather throughout June to conduct parades, birthday balls and other special events.

The Army’s birthday theme this year, “Our Army at War – Relevant and Ready,” symbolizes the adaptability and vigilance that the Army must present in times of war, officials said. They pointed out that the Army continues to be engaged in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, while

remaining forward deployed and training in more than 110 countries.

In the Washington, D.C., area, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld attended a cake-cutting ceremony Monday at the Pentagon’s center courtyard.

In addition to the events in Washington, D.C., ceremonies and other activities took place around the country, from New York City to Los Angeles.

Members of the Association of the U.S. Army Greater New York-Statue of Liberty Chapter rang the opening bell at the American Stock Exchange to start the Army Birthday and Flag Day festivities in New York City.

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PHOTO BY DAVID McNALLY

Camp Stanley Soldiers gather to celebrate the 229th U.S. Army birthday Monday during a grand opening ceremony for the new Army and Air Force Exchange Service Shopping Center Complex.

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MP Blotter

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

■ Military police were notified of an assault and drunk and disorderly incident. An investigation discovered that an MP approached two individuals walking together who had been identified by a security guard as not producing identification cards when entering the visitor gate. After the MP identified the two individuals, one subject began to get belligerent and disorderly with the MP. The subject grabbed the MP in an attempt to cause bodily harm. The subject was apprehended and escorted to the MP station where he was processed and transported to the installation urgent care clinic where he was given a command-directed legal breath alcohol test. The subject was then processed and released to his unit.

■ Military police were notified at 4:20 a.m. of a traffic accident at an installation's wash rack. An investigation found that the driver of a military vehicle fell asleep while driving through the wash rack, swerved off the road and struck a light pole in the wash rack. The driver received a scratch on his head. Military police charged the driver with failure to maintain control.

■ A Military Police investigation reported three servicemembers took a Korean taxicab from a bar district to an Army installation. During the ride, one servicemember racially slurred one of the servicemembers. Upon arriving at their barracks, the servicemember who was racially slurred went to his room. The other two servicemembers met a third servicemember, who then poured beer and urinated on the entrance of the slurred servicemember's room. The insulted servicemember then exited his room, where the confrontation turned physical. The insulted service member was beaten, kicked and left lying on the floor. As the other three servicemembers walked away, the beaten servicemember pulled out his knife and stabbed one of the service members three times in the back. The unit was notified and all were transported to the local military hospital. Two servicemembers received medical treatment. After written statements were given, the servicemembers were then processed and turned over to their units.

Commentary

Voter: No matter how you vote, it is your duty

By David McNally  
Area I Public Affairs Office

After the November 2000 election debacle, many people questioned the value of voting. Hundreds of Florida voters were turned away from the polls because their names were similar to convicted felons. These voters also tended to be from one supposed political persuasion.

Many Florida votes were never counted because the punch cards left doubts to the voter's intentions. Remember those hanging chads? Some military overseas absentee ballots were never counted because they arrived late, failed to meet the standards, and other such nonsense.

Okay, blame me for bringing it up; however, I am a Florida absentee voter. I have been a proud one since I registered to vote in the small town of Safety Harbor in 1986.

Faithfully, I cast votes during my military career for local education board members, state representatives, and yes, even for presidents of the United States of America.

Never before had I questioned the system. Afterall, I had faith my vote had always been counted. Monitoring elections was something former President Jimmy Carter had to do in some far off third-world nation. The United States, the bedrock of freedom and democracy should be above reproach, right?

Welcome to the 21st century! Today, we can look forward to computerized counting at the ballots. We must trust the infallibility of these fine computers to ensure the votes reflect the will of the people.

Pardon my doubts, but with the stakes of the outcome so high, more than a few special interest groups will be interested

in election results. There is simply too much money, power and influence at stake. So, what safeguards are in place?

I read on the Web about how people have demanded a paper trail, or a receipt printed out for your vote. But, even a paper trail system could have faults. Apparently, if the outcome of the vote isn't close, nobody faces a recount. A paper trail would then become a needless addition.

In 2002, the first electronic vote was counted in Georgia. A popular disabled veteran running for re-election to the U.S. Senate had expected to easily defeat his opponent. Opinion polls showed he had a wide margin of support. Exit polls showed the gentleman from Georgia had nothing to fear. Lo and behold, the computer said otherwise. The senator was defeated.

As we move into an era without anything other than a computer to tell us our political destiny, one can justifiably question what will become of our right to vote, or better stated, our right to have our vote counted.

Frankly I worry about this. People need to have confidence in our democratic system. The U.S. Supreme Court justices should not have to appoint a victor every election year.

Although four years have passed, my confidence in the system remains shaken. Should I cast my ballot in November 2004? Unquestionably, the answer is yes.

In my opinion, voting is not just a right, it is a duty. All citizens should feel responsible for the future of their nation. Regardless of the method of voting, whether paper, punch card or computer, Americans must vote.

Personally, I plan to call my travel agent. This year, besides enjoying a sunny Florida beach in November, I will feel better casting my vote in person, computer or not.

Morning Calm Weekly Soundoff:

What would you change to make Korea the assignment of choice?



"No curfew," —  
Pvt. Sergio Delgado, 1st  
Battalion, 15th Field  
Artillery Regiment, Camp  
Casey



"If we could all  
have cars," — Pvt.  
Troy Knight, 602nd  
Aviation Support  
Battalion, Camp Stanley



"Command  
sponsorship  
more available,"  
— 2nd Lt. Ryan  
LaBranche, 17th Aviation  
Brigade, Yongsan



"More job  
opportunities for  
spouses," — Maj.  
Brian Fox, Combined  
Forces Command,  
Yongsan

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## NEWS & NOTES

### Voting Assistance Officer Workshop

A Voting Assistance Officer workshop will be conducted 9 a.m. Thursday 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 today for an organizational day. Central Issuing Facilities will reopen on Monday.

### 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 through June 30 on the 8th U.S. Army Intranet. All information 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>.

### Gift Shop to Close

The Chosun Gift Shop will be closed for the month of July. It will reopen Aug. 4 and continue regularly scheduled hours:  
Wednesday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Saturday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### Reduced Staffing at Finance

The 175th Finance Command and the 176th Finance Battalion will be at minimum staffing June 25 because of the change of responsibility ceremony being held 2 p.m. at Yongsan's Field 10. The outgoing command sergeant major is Command Sgt. Maj. Valentin Caraballo. The incoming command sergeant major is Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Schorn.

### Free DMZ Tour for Students

High school and college students of U.S. military and civilian personnel and Department of State employees in Korea are welcome to a free demilitarized zone tour on 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Aug 4. The program includes historical briefings and tours of Tunnel No. 3, Observation Post Dora, Camp Bonifas and Panmunjom. Reservations are required. Call Nel de Leon, U.S. Forces Korea Public Affairs Office, 723-4685 or send e-mail to [deleonc@usfk.korea.army.mil](mailto:deleonc@usfk.korea.army.mil) by July 26.

### COLA decreases

Many servicemembers throughout Korea have already noticed a decrease in Cost of Overseas Living Allowance that took affect June 1. The Military Advisory Panel of the Per Diem Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee approved a 4 point decrease in the COLA index for all of Korea due to the U.S. dollar and Korean won exchange rate fluctuation. Since the dollar has strengthened over the past 2 months, servicemembers are seeing the effect of the system balancing out buying power for servicemembers in Korea.

## Why Korea is the Duty Assignment of Choice



PHOTO BY DAVID McNALLY

Almost 8,000 authorized shoppers in the Uijeongbu Enclave welcomed a new Army and Air Force Exchange Service Shopping Center Complex Monday in ceremonies at Camp Stanley. The new multimillion dollar facility has been under construction since 2001. Read about the new services available in Warrior Country on Page 5.

## Army's top cop visits military police units

By Spc. Alex Licea

8th Military Police Brigade Public Affairs Office

**YONGSAN** — The United States Army's provost marshal general visited military police Soldiers from across the Korean peninsula, June 6-10.

"There is no one working harder right now than the MP Corps," said Maj. Gen. Don Ryder during his visit to Camp Humphreys, which was just one stop during his week long tour of Korea. "The leadership of the Army is very proud of the military police, and what they do everyday."

Ryder, who also serves as the Criminal Investigations Division commanding general, is the first person to be appointed as the provost marshal general since 1974 when the Army discontinued the position. The Army reinstated the position last September.

Ryder visited Soldiers from "the sea to the demilitarized zone" viewing their work

environments, training methods and spoke to them about the current status affecting the corps.

"No one is doing the type of training you guys are doing in Korea across the MP Corps," he said to Soldiers of the 57th MP Company, 8th MP Brigade during a field training exercise. "You face a definite and real world mission in Korea everyday and this training is preparing you for the future."

During the week long visit Ryder also spoke about the current situation in Iraq involving MPs and how those events do not reflect the rest of the corps.

I want you to hang your heads up high because what happened in Iraq is not what we represent, Ryder said. 99 percent and you can take it to the last digit is doing a fantastic job, and that incident that happen over there was due to a lack of discipline.

"What happened in Iraq is not what the MP corps is about," he added.

Ryder enjoyed talking to troops face-to-face in many cases joking with many of the Soldiers he spoke to.

"You would think you'll be a little intimidated speaking to a two star general," said Pfc. Wesleyan Lewis, a confinement guard assigned to the 249th MP Detachment. "However he made me feel very comfortable and was quite funny at times when I was speaking to him."

Whether it was in garrison setting or in a field training environment, Ryder rallied Soldiers during the conclusions of his speeches.

"Stay focused in the things you do because you never know what tomorrow may bring," he said to MP Soldiers assigned to the Joint Security Area. "I just want to say how proud I am of you, and I appreciate what you guys do for us everyday for our country."

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## Finance: Debt is the slavery of the free

175th Finance Command

**YONGSAN** — "Debt is the slavery of the free" – Syrus. Over two thousand years later, this quote is no less true. Unfortunately, most learn this valuable lesson through experience. Before most people fully understand the true cost of credit they have already accumulated so much debt they can only afford to make minimum payments. To make matters worse, so much of your income goes to pay debt that you end up relying on credit cards to pay for basic needs. Those who live overseas may also experience additional losses due to penalties and/or increased interest rates resulting from late payments.

Well, that's the bad news. The good news is there is a way

to get out of debt significantly faster without declaring bankruptcy and without increasing your monthly payments. Here is how it works if you decide to use a debt management company, though you could do it yourself with a bit more effort. Once you enlist the services of a debt management company and complete the necessary paperwork, they employ their collective bargaining power to negotiate with your creditors for lower interest rates. You pay the agreed upon amount via monthly electronic fund transfers to the debt management company. They in turn pay each of your creditors. You decide how aggressively you want to pay down your debt based on your

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comfort level in conjunction with the debt management company guidance. Some management companies require you to agree to not apply for new credit cards or loans, with the exception of home or car loans, for the duration of your agreement with them.

An online search of "debt management" should yield a number of management companies but the best recommendation is that of a satisfied customer. Be sure to research any company you plan on using, as you are entrusting them with all of your personal and financial information.

Who should consider using these services? Those who find themselves applying for new credit cards because their current credit cards are at their limits, or those paying extremely high interest rates due to bad credit or late payments, or those who can only afford to make minimum payments on their credit card bills should consider turning their debt management over to a professional service. Most debt management companies charge either a one time fee or a monthly fee, but this is negligible when weighed

against the cost of high interest rates, late penalties, and long term effects of a poor credit history.

Another potential source of debt relief is the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act. The intent of the SSCRA is to protect service members' credit while they are on active duty. Among the many SSCRA provisions is a 6 percent interest cap on all debt incurred prior to beginning active duty. This can include interest rates on credit cards, mortgages, and even some student loans, except for federally guaranteed student loans, to name a few.

To qualify for the interest rate cap the military member is required to provide proof that he or she is now on active duty, the obligation or debt was incurred prior to beginning active duty, and that military service materially affects the members' ability to pay. To begin the process, the military member needs to send a letter along with a copy of current military orders to the lender requesting relief under the SSCRA. The interest rate cap would be in effect for the duration of active duty service. See your Legal Assistant Office for more details.

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Elsewhere around the world, birthday runs, balls, parades, open houses occurred in Japan, Korea, and Germany. Iraq and Afghanistan hosted their own cake-cutting ceremonies, which will be aired on NBC's "Today Show" and CBS,

respectively.

In Korea, Soldiers and civilians in the Uijeongbu Enclave celebrated the day by opening a multimillion dollar shopping center complex

## Uniform

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The Army's Natick Laboratory, Natick, Mass., took the original digital pattern to the next level by developing a pattern for worldwide theaters to encompass both the BDU and DCU requirements.

Black is no longer useful on the uniform because it is not a color found in woodland areas, Myhre said. The current colors on the ACU are green and sandy brown. The pattern is not a 100 percent solution in every environment, Myhre said, but a good solution across the board.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston is one of the ACU's biggest supporters. Many command sergeants major saw the uniform and gave advice toward the final version.

"We have not made a major change to our uniforms since the BDUs were introduced in the early 1980s," Preston said. "This new uniform performs well in multiple environments. Its new pockets and color designs are a result of feedback from Soldiers in combat. It's only fitting that the next generation of Army uniforms be designed to meet actual wartime requirements."

Patches and tabs are affixed to the uniform with Velcro to give the wearer more flexibility and to save the Soldier money, Myhre said. Soldiers can take the nametapes and patches off their uniforms before laundering, which will add to the lifecycle of the patches. Also

the cost to get patches sewn on will be eliminated, he added.

The ACU will consist of a jacket, trousers, moisture-wicking T-shirt and the brown combat boots. It will replace both versions of the BDU and the desert camouflage uniform. The black beret will be the normal headgear for the ACU, but there is a matching patrol cap to be worn at the commander's discretion.

At \$88 per uniform, about \$30 more than the BDU, Soldiers will eventually reap gains in money and time by not having to take uniforms to the cleaners or shine boots.

Twenty-one uniforms were then delivered to Stryker Soldiers at the Joint Training and Readiness Center, Fort Polk, La.

"We watched them as they entered and cleared rooms, as they carried their rucksack and all of the things they had to be able to do in the uniform, and then we came up with prototype three," Myhre said.

Two issues of the third version were given to the Stryker Soldiers deploying to Iraq. Three months ago, Myhre was among a team who visited Iraq to get more feedback from Soldiers.

"We would talk to Soldiers right after they had completed a mission while the benefits of the uniform were still fresh in their minds. We wanted to know how did the uniform help the mission."

# Uijeongbu Enclave welcomes new store

Story, photos by David McNally  
Area 1 Public Affairs Office

**CAMP STANLEY** — Uijeongbu Soldiers and civilians welcomed the grand opening of a new Army and Air Force Exchange Service Shopping Center Complex Monday. The project is the culmination of two and a half years of work and millions of dollars.

“It is a state-of-the art shopping center complex with the current AAFES standards,” said Ronald Daugherty, general manager for the AAFES Northern Exchange. “It is much larger than the previous store, and offers one-stop shopping.”

Shoppers at Camps Jackson, Kyle, Sears, Essayons, LaGuardia, Red Cloud and Stanley have limited AAFES facilities: There are two small stores and eight shoppettes between the camps.

Many customers travel either north to the Camp Casey Post Exchange, or south to the Yongsan Main Exchange, to satisfy their shopping needs.

“This major new store will offer about 7,700 authorized customers in the Uijeongbu area a big boost in quality of life,” said Lt. Col. Brian Vines, U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud commander.

Construction began on the new Camp Stanley facility in November 2001.

Delays began after heavy rains caused a retaining wall to lean. Engineers suspended the project for more than a year. By May 2003, the wall was



The Army and Air Force Exchange Service Camp Stanley Shopping Center Complex features a scenic food court on the front left.



Throngs of Camp Stanley Soldiers enter the new shopping center complex after the official ribbon cutting Monday on the U.S. Army's birthday.



Sgt. 1st Class Mitchell Williams checks out the music selection at the new Power Zone.

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## Community leaders visit Casey railhead

Story, photo by Pfc. Stephanie Pearson  
Area 1 Public Affairs Office

**CAMP CASEY** — Dongducheon and Camp Casey officials met June 9 to tour the post and get a closer look at issues affecting local citizens.

“We receive a lot of letters from city hall throughout the year about problems they’d like us to fix,” said Lt. Col. Stephen Murray, U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Casey commander. “So I had an idea to invite City Hall officials for a staff ride to look at the problems and show them what we’re doing.”

Group members boarded a bus and were driven around the post, stopping at certain areas to see what improvements are being made. These areas included flood drainage ditches, fuel points and the



Korean railroad workers make repairs to the Camp Casey rail line. As the 2nd Brigade Combat Team prepares to ship out, the garrison is working with local officials to ensure a smooth deployment.

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## NEWS &amp; NOTES

**Equal Opportunity Class**

The Camp Red Cloud Equal Opportunity office will hold an EO-representative training course at the CRC education center July 5-16 and August 2-13. Call 732-6069 for more information.

**Change of Stole Ceremony**

The unit ministry team will have a change of stole ceremony, from Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Michael Tarvin to Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Alexander, June 24th at 1:30 p.m. in the Warrior Chapel. Everyone is invited to attend.

**FAST Class**

The Camp Red Cloud education center is holding a FAST class for GT-score improvement June 28 through July 2, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Interested Soldiers must take the pre-test of adult basic education, which is offered every Monday at 8 a.m. in the education center. Registration for this class ends June 25.

**Report of Survey Class**

Area I Department of Logistics will hold a report-of-survey class at 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". Those primary hand-receipt holders (PHRH) or supply sergeants interested in attending this course need to call 732-7332 to reserve a slot, as space is limited.

**Warrior Division Swimming Competition**

The Warrior Division Swimming Championships will take place Saturday at Hanson Pool on Camp Casey. Race-day registration begins at 9 a.m. and competition will begin at 10 a.m.

**Warrior Division Triathlon**

The Warrior Division Triathlon (individual) competition will be held June 26 at Camp Casey's Hanson Field House. Race-day registration is from 7:30 to 8:30 and competition will begin at 9 a.m.

**Mitchell's Club Father's Day Special**

Camp Red Cloud's Mitchell's Club is offering \$1 off any steak dinner for dad on Sunday, Father's Day.

**USO Bazaar**

The Camp Casey USO will host a shopping bazaar at the Camp Red Cloud Community Activity Center June 30 - July 2 and at the Camp Casey USO July 3 - 4 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The bazaar will feature furniture, rugs, jewelry and crafts from around the world. Cash, credit cards and checks will be accepted. Call 730-4812/4813 for more information.

**Army Community Service Birthday Celebrations**

The Army Community Service will celebrate its 39th birthday in July. The Camp Red Cloud ACS will celebrate in the food court July 19 at noon; the Camp Page ACS will celebrate at the community activity center July 20 at 1 p.m.; the Camp Stanley ACS will celebrate in the PX food court July 21 at 1 p.m.; and the Camp Casey ACS will celebrate in the food court July 23 at 1 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Air Force detachment changes hands

Story, photo by Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs Office

**CAMP RED CLOUD** — Warrior country's Air Force weather forecast detachment changed leadership Monday in a change-of-command ceremony at the Camp Red Cloud parade field. Capt. Brian Schroeder took command of Detachment 1, 607th Weather Squadron from Maj. Eric Grelson.

"I will try my best to improve the way we do business, by strengthening our downfalls and building on the solid foundation that has been built by Major Grelson," Schroeder promised his new command. "We'll search for answers, find solutions to identify problems, and work toward a common goal as one unified team: the best team in Air Force weather. Along with our Army brethren, we will be first to the front, second to none and ready to fight tonight."

Schroeder began his weather career in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in Meteorology and Climatology from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, and received his Air Force commission in 1995. He graduated from the Air Force Institute of Technology in 2002 with a master's degree in Meteorology, and comes to Korea from Sembach Air Base, Germany, where he was assigned as director of training for the Operational Weather Squadron. While there, he led a 14-person directorate and was responsible for conducting theater-unique weather training for 215 personnel.

Grelson, who will continue his service as an operations officer for the 3rd Weather Squadron out of Fort Hood, Texas, described his year as commander as challenging, but extremely gratifying.

"Major-select Schroeder, I'm excited for you and know you'll find this assignment to be very rewarding," Grelson told his successor. "You are gaining an incredible team here."

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Lt. Col. Mark Miller, 607th Weather Squadron commander (left) passes command of Detachment 1 to Maj. (select) Brian Schroeder by handing him the detachment's guidon. Schroeder is replacing Maj. Eric Grelson.



PHOTO BY SGT. JEREMY ALLEN

**Players battle it out**

Camp Stanley's Pfc. Roland Ekwoge, Battery A, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment (center) battles Camp Casey's Pfc. Samuel Espinoza, 302nd Forward Support Battalion, as Staff Sgt. Amara Fofana, 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, looks on. The Soldiers competed in the Warrior Division invitational post level soccer tournament at the Camp Red Cloud Athletic Field June 12-13. The Championship game, between Camps Casey and Stanley, resulted in a 2-1 victory Sunday for the Casey team.

**Railhead**

Camp Casey railhead, where the officials observed workers making repairs.

The tour continued to Camps Castle, Mobile and Nimble, and even stopped at an apartment building outside of Camp Castle. Murray pointed out a high-voltage power pole located a few feet from the building.

"We received a letter six or seven months ago about that pole," he explained. "A man who lives here thinks it's too close to his house and would like it moved. That pole is connected to power lines that provide all the power for Camp Castle, and it was there before the building!"

Murray also took the opportunity to

show the city hall staff where he would like to see a third vehicle access gate built to alleviate traffic problems on post and on Highway 3, Dongducheon's main thoroughfare.

"A lot of traffic comes through Gate 2," Murray explained. "I'd like to reroute some of the fuel and Directorate of Public Works traffic to a new gate," he said, indicating to a long line of cars waiting to leave post. "All this is because there are only two gates."

After the tour, the group retired to the Warrior's Club for a partnership dinner. While discussing the various issues, a Dongducheon city engineer

suggested creating a working group of garrison and Dongducheon experts to work together towards a mutual solution. Murray agreed.

"We'll call it the 'Gate 3' working group," he said, smiling.

Murray also proposed meeting with Dongducheon officials semiannually to review traffic, flooding, environmental and encroachment concerns.

"I really believe that all these concerns and issues can be resolved together," he said.

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# Tae kwon do team turns up heat to prepare for match

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**CAMP CASEY** — Tae kwon do practice was a bit out of the ordinary for the 2nd Infantry Division team these past two weeks.

Warrior athletes sparred with Republic of Korea Soldiers to prepare for an upcoming match.

“We have a good relationship with the

Koreans,” said Staff Sgt. David Ruiz, team noncommissioned officer-in-charge. “Both sides get a lot out of these training sessions.”

The division team is made up of Soldiers who demonstrate skills necessary for competitive martial arts. Ruiz said team members represent the Indianhead division at many events.

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Spc. Joseph Stanford, 2nd Infantry Division Tae kwon do Team, practices at Camp Casey.



Spc. Louis Davis (left), gives his training session added intensity.



Sergeant 1st Class Cho Eok-rae, 6th Republic of Korea Army tae kwon do coach (right), demonstrates a move for American and Korean team members during practice. The two teams spent almost two weeks together to hone the Indianhead team for an upcoming match.

Spc. Wilfred Allen, 2nd Infantry Division Tae Kwon Do team, spars with Cpl. Pak Jong-hee, 6th Republic of Korea Army, during a training session June 10 at Camp Casey's Carey Physical Fitness Center. The division team is preparing for an upcoming competition.

## Area I stands down for credit card training

By David McNally  
Area I Public Affairs Office

**CAMP RED CLOUD** — Over 100 Area I Soldiers and civilians received a training lecture June 8 on the proper use of the U.S. government purchase card program.

“This is very critical training, which I think is unique to Area I,” said Col. Jeff Christiansen, Area I commander. “Everybody in this room has knowledge of the scrutiny of the proper use of government purchase cards.”

Christiansen and his staff invited United States Army Contracting Command Korea GPC Program Manager, Lee Wright, to explain new policies, problem areas and solutions.

Wright said a new 8th U.S. Army policy, signed by the commanding general in March, will bring even closer scrutiny on the program in Korea.

“Suspected misuse of the GPC will

cause the suspension of the billing official and cardholder accounts,” Wright said.

The new policy, Wright explained, will force commanders or directors to conduct an investigation. Accounts will remain suspended until the unit's leadership demonstrates:

- Actions taken to prevent future misuse.
- Findings and recommendation of the investigation.
- Comments on the request from external reviewing officials.
- Evidence of repayment when required.

“We started working on this policy a



Christiansen

year ago,” Wright said. “When you're shut down because of improprieties, it is sure to get the command's attention.”

Wright said abuse is not widespread. He likened it to an airline crash.

“When it happens, everyone hears about it,” Wright said.

Christiansen said even with the proactive training, problems continue.

“This training will ensure everybody knows their responsibilities,” Christiansen told the card holders and billing officials.

Wright explained how the GPC program has come under control in recent years. He showed a chart with delinquent payment statistics.

“In July and August 2002, we peaked out with more than \$1.6 million in late statements for our IMPAC card accounts.”

IMPAC, or the international merchant purchase authorization card, is how U.S. Army units and agencies locally purchase officials goods or services under \$2,500. Wright said better management controls dramatically decreased late accounts to

more manageable \$5,000 to \$15,000 a month.

Christiansen said internal reviews had identified problem areas.

“One of our biggest challenges is to ensure we have a trained alternate when somebody leaves,” Christiansen said.

Their goal, he said is to ensure the program does not come to a halt during personnel transitions.

“This is the fourth year Area I has conducted this GPC stand-down day and that I have been there to update the people,” Wright said. Area I has been very pro-active in ensuring their folks are up-to-date.”

“It was good refresher training,” said Steve Saxby, the Camp Stanley deputy installation coordinator. “It's an excellent way to get the latest on changes on policies and procedures that keep card holders and approving officials out of trouble.”

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## Store

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reconstructed and officials gave the green light for work to resume.

"The whole project cost \$6.2 million," Daugherty said.

A walk through the doors of the new shopping complex gives the feeling of space. The ceilings are tall and the hall is wide.

On the left, the food court area, which opened April 21, contains a Burger King, Robin Hood, Baskin-Robbins and Anthony's Pizza. Customers see a spectacular panorama while dining. The windows give a view of the valley and mountains on the horizon.

"The new food court is a major source of satisfaction for the community," Daugherty said. "It provides an alternative place to sit and enjoy the offerings."

Next to the food court, AAFES officials have positioned a military clothing sales store. The mall area, which extends from the food court to the entrance to the exchange, features many concessions and shops, such as a tailor shop, a laundry and dry cleaning service, an engraving shop, shoe repair, and clothing and gift shop.

"A lot of the existing facilities, plus some new facilities were brought into the shopping complex," Daugherty said.

On the corner adjacent to the main entrance of the store, there is a barber shop, beauty shop and flower shop.

A walk through the main entrance to the retail store offers quite a contrast to the old Stanley exchange.

The new retail area has about 15,000 square feet, compared to the previous 4,000 square feet.

"We have always been limited in selection by space. Now, that shouldn't be an issue," Vines said.

He added the additional items should make women shoppers happier.

"We always have received feedback from community members about the limited selection in clothing for women," Vines said.

"The sales floor space will be able to

accommodate a lot more than what we have," Daugherty said. "If you provide the right service, the customers will vote with their dollars."

To the left of the store entrance, AAFES officials positioned cash registers. To the right, they feature clothing. Inside, to the right, there is a Power Zone electronics section with digital video and compact discs.

"Providing a world-class operation is always exciting for AAFES," Daugherty said. "There's nothing like opening up a new shopping center complex."

Daugherty said the new Camp Stanley PX is the right size for the community.

The new store boosted the number of AAFES employees on Camp Stanley.

"With the host-nation agreement, local residents were offered jobs at the new facility," Daugherty said.

"We increased our staff to 35 employees," said Pak Se-il, retail manager for the Camp Stanley Post Exchange. Previously, Pak had 20 employees.

Eighteen years ago, Pak started working at the Camp Stanley shoppette, the biggest AAFES facility on the camp in 1986.

"Back then we sold an average of \$100,000 a month," Pak said. "Now, we sell about \$500,000 a month."

Pak said they hope the new exchange will double their total sales.

"I think people here have been waiting patiently," said Col. Ross Ridge, commander of Division Artillery, 2nd Infantry Division, and the senior officer at Camp Stanley. "They can now see the building take shape, and see the food court; we're excited."

Ridge said Soldiers will appreciate the variety and choice the new shopping complex will provide.

"I'm very pleased with the direction Camp Stanley is headed," Ridge said. "Sometimes it seems a little slow, but it's all starting to come together."

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Maj. Stacy Townsend (left), claims the title of "first customer" at the new Camp Stanley Army and Air Force Exchange Service Shopping Center complex Monday.

# MPs gather for day of fun

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

**YONGSAN** — More than 2,000 Soldiers from the 8th Military Police Brigade gathered together at Yongsan to shed the shackles from their jobs and enjoyed fun games and great food during their annual organizational day June 11.

The “Pig Bowl” is designed to give Soldiers a chance to come together to relax and compete in various sporting events.

The day began with a four-mile run led by the brigade commander, Col. Peter M. Champagne. The run, famously known as MP Hill, challenged the Soldiers by their quick pace and the upward elevation.

The brigade’s two main battalions, the 94th and 728th, along with the headquarters company, competed face-to-face in seven challenging events. The events included both traditional games — softball and soccer, to unique and creative games, like the obstacle course and sled race.



Members of the 142nd Military Police Company compete in the tug-of-war event during the 2004 “Pig Bowl.”

Each event was based on a point system. The unit with the most points was proclaimed the winner. The points were broken down by positioning: 15 points for first place, 10 for second and five for third.

Following the sporting events the brigade hosted an award’s ceremony for the winners from each event.

By day’s end, the 94th avenged its previous three “Pig Bowl” losses to the “Warfighters” of the 728th. The event concluded with Champagne thanking everyone for the efforts they have put in during his two years in command of the brigade.

The Soldiers, noncommissioned officers and officers returned the gesture of appreciation towards the colonel for his guidance and leadership as three

junior members of the brigade presented Champagne with a plaque to commemorate his time as 8th MP Brigade commander.

The event concluded with the brigade’s personnel singing the unit song simply titled “The Watchdog Song.”

“The day meant a lot to each of the Soldiers for the brigade, including the battalions,” said Maj. Joseph Peterson, civil military operations officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company. “This is a great event for all of us to get together to relax, participate in friendly games and eat great food.”

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More than 2,000 Soldiers crowded the streets of Yongsan for the “Pig Bowl’s” four-mile run.

## Sailors help handicapped children visit historic site

U.S. Naval Forces Korea Public Affairs Office

**JINHAE** — Volunteers from the USS Vincennes and Republic of Korea Navy’s Incheon Sea Sector Defense Command helped Myong-sim-won, a home for handicapped children, in Incheon June 8.

The two navies’ joint efforts began the day by meeting director and staff members, and resident children of the home.

Staff members of the home said that their children stay in the facility

## All-4-One gives complimentary concert in Yongsan



(Left) The pop group All-4-One sings the record-breaking song “I swear” in the lobby of Dragon Hill Lodge Sunday. (Top) Lt. Col. Claude D. Jackson, U.S Forces Korea Operations, gets their autographs during an autograph session held after the performance. All-4-One is in Seoul for a concert. Three out of four members of the group have a family member in the military.

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## NEWS &amp; NOTES

**Army Birthday Ball**

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

**Area II Town Hall**

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

**Boss Events**

Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Service Members will have a barbecue Saturday at the K-16 picnic and pool area. Cost is \$3 per person. BOSS will be scheduling a Caribbean Bay trip 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. June 26. For more information, call 741-6434.

**CIF Closure**

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

**Softball Tournament**

Yongsan Sports will conduct an intramural softball tournament July 2 - 5. The tournament is open to the first 16 intramural softball teams from Area II. For more information, call 736-7746.

**Basketball League and Tournament**

Yongsan men's and women's summer basketball league will be held July 7 at Collier Field House. For more information, call 736-7746.

**Job Employment**

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

**Road Closures**

On Sunday, the intersections of IX-Corps and 7th Division, and IX-Corps and 1st Marine Division will be closed due to construction. Detour signs will be posted. For more information, please call 724-4205.

**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. However, other times and dates can be arranged. For more information or to schedule a briefing, call 738-7322.

**Korea Theater Support Center**

The Korea theater support center is now available. Dial 8324 for E-mail problems, GCCS-A trouble and Internet issues. It is not necessary to dial the any prefix.

**National Kids' Day**

The Area II will celebrate National Kids' Day 1 - 4 p.m. Aug 1 at the Seoul American Elementary School. For more information, call 738-5556.

**Change of Command**

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

■ 25th Transportation Battalion, 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Lombardo field. For more information, call 725-5254.

## Seoul sailors remember Battle of Midway

U.S. Naval Force Korea Public Affairs Office

**YONGSAN** — U.S. Sailors commemorated the historic Battle of Midway with a memorial luncheon June 4 at the Yongsan Garrison Navy Club.

The three-day naval battle that began June 4, 1942, near Midway Island in the Pacific Ocean was a pivotal victory for the United States against the Japanese during World War II.

Guest speaker, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Korea, Rear Adm. Fred Byus, told nearly 80 Sailors how courage, ingenuity and diligence from U.S. Sailors, Airmen and Marines changed the balance of power in the Pacific following the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"By every right we should have lost to the much larger Imperial Japanese fleet that threatened our homes and families. Certainly there was an element of luck, but the victory was earned by the trained, ready and courageous U.S. force. There was no option for defeat. Democracy and our way of life and the hopes of all Asia required that we win," Byus said.

Byus also compared today's sailors to those who served more than 60 years ago.

"The attributes of today's Sailor — honor, courage, and commitment are just the same as they were during World War II," he said.

"Today our country is waging a global war against terrorism, requiring the same diligence, imagination and patriotism, as well as a fluid, asymmetric strategy. Concurrently, we are part of the ROK and U.S. alliance force that is defending Korea and the United States from an unscrupulous enemy of democracy and freedom. Defeat is still not an option. And like our parents and grandparents, we are up to the task and will complete these noble missions," said Byus.

U.S. forces lost one aircraft carrier, one destroyer, 145 planes, and 307 men in the Battle of Midway. Japanese losses were more staggering, losing four aircraft carriers, one destroyer, 291 planes and 4,800 lives.

The Battle of Midway and the Navy birthday on Oct. 13 are the only two official events that the U.S. Navy commemorates worldwide each year.

## Commissary shopping counters high milk prices

By Rick Brink

Defense Commissary Agency

**FORT LEE, Va.** — While grocery shoppers everywhere are digging deeper into their pockets to buy milk, double-digit savings over commercial grocery stores give military customers even more reason to shop their commissary's dairy section.

Milk prices skyrocketed in May, selling for an average of \$3.43 a gallon for whole milk in 30 of the nation's

largest metropolitan areas, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Web site. Its cause: the law of supply and demand — not enough milk being produced to meet demand.

"Paying more for milk is unavoidable whether you shop in a commercial grocery store or a commissary. The higher milk prices, however, don't affect the overall level of savings commissary shoppers enjoy, which is more than 30 percent

over retail," said Scott Simpson, Defense Commissary Agency's chief operating officer.

Commissaries are stocking plenty of milk because it's a staple item with most families. Consumers are beginning to see price increases in some dairy products such as butter, and this may affect purchasing decisions.

There is good news about ice cream. It appears ice cream prices won't be going up, at least not until the end of summer.

## Take a few helpful hints for Father's Day

By Jo-Ann Taalib

Family Advocacy Program

**YONGSAN** — As we take time to recognize and celebrate Father's Day, on Sunday, please take a moment Dad, to note some helpful tips regarding your very important role as parent.

Take pride in the special way you are with your children. Men and women interact differently with their children. The ways dads tend to interact with their children are most often physical in nature. Don't let anyone tell you that safely doing so i.e. wrestling, bouncing on the bed or other "guy" things are not okay. Kids enjoy it and the time shared means a lot to them.

Show respect and love for your partner. This teaches children how to be sensitive and promote their emotional well being.

Communicate. Communication with your partner, your child's other parent or legal guardian, lets them know your concerns regarding your child discipline and education.

Stay involved after separation or divorce. Staying in touch by phone, email and of course by inperson visits, helps to maintain a child's self-esteem after a divorce or separation.

For more helpful tips for dads and parents, or tips on how to

communicate with your child regarding separation due to deployment, please stop by Army Community Service, South Post Bldg. 4106 or give us a call at 738-5150.

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## Area II expresses gratitude to Yongsan Fire Department



PHOTO BY PVT. PARK YUNG-KW

Col. Timothy K. McNulty, commander, Area II Support Activity and 34th Support Group, presents a plaque during a visit to the Yongsan-Gu fire department June 9 as a token of appreciation for Yongsan-Gu firefighter's immediate response. A fire occurred May 27 at Hannam Village Gym.

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## Cultural Events, Tours and Entertainment

### USO Tours

- Seoul City Night Tour – 3:45 a.m. - 10 p.m. Saturday.
- Shilluk Temple – 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday.
- Panmunjom (DMZ) and Tunnel – 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday.
- Kangwha Island – 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Thursday.
- Incheon Pottery Tour – 8 a.m. - 4 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, 8th floor.

### Royal Asiatic Tour

- Chindo and Wando Island Tour – 7 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.
- Kangnung Tano Festival – 8 a.m. June 26 - 27.

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

### Entertainment

- Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble will perform at the Seoul Arts Center 7:30 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call 02-720-6633.
- All-4-One will perform at the Atlantic Hall at the COEX 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are available at the USO. For more information, call 02-792-3380.
- The musical Cabaret will be

performed at the Sejong Center Wednesday and Friday 8 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 4 p.m., 8 p.m. and Sunday 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 - Aug 8. For more information, call 02-724-7781.

■ The musical Beauty and the Beast will be performed at the LG Arts Center, Monday - Friday 8 p.m. Saturday 3 p.m., 8 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m., 7 p.m. Aug 8 - open run. For more information, call 02-2005-0114.

## Sailors

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most of the time because of their handicaps, so to help them out to be able to visit nearby parks or more refreshing areas is a great benefit for the children and staff members, according to Pak Kyung-ho,

Escorted by a ROK police patrol car, two 45-passenger buses transported the handicapped children and staff members along the ocean to Incheon Landing Operation Memorial Hall. The historical and educational sites help visitors learn the history of the Incheon landing operation by UN

troops during the Korean War. Volunteers helped the children get on and off the bus and helped them to see sites at the memorial hall.

"This is a great time that her children and staff members are having a good outing and experiencing more things outside than inside their living quarters," social worker Yoo Soo-jin, who works at Myong-sim-won, said. "On behalf of the staff and children, I appreciate the (U.S. Navy) and (ROK Navy) volunteers providing a good time for our children."

### 'Be Safe' video to be broadcast on Channel 3

#### Area II Public Affairs Office

Department of the Army has directed that a "Be Safe" video be shown to all U.S. Soldiers before July 4 in an Army Safety Campaign Plan. Area II will broadcast this 48 minute video Thursday and July 1, starting 9, 10 and 11 a.m.

Area II tenant commands are encouraged to include viewing of this video during Sergeant's Training Time for the next two Thursdays.

Broadcast of the video began on June 17 for military members of 34th Support Group and 25th Transportation Battalion at the Multipurpose Training Facility on Yongsan South Post.

The broadcast schedule in the coming weeks will allow units in Area II six showings they can work into their schedules before the July 4 deadline.

For additional information, call the Area II Safety Office at 738-5253.

# Claims: Shipping plasma TVs requires extra care, insurance

By Capt. Carla A. Simmons

Military Claims Division

Some people say plasma televisions are one of the most exciting consumer electronics and home theater products to debut in the past decade.

Plasma screens are literally changing the shape of television to a sleek, nearly flat display that can hang on a wall.

Unfortunately, these items can be easily damaged if they are not properly packed, shipped and stored during the move of household goods. Here are some helpful tips to reduce the risk of potential damage to these expensive televisions during shipment.

## *How should Plasma TVs be packed and unpacked?*

Plasma televisions should be shipped in an upright position in their original manufacturer's container or box. If you did not maintain the original container or box, TVs may be packed and shipped in a container that meets the manufacturer's or carrier's specifications, or in a third-party manufactured shipping container that meets these specifications.

When unpacking and before use, allow the plasma



*Large plasma televisions are the latest "must-have" consumer products for many Soldiers.*

television to warm up to room temperature before it is turned on. Also, ensure the voltage is set properly or that you have a converter, if required, before plugging in the television.

## *Should insurance be purchased?*

The maximum amount that a U.S. Army claims office can pay for televisions damaged during shipment is \$2,500. If the purchase price exceeds this amount, owners may want to consider purchasing private insurance. Make sure that insurance will cover shipping damage.

## *Bottom Line:*

Every owner should be familiar with the manufacturer's shipping guide as part of a preventive maintenance. In addition, owners should consider purchasing private insurance.

For shipments within the United States, insurance can be purchased through the transportation office.

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## **For more information, call Claims:**

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Camp Red Cloud 732-6017

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<b>Casey 730-7354</b>	Hellboy	Hellboy	The Day After Tomorrow	The Day After Tomorrow	Walking Tall	Walking Tall	The Punisher
<b>Essayons 732-9008</b>	No Show	The Passion of the Christ	No Show	The Ladykillers	The Prince and Me	No Show	The Whole Ten Yards
<b>Garry Owen 734-2509</b>	No Show	The Ladykillers	The Ladykillers	The Alamo	The Alamo	No Show	The Whole Ten Yards
<b>Greaves 734-8388</b>	Van Helsing	The Alamo	The Alamo	No Show	No Show	The Whole Ten Yards	The Whole Ten Yards
<b>Henry 768-7724</b>	The Whole Ten Yards	Shrek 2	Hellboy	The Girl Next Door	No Show	No Show	No Show
<b>Humphreys 753-7716</b>	The Day After Tomorrow	Agent Cody Banks 2	Agent Cody Banks 2	Hellboy	Walking Tall	Walking Tall	The Girl Next Door
<b>Hialeah 763-370</b>	Shrek 2	Home on the Range	The Whole Ten Yards	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
<b>Hovey 730-5412</b>	Walking Tall	The Day After Tomorrow	The Girl Next Door	The Girl Next Door	The Day After Tomorrow	Connie and Carla	Johnson Family Vacation
<b>Howze 734-5689</b>	Jersey Girl	The Ladykillers	The Prince and Me	No Show	No Show	No Show	The Day After Tomorrow

**Hellboy**



A demon, Hellboy, raised from infancy after being conjured by and rescued from the Nazis, grows up to become a defender against the forces of darkness. When Rasputin returns to plan the destruction of mankind, it's up to Hellboy and his friends to stop him.

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**The Day After Tomorrow**



This is the question that haunts climatologist Jack Hall (Dennis Quaid). Hall's research indicates that global warming could trigger an abrupt and catastrophic shift in the planet's climate. The ice cores that he's drilled in Antarctica show that it happened before, ten thousand years ago. And now he's warning officials that it could happen again if they don't act soon. But his warning comes too late.

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<b>Kunsan 782-4987</b>	Van Helsing	Van Helsing	Hellboy	No Show	Walking Tall	Walking Tall	The Girl Next Door
<b>Long 721-3407</b>	Laws of Attraction	No Show	The Ladykillers	Jersey Girl	No Show	No Show	No Show
<b>Osan 784-4930</b>	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	Hellboy	Walking Tall	Walking Tall	The Girl Next Door
<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>	The Day After Tomorrow	Walking Tall	Walking Tall	The Girl Next Door	Hellboy	No Show	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
<b>Stanley 732-5565</b>	The Girl Next Door	The Girl Next Door	Walking Tall	Hellboy	No Show	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	Hellboy
<b>Yongsan I 738-7389</b>	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	Hellboy	Hellboy	The Girl Next Door	The Girl Next Door
<b>Yongsan II 738-7389</b>	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	Walking Tall	Walking Tall	Walking Tall	Walking Tall
<b>Yongsan III 738-7389</b>	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	The Alamo	The Alamo	Hellboy	Hellboy

# Chaplain: Fighting spirit comes from soul

By Chaplain (Capt.) Chris Edwards

3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade

CAMP HUMPHREYS — Every Soldier has taken this sworn oath to defend the Constitution against all enemies. With this oath, every Soldier puts his or her life on the line for the defense of our nation. Every Soldier has this sworn duty to uphold. Not some Soldiers, but every Soldier. It is the very soul of the Soldier, and the core of our being. Our fighting spirit comes from the soul.

During the initial war in Iraq, March 2003, as a chaplain with the 3rd Infantry Division, I often reminded my soldiers that we took a solemn oath to defend our nation against all enemies — foreign and domestic. I explained to them that this was the “foreign” part. Fighting a war is not easy, especially when you are 8,000 miles away from home. It takes soul power to fight, and then keep

on fighting to the end. We need God to help us fulfill our oath faithfully. God has, will, and shall continue to help us fulfill our duty. “So help me God!” is a prayer for help.

This is an awesome responsibility, and not one to be taken lightly. The soul of the Soldier is very important. The soul is where we live on the inside and is the seat of our emotions, heart, will and desires. The soul is the part of us that never dies, and is always conscious of the Creator. The soul is eternal. Gen. George C. Marshall captured the essence of spirituality and soldiering when he said: “The Soldier’s heart, the Soldier’s spirit, and the Soldier’s soul are everything. Unless the Soldier’s soul sustains him, he cannot be relied upon and will fail himself and his country in the end.”

It is for this reason the soul is to be nurtured. The soul has to be fed soul food. If we want our bodies to be

strong, we must eat right, exercise and get the proper rest. If we want our souls to be strong, we must eat spiritual food, get spiritual training and get proper prayer and meditation. This is how we nurture our souls. One could say that a correct formula for success is to be physically fit and spiritually fit. Both require hard work. Jesus said, “What shall it profit a person if they gain the whole world and lose their soul?” “What shall a person give in exchange for their soul?” Jesus placed a high value on the soul, and so do we. There is no monetary price for a soul. The only equivalent value to a soul is another soul.

God understands the soul of the Soldier and knows the hardships they must face. God protects and provides for the Soldier in battle. He is always there to strengthen the life and family of a Soldier. He who puts trust in God will always find strength for the fight and nourishment and rest for the soul!

## Area III Worship Services

### Protestant

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

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

### Catholic

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

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

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# Heat seeker:



## hot fun in the summertime

### Story by Maj. Edward Boland

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While summer is a season for outdoor fun, the months of June, July and August are also the months with the highest numbers of accidental deaths in the United States. Drowning and fall-related deaths account for many summer-time tragedies, but heat-related illnesses are often overlooked. Each summer, an average of 240 Americans die from heat-related illness, and in the prolonged 1980 heat wave, 1,700 people died.

Heat-related illnesses are easily preventable for Americans of all ages and for their pets.

Your body has mechanisms in place to keep your temperature within a fairly small range. Two of the most important mechanisms are (1) the ability to move hot blood from the body core to the skin (known as shunting) and (2) the ability to sweat. It is the shunting of blood to the skin that makes your face look red after exercise, but it can also lower your blood pressure and make you feel dizzy. Sweating is the key to body cooling through evaporation, but it also increases the need for fluid replacement to prevent dehydration.

Keep in mind that you may not be thirsty until after you are already seriously dehydrated, so you must drink water before, during and after hot-weather exposure and exercise.

#### What is heat illness?

As dehydration increases, the common symptoms of heat-related illness begin to

occur. These include headache, dizziness, muscle weakness or cramps, nausea and vomiting.

Heat illness refers to a spectrum of symptoms which all result from the body's inability to cool itself as environmental conditions like temperature, humidity and sun exposure worsen.

These illnesses include heat-related edema, cramps, syncope (dizziness), exhaustion, stroke, and heat- or exercise-related rhabdomyolysis (disintegration of muscle tissue).

These syndromes do not have to occur in a certain order, so you may be seriously ill with very little warning.

#### Prevention of heat illness

To prevent heat illness, keep the following points in mind:

Never leave children in the car while you run errands. The temperature may become deadly in just a few minutes.

■ Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothes.

■ Protect yourself from the sun with hats, umbrellas and sunscreen. Sunburn lessens your body's ability to cool itself by sweating.

■ Drink lots of water before, during and after outdoor activity. You'll know you've had enough to drink if you urinate every two hours or less, and your urine is clear-colored (like weak lemonade). Drink every 15–20 minutes. Don't wait till you're thirsty.

■ Coffee, tea and soda pop don't count as fluid-replacement drinks. They are diuretics and cause you to urinate away more

water than they put into your body.

■ Be outside in the cooler parts of the day—before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m.

If you have any chronic medical condition or take medicine frequently (for blood pressure, thyroid, depression, seizure or others), please consult with your healthcare provider about your possible increased risk for heat illness.

#### First aid for heat illness

If you experience any of the symptoms of heat illness, go to a shady, cooler area immediately. Remove any excess clothing and begin sponging your body with lukewarm water. Slowly sip water or other fluid-replacement drinks.

Get medical help immediately if any of these symptoms occur:

■ Hot, dry skin without sweating.

■ Confusion or loss of consciousness.

■ Frequent vomiting.

■ Shortness of breath or trouble breathing.

#### Protecting the pets

Since they cannot sweat, dogs are at high risk for heat stroke, even at temperatures you find comfortable. Consider the following tips to care for your family pets:

■ As with children, you should never leave your pets in

the car. It only takes a few minutes for your car's temperature to turn deadly.

■ Make sure that any animal tied to a post can reach the shade at any time of day.

■ Cats are usually self-sufficient if they can reach food, water and shade. Never place them outside in cases during hot weather.

#### Notes for military officers and NCOs

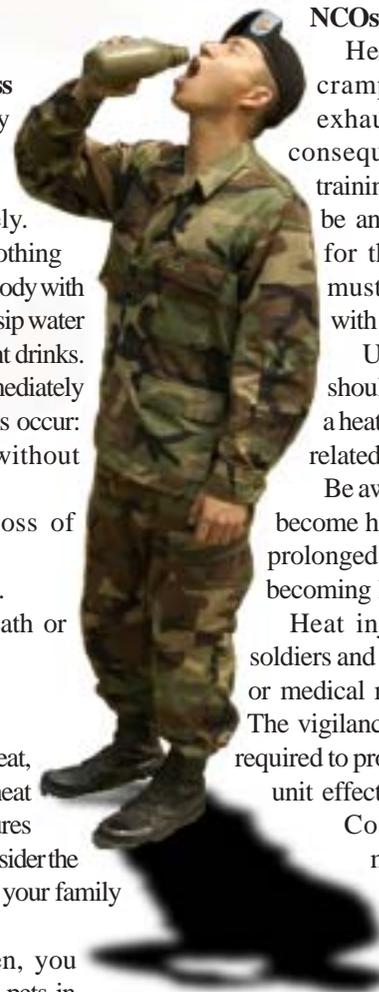
Heat casualties (edema, cramps, syncope and heat exhaustion) are an expected consequence of high-intensity training. These casualties must be anticipated and plans made for their rapid care. Leaders must familiarize themselves with policies on such casualties.

Under no circumstances should a heat casualty become a heat injury (heat stroke or heat-related rhabdomyolysis).

Be aware that your soldiers who become heat casualties may require prolonged profiles to prevent their becoming heat-injury cases.

Heat injuries can cripple your soldiers and lead to permanent profiles or medical retirement. They can kill. The vigilance of all unit leadership is required to protect soldiers and maintain unit effectiveness.

Contact your supporting medical unit for assistance in training your leaders and troops on prevention and control of heat-related illnesses.





### Camp Red Cloud Fitness Center offers classes

■ The Camp Red Cloud Fitness Center is offering Indoor Cycling Classes 7:30- 8:30 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday. For more information call 732-6309.

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

### 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.

9 p.m. Today	Camp Hialeah	Pusan Pub
9 p.m. Saturday	Camp Henry	Henry's Place
7 p.m. Tuesday	Camp Long	Longshot Club
7 p.m. Wednesday	Suwon AB	Scudbusters
7 p.m. Thursday	K-16	Community Club
8 p.m. June 25	Camp Humphreys	Tommy D's Club
8 p.m. June 26	Yongsan Garrison	Main Post Club
8 p.m. June 27	Yongsan Garrison	Maion Post Club
7 p.m. June 29	Camp Greaves	NOTRI Club

### Pool Tournament

Yongsan will be having an 8-ball tournament at the Community Activities 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.

### Weight Loss Support Group

Yongsan Weight Support Group is now accepting new members. The group is a free weight loss support group offering exercise and workout options, healthy eating support and weight loss support.

E-mail nannyhere@yahoo.com or call 011-9699-7064 for membership information.

### Bowling Bucks

Throughout the month on July, earn "Bowling Bucks" with every purchase of \$5 or more at local bowling centers in Area I. Prizes include 36-inch Striker Doll or seven-day resort vacation package. For more information contact a local bowling center.

### Bowling Tournament

A bowling tournament will be on 1 p.m. July 5 at Camp Stanley Bowling Center. Pre-Tournaments are scheduled 1 p.m. July 3-4 at and 3 p.m. at Camp Red Cloud Bowling Center and Camp Stanley Bowling Center. For more information call 732-5370.

## Warrior Sports host track and field events

By Yi Sung-yong

Area I Marketing Division

**CAMP CASEY** — The focus was on running at the 2004 Warrior Division Track and Field Championship held June 5 at Schoonover Bowl.

Active-duty personnel from Warrior Country competed in eight track classes and four field classes. The event hosted 26 competitors for men's open and two competitors for men's senior in addition to five women in the competitions.

The fastest runner in Warrior Country

was Nicholas Wilson, who won the 100-meter dash.

Angel Glenville won two events. He won the 400- and 800-meter dashes. Joshua Butts also became the multiple winner at the 800- and 1,500-meter runs. Kevin Donovan won the 5,000-meter run.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1-72nd ARM, Camp Casey team won the 100-meter relay. The 400-meter relay was the most exciting event. Battery A, 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment defeated a

combination team comprised of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment and Company D, 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment by .04 seconds.

In the field, Kimali Sinclair became the champion of discus. James Allen won the shot put. Winner of the high jump was Kevin Fritschi. Winner of the long jump was Claude Lancaster.

Winners can compete in the 8th U.S. Army Track and Field Championships in September. The 8th Army showdown will be held at Camp Casey.

## Legal community hosts Law Day events

Story by Sgt. John McGuire

United States Armed Forces Claims Service, Korea

**YONGSAN** — Last month, members of the Yongsan Garrison legal community produced and performed "The Trial of Goldilocks," for the fifth grade class of the Seoul American Elementary School in commemoration of Law Day 2004.

The play is a comedy endorsed by the American Bar Association based around characters from the fairy tale, "Goldilocks and the Three Bears."

The play was developed to provide a basic level of familiarity with the American legal system and to showcase the concept of trial by jury. The outcome of the trial was determined by 12 jurors selected from the fifth-grade audience.

The Yongsan legal community also hosted a Law Day poster contest. The contest was open to fourth- and fifth-grade students at the Seoul Elementary School.

The winners were announced during the Law Day play on May 7. The fourth grade winners were Mary Lever (first place), Jamie Lee (second place) and Chung Min Winchip (third place).

The fifth-grade winners were Andrea Einwaechter (first place), Amaya George (second place), and Dennis Han (third place). Cmdr. Richard Ridgway and Capt. Ruth Vetter from the Office of the Judge

Advocate coordinated the poster contest.

In addition the Yongsan legal community hosted a Law Day Essay Contest for students at Seoul American Middle School.

The winners of the essay contest were announced at a school assembly held on May 25. The winners were Yun-Hee Kim (first place), Leah Yi (second place) and Esther Kim (third place).

Law Day events also included a Law Day run, held at Collier Field House on May 1. The fastest male finisher was Christopher Lawrence, who finished the five-kilometer course in 17 minutes, 50 seconds. The fastest female finisher was Susan Chase, who finished in 21 minutes, 24 seconds.

Law Day was designated by President Eisenhower on May 1, 1958, as a day of remembrance and reflection on an American heritage of liberty, justice and equality under the law.

As a result, every year on May 1, the JAG family celebrates the establishment of the legal system. The theme of Law Day 2004 is "To Win Equality By Law: Brown v. Board of Education at 50."

The theme celebrates the landmark ruling of the United States Supreme Court in Brown v. Board of Education, decided 50 years ago. The Brown decision held that segregation in public schools is unconstitutional.

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## Army crowns chess champ

Story by Jack L. Gillund

USACFSC Public Affairs

**FORT MYER, Va.** — The U.S. Army crowned a new chess champion May 27, as Spc. Mustapha Kahlouch outplayed 11 competitors during the selection of this year's six-person All-Army chess team at Fort Myer, Va.

"It's a good strategy game, the Fort Stewart, Ga. Soldier said about the game that's held his interest for the past 20 years. "Even with all the computers and new technology, still, the game is out there."

Kahlouch, who had previously only played in seven tournaments sanctioned by the U.S. Chess Federation, may have been a surprise to some of his opponents during the six-day tournament that began May 22. The other Soldiers soon discovered, though, chess is nothing new to this Algerian native.

"Where I was living, it was a pretty popular game," Kahlouch said of his childhood home in North Africa. "[Chess] was a challenge for me but everybody was playing it so I just went along and played."

Before moving to the States "for a better life" in 1998, the Army's new chess champion took the challenge of his youth and turned it into something many strategists only dream of. Kahlouch's love for chess led to competitions

throughout Europe. In 1994, his talent was put to the ultimate test when he was selected to represent his native country at the World Chess Olympiad in Moscow, Russia.

"I only played three games but I went," he said with a smile.

After competing with the world's best, Kahlouch said he continues to play chess because of the challenges he receives from each competitor he faces. He said the game helps keep him sharp and enables him to "process information faster."

"It's really good for the mind," Kahlouch said.

"I think when you exercise your mind with strategy, tactics and planning, it will make you good at anything that requires thought," said Maj. David Hater, who is also from the 3rd Infantry Division. "You learn that actions have consequences."

Hater, who has been classed an expert since 1986 by the U.S. Chess Federation, has been associated with All-Army chess since 1989.

He said for him, the competition doesn't end when the lights go out in the tournament hall. Similar to what his military career has taught him, knowing his opponent before he goes to battle is part of the game.

"It's planning. It's judgment. It's thinking ahead. It's exercising your mind," he said of chess. "The fact that we do it over a 64-square

chess board instead of on a military map [is irrelevant]. It's the same thought process."

Hater has never won the tournament, but throughout the year's he's done his best to keep his king out of trouble. In previous All-Army Chess competitions, he has four second-place and two third-place finishes. This year, he finished third.

"To me, it's the process that's important," he said. "Somebody had to stumble. It was me."

Kahlouch and Hater will be joined by four other All-Army Chess players in the inter-service tournament scheduled to be held at Keisler Air Force Base in Biloxi Miss., June 20 through 25: Sgt. Kenneth Davidson, a native of Fort Myers, Fla., placed second; Spc. Dallas Elkins, from Tucson Ariz., placed fourth; Sgt. Jason Caldwell, from Centennial Colo., placed fifth; and Maj. Michael Cerezo, from Santa Clara, Calif., placed sixth. Also vying for the opportunity to be part of the elite, six-person team were six other Army strategists: Sgt. Kevin McElvany, from Tuttle Okla.; Master Sgt. Andres Hortillosa, from Bacolod City, Philippines; Sgt. 1st Class Virgilio Carter, from Miami, Fla.; Capt. James Kraus, from Maple Grove, Minn.; Spc. Ian Northrup, from Frederalsburg, Md.; and Staff Sgt. Vidal Carvajal Jr., from San Antonio, Texas.

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# Airfield dispatchers help keep 'em flying

Story, photo by Steve Davis

Area III Public Affairs Office

**CAMP HUMPHREYS** – “Tower, I have a vehicle in motion. He is doing a local VFR flight . . .”

Those are the words of Pfc. Holly Nadeau, 20, as she lets the airfield tower know about a flight in progress. Nadeau is an aviation operations specialist serving as a flight dispatcher at the Desiderio Army Airfield at Camp Humphreys. Nothing moves on the airfield without permission and nothing is supposed to move without coordination between pilots, the flight dispatcher and the tower.

“Each aviation unit based at Camp Humphreys has its own flight planning section,” said Spc. Analie Ortiz, Nadeau’s co-worker. “Pilots do their own mission planning, and file a flight plan with us before proceeding on the mission.”

The aviation units based at Camp Humphreys include the 6th Cavalry

Brigade, the 2nd Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment, the 377th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) and the 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation), as well as Company C, 52nd Aviation, among others.

As aircraft dispatchers, Nadeau, Ortiz and other aviation operations specialists from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Support Activity, Area III, work several phones and radios at the Desiderio Army Airfield flight operations center to communicate with pilots and the airfield tower.

“After we get a flight plan from the unit, we pass the information to the tower,” said Ortiz. “The tower takes over when the aircraft start moving.”

Aviation operations specialists also process local and cross-country flight clearances, coordinate flight plans, keep flight logs on incoming and outgoing flights, post weather reports and maintain individual flight records and functional files.



*Pfc. Holly Nadeau and Spc. Analie Ortiz work the dispatch desk at the Desiderio Army Airfield flight operations center. Dispatchers receive flight plans and communicate aircraft movements to the tower. There were more than 65,000 flight movements at Desiderio Army Airfield last year, making it one of the busiest airfield outside of the continental United States.*

They speak like pilots. Their language can be described as “operational,” terse and according to military radio communications etiquette.

Ortiz, 26, from Barranquitas, Puerto Rico, said she learned to speak like a pilot during her six-week 15P military occupational specialty training at Fort Rucker, Ala., following basic training.

“It was difficult at first, but you

eventually get the hang of it,” she said.

According to Staff Sgt. Nathaniel Westly, airfield noncommissioned officer in charge, two Korean civilian dispatchers and seven Soldier dispatchers, including four Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers, rotate responsibilities around the clock, seven days a week.

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*Senior Airman Anthony Cozad makes an hourly weather observation from the roof of the flight operations building at Desiderio Army Airfield.*

# Weather detachment watches sky for aviators

Story, photos by Steve Davis

Area III Public Affairs Office

**CAMP HUMPHREYS** – Watch the side door at the Desiderio Army Airfield operations building for awhile and you may wonder why every hour Senior Airman Anthony Cozad opens the door and climbs metal stairs to the roof. There he opens a binder, looks around and records exactly what he sees: the local weather.

Cozad, a 21-year-old airman assigned to Detachment 2, 607th Weather Squadron, is one of 20 Air Force weather forecasters who support U.S. Army aviation units at Camp Humphreys and throughout the Republic of Korea.

“We come outside every hour to check for weather changes,” said Cozad, noting that fog, rain and other weather conditions can come-and-go quickly. “Even if we know it’s raining outside, we still climb up on the roof – except when there’s lightning – to verify it.”

Hand raised like a salute to shield his eyes, Cozad turns in a circle as he notes current conditions, records his observations in a log book and bounds downstairs to the weather office to report his most recent finding.

If they had been stationed at an Air Force base instead of an Army post, the forecasters would be dealing with pilots who fly fast jets at 20,000 feet or above. Most Army pilots, however, generally fly below 1,000 feet and depend on an accurate, reliable weather report when planning a mission.

Master Sgt. John Joyce, noncommissioned officer in charge of the weather detachment, said accurate local weather reports are crucial to aircrew safety.

“Though we get national and even international weather reports from various sources, there is nothing more reliable than actual observation,” said Joyce. “That’s why the 607th Weather Squadron has detachments at six different locations in the Republic of Korea.”

The 607th Weather Squadron, with headquarters at Yongsan Garrison in Seoul, has detachments at Camps Red Cloud, Page, Stanley and Stanton north of Seoul, and at K-16 and Camp Humphreys south of the capital. The detachments communicate constantly to provide a broad weather picture.

At Camp Humphreys, Detachment 2 primarily

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## NEWS & NOTES

### CPX Gate Closure

The Camp Humphreys CPX gate will close at 10 p.m. June 18 for construction and reopen at 6 a.m. June 21. It will close again at 10 p.m. July 9 and reopen at 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.

### Camp Adventure

Youth Services at Camp Humphreys is offering a summer camp from June 14 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 your 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. Call 753-8825 for more information.

### Babysitting Class

A babysitting class will be offered from 8 a.m.-noon June 24-25 at Camp Humphreys. The class will teach how to handle an emergency or illness while babysitting, making good decisions, feeding infants, preparing meals and snacks for children, and interviewing for a babysitting job. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call the American Red Cross at 753-7172.

### Sing Karaoke

Karaoke is scheduled from 7p.m.-9 p.m. every Wednesday and Saturday at the Camp Humphreys Community Activities Center. Sing-along as music videos play on a large screen. For more information, call 753-8825.

### USO Tours

The following tours are scheduled by the USO In-County Leisure Travel during June:

- Hite Beer Factory, June 19
- Mt. Ohbong hiking, June 20
- Whitewater rafting, June 26 and June 27.
- Lotte World Amusement Park, June 27.

Individual, group or unit tours are available. For more information, call 753-6281.

### 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. News and Notes requests should be sent to [steve.davis3@us.army.mil](mailto:steve.davis3@us.army.mil)

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supports the 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade, the 2nd Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment, the 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion and the 377th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) with weather information.

"We're the only station in the squadron that operates 24-hours each day. At least two weather forecasters are on duty or on call at all times," said Joyce, adding that the "robust" level of aircraft operations at Camp Humphreys' Desiderio Army Airfield requires constant weather monitoring.

There were more than 65,000 aircraft movements at the airfield last year, making the airfield at Camp Humphreys one of the busiest outside of the continental U.S. None of the aircraft departures would have occurred had certain weather conditions not been met. Air Force weather forecasters must give the "green light" before any aircraft can take off from Camp Humphreys.

Like most weather forecasters, the Air Force weather forecasters are appreciated when the weather is good and cursed when it's bad.

"Aviation units here maintain a high operational tempo and they're happy when the weather is good. They are not so happy when we report the weather is too bad for them to take off," said Joyce. "Unfortunately, we don't control the weather. We only report it."

Reporting current conditions and predicting future conditions are very different.

"Because Camp Humphreys is near water which tends to generate fog or haze, aircraft are sometimes grounded because of poor visibility. Pilots always want to know how long it will take for the fog to burn off. It's tough to tell because the weather on one side of a valley can be clear and the other side socked in with fog," said Senior Airman Joey Melendez. "Forecasting future weather conditions is, at times, an educated guess."

The weather detachment uses an arsenal of tools to help predict the weather both at the airfield and at



Senior Airmen Noah Vaughen, Michael Ragsdale and Ashley Maugen test weather equipment before a field training exercise in support of an Area III aviation unit.

remote sites during aviation unit field training exercises they regularly support:

■ Doppler radar identifies snow, thunderstorms, rain and estimates wind aloft.

■ A laser beam ceilometer sends an infrared beam into the sky and can detect cloud masses up to 12,000 feet.

■ An atmospheric pressure device is used to verify altimeter readings.

■ Wind readout displays tells the direction and speed of prevailing wind, including wind gusts.

■ A transmissionometer detects runway visual range.

All of the scientific readings plus constant visual checks of local

conditions, help forecast the weather, said Joyce.

"We generate all kinds of reports and can brief pilots in person, on the phone or by fax," said Joyce. "We supplement local information with satellite data and reports from our other detachments to give pilots a comprehensive weather report."

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Bryan Boyd said the information provided by Detachment 2, 607th Weather Squadron is indispensable.

"Safety and weather are the most important considerations in assuring successful missions," said Boyd. "The Air Force weather detachment keeps us focused on both."

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## Dispatchers

"The airfield never sleeps," said Westly. "Someone is manning the desk at all times."

Working the desk can be stressful when a lot of missions are underway.

"Phones don't stop ringing on the heavy days and someone is always on the radio," said Westly. "Though our dispatchers get really busy, they must always keep their composure and keep their professional bearing. Millions of dollars worth of aircraft and precious lives depend on their ability to communicate."

Communicating was exactly what

Pvt. Jung Hyun-je was doing when "Tiger 001," aka Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gene McNeill, stopped by flight ops to update his takeoff time for two consecutive missions.

"I'll be flying to Camp Page to deliver some aircraft parts and bring some others back, then do a test flight," said McNeill, a Blackhawk test pilot for Company C, 52nd Aviation. "I was just letting flight ops know about my revised departure time. It's basically for search and rescue purposes should anything happen during a mission."

Jung, a dispatcher for two months, let the tower know as McNeill left flight ops to fly his mission.

Dispatchers are also trained to respond to emergency situations.

"We test the crash radio, the crash phones and their backups every day," said Ortiz. "We also simulate crash drills so we'll be prepared should anything happen."

The good news, she said, is that nothing bad has ever happened during her time as a dispatcher.

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Men's open winner Rande Rodrigues, from Company C, 52nd Aviation Regiment, shows off his Army Birthday and Flag Day T-shirt. All runners who finished received shirts.



Runners begin the Army Birthday and Flag Day five-kilometer run Saturday at Camp Humphreys as the lead safety vehicle pulls out..

PHOTOS BY STEVE DAVIS



Runners cross the finish line during the Army Birthday and Flag Day five-kilometer run at Camp Humphreys. Two military units also participated in the celebration by running a unit 10-kilometer run.

## Runners observe Army birthday, Flag Day with a brisk jog

### Area III Public Affairs Office

**CAMP HUMPHREYS** — Camp Humphreys runners pounded the pavement Saturday to honor the Army Birthday and Flag Day.

According to Area III Sports Director Jim Howell, 89 runners took part in the five-kilometer run and 24 runners dashed in the 10-kilometer unit run.

Results were:

**10-kilometer unit run:** first,

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 194th Maintenance Battalion, 51:28; second, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment, 58:12.

**Five-kilometer run:**

**Women's senior:** first, Diana Juergens, 21:28; second, Christine Fellows, 23:31; third, Lola Cohens-Ashley, 24:22.

**Women's open:** first, Alyssa Fellows, 24:37; second, Shelia Matthews, 24:45; third, Alexia Anderson, 26:05.

**Men's master:** first, Nichols Delnero, 21:41; Nate Lopez, 22:20; Roland Bonldin.

**Men's senior:** first, Fernando Marquez, 18:31; Larry Rdiall, 19:20; third, Steve Meihaus, 20:03.

**Men's open:** first, Rande Rodrigues, 18:27; Zachary Stublaski, 18:32; third, Samuel Cowell, 18:33.

**Male/female run:** first, Lola Cohens-Ashley and Zachery Stublasky, 42:54; second, Fernando Marquez and Alexia Anderson, 44:36; third, Edward Smith and Christine Fellows, 47:41.

# Area IV spotlight: Camp MacNab

*Recreation center a 'hidden gem' on scenic Jeju-Do*

Story, photos by Galen Putnam  
Area IV Public Affairs Office

**CAMP MACNAB** – It could use a dab of paint here and there and some “do-it-yourself” handiwork in places. Despite its rustic outward appearance, Camp MacNab, better known as the Jeju-Do Recreation Center, is a “diamond in the rough.”

Camp MacNab was established in 1953 as a Republic of Korea Army training center where U.S. military personnel trained their Korean counterparts. Thanks to its strategic location, 50 miles off the southwest coast of the Korean peninsula, the camp also served as a manned radar site into the late 1950s.

The camp became a Special Forces training base in the mid 1960s, even boasting a hunting lodge, and was eventually converted into a rappelling training facility that operated until 1996. The old rappelling tower and other vestiges from that era can still be seen although they are no longer in use.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation took over the camp, which lies within sight of the ocean on the southwest corner of Jeju-Do, with plans to turn it into a recreation facility. Somehow, they managed to take what resembles the set from the “Gomer Pyle U.S.M.C.” show and turned it into a resort that attracts an average of 5,000 of visitors each year.

The Quonset huts that dominate the compound date to 1952 and, as



*Youth Leadership Forum participants jam the Camp MacNab theater as their cohorts conduct presentations during the group's stay at the Jeju-Do Recreation Center April 4-9.*

one might expect, don't look particularly appealing from the outside. It is amazing, however, to see what a little interior decorating and imagination can do to the inside of a Quonset hut.

Accommodations range from open bay bunks (\$5 per night Monday-Thursday) to deluxe rooms including two double beds and two sofa-sleepers (\$75 per night Friday-Sunday). Besides accommodations the camp features many recreational resources including an exercise room, indoor pool, a computer room with Internet connection, recreation room with pool tables, foosball, wide-screen television and library. Other facilities include an Army and Air Force and Exchange Service snack bar and a Shoppette. (You have to ask at the snack bar to have an AAFES employee let you into the

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*The recreation room boasts two pool tables, a foosball table, a wide-screen television and a mini-library. In years past, it served as a dental clinic.*



*The exterior of some of Camp MacNab's buildings might not look like much on the outside but the palm trees are real.*



*The AAFES Snack Bar offers familiar fare.*

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**Korea Theater Support Center Hotline**

The 1st Signal Brigade's Korea Theater Support Center has opened a hotline to provide around the clock technical support for computer problems. People with e-mail, Internet or any other problems, can call 8324 or "TECH." It is not necessary to dial any prefix before the number. For more information, call 1st Lt. Ryan Renken at 764-4433.

**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.

**Area IV CIF Closure**

The Area IV Central Issue Facility will be closed today for organizational day and June 28-July 2 for inventory. The Area IV Central Issue Facility will begin operating on appointments only starting July 1. Soldiers without appointments will not be served. People can make appointments for the week of July 5 starting Monday. To make appointments or for more information, call 765-8929.

**AAFES Organization Day**

Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities in Daegu and Camp Carroll will be closed for AAFES organization day Monday. 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.

**Veterans Affairs Seminar**

A Busan and Chinhae area Veterans Affairs seminar will be held 9 a.m. Tuesday at Army Community Service, 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.

**Medical Clinic Dedication**

The 168th Medical Battalion (Area Support) will conduct a dedication ceremony 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Camp Walker Medical Clinic. The clinic will be renamed Wood Medical Clinic in honor of the late Cpl. Marvin R. Wood, a Medal of Honor recipient from the Korean War. The Wood family will be in attendance. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Shuanta Hollinsworth at 764-4731 or Sgt. 1st Class Lisa Phillips at 764-5570.

**CEB-NEA Change of Command**

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

**Camp Carroll 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.

**Soldiers, Koreans pay respects on Hill 303**

Story by Galen Putnam  
Area IV Public Affairs Office

**CAMP CARROLL**—Today, Hill 303 near Camp Carroll is a peaceful, contemplative place in stark contrast to August 1950 when rifles cracked and mortar shells rained down on Soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division.

Following a surprise assault, Company G and a platoon of mortar men from Company H were cut off from the



PHOTO BY GALEN PUTNAM

Soldiers of the 84th Ordnance Company and Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 6th Ordnance Battalion, Camp Carroll, march to Hill 303.

battalion, isolated atop the hill. A counterattack failed. Finally, a last-resort air strike wiped out the North Korean forces holding the hill.

When the smoke cleared and American forces reached the top of Hill 303 they found, to their horror, the bodies of 40 American Soldiers who had been bound with their hands behind their backs and machine gunned down in one of the war's most notorious atrocities.

In remembrance of those Soldiers, a monument was placed atop the hill in September 2003 by the Soldiers of the 84th Ordnance Company and Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 6th Ordnance Battalion, Camp Carroll.

In their annual visit to the site to hold a brief memorial service, about 75 soldiers and Korean veterans marched in the scorching sun to the peak of Hill 303 June 5 to pay their respects.

"This is one of the better things I've been a part of as a commander here," said Capt. Kyle A. Noda, 84th Ordnance Company commander. "I would like to see when I come back one day that they are still doing it."

Younger soldiers appreciated the historical significance of the event.

"My father had a friend who served in the Korean War so this meant a lot to me," said Pfc. Araceli Moreno, 84th Ordnance Company. "I can't imagine how hard it was for the soldiers who had to go up the hill with all of their equipment while being shot at. It was



PHOTO COURTESY KYLE NODA

The monument atop Hill 303.

also meaningful to see the appreciation in the eyes of the Korean veterans."

Those Korean veterans expressed their appreciation.

"The monument was erected to remember those who gave up their lives for the country during the Korean War," said Han Sok-moon, president of the Korean Veterans Association, Chilguk County Branch. "I believe the reason we can live in peace and liberty is because of their sacrifice so we wanted to express our deepest gratitude to them through the monument and today's ceremony."

Others agreed.

"Hill 303 was one of the places where the battles were very fierce and many people died during the Korean War," said Park Chang-ki, Chilguk County Council member. "The monument was placed in remembrance of those who sacrificed their lives to defend this country. We had a very meaningful time with the American Soldiers on Hill 303 today."

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**Soroptimists host Soldiers**



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. KIMBERLY WILLIAMS

Four Korean children from the LIKE (Languages International Kim Enterprise) Foreign Language Institute perform a traditional Korean play, "Heungbu and Nolbu," in English at the June 7 U.S. Forces Korea Appreciation Night hosted by Soroptimist International, Daegu Chapter at Soosung Lakeside Hotel. Two U.S. Soldiers, two Korean Augmentation to the United States Army Soldiers and a civilian were recognized for their support to the local community. Soroptimist International is a worldwide professional women's organization dedicated to serving others to build stronger communities.

# Camp Carroll Soldiers say 'we are here to help'

By Pfc. Oh Dong-keun

Area IV Public Affairs Office

**CAMP CARROLL**—Typically, the word “Soldier” is not associated with saving people’s lives. Several Camp Carroll Soldiers proved otherwise when they volunteered to donate their rare type blood to save a young Korean child suffering from leukemia.

Lee Hyung-soo, a third-grader who has the rare blood type A RH negative, has been going through treatment for the disease since March at Dongsan Hospital in Daegu. Each monthly treatment requires blood from five different donors. Since Lee has such an uncommon blood type, his family was having a hard time identifying sufficient donors.

Only 6 percent of people have A negative blood, according to the American Association of Blood Banking.

Desperate for a helping hand, Park Jung-ok, the boy’s aunt, contacted the Korean Association for Children with Leukemia and Cancer through its Web site.

“My nephew is going through treatment for leukemia and he needs type A RH negative blood,” said Park in a plea she posted to the association’s Web site in April. “It’s very rare type of blood and we’ve been unsuccessful trying to find people with the same blood type. Please help us out, please.”

Jung Jung-ae, the vice president of the association, which supports families and children with leukemia and cancer throughout the country, read this article and remembered her experience with the U.S. Army community in the past.

“Even though I live and work in Seoul right now, I am originally from Busan,” Jung said. “When my son



PHOTO BY CPL. OHN SANG-JOON

*Pfc. Nick Wysong, Company C, 307th Signal Battalion, refuels a generator during a recent field training exercise. Wysong was one of six battalion soldiers who donated A RH negative blood to help a Korean boy with leukemia.*

was suffering from leukemia, I used to know a family who also had a child with a rare blood type and they got some help from people at Camp Hialeah. I remembered that, so I looked into asking for help from U.S. Army community in Daegu.”

Jung contacted the Area IV Red Cross and the Area IV Chaplain’s Office. Sgt. Kim Jae-jin, a chaplain’s assistant, took the call.

“I received her phone call and e-mail,” Kim said. “She explained the boy’s situation and I immediately notified all the chaplains in Area IV.”

Chaplain (Maj.) James Choi, the unit chaplain of the 307th Signal Battalion, quickly responded to the call of the need.

“When Sgt. Kim called and told me about the boy

in need, I knew it was an urgent situation,” Choi said. “So I relayed the information to all the first sergeants to put out to the Soldiers at the next day’s formation to see if anyone can help.”

Six Soldiers from the battalion’s Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Company A, and Company C volunteered to donate their blood to the boy. Among them was Pfc. Nick Wysong, Company C, 307th Signal Battalion, who went to the hospital three times to donate blood. Wysong also had the chance to meet Lee and his parents.

“It feels good to know that I can help people in need,” Wysong said. “I have been giving blood as long as I remember because I know someone else is going to help me when I am in need.”

“I am very proud of him,” said Capt. David W. Gill, commander, Company C, 307th Signal Battalion. “I am glad that he could help who’s in need, especially a person of our host nation. I think it really helps us to build good relationships with the people of our host nation by showing them the positive side. His goodwill really stands out in the midst of sometimes negative publicity.”

The boy’s family is grateful for the assistance.

“It’s been a tremendous help for Hyung-soo and the whole family,” said Moon Myung-rang, Lee’s mother. “I am truly thankful. We’ve been having a hard time trying to find a donor since it’s such a rare blood type. Hyung-soo is doing quite well so far, although the treatment is not complete yet.”

To help Lee by donating A negative blood, contact Dongsan Hospital International Clinic at DSN 768-7497.

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# MacNab

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Shoppette but that just adds to the charm of the place.) The Islanders Community Club also offers a place to relax.

Besides catering to tourists, the nine-acre facility also welcomes groups as an off-site training or retreat location. In addition to its accommodations and recreation offerings, the camp boasts conference rooms and a theater that can accommodate up to 80 people.

"We are very proud of our 'little piece of Heaven' down here," said Joe Suarez, installation manager who supervises a staff of six. "We do our best to make sure that everyone who comes here leaves with a smile on their face."

Staffers are always ready to help whether to offer directions to a local market, arrange tours or provide any number of services such as signing out free videos or sports equipment.

Despite the laid back atmosphere the facility projects, the picture isn't always rosy.

"Money is always an issue but we do the best we can with what we've got," Suarez said. "There's been talk that we might just go away but I sure hope that doesn't happen. I'm hoping someone will step up and be willing to make a long-term investment so we can upgrade our facilities and remain here to serve Soldiers and their families well into the future."

For more information about the Jeju-Do Recreation facility or to make reservations, call 763-3330, or, 723-7173.

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*The interiors of the lodging quarters are tastefully decorated and offer all the amenities one would expect such as TVs, videocassette recorders, microwaves and more.*



*The Jeju-Do Recreation Center features an exercise room with a variety of equipment that is conveniently collocated with the indoor pool.*



*An abandoned rappelling tower stands as a reminder of Camp MacNab's previous mission as a military training center.*