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Military offers programs to help overseas voters

Story by Pfc. Stephanie Pearson
Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP RED CLOUD — Being stationed overseas can present obstacles for servicemembers, Department of Defense civilian employees and their families when dealing with issues back home in the United States. Voting in state and federal elections does not have to be one of those difficult issues.

That's the message the members of the Federal Voting Assistance Program want to send to U.S. citizens living overseas: the right to vote can be

exercised by all U. S. citizens, in every corner of the world.

According to the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site, www.fvap.gov, the purpose of the FVAP is to inform and educate U.S. citizens living outside the United States of their right to vote; foster voting participation; and protect the integrity of, and enhance, the electoral process at the federal, state and local levels. Members of the military, other uniformed services, eligible family members and other U.S. citizens living overseas are able to exercise their right to vote under the Uniformed and Overseas

Citizens Absentee Voting Act. They can do this by applying for an absentee ballot.

Specific information on applying for absentee registration and a ballot is contained in the Voting Assistance Guide. Each U.S. embassy or consulate, as well as military voting assistance officers, should have a copy of the guide.

Voting assistance officers are military personnel assigned to assist servicemembers with absentee registration and obtaining a ballot. Each military unit is responsible for assigning a voting

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Cruisin'!



PHOTO BY SGT. JEREMY ALLEN

Carl Jaynes, Battery A, 5th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, sneaks a quick breath as he swims to victory in the 200-meter freestyle competition Saturday at the 2004 Warrior Division Swimming Championship at Camp Casey. For more photographs of the meet, turn to Page 7.

R&R flights resume from CENTCOM

Story by John Runyan
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — About 540 Soldiers were welcomed back to the states by family, friends and media in Atlanta and Dallas-Ft. Worth June 16 as the Army resumed contract rest and recuperation flights.

Soldiers from the Central Command area of operations flew to the United States on contract R&R flights for the first time since the flights were suspended Feb. 1. The first two flights carrying approximately 270 Soldiers each took off from Kuwait City on June 15 and landed the next morning at ATL and DFW, respectively.

The R&R program continued on a smaller scale through the rotation of forces in and out of CENTCOM in recent months, but the contract flights were suspended Feb. 1 due to operational requirements of that rotation, said Col. Paris Mack, G1's Task Force R&R chief.

The amount of Soldiers able to board the commercial flights was contingent on the number of seats available on the planes. Now that there are two R&R planes arriving every day nearly 600

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MP Blotter

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

■ A military police investigation revealed that two Soldiers were involved in a verbal altercation that turned physical when one Soldier struck the other with a beer bottle, causing a four-centimeter deep laceration on the forehead. The injured Soldier was transported to a medical clinic where he received two sutures.

The suspect was apprehended and transported to the provost marshal office where he was administered a series of field sobriety tests, which he failed. The suspect was then transported to the Troop Medical Clinic where he was administered a command-directed legal breath and alcohol test by on-duty medical personnel with results pending. This is an alcohol-related incident.

■ An investigation by military police revealed that two Soldiers were involved in a verbal altercation that became physical when both Soldiers struck each other with their heads. One troop then struck the other with a closed fist and grabbed him by the neck. He retaliated by striking the Soldier in the head with a bottle of beer. Both were transported to the provost marshal office where they were administered a series of field sobriety tests, which one soldier one failed. The soldiers were then transported to the Troop Medical Clinic where they were administered command-directed legal breath and alcohol tests by medical personnel, with results pending. The Soldier struck by the bottle was treated by the on-duty physician and released to his unit.

■ A military police investigation revealed that a Soldier altered his and another Soldier's ID card by changing the years of their birth in order to gain entry into a night club. The Soldier making the alterations was charged with: failure to obey a general order (underage drinking), false or unauthorized pass offense (altering active-duty ID card) and failure to obey a general order (buddy system).

■ Investigation by a military police patrol revealed that a vehicle lost control and struck a concrete utility pole while driving too fast for conditions. Damage to vehicle consisted of a dent and scratches to the front passengerside hood. Damage to the concrete utility pole consisted of the pole being broken at the base. No injuries were reported and the driver was using his seat belt. There was no apparent drug or alcohol involvement.

Commentary

Alcohol tolerance: not a source of pride

"I can drink a case of beer and drive home." "I can drink a liter of liquor and perform my duties."

These are words commonly heard when mostly young men get together but unfortunately you can hear it from some in all walks of life. And I'm here to tell you sadly that some are truthful with their comments. This is the result of "tolerance."

What is tolerance?

Most all of us start drinking the same. After consuming one to three standard drinks we are well disabled from the effects of the alcohol.

If we continue to experience alcohol over time we will probably develop "tolerance" to the drug. Over time our bodies adapt and become capable of performing more complex tasks with more alcohol on board. Most of us will peak in tolerance at about three drinks and will reach the point where our abilities fall steeply at any level beyond three.

Unfortunately for some their tolerance continues to increase over time and these people become alcoholics. I hope to write more about alcoholism later but for now I want to stick to tolerance.

Without doubt there are people who are capable of driving and performing other complex tasks with blood alcohol content levels of .05 and higher.

Also there are people who are incapable of performing these same tasks with a BAC of .02.

The Army has established .05 as the standard for drunk

on duty. This is the same level as drunk driving in Korea.

If you think this is low you must consider that at .04 you are three times more likely to be involved in a traffic accident than someone who is not drinking at all.

Drunk driving is not .05 percent (BAC) and the inability to pass a field sobriety test. It is the presence of .05 percent alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood...period!

So, if you insist on drinking save the "macho crap" for another forum. If you want to save your life and the lives' of others limit your drinks to one before anything requiring sound judgment.

If you find this difficult to do call: Area I 730-1229, Area II 736-5060,

Area III 753-7367 and Area IV 768-7434 for an appointment and evaluation at your Army Substance Abuse Program.

Don't wait for something regrettable to happen. I don't want to see another Soldier, sailor, airmen or Marine lose their future and their families' livelihood to misjudging the power of alcohol. Remember, "BAC" is not a feeling and it's always OK not to drink.

Richard A. Boyce
Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator

"Drunk driving is not .05 percent (blood alcohol content) and the inability to pass a field sobriety test."

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Morning Calm Weekly Soundoff:
What are things in Korea that remind you of home?



"The everlasting culture and continual advances in technology" — Capt. Salamasinaleilani T. Strokin, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Area III



"Kimchi" — Pfc. Han, Sang-yong, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Area I, Camp Red Cloud



"Traffic" — Sgt. Carl Redmond, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Area I, Camp Red Cloud



"A lot of people on the streets" — Pvt. James Hubbard, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Area I, Camp Red Cloud

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NEWS & NOTES

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 Wednesday 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 in 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.

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 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 two months, servicemembers are seeing the effect of the system balancing out buying power for servicemembers in Korea.

Army Safety Campaign Plan

During the first year of operations in Iraq, 422 American Soldiers died in country; of these, over 26 percent were non-combat accidents. In the past 23 years more than 7,500 Soldiers have died in accidents, compared to fewer than 600 in combat. Last year's total accidental death rate was the highest in 10 years. To combat accidental deaths, the U.S. Army has implemented the Army Safety Campaign Plan. Included in ASCP is the "Be Safe!" video that should be viewed by all Soldiers by July 4. The video can be seen at <https://safety.army.mil/home.html>.

Correction

The Morning Calm Weekly published an article regarding claims for plasma televisions. The article should have read that the maximum amount that a U.S. Army claims office can pay of damage during shipment is \$1,500 and not \$2,500.

Why Korea is the Duty Assignment of Choice



PHOTO BY GALEN PUTNAM

Col. James M. Joyner, Area IV Support Activity and 20th Area Support Group commander, conducts a swearing-in ceremony June 14 for 47 Daegu area "summer hires" in the 20th Area Support Group Command Conference Room on Camp Henry as Sue Reiley, Summer Hire Program coordinator for the Area IV Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, looks on. Eight youth from Camp Hialeah also began their sessions June 14. A second session later in the summer will give an additional 55 Area IV teens the opportunity to obtain first-hand work experience and get a look at life after college said Dean Tom, CPAC Human Resources Officer.

Tour group hosts unique celebration

Story by Chief Warrant Officer 4
Teddy C. Datuin

1st Signal Brigade

YONGSAN—There were two cakes with five candles on each. Two candles were long and three were short. After she blew the candles, the "pok chuks" were popped and then everybody sang the birthday song. First, they sang the birthday song in English and then in Korean.

Joy Garrett, a native of Canton, Mich., and a nurse with the 121st General Hospital in Yongsan, turned 23 years old June 19.

"I'm surprised. I don't know what to say. I'm just overjoyed," a smiling and somewhat blushing Garrett said of her birthday celebration.

What is unusual about this servicemember's birthday celebration is where it happened, when it happened and how it happened. Garrett, who has only been in Korea for two months, has been a regular participant of the free Saturday tours organized by Michael Lee, a 15-year Army Community Services Korean language instructor, and participated in by a regular group of Kookmin

University students, newly-arrived servicemembers and Department of Defense civilians.

Saturday's tour was at the Namsangol Hanok Village in the Chung Muro district of Seoul. Garrett was one of 12 Americans and 13 Koreans that participated in this tour. She did not have any idea that her second international birthday celebration will be this eventful and memorable. Her first birthday celebration outside of the United States, she said, was in Tijuana, Mexico when she turned 17 years old while she was a youth volunteer there.

Before the tour group went to the Namsangol Hanok Village, they stopped at a restaurant and celebrated Garrett's birthday. Lee and Lim Chang Won, a Kookmin University student, brought one cake each for Garrett's birthday.

"Each long candle represents 10 years and each short candle represents one year," Lim explained on the symbolism of the candles. "So, two long candles mean 20 years and three short candles mean three years. Therefore, the five candles represent 23 years."

The other five candles on the

other cake were not included in representing Garrett's age.

Instead of blowing horns, young Koreans celebrate birthdays by popping the "pok chuk," Lim continued. Old Koreans don't like using the "pok chuk" because of the popping sound because it bothers them. The popping sounds like a tiny firecracker sound. The "pok chuk" also projects out party "kurley kew" streamers.

Kehau Feliciano, 10-year old daughter of retired Sgt. 1st Class Barry Feliciano, along with her parents and older brother, was part of the tour group. They have been in Korea for only three weeks.

"It is wonderful. I didn't think Koreans will do it for somebody they didn't know," Kehau said of Garrett's birthday treat by the Korean members of the tour group.

Pearl Choi, a Kookmin University student who assisted Garrett throughout the celebration, summed up the Korean students' feelings.

"It is so interesting. I'm with foreign friends singing the birthday song in English and Korean," she said.

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Assistance

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assistance officer, said Sgt. 1st Class Terrence McGhee, Area I voting assistance officer.

“The voting assistance officer ensures that those who wish to vote have all the necessary forms and guidelines,” he explained.

McGhee said some of the most common problems servicemembers face when voting overseas are registering to vote, receiving absentee ballots and making sure the ballots arrive at the voting district on time.

According to the FVAP Web site, although procedures and deadlines vary from state to state, the Federal Post Card Application used to request absentee ballots should

generally be mailed at least 45 days before the election to expedite processing.

McGhee encourages servicemembers to contact their voting assistance officers or go to the Web site for help immediately.

“Voting is our right as U.S. citizens,” he said. “It is important that we use that right to protect our civil liberties and to make changes for the future. People often complain about things they would like to change, but fail to exercise their right to vote. We all have a voice, and I strongly advise everyone to use theirs and vote.”

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Flights

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CENTCOM Soldiers will be leaving every day for 15 days of leave from areas of high stress, Mack said. The leave is awarded to Soldiers who have been deployed to CENTCOM for a 12-month tour and are at least three months into that tour, but not more than 11. They must also have received approval from their commander.

At both ATL and DFW airports, Soldiers exited the planes to find crowds of people cheering their arrival back home. Reporters were present at both sites hoping to talk to soldiers who were excited to be the first to take advantage of these renewed contract flights.

Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich was among those present in Atlanta when the Soldiers arrived. At the DFW airport, they were received by many community members who came to greet the returning Soldiers regardless of whether they knew anyone getting off the plane.

The United Services Organizations also played a large role in making the Soldiers feel at home immediately. On top of hugs and cheers, Soldiers landing in Atlanta received goodie bags from USO personnel, which included practical items like calling cards.

The DFW airport had just opened a new USO Center June 14. The 2,900-square-foot facility is located in the space that was home to the President's Club for Continental Airlines. The lounge was refurbished by DFW to “like new” condition to make servicemembers and their

families more comfortable during travel.

“The USO is excited about opening a new USO Center at DFW,” said Edward A. Powell, president and CEO of USO World Headquarters. “This center will give the people of this region a chance to reach out to and thank the thousands of American service members and their families who pass through this airport every day.”

Powell said this center is the latest link in the chain that connects the United States with the men and women who defend us.

“Whether the troops are passing through here as part of increased R&R flights to DFW, or as they move from one assignment to another, this touch of home will be one additional reminder to the military that America is thinking of them,” Powell said.

The original ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Memorial Day weekend, but the facility was not ready for operation until June 14. The opening was well timed as at least 15 Soldiers took advantage of the benefits after they landed. While the DFW USO Center is still not operating on full hours, officials expect to be ready to service the Soldiers that will be returning to Kuwait City starting July 2.

For now, one flight is landing every day at each of the two airports. When the first group of Soldiers returns from leave, there will also be a return flight leaving everyday from the two airports.

News & Notes Deadline

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

For more information, call 738-3355 or e-mail morningcalmweekly@korea.army.mil.

Indianhead Division looks after families

Iraq-bound troops prepare to deploy with family readiness exercise

Story, photos by David McNally
Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP HOVEY — Family members of deploying Soldiers participated in a three-day exercise June 18-20 to answer questions and address concerns.

Units from the 2nd Infantry Division have never deployed off peninsula in support of other missions. The family readiness exercise was a first for the division and Installation Management Agency staffs as the 2nd Brigade Combat Team prepares to deploy to Iraq.

“Ultimately, the bottom line is to provide as much information as we can,” said Col. Thomas DeVine, commander of Division Aviation and the officer tasked with overseeing the exercise. “Some key issues are still to be resolved because they’re policy-level issues.”

Many family members are foreign-born and are in Korea in a noncommand sponsored status. They are curious about what will happen to them during the deployment.

Scores of family members and their deploying military sponsors from outlying camps arrived at the Camp Hovey Fitness Center where information stations were available. Stations included Immigration Services, Army Community Service, the American Red Cross and the USO.

“I talked to the embassy official, and he told me exactly what I needed to do for my wife’s petition,” said 2nd Lt. Jose Leon, Company B, 122nd Signal Battalion. “Leaving this exercise today, there are still going to be a lot of questions to be answered. But, that’s going to be (like that) throughout the deployment. At least we know who to contact now.”

“What we’ve been doing is providing information, forms and guidance,” said Stephen Bows, an assistant attaché with the U.S. Embassy in Seoul. “We’re encouraging them to file (immigration visa) petitions as soon as possible to get the process started.”



Stephen Bows, an assistant attaché with the U.S. Embassy immigration office in Seoul (right), listens to a Camp Hovey military family's questions June 18 during a briefing at Camp Hovey. Many foreign-born spouses are now processing immigration petitions in advance of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team's upcoming deployment.

Bows said obtaining a U.S. immigration visa is a lengthy process.

“We’re gathering information from them as far as what their intentions are,” DeVine said. “We’re trying to communicate that we care about them and we know they’re here.”

Some of the agencies, such as the USO and American Red Cross, hope to provide additional services to the family members.

“During the duration of the deployment we will provide free telephone cards to the spouses,” said Sally Hall, Camp Casey USO manager.

“Some spouses are returning to the Philippines,”



Chaplain (Maj.) William Barefield, Area I chaplain, spends time with a Soldier and his foreign-born wife June 18, during the 2nd Infantry Division readiness exercise.

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Choi Ji-young (left), Kim Mi-kyung and Kim Eun-jin visit the 2nd Infantry Division Museum June 15 with 25 other seniors and three professors from Kyungmin College June 15.

Local college students tour Warrior installation

Story, photos by
Margaret Banish-Donaldson
Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP RED CLOUD — Twenty-five Korean college seniors and their professors got a look inside the gates of Camp Red Cloud June 15.

Area I Commander, Col. Jeff Christiansen, presented an overall briefing to the students. The youths, from the local Kyungmin College, are studying toward majors in music or tourism.

Later, the students toured the Camp

Red Cloud installation, which included the museum, library, fire station and physical fitness center.

Afterwards, Christiansen treated everyone to lunch at Mitchell’s club, where he presented them with certificates of excellence and Area I mugs.

“It is important to bring groups onto our installations to show we are good neighbors,” Christiansen said. “We enjoyed the visit as much as they did.”

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NEWS & NOTES

Independence Day Celebrations

■ Camp Stanley will kick off the festivities noon Friday. There will be three bands performing: Sandy Brooks, a country band; Jeff Valdez, a solo artist and Central Sound. There will not be a fireworks display; however, there will be remote control car races and Spades and 8-Ball tournaments.

■ Camp Page will begin a block party noon July 3 and continue until after the fireworks display. Look for the band Primal Urge for entertainment.

■ Warrior Base in the Western Corridor will begin a celebration 3 p.m. July 3 and feature the band Road Crew.

■ Rodriguez Range will host Sandy Brooks, Jeff Valdez and Central Sound starting noon July 3. On July 4, Wayne Newton and friends will perform a special show 11:30 a.m. followed by an autograph session.

■ Camp Casey will start a block party celebration at noon. Bands will play throughout the day. Wayne Newton and friends will perform 7 p.m. A fireworks display and the 2nd Infantry Division Band will close the evening's entertainment.

CPR and First Aid Class

A cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid class will take place 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday in the Camp Casey Army Community Service classroom. Cost is \$35, and must be paid before the class. For more information, call 730-3184.

Everland Amusement Park

An Everland Amusement Park trip is scheduled for Saturday from the Camp Stanley Recreation Center. Bus departs 8 a.m.

Kyong Bok Palace

A Kyong Bok Palace trip is scheduled for this Saturday from the Camp Essayons Recreation Center. Bus departs 8 a.m.

Nam San Han Ok Village

A Nam San Han Ok Village trip to Seoul is planned for Sunday from the Camp Red Cloud Community Activity Center. Bus departs 8 a.m.

Newcomers Orientation

A newcomers orientation will be held 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday at the Camp Red Cloud Community Service classroom. For more information, call 732-7779.

Shopping Bazaar

The USO will sponsor a shopping bazaar 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday at the Camp Red Cloud Community Activity Center.

Deep Sea Fishing

Deep sea fishing trips are scheduled for July 3. The bus departs 6 a.m. from the Camp Red Cloud Community Activity Center, and 7 a.m. from the Camp Howze Community Activity Center.

Camp Casey Shoppette

The Camp Casey Shoppette will be closed July 4 for employee appreciation picnic. All other stores will be open.

Commissary closures

The Camp Red Cloud commissary will be closed July 4. The Camp Casey commissary will be closed July 4 and 5.

Volunteer Orientation and Resume Class

Camp Page will hold a volunteer orientation and resume class 1 p.m. July 16 at the Pear Blossom Cottage. For more information, call 732-7277.

Soldiers welcome new commander

2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs Office

CAMP CASEY — The Division Support Command welcomed Col. Richard Poole June 18 and bid farewell to Col. Kurt Stein as their "Wagonmaster Six" at Indianhead Field.

Maj. Gen. John R. Wood was the reviewing officer for the change of command ceremony, which is deeply rooted

in military tradition. In graphical form, the colors were passed from Sgt. Maj. C.C. Jenkins to Stein to Wood then to Poole and back to Jenkins, and the passing of the responsibilities of command and maintaining an unbroken succession of command was completed.

The colors, with many campaign streamers, bear testament

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PHOTO BY YU HU-SOON

Col. Kurt Stein (left), Maj. Gen. John R. Wood, commanding general of 2nd Infantry Division, and Col. Richard Poole, render salutes June 18 at the Division Support Command change of command ceremony at Camp Casey.

Ceremony signals change in leaders

Story, photo by David McNally

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP RED CLOUD — The 122nd Signal Battalion, known across Korea as "The Voice of the Warrior," changed its commander in ceremonies June 16 at Camp Red Cloud. The commanding general of the 2nd Infantry Division presented the unit colors to Lt. Col. Elizabeth Bierden.

"Her experience in transformation and training with industry will serve her well," Maj. Gen. John R. Wood told the assembled Soldiers and civilians.

The Soldiers of the 122nd Signal Battalion stood in formation with the 2nd Infantry Division Band on the Village Green.

Bierden began her military career in the 122nd Signal Battalion. As a new lieutenant, she was a platoon leader in Company C and later an executive officer.

"Welcome back to the Warrior team," Wood told Bierden.

"It's a great honor to be part of the 122nd Signal Battalion again," Bierden said. "This battalion has a tremendous reputation. I look forward to working with you to continue that tradition."

Bierden was last assigned to the U.S. Army G-3, where she worked on the Army's transformation efforts as a signal organizational integrator.

Wood praised out-going commander, Lt. Col. Eric Albert, for his accomplishments. He said, "I think of him as an exceptional team builder, both with his Soldiers and the Korean community."

Albert departs Warrior Country to become the chief of staff for J-6 operations for the U.S. Forces Korea.

He served two years as commander of the 122nd Signal Battalion.

"It won't be me calling you in the middle of the night," Wood told Albert, "It will be General LaPorte, and I have a feeling you'll be moving twice as fast to solve twice as many problems. But, you'll do it well."

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Lt. Col. Elizabeth Bierden (left) receives the colors of the 122nd Signal Battalion June 16 from 2nd Infantry Division commanding general, Maj. Gen. John R. Wood.



1st Lt. John Baumann, Battery B, 5th Battalion, 5th Aviation Regiment, swims the 100-meter freestyle Saturday during the Warrior Division swimming championships at Camp Casey.



As sole competitor, Pfc. Adam Johnson, from Company B, 1st Battalion 503rd Infantry Regiment, was unquestionably the fastest of the day in the butterfly competition.

Warrior swim meet draws best

Story, photos by Sgt. Jeremy Allen
2nd Infantry Division

CAMP CASEY — Soldiers from across the Indianhead Division met Saturday for the 2004 Warrior Division Swimming Championship.

Twenty Soldiers participated in the meet: 10 Soldiers competed in the men's open, six in the men's senior and four in the women's category.

At the end of day the best swimmers in Warrior Country left with medals and T-shirts.

The 8th U.S. Army Swimming Championships will be held July 10 at the same pool

"That will be an open competition as well," said Kim Pok-man, Area I sports specialist. Call 732-6276 for more information.

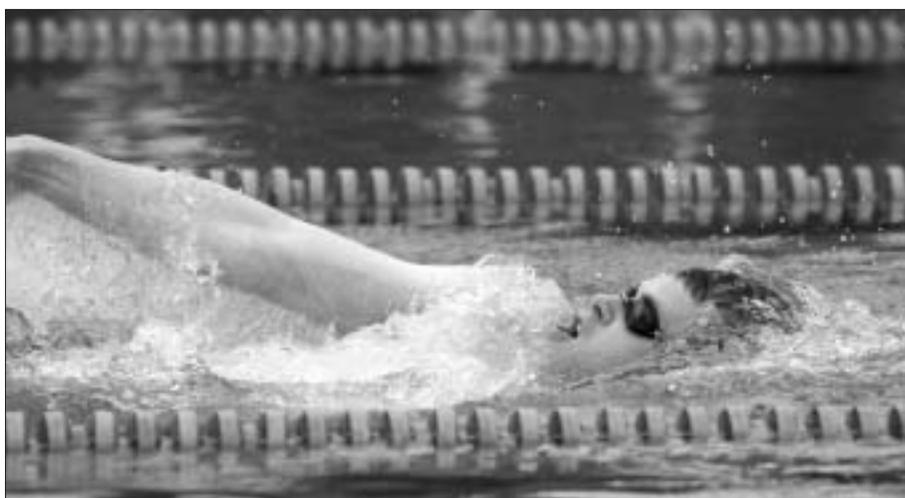
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Waid also wins the 200-meter individual medley.



Sgt. Jeremy Black adjusts his goggles before the 200-meter medley relay.



Pfc. Chris Waid, 61st Maintenance Company, takes a deep breathe on his way to winning the 100 meter back stroke competition.

Signal

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“For me, this was a dream come true,” Albert said, “to command a company, and now a battalion in the 2nd Infantry Division.”

Albert explained how his passion for the U.S. Army began when he was 5 years old.

“My uncle gave me a shoebox,” Albert said. “In the shoebox were his 1st Cavalry Division patches, his combat infantryman badges, my father’s combat infantryman’s badge, and most importantly, his 2nd Infantry Division patch from the Korean War.”

Albert’s family participated in all 10 campaigns of the Korean War.

“For the next 36 years,” Albert said, “my father’s Indianhead patch and combat infantryman’s badge have been

displayed in my room or office. No one has taught me more about integrity and leadership than my father.”

Albert praised his former Soldiers as he listed their accomplishments.

“You preserve peace and defend democracy,” Albert told the Soldiers. “To many of our citizens back in the United States, those are meaningless words, but they are neither to you, or our Korean allies.

Bierden, a Rhode Island native, received her commission in 1987 following her graduation from Boston University with a bachelor’s degree in computer engineering. Later, she earned a master’s degree in operations research from Georgia Tech.

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Soldiers

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to the service of the previous units, which evolved with the birth of the Pentomic Division, and have been reconfigured over time to keep pace with doctrine. The existing support battalion structure supports the current 2nd Infantry Division war plans.

The Division Support Command’s heritage begins Dec. 12, 1917, when it was first mentioned in the official statement of lineage and battle honors designated, when the 2nd Division Supply Trains (Motor) was redesignated as the 2nd Supply Trains.

The Division Support Command provides maintenance, supply, transport and medical service for the Warrior division. There are four support battalions: The 2nd Forward Support Battalion supports Strike Force; the 302nd Forward Support Battalion supports the Iron Brigade; the 602nd Aviation Support Battalion supports the Aviation Brigade; and the 702nd Main Support Battalion supports the division as a whole. Additionally, the 4th Chemical Company provides smoke, reconnaissance and decontamination support. Notably, the 2nd Korean Service Corp is part of the recognized Division Support Command.

Soldiers from the four support

battalions, Chemical Company, and 2nd Korean Service Corp were present for the Change of Command ceremony.

The new Wagonmaster Six, Col. Richard Poole, entered the Army as a Quartermaster second lieutenant in 1982 through the ROTC program at Longwood College.

First assigned to 1st Cavalry Division where he served as the Division Support Command, Headquarters and Headquarters Company executive officer, Poole has previously served in Europe, assigned to the 8th Infantry Division as the Division Support Command assistant support operations officer, chief of the general supply section, and 1st Armored Division Class IX accountable officer and later serving in the IFOR Support Command as the military assistant to the commander. This tour of duty marks Poole’s third overseas tour.

Poole recently commanded and served as a special assistant to then Army Material Command commander Gen. John Coburn, and later became the aide-de-camp for Gen. Paul Kern, the current AMC commander. Poole was the deputy chief of staff, logistics of the U.S. Army as the chief of the supply policy division.

Families

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said Sandy Chambers, station manger for the Camp Casey American Red Cross. Chambers explained the challenges of getting a Red Cross message through to the Philippines.

“We’ve been telling them to contact the U.S. Embassy there and to get their documentation in so they can receive emergency messages,” Chambers said.

DeVine agreed there may be a lot of anxiety among the family members.

“I’m sure it’s there,” DeVine said.

“The more information we give them, the more we can reduce that anxiety.”

Area I and the U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Casey staffs recently renovated an old barracks into a center for family members affected by the pending deployment of 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers to Iraq.

DeVine said the family assistance center is ahead of schedule and may be ready for business as early as Monday.

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Next week in Warrior Country...

- Camp Garry Owen Soldiers compete in sports day
- 2nd Infantry Division welcomes new spiritual leader



Yongsan faces trash dumping issue

Story by Alex Harrington, Pfc. Park, Jin-woo and Pvt. Park, Yung-kwi

Area II Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — Amidst the pile of donated clothes located by the front door of an Army and Air Force Exchange Service Laundry and Dry-cleaning shop near the South Post Shoppette and Snack Bar was an unsightly pile of debris consisting of shoes, plastic bottles, a vehicle hood and plastic bags containing anything but clothing for the poor.

Personal trash dumping has become a big problem for service organizations and businesses that rely on large trash bins to dispose of their trash, especially when personal trash dumping is taking up space in trash bins and thrown around, according to AAFES management.

The significant trouble spots are the trash bins behind the furniture store, next to Chosun gift shop, that have become a favorite spot for the community to throw away its trash.

Earlier this month AAFES management tried to resolve the personal trash dumping issue by adding another trash bin. Unsuccessfully the problem continued, says Han, Sung-pong, an AAFES staff member.

“This has become the South Post community trash dump,” said Han. “Everyone drops their trash behind our furniture store and often it is thrown on the ground and surrounding area. We have tried for a long time to solve this problem.”

AAFES is in the process of constructing a waste disposal site instead of adding more trash bins in that area.

“We tried for a long time to keep the area clean, even by having our employees watch very carefully those who dump personal trash in our dumpsters. However, people drive by early in the morning or late at night, when no one is around, to dump their personal trash,” he said. “Not only do they bring trash bags filled with refuse, they also throw out large, cumbersome items like TVs, home appliances and toys.”

Aside from the unaesthetic image of overflowing garbage in and around trash bins, personal trash dumping has not affected costs, says Paek, Chong-Im, who works for Department of Public Works accounting office.

“We pay a fixed price of \$872,000 to dispose all types of trash, paper and food waste,” said Paek.

Service organizations and businesses on post are not the only ones frustrated



PHOTO BY PVT. PARK, YUNG-KWI

Donation boxes on Yongsan Garrison are filled with trash that includes a car hood. Base officials said personal trash dumping is an issue.

with the personal trash dumping issue. It is a significant issue to Seoul city officials as well.

Hannam Village received briefings on how to properly dispose their trash in Korean garbage bags, however, the residents continued to ignore Korean regulations.

According to a Pacific Stars & Stripes article, “Trash piling up at Seoul housing area; residents grapple with bagging problem” (Aug. 14, 2001), the Yongsan Ward office sent a letter to the Hannam apartment manager, reminding residents they needed to follow regulations about how to dispose of personal garbage.

“Trash dumping from many foreigners has been a big issue for quite a while,” said Kim Sung-chan, head of the public works department, Yongsan-gu office. “We often get complaints of trash being thrown away in improper bags, specifically the black plastic bags that are not sold in the Korean economy.”

Kim added that the black bags are often filled with all kinds of non-separated refuse. As a result, he says, waste collectors do not pick up the trash that is not separated properly by type and bag.

There are a few reasons to follow Korea’s regulations regarding trash disposal.

Because of the lack of landfills, coupled with exploding development, the Seoul city government is trying to reduce the amount of trash by promulgating strict policy — e.g., nonrecyclable garbage is to be put into a transparent plastic bag that can be purchased at a designated local supermarket.

Adhering to Korea’s trash dumping policy also positively supports Gen. Leon J. LaPorte’s

Good Neighbor Program.

“People who have been living in Korea longer should try to teach the newcomers how to dispose of the trash,” said Pak Yung-woo, housing manager for Victoria Villa, Itaewon-dong. “I often have to empty out the trash and separate it again and buy regulated trash bags with my own money, or else they won’t be picked up.”

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Power pole collapses on South Post



PHOTO BY PVT. PARK, YUNG-KWI

Department of Public Works workers repair a power line power that was hit by a construction truck June 14. The accident, at the intersection of X Corps and 45th Division roads in front of Commiskeys, caused a power outage 2-6:30 p.m.

NEWS & NOTES

BOSS Events

Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers has scheduled Caribbean Bay trip 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 741-6434.

Change of Command

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

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

■ 8th Military Police Brigade, 10 a.m. Thursday at the Yongsan's Knight Field. For more information, call 736-7797.

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

CIF Closure

The central issue facility will be closed Monday - 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.

Women's Summer Bible Study and Fellowship

There is a Protestant Women of the Chapel and Military Council of Catholic Women worship, Bible study and fellowship 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Wednesdays, July 7 - Aug. 4 at South Post Chapel. For more information, call 796-5982.

Hazardous Waste Handler's Training

The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Medicine-Pacific will conduct the two-day course for hazardous materials and hazardous waste handler's training with a Korean interpreter 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. July 13 - 14 at Building 2259, Room 223. For more information, call 724-5008.

Community Health Care Forum

There will be a community health care forum 10 a.m. July 16 at the main conference room of the Army Community Service building. For more information, call 737-3045.

American Red Cross

There are immediate openings for the following leadership positions within the American Red Cross volunteer program. The following courses are scheduled for the month of June.

■ Baby-sitting 9 a.m. - noon. July 16 - 17.

■ ARC Orientation 10 a.m. - noon July 19. For more information, call 738-3760.

Road closure

Gate 8 will be closed to vehicles 9 p.m.-6 a.m. July 6. Pedestrian hours on that gate will remain normal.

Area II Commander: Be safe

By Col. Timothy K. McNulty

Commander, Area II Support Activity

YONGSAN — School is out, families are leaving, new Soldiers are arriving and most folks, like me, are looking for fun ways to get around and to stay cool, visit unique places in Korea, and to get back in to physical shape this summer. As you, and your family, embark on new adventures this summer, either by going to the pool to cool off and get some tan, or go hiking in one of Korea's beautiful mountains, or you're planning to ride the new bike you purchased recently...remember and to keep safety in mind.

Public Pool

Learn to swim. The best thing anyone can do to stay safe in and around the water is to learn to swim, this includes adults and children.

Be sure the area is well supervised by lifeguards before you or others in your group enter the water.

Read all posted signs. Follow the rules and directions given by lifeguards. Ask questions if you are not sure about a correct procedure.

Some facilities provide life jackets at no charge. If you cannot swim, wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket. Check others in your group as well.

Hiking

Hiking and camping provide exercise and interest for people of any age. Just getting out and walking around is a wonderful way to see Korea's nature. Since unexpected things happen, however, the best way to help guarantee a good time for all is to plan ahead carefully and follow commonsense safety precautions.

If you have any medical conditions, discuss your plans with your health care provider and get approval before departing.

Review the equipment, supplies and skills that you'll need. Consider what emergencies could arise and how you

would deal with those situations. What if you got lost, or were unexpectedly confronted by an animal? What if someone became ill or injured? What kind of weather might you encounter? Add to your hiking checklist the supplies you would need to deal with these situations.

Make sure you have the skills you need for your camping or hiking adventure. You may need to know how to read a compass, erect a temporary shelter or give first aid. Practice your skills in advance.

If your trip will be strenuous, get into good physical condition before setting out. If you plan to climb or travel to high altitudes, make plans for proper acclimatization to the altitude.

It's safest to hike or camp with at least one companion. If you'll be entering a remote area, your group should have a minimum of four people; this way, if one is hurt, another can stay with the victim while two go for help. If you'll be going into an area that is unfamiliar to you, take along someone who knows the area or at least speak with those who do before you set out.

Some areas in Korea require you to have reservations or certain permits. If an area is closed, do not go there. Find out in advance about any regulations, there may be rules about campfires or guidelines about wildlife.

Pack emergency signaling devices, and know ahead of time the location of the nearest telephone or ranger station in case an emergency does occur on your trip.

Leave a copy of your itinerary with a responsible person. Include such details as the make, year and license plate of your car, the equipment you're bringing, the weather you've anticipated and when you plan to return.

Bicycles and things that go fast

In March, a Department of the Army civilian assigned to the 251st Signal Detachment, 1st Signal Brigade died from head injuries after being struck



McNulty

from behind by an automobile while riding his moped on Yongsan Garrison, South Post. We lost a beloved member from our community.

Many personnel in Area II jog, ride bicycles, skateboards, skates, roller blades, nonmotorized vehicles, motorcycles and mopeds. Just remember head injuries are the most common and most severe. Therefore, wear your helmet! You must wear a helmet when operating or riding on motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, in-line skates, coasters, skateboards, sleds or any nonmotorized vehicles on a public roadway, street, bicycle path, parking lot or any other right-of-way under 8th U.S. Army jurisdiction. The helmet will meet or exceed the standards set by the American National Standards Institute or the Snell Foundation, and will be equipped with either a neck or chin strap.

Reflective vest - Personnel participating in these activities must wear a reflective vest. If wearing a backpack, the vest must be worn over the backpack.

Listening devices - Headphones or earphones will not be used when operating motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, skateboards, skates, roller blades or when running or jogging.

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41st Signal Battalion welcomes new commander

Story, Photo by Sgt. Don Smith

1st Signal Brigade Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — The 41st Signal Battalion welcomed its new commander during a ceremony June 16 at Seoul American High School.

Lt. Col. Kevin D. Foster succeeded Lt. Col. Darin Talkington during the ceremony.

Foster previously served as the operations officer and commander of the Defense Information Systems Agency Information Systems Center in Arlington, Va.

"To be selected for command is an

honor and a privilege," said Foster. "There is no better unit to command and there are no better Soldiers than the team of professionals that stand before you today."

The battalion's Soldiers provide strategic communications and information management services throughout Areas I and II. They also operate and maintain Armed Forces Network Korea television and radio in the same areas.

Talkington's next assignment is in the Northern Virginia area.

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Lt. Col. Kevin D. Foster, commander of the 41st Signal Battalion, passes the battalion colors to Command Sgt. Maj. Patricia Keit, the battalion command sergeant major, during the battalion change of command ceremony at Seoul American High School June 16.

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Cultural Events, Tours and Entertainment

USO Tours

- Incheon Pottery Tour – 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. today.
- Water Rafting Tour – 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Saturday.
- Cultural Tour – 8:40 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Sunday.
- Panmunjon (DMZ) and Tunnel – 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday.
- Insadong Night Tour – 6 - 10 p.m. Thursday.

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

Royal Asiatic Tour

- Kangnung Tano Festival – 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.
- Cholla-Do Tour: Pyonsan Bando National Park, Tamyang Bamboo Museum and Pagoda Valley. July 10 - 11.
- Island Hopping Tour to Chawol-Do. July 17.
- Island Hopping Tour to Tokchko-Do. July 18.

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

Entertainment

- European Jazz Trio concert will be performed at the Seoul Arts Center 7:30 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call 02-3487-7800.
- 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.

■ Ice ballet Nutcracker will be performed at the Sejong Center Monday and Tuesday 3 p.m., 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 3 p.m., 6 p.m. July 31 - Aug 3. For more information, call 02-3472-4480.

■ 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.

■ The Mozart Festival will be held 3 p.m. July 31 at the Seoul Arts Center. For more information, call 02-523-8702.

Six ways to make less waste and double recycling

Yongsan-gu City Office

YONGSAN — Garbage collection in Korea is done in front of each household so there is no need to bring out the trash onto roads or other areas.

Waste collection is conducted every day before sunrise. Trash can be put out from 6 p.m. – 4 a.m. Food waste could be a nuisance both to the nose and the eye is collected every day and recyclable trash is collected twice a week. The actual day depends on the

area that you live in. Itaewon collects recyclable trash on Monday and Thursday. Trash should be put out only during the designated times before the day of collection.

■ General wastes

Use the regulated trash bag, available at the nearest supermarket. There are 5-, through 100-liter trash bags.

■ Recycling wastes

Wastes like newspapers, books, hard paper covers can be put out together. Glass, aluminum cans, irons, plastic cans

and vessels are to be sorted together in any transparent plastic bag.

■ Foods

Wastes of all kinds of foods need to have the water removed first. Then put them into a regulated trash bag.

■ Ultra-sized wastes

Items such as a refrigerator, washing machine, TV sets, furniture and any kinds of home electric appliances are classified as ultra-sized wastes. When disposing them, please call respective district offices for help.

■ Styro-foam and vinyl

Wastes of this kind should be contained in a transparent plastic bag. Take off any labels stuck on the wastes.

■ Construction wastes

These are wastes that come out when repairing or demolishing buildings. Call respective district offices for disposal of such wastes.

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Death, destruction and uncertainty: Korea's monsoon season is here

Story by Sgt. Andrew Kosterman

Korea Region Public Affairs

YONGSAN — Death and destruction. Fire, wind and floods. This could be the introduction to a movie, but instead it's a synopsis of what can be expected during monsoon season.

Every June, monsoon season begins on the Korean peninsula. It doesn't end until August.

"People living in quarters below ground level being caught inside due to rising water and drowning," said Stefan Suratt, Korea Region Emergency Operations Center, is just one of the dangers people face in monsoon season.

It is possible to receive up to 20 inches of rain in a 24-hour period during rain storms. In some cases, people underestimate the damage these storms can cause.

In the 1998 season, four U.S. Soldiers died in flash flooding and 300 civilians perished during the season. U.S. Forces Korea suffered \$242 million in lost or damaged property.

Another Soldier died in 1999 and \$6.5 million of equipment was lost or damaged. Floods in 2000 caused extensive damage to the Yongsan Garrison.

According to the National Weather Service, one of the wettest parts of the United States is Seattle, which receives an average of 37 inches of precipitation a year. During monsoon season, almost 70 percent of the Korea's 60 average inches of rain falls.

Personnel can prepare for monsoon season by being aware of what's around them, said Suratt.

U.S. military officials have a plan to deal with the

potential hazards presented by monsoons.

The five step plan outlines what will be done in the event of a natural disaster caused by a monsoon.

The five phases of the plan are:

■ Pre-monsoon planning

■ Flood warning

■ Destructive weather

■ Post flood/destructive weather recovery

■ Lessons learned

It isn't until monsoons hit that

phase two goes into action. During this phase, units and personnel begin to protect life, equipment and property. This can be done by placing sandbags, moving equipment and performing rescue operations.

During the next phase, more sandbagging may take place. In phases IV and V, damage from a storm is assessed and recovery operations begin.

"All efforts are taken to mitigate damage and the effects of destructive weather to ensure that



This Camp Casey road was made impassable by displaced gravel and pavement caused by flood waters from 1998 monsoons.

armed forces in Korea are ready to fight and win when called upon," said Suratt.

Some of the lessons learned from past monsoons include "not parking in low areas and storing potable water," said Suratt. "When in doubt about doing something being safe or unsafe, don't do it."

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MOVIES**



June 25-July 1

Location Phone No.	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1
Casey 730-7354	The Punisher	Connie and Carla	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azakaban	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azakaban	Connie and Carla	Johnson Family Vacation	Ella Enchanted
Essayons 732-9008	No Show	The Girl Next Door	No Show	The Alamo	The Day After Tomorrow	No Show	Hellboy
Garry Owen 734-2509	No Show	The Day After Tomorrow	Hellboy	Hellboy	Walking Tall	No Show	The Girl Next Door
Greaves 734-8388	The Day After Tomorrow	Walking Tall	The Day After Tomorrow	No Show	No Show	Hellboy	The Girl Next Door
Henry 768-7724	Walking Tall	Scooby Doo 2	Johnson Family Vacation	The Punisher	No Show	No Show	No Show
Humphreys 753-7716	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azakaban	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azakaban	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azakaban	Johnson Family Vacation	The Punisher	Connie and Carla	The Alamo
Hialeah 763-370	The Day After Tomorrow	Hellboy	The Girl Next Door	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
Hovey 730-5412	Johnson Family Vacation	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azakaban	Johnson Family Vacation	The Punisher	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azakaban	The Punisher	Envy
Howze 734-5689	The Alamo	The Whole Ten Yards	Hellboy	No Show	No Show	No Show	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azakaban

The Day After Tomorrow



A climatological disaster ravages the world beyond recognition. As millions of terrified survivors flee the south, Professor Adrian Hall heads to New York City, now a frozen wasteland, in search of his son Sam who may still be alive.

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Harry Potter



A dangerous mass murderer, Sirius Black, has escaped the Azkaban Fortress and there's only one thing he wants: Harry. While learning to cope with the Dementors sent to protect Hogwarts, school of witchcraft and wizardry, Harry learns the disturbing story of Sirius Black and yet more of his own history.

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Kunsan 782-4987	Troy	Troy	Johnson Family Vacation	No Show	The Punisher	Connie and Carla	The Alamo
Long 721-3407	Van Helsing	No Show	The Whole Ten Yards	The Alamo	No Show	No Show	No Show
Osan 784-4930	Garfield: The Movie	Agent Cody Banks 2	Agent Cody Banks 2	Johnson Family Vacation	The Punisher	Connie and Carla	The Alamo
Page 721-5499	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
Red Cloud 732-6620	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azakaban	The Punisher	The Punisher	Johnson Family Vacation	Connie and Carla	No Show	Garfield: The Movie
Stanley 732-5565	The Punisher	The Punisher	Connie and Carla	Connie and Carla	No Show	Garfield: The Movie	Johnson Family Vacation
Yongsan I 738-7389	Garfield: The Movie	Garfield: The Movie	Garfield: The Movie	Connie and Carla	Connie and Carla	The Punisher	The Punisher
Yongsan II 738-7389	Garfield: The Movie	Garfield: The Movie	Garfield: The Movie	The Girl Next Door	The Girl Next Door	Scooby Doo 2	Scooby Doo 2
Yongsan III 738-7389	Johnson Family Vacation	Johnson Family Vacation	Johnson Family Vacation	The Whole Ten Yards	The Whole Ten Yards	Connie and Carla	Connie and Carla

Chaplain's corner: Trusting God an adventure worth taking

By Chaplain (Maj.) Stan Whitten

Area II Family Life Chaplain

If you were asked to come up with a list of people whom you trust, where would you start? Maybe with the people you know the best – parents, siblings, spouse, or very close friends. Trusting others can be a risky adventure, can't it? We hand over a part of ourselves and hope we receive it back in the same condition! Where on your list of people you trust do you place God?

Where God falls on your list depends on many things, one of them being how easy it is for you to trust in the first place.

Many children, for example, find it easy to trust God because they've had success trusting the adults in their lives: parents, teachers, and others. Some children have a very difficult time trusting in God because they have trusted in adults and have been either let down or hurt by abuse and neglect.

The degree with which we can trust others can affect our ability to trust God.

Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

What do you hear this proverb saying

to you about trusting God? I hear it saying that, first, trusting God means putting myself...my whole, complete self...into God's hands. The "heart" in Hebrew thought includes all that is me: physical, mental, spiritual...all of me! It also includes all that I hold dear – my family, my other relationships...all of my life, really.

We may ask ourselves what will happen as we trust God and will it be like the last time I trusted someone and got burned by their inability to be trusted. We may wonder where God will lead us as we trust him. The Proverb says, "...he will make your paths straight."

Each of us walks various paths through this life God has given us; that's our reality. The choice we have is how to respond to the love of God in his open hand and find that the other reality of our lives is that God will lead us, God will guide us.

Trusting God will not result in having a carefree life. Trusting God is a risky adventure, but it's a risk worth taking.

Trusting God opens and expands our paths to give God more room to walk with us and to be an active, loving presence in our lives. May God bless you as you take the daily risk and enjoy a trusting relationship with your Creator!

Area II Worship Services

Protestant

Contemporary	Sunday	10 a.m.	Multipurpose Training Facility
Episcopal	Sunday	10 a.m.	Memorial Chapel
Church of Christ	Sunday	2 p.m.	South Post Chapel
United Pentecostal Church International	Sunday	10 a.m.	Memorial Chapel
Collective	Sunday	8 a.m.	Memorial Chapel
		9:30 a.m.	121 Hospital Chapel
		9:30 a.m.	Hannam Village Chapel (Korean)
		10 a.m.	South Post Chapel
		11 a.m.	Hannam Village Chapel
	Noon	South Post Chapel	
	1 p.m.	K-16 Community Chapel	

Collective	Sunday	6 p.m.	South Post Chapel
		7 p.m.	Camp Colbern Chapel
Korean	Tuesday	6 p.m.	Camp Colbern Chapel
	Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Memorial Chapel
KCFA	2nd Tuesday	11:45 a.m.	Memorial Chapel
	3rd Tuesday	11:45 a.m.	Memorial Chapel

Catholic

Mass	Sunday	8 a.m.	South Post Chapel
		11:30 a.m.	Memorial Chapel
	Tuesday	12:05 p.m.	121 Hospital Chapel
		7 p.m.	South Post Chapel
	Mon/Wed/Thur/Fri	12:05 p.m.	Memorial Chapel

Mass	Saturday	5 p.m.	Memorial Chapel
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Jewish

	Friday	6 p.m.	Memorial Chapel
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Cyclists, drivers share safety responsibility

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS –Drivers on Camp Humphreys face a new challenge this summer as more children than ever before will be riding bicycles on the installation.

“More children are living on post since the Army family housing opened last summer,” said Area III Safety Specialist Stephen L. Lincoln. “Drivers need to be cautious of children riding bicycles, especially around the post exchange, the youth center, the library and other areas children tend to frequent.”

Cyclists are becoming more visible at U.S. military installation throughout the Republic of Korea, particularly in summer months.

Lincoln said there may also be an increase in the number of bicycles on the roads as a result of changes to privately-owned vehicle driving privileges that became effective April 22 which prohibits most noncommand-sponsored servicemembers E-6 and below from owning and operating privately-owned vehicles.

Lincoln said that cyclists and vehicle drivers alike need to be safety conscious in order to prevent accidents.

“Bicycle riders should obey the same rules of the road as other vehicles,” said Lincoln. “Drivers, however, should not assume that all cyclists will.”

Although cyclists are required to comply with established traffic laws and signs whether on or off installation, Lincoln said it is not unusual to see cyclists riding on the wrong side of the road or ignoring stop signs.

Lincoln said that cyclists should ride



A Camp Humphreys cyclist wears a safety vest and helmet as required by Army safety regulations. Cyclists and drivers must be attentive of traffic laws, particularly during summer months when cyclists are more active.

with the flow of traffic, come to a complete stop at stop signs and use proper arm signals before turning. Cyclists should extend their left arm straight outward to indicate a left turn. A right turn should be indicated by bending the left arm upward.

Wearing protective clothing is also important, according to Lincoln.

“U.S Army Support Activity) Area III Regulation 385-23 requires that cyclists wear a helmet that will meet or exceed the standards set by the American National Standards Institute or the Snell

Foundation,” he said. “The helmet must be equipped with either a neck or chin strap securely fastened while the cyclist is in motion.”

The Bicycle Helmet Safety Organization Web site at www.bhsi.org/fit.htm provides instructions for the proper fitting of bicycle helmets. The objective is for the helmet to be comfortably touching the head all the way around, level and stable enough to resist even violent shakes or hard blows and stay in place. It should be as low on the head as possible to maximize side coverage, and held level on the head with the strap comfortably snug, according to the Bicycle Helmet Safety Organization. The Web site provides step-by-step fitting methods, along with links to other sites with helmet style or safety information.

Helmets with a “CPSC” or “Snell” sticker indicate that the helmet is approved by recognized consumer safety organizations. The CPSC sticker means the helmet meets tough Consumer Product Safety Commission standards, which were introduced by the U.S. government in 1999. A “Snell” sticker means the helmet is approved by The Snell Memorial Foundation, a nonprofit organization that tests helmet safety.

Reflective vests are also required, said Lincoln. If the cyclist has a backpack, the vest should be visible over the backpack. Reflective belts or sleevelets are not acceptable substitutes for a reflective vest. Cyclists are not permitted to use cell phones, headphones or earphones while riding. Additionally, bicycles operated at night must be equipped with functioning front and rear lights and reflectors.

Unattended bikes should be secured with a hardened steel or graphite lock.

Bicycle Safety Facts

- There are 85 million bicycle riders in the U.S.
- About 800 bicyclists die in the U.S. every year
- About 540,000 bicyclists visit emergency rooms with injuries every year. Of those, about 67,000 have head injuries.
- Bicycle crashes and injuries are under-reported since the majority are not serious enough for emergency room visits.
- One-in-eight of the cyclists with reported injuries has a brain injury.
- Two-thirds of the deaths here are from traumatic brain injury.
- A very high percentage of cyclists’ brain injuries can be prevented by a helmet, estimated at anywhere from 45 to 88 per cent.
- Many years of potential life are lost because about half of the deaths are children under 15 years old.

Source: The Bicycle Helmet Safety Organization

‘Awesome’ bike patrol promotes safety, good relations

Story, photo by Steve Davis

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS – A military police bike patrol started several months ago at Camp Humphreys has had several positive effects, according to MP officials.



Bike patrol members Pfc. Desiree Gaskin and Pfc. Kim Ki-wuk get ready to ride their beat at Camp Humphreys. The Soldiers, from the 142nd Military Police Company in Yongsan, are on temporary duty at Camp Humphreys.

“The bike patrol gives us a presence, particularly in the ‘downtown’ area of Camp Humphreys near the post exchange, commissary, bus station and other community facilities,” said Sgt. Robert Klein, a traffic investigator at the Area III Provost Marshal Office. “It also adds to our ability to enforce the law and promote public safety.”

Klein said a two-person bike patrol rides during a morning shift and another rides in the evening.

Clad in shorts, a white shirt, reflective police safety vests and helmets, bike patrol members ride 23-speed Smith & Wesson police bicycles equipped with a horn, a siren and red-and-blue flashing lights used when they need to stop violators.

Each bike patrol performs a variety of tasks during its watch. The patrol directs traffic at the four-way stop sign by Freedom Chapel during peak traffic hours, typically when people are going to work or going home at the end of the day. They are also on the look for safety violations such as drivers not using seat belts, those using a cell phone while driving or expired registration stickers and

other vehicle violations.

“Those are some of the things military police vehicle patrols typically do on a daily basis,” said Klein. “The bike patrol simply extends our capabilities.”

The bike patrol also provides an opportunity to do some positive public relations.

Pfc. Desiree Gaskin, on temporary assignment at Camp Humphreys from the 142nd Military Police Company in Yongsan, said the bike patrol is “awesome” because it gives her a chance to interact with people in ways she normally wouldn’t.

“When we patrol in vehicles, we tend to have limited contact with people,” she said. “But on a bike we get to know people and talk with them regularly.”

Gaskin said a lot of people are interested in their bikes.

“We get a lot of questions about the bikes,” she said. “We also get some questions about bike safety.”

She said bicycle riders need to follow the same traffic rules as vehicle drivers. Bicycle riders should obey stop signs and use arm signals when they plan to turn.

To beat the summer heat, Gaskin said military bike patrol members use safety vests with a built-in hydration. They also use sunscreen and wear sunglasses.



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.

8 p.m. Today Camp Humphreys
Tommy D's Club
8 p.m. Saturday Yongsan
Garrison Main Post Club
8 p.m. Sunday Yongsan Garrison
Main Post Club
7 p.m. Tuesday 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 July, earn "Bowling Bucks" with every purchase of \$5 or more at local bowling centers in Area I. Prizes include 36-inch Striker Dolls or seven-day resort vacation package. For more information contact a local bowling center.

Yongsan Batting Cage Championships

Now is the time for softball players to hone their batting skills at the Family Fun Park Batting Cages. Cash prizes will be offered to first and second place male and female batting champions in youth and adult divisions. The concept is simple. Just visit the batting cages between now and the Aug. 28 championships to practice hitting targets on the fence. For more information, call 738-4190.

Auto Show

The Yongsan Auto Crafts Center will conduct an Auto Show on Sept. 18. The show will feature a variety of cars competing for bragging rights and cash prizes in the categories of best paint, interior, engine compartment and best overall. This event will feature lots of food, music, prize drawings and vendors. Participants from all over the peninsula are invited to bring their car and compete. For more information, call 738-5315 or 738-5419.

MWR: Still time for unit to sign up for July 4 booths

Story by Mike Mooney

Area III Morale, Welfare and Recreation/Marketing

CAMP HUMPHREYS—Time and available booths are running out for the annual Fourth of July Festival at Camp Humphreys.

The annual Independence Day Celebration is planned for the Nitewatch and Strike Zone parking lots on July 4, from 3-11:30 p.m.

Activities will include food, beverages, games, entertainment and the MWR Fish Bowl, offering 1,200 prizes – including two round-trip airline tickets anywhere in the United States.

This year's entertainment will include R & B, salsa, reggae and Golden Oldie DJs, the "Down Home" Country Band, Korean singer Noh Su Choi (a Camp Humphreys employee) and the Republic of Korea Army Band.

Contests will include hula hoop, limbo, no-hands ice cream eating and hot dog eating for both children and adults.

Military units running game booths in the upcoming festival are going to be guaranteed winners this year, with each participating unit assured a minimum contribution of \$50 added to their unit funds for agreeing to operate either a carnival or blow-up game during the festival.

Area III MWR turned food and game operations over to military units three years ago, allowing units to generate additional dollars for their unit funds in the process. MWR maintains exclusive sales of all beverages as well as ice cream, snow cones, popsicles, popcorn and cotton candy.

"In some cases, units have made hundreds of dollars during the one-day festival," explained Director of Community Activities Dave Watson. "But in the case of some of the smaller carnival games, there were units that barely broke even. This year, we've decided to guarantee every unit booth a minimum profit of \$50."

Unit fund money generated through the July fourth festival is used to augment unit activities such as organizational days, holiday parties and unit trips. MWR provides each unit funds based on the

strength of the unit. However, commanders are always looking for additional funds in order to offer their Soldiers bigger and better unit activities.

Two major commands – the 23rd Area Support Group and the collective military intelligence community stationed at Camp Humphreys – will be operating hamburger and hot dogs booths at the festival.

Other units are invited to sell additional food items such as watermelon, nachos, pretzels, corn-on-the-cob, ethnic foods and desserts.

"But only the designated units can sell hamburgers and hot dogs," Watson said. "Giving it to 23rd ASG and the MI units assures that food revenue will benefit the largest number of Soldiers."

Available games include such activities as sumo wrestling, obstacle course and dozens of other games and toys. These items are normally rented to the units for their special activities but are provided free of charge for the Independence Day festivities.

"We'll even deliver the games to their respective spots," Watson said. "All the units have to do is blow them up, set up their tables and operate the game, collecting money in the process."

In addition to the \$50 unit fund guarantee, Camp Humphreys MWR will also repeat its booth decorating contest, offering \$100, \$75 and \$50 prizes to the three units that do the best job of decorating their booths with a patriotic theme. The prize money will also be added to the unit funds of the winners.

Units interested in running a booth during the festival have been signing up at the Camp Humphreys Community Activities Center. Additional units that want to get involved are asked to contact the CAC at 753-8825 or to stop by and sign up.

"You can't lose this year," Watson said. "Every participating unit is guaranteed a profit just for showing up and running a booth."

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Independence Day Events — Koreawide

Installations throughout the peninsula are hosting a variety of Independence Day activities. Some of these events include:

■ July 4 — Various events will be held at Kelly Field and Gym and YS Court.

Area I

■ July 4 — Wayne Newton will perform 6 p.m. at Camp Casey.

Area II/Yongsan

■ July 4 — Carnival, games for children and adults, and contests.

■ July 4 — Fireworks display 9 p.m., Softball Field 5.

■ July 4 — Performances by D'arcy Park & Wildheart Band, La Orquesta Esencia (Latin Musical Band), local youth performances and the 8th U.S. Army Band.

Area III

■ July 4 — Festivities will begin in the vicinity of the Nitewatch Club. There will be games, prizes and sports competitions. Festivities will be followed by a fireworks display.

Daegu

■ July 4 — There will be a fun run beginning 7:30 a.m. followed by a basketball tournament, sand pit volleyball and a boxing event.



Camp Walker

■ July 4 — Wayne Newton will perform 7:30 p.m. at Kelly Field.

■ July 4 — There will be a fireworks display 9:30 p.m. at the post exchange parking lot.

Camp Hialeah

■ July 4 — There will be racketball and tennis doubles tournaments. A softball tournament will be held 1 p.m. at Custer Field.

■ July 4 — Entertainment can be found at the pool where a disc jockey will entertain patrons starting at noon.

Camp Carroll

■ Today-Sunday — July 4 festivities will be held at various locations across post. For more information, call 765-7230

Many other activities and tours are on throughout the July 4 weekend at installations across the peninsula. For more information, call Morale, Welfare and Recreation or the respective area public affairs office.

Force protection patrols active at Camp Humphreys

Antiterrorism teams on the watch for suspicious, illegal activities

Story, photo by Steve Davis

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS – Force protection teams now patrol Camp Humphreys in search of suspicious or illegal activities.

Two teams patrol the base randomly with a very specific mission: to conduct building inspections, verify identification cards, inspect vehicles, spot check bags and packages and verify personnel needing escort for the purpose of enforcing force protection measures, according to Sgt. 1st Class Jeffery Thomas, security and force protection noncommissioned officer for the Area III Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobility and Security.

The force protection team carries a memorandum signed by the installation commander authorizing them to carry out their mission. Thomas said people failing to cooperate with the force protection patrol will be referred to the military police.

There are two teams that work one day on and one day off. Each team is made up of two employees from DHE Security, the security contractor that provides gate guards and roving patrols on Camp Humphreys. The force protection patrol, however, is different. Its activities are

intentionally designed to be random.

“The team on duty never knows where it will be going that day,” said Thomas. “It is told only before its shift begins.”

DHE Security supervisor Kim Hong-seok said a list of duties is given to the force protection patrol at its morning briefing. Kim personally issues the team’s daily matrix of times, locations and duties prepared by Thomas.

“Their activities are always different so that a pattern cannot be detected,” said Kim. “This is a more aggressive way to seek out and stop potential terrorists.”

Because force protection patrol team members often interact with Soldiers, civilians and family members, they were selected for their interpersonal communication skills, as well as their appearance and attitude.

Ko Sung-pong, who has worked with DHE Security for nearly four years, was on a mobile patrol team before being selected for the force protection mission. He said his role now is much different.

“We have a lot more contact with people and we are required to search vehicles, handbags and other items,” he said. “We also go to construction sites and into buildings look-



Force Protection Patrol team members Pak Myong-sun and Ko Sung-pong search Amy K. Glavey's handbag at the Camp Humphreys walk-through gate. The patrol makes daily random inspections to detect or deter suspicious or illegal activities.

ing for suspicious activities.”

Force protection patrol members received special training about how to search people, packages and vehicles. They have also received training on portable handheld devices that can detect explosives and narcotics.

Force protection team member Park Myong-sun worked at the Camp Humphreys main gate checking ID cards for nearly three years before being selected for the newly formed patrol. She said some people are surprised when she asks to search their bags.

“At first, people didn’t understand why suddenly we had begun searching vehicles and bags,” she said. “Most people are cooperative, however.”

Ko and Park said they had found only a few violations since the force protection patrol measures began in mid-May.

“We have found one escort violation, several expired privately-owned vehicle decals and instances where temporary vehicle passes are not visible,” said Park.

Amy K. Glavey, who works at the
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Spc. David L. Kim crosses Victory Drive, a new access road to the Camp Humphreys “downtown” area.

Victory Drive opens ‘downtown’

New road provides easy access to Humphreys Lodge, commissary

Story, photo by Steve Davis

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS – “Victory Drive,” a new road that provides easier access to the Camp Humphreys Lodge, commissary and the developing “downtown” area that houses the post exchange, commissary and other frequented public facilities, was opened Monday.

“Welcome to another milestone in the growth of Camp Humphreys,” Area III and Camp Humphreys Commander Col. Michael J. Taliento Jr. told Soldiers, U.S. and Korean civilians, family members and others gathered for the grand opening. “With the opening of this road, we make access to the post in a more modern, more efficient way.”

Before the ribbon was cut to officially open Victory Drive, Carl Davis, deputy director of the Area III Directorate of Public Works, presented certificates of appreciation to Yi Bon Construction President Yi Chun-chaeh and project manager Yi Kye-nam.

Construction on Victory Road began in December at a project cost of about \$311,000. The cost includes the installation of such underground utilities as a drainage system and expansion of a high-speed communications fiber optics system.

Davis said the road will ease congestion and increase traffic flow.

“To get to the new lodge and commissary before Victory Drive opened, you had to travel down a small and quite often congested road past troop living areas and drive between the lodge and the gymnasium,” said Davis. “The new road will relieve traffic in the troop living area and

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NEWS & NOTES

Mad, mad marketer helps create fun

CPX Gate Closure

The Camp Humphreys CPX gate will close 10 p.m. July 9 and reopen 6 a.m. July 12. All vehicle traffic may enter through the Camp Humphreys main gate during these construction periods.

Customer Service Points to Close for Inventory

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

Area III Town Hall Meeting

A Town Hall meeting will be conducted by the Area III commander and directors 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Camp Humphreys Community Activities Center. The focus of the meeting will be Area III's past, present and future support and services. A question-and-answer period will follow. All community members are invited.

Welcome Briefing

The next Area III Newcomers Briefing will be July 13 at the Camp Humphreys Community Activities Center. For more information, call 753-6901.

Camp Adventure

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

Digital Photo Fest

Show off your best pictures during the Digital Photo Fest at the Camp Humphreys Community Activities Center. Enter as many as three digital photos each in the following categories: People and 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 Sunday. Call 753-8825 for more information.

World Racquetball

U.S. Forces Korea personnel can attend the 12th World Racquetball Championships for free at the Anyang Youth Center and Seoul Cultural and Education Center. Both venues may be reached by subway. Teams from Korea, the United States and 37 other nations will participate from July 31-Aug. 6 at the championship, hosted by the Korean Racquetball Federation. For more information, call 011-9152-1990 or visit www.racquetball.or.kr.

Financial Readiness and Checkbook Management

■ Mandatory Financial Readiness training for first-term Soldiers is held 8 a.m.-noon the first and second Tuesday of each month.

■ The Remedial Checkbook Management Class is held 9-10 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month.

Both classes are held at the Camp Humphreys Army Community Service, Building 311. For more information, call Mr. O'Donnell at 753-8401.

Story, photo by Steve Davis

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS – Around each Fourth of July, the Area III Morale, Welfare and Recreation marketing chief has two things on his mind: spectacular explosions and the likelihood of snow.

Mike Mooney – known widely for the mad, mad marketing of Area III MWR facilities and events – loves a good show. Two events – the Fourth of July celebration, with one of the largest fireworks displays on any military installation in Korea, and Christmas in July – happen to be his summer favorites.

“Independence Day is always a blast,” said Mooney, who helps organize and promote the colorful celebration that features food and activity booths. “Tenant units are just as eager to get involved as the MWR facilities.”

His other summer favorite is “Christmas in July,” a celebration at the Nitewatch that promises a free meal if it doesn't snow.

“Will it snow at Camp Humphreys on July 24 or not?” teases Mooney. “You'll have to show up to find out. But if it doesn't, you'll get the Christmas buffet for free.”

The possibility of a July snowstorm is just one of Mooney's mad, mad marketing concepts.

He's got a whole kit of marketing tools, including fish and a “Cee-ment Pond Fishing Derby.”

“People thought I was really crazy when I came up with the idea to have a trout fishing event at the Zoeckler Station swimming pool,” said Mooney. “But lots of people came to fish.”

Even his fellow Area III MWR professionals “knew” he was crazy when he suggested triskaidekaphobia specials for Friday the 13th. But they worked.

What is his favorite event? The one he's working on now.

“It's like sports – basketball, football, baseball and track – I used

to play them all as a kid,” he said. “Each one was different, and I loved them all in season.”

There's “Eggstravaganza” for kids at Easter, and “Return to Spooky Hallow” for Halloween. Oktoberfest sizzles with bratwurst, beer and a volksmarch. The Super Bowl party always has prizes, contests and gimmicks. He loves Fridays the 13th and just about anything else that's offbeat.

“I love them all,” said Mooney, always on the lookout for another sponsor for another free prize MWR can give away. Some of the past prizes have included motorcycles and round-trip plane tickets.

“We get a lot of support because Area III is a real community,” said Mooney, a former Vietnam-era Soldier and journalist turned marketing maniac. He attributes his off-the-wall marketing acumen in part to the Agent Orange defoliant he inhaled while slogging through jungles in Vietnam. “My four kids are all normal, so I guess I'm the one that Agent Orange made crazy.”

The biggest part of his marketing success he attributes to great teamwork by Area III MWR program managers.

Exit surveys conducted four times each year as Soldiers process out of Area III seem to indicate that the Area III MWR program is achieving a high level of success.

“We've had a 95 percent satisfaction rating for the past four years,” said Mooney. “That's because MWR works as a team to include everyone we can.”

The most recent segment of the Camp Humphreys population to receive attention is the growing youth population.



Mike Mooney, marketing chief for Area III Morale, Welfare and Recreation, orchestrates activities at last year's Fourth of July celebration at Camp Humphreys.

“We are starting a youth newsletter to let young people know what programs are available for them at Camp Humphreys and throughout Area III. We are also publishing an Army Community Service newsletter designed for the growing family population.”

“MWR in the overseas environment has a real world mission,” Mooney said. “It's different in the United States where everything is available right outside the gate. Here, we're the whole show. We're very fortunate in Area III in that we have an MWR team that's willing to think out of the box and put the needs of our Soldiers, airmen, civilians and family members before their personal needs and wants.”

“It is easy to be a marketing chief when you have the support of your fellow MWR professionals,” said Mooney. “I have the good luck to be the person that gets to coordinate our special events. But believe me, if it wasn't for the Area III MWR team, none of this would happen.”

And, yes, Mooney said, if it doesn't snow at Camp Humphreys on July 24, the Christmas Buffet will be free ... turkey and all the trimmings, plus, of course, Santa Claus.

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Victory

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provide direct access for pedestrian and vehicular traffic to downtown.”

The opening of the new road is the most recent of a series of traffic and parking improvements at Camp Humphreys, including the creation of parking lots at key locations around the camp with a total of 252 parking spaces. A turn lane was also built for the Burger King drive-through.

Davis said the next and most noticeable improvement will be the construction of a new road that will connect the existing post office to the Camp Humphreys Health Clinic, a short distance away over a small hill. The new road, he said, will add additional parking

and relieve a traffic flow problem between troop barracks.

The existing post office and community bank are scheduled to move in the near future to a renovated building that used to be the old post exchange. The bank and the post office will be collocated in the same building with the USA Federal Credit Union, which moved in May. The building is located between Burger King and the Community Activities Center.

Davis said older buildings will continue to be torn down to make room for improvements.

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Force

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post exchange, said she didn't mind when Ko and Park asked to search her handbag as she passed through the Camp Humphreys walk-through gate.

“It's OK with me,” she said. “I don't mind at all. They are helping to protect the base.”

Thomas said the force protection patrol helps maintain a high level of base security.

“A high state of security awareness is required these days,” he said. “This patrol is an additional resource that we use to detect or deter activities that may endanger the force.”

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Far left top: Lt. Col. Terence M. Dorn receives the 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery (Patriot) colors from 6th Cavalry Brigade Commander Col. Ronald M. Buffkin June 18 at Suwon Air Base.

Far left bottom: Lt. Col. David M. Pendergast says farewell to his troops before the change of command ceremony

Left: 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery (Patriot) Soldiers stand at attention as Lt. Col. Terence M. Dorn, their incoming commander, troops the line with outgoing commander, Lt. Col. David M. Pendergast, 6th Cavalry Brigade Commander Col. Ronald M. Buffkin and Commander of Troops Maj. James P. Payne.

PHOTOS BY STEVE DAVIS

Suwon Patriot unit welcomes new commander

Area III Public Affairs Office

SUWON AIR BASE — The incoming commander of the 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery (Patriot) was welcomed in true Cavalry style during a change of command June 18 at Suwon Air Base.

Traditional shiny spurs, trademark black Stetson hats, and plenty of “Cav”

esprit de corps were part of the pageantry as the battalion, part of the 6th Cavalry Brigade, said hello to Lt. Col. Terence M. Dorn and bid farewell to Lt. Col. David M. Pendergast.

Dorn was most recently Patriot Division chief in the Office of the Training and Doctrine Command Systems Manager’s office at Fort Bliss, Texas. His wife, Nicole, is a captain

currently assigned to the 501st Military Intelligence Brigade.

Col. Ronald M. Buffkin, 6th Cavalry Brigade commander, commended Pendergast for the battalion’s high state of readiness and discipline.

Pendergast thanked those under his command.

“All of you have made this battalion the best Patriot battalion in

the United States Army,” he told the Soldiers before welcoming Dorn, a longtime friend.

Dorn said, “I am truly honored to have been selected to stand here today and accept the reins of this great battalion from my friend and colleague, Lt. Col. Dave Pendergast. Leading Soldiers is the highest honor for an Army officer.”

Army birthday bash wows crowds

Soldiers, civilians gather to celebrate Army's 229 years

Story by Master Sgt. Kimberly Williams

19th Theater Support Command Public Affairs Office

Soldiers, family members and civilians from all over Area IV gathered June 18 and Saturday at Camp Walker for an all-day celebration of the Army's 229th birthday and a formal ball.

"If you missed the celebration, you missed one of the greatest events in the Daegu area," said Sgt. Maj. Lorria P. Anderson, Support Operations and Plans Section, 19th Theater Support Command.

More than 1,000 people attended the Army Birthday Celebration Friday, which included events such as sports and gaming competitions, a barbecue, a Republic of Korea Army Honor Guard demonstration, a streamer ceremony and a combination retreat, colors and flag-folding ceremony, Anderson said.

"There was a lot more for the kids to do this year," added Staff Sgt. Laurie Buchanan, nuclear, biological and chemical noncommissioned officer in



PHOTO BY GALEN PUTNAM

The 2nd Republic of Korea Army Honor Guard performs its precision demonstration. The team received a standing ovation for its efforts.

charge for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 19th Theater Support Command.

Buchanan, who brought her sons, Andrew, 9, and Hayden, 7, to the event, said youth activities included musical chairs, swimming relays, basketball, a jumping dragon and a raffle just for the kids. "The gift bag was really good also," she said.

Throughout the day, Soldiers and units competed for championship titles in sports and games, such as volleyball, softball, swimming, tug of war, chess and spades. When the events were over, Maj. Gen. Jeanette K. Edmunds, commanding general, 19th Theater Support Command, presented individual and unit medals and trophies.

The 20th Area Support Group took the highest participation award, and the 36th Signal Battalion walked away with the commander's cup.

Sgt. 1st Class Michael Kelly, first sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 36th Signal Battalion, attributed teamwork to their success in winning the commander's cup.

"For the past month since I've taken over as first sergeant, I've really pushed "one team, one fight" and it seemed to work," he said, referring to Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment and 169th Signal Company's combined efforts.

"We're looking forward to next year



PHOTO BY PFC. HWANG KYOO-WON

A Soldier from the 23rd Chemical Battalion, 20th Area Support Group, attaches battle streamers to the Army flag, resting on the shoulders of Command Sgt. Maj. Ted Lopez, Area IV Support Activity, during the traditional Army Flag Streamer Ceremony, that recounts the history of the streamers awarded to the U.S. Army over the last 229 years.

to do the same thing again," Kelly said.

Following the awards, the Republic of Korea Army Honor Guard was one of the highlights of the afternoon.

"The best part was the Honor Guard," Buchanan said. "I think they did an outstanding job."

Other Soldiers appreciated the history behind the streamer and flag folding ceremonies as well.

"It's something to remind us of why we're here, and why we're

serving in the military," said Pvt. Alicia Garcia, training NCOIC, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 36th Signal Battalion. "It reminds us of the people who served in the past."

About 330 people gathered for the 229th Army Birthday Ball-South at the Evergreen Community Club Saturday.

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PHOTO BY GALEN PUTNAM

2nd Lt. Isaias Zamora, executive officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 20th Area Support Group, serves during the volleyball competition. The unit went on to take second place in the tournament.

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Red Cross Station open

The American Red Cross station in Daegu has reopened. For more information and assistance, call Phyllis Marvin at 768-7993.

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.

Finance Closures

The Finance Offices at Camps Henry, Carroll and Hialeah will be closed Monday-Thursday for a field training exercise. Finance operations will be conducted 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the FTX site near bus stop 7 at Camp Carroll's Lower BEQ Hill. Inprocessing will be handled during normal hours at the One Stop In Processing Center, Building 1685 on Camp Henry. For emergencies during the FTX, call Sgt. 1st Class Kenyon Porter at 011-9832-0497

Camp Carroll Severe Weather Workshop

The Camp Carroll Army Community Service is hosting a severe weather workshop 1 p.m. Tuesday 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.

USFK 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 sexual harassment programs within USFK. The survey is open to all USFK military personnel and it is available now through Wednesday on the 8th Army intranet at <https://www-eusa-1.korea.army.mil>. All information will remain anonymous and only group statistics will be reported.

23rd Chemical Battalion Change of Command

The 23rd Chemical Battalion will host a change of command ceremony for outgoing commander Lt. Col. William M. Barnett IV and incoming commander Lt. Col. William E. King IV 10 a.m. Thursday at Storey Field on Camp Carroll. A reception will follow at the Hideaway Club. The inclement weather location is the Camp Carroll Gymnasium. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Otara Henry at 765-8446.

Military Retiree Council

The Area IV Military Retiree Council will hold an open meeting 1 p.m. July 10 at the Hilltop Club on Camp Walker. All military retirees, spouses and widows in Area IV are invited and encouraged to attend. The event's special guest will be a speaker from the Department of Veterans Affairs. For more information, contact retired Lt. Col. Wilfred Plumley at Wilfred.plumley@us.army.mil or retired Chief Master Sgt. Bud Rader at bud.rader@us.army.mil.

Competition builds bridges, understanding

Story, photos by Pfc. Hwang Kyoo-won

19th Theater Support Command Public Affairs Office

The 19th Theater Support Command hosted the 2004 Theater-wide Military Logistics Partnership Challenge and Competition June 8-10 at Camps Walker and Carroll.

Participants included subordinate commands from the 19th Theater Support Command, units from the 2nd Infantry Division and logistics counterparts from the Republic of Korea Army.

"The reason we host this event is to build on the friendships that we have established. This way we can interact with each other and learn from each other," said Maj. Jamal Wigglesworth, assistant operations officer, 19th Theater Support Command. "That way for the big picture, when it's time to go to war, we know each other just that much better."

This year, five separate events were held over three days, Wigglesworth said. Soldiers were placed in teams combining U.S. and ROK soldiers to compete in the Army Physical Fitness Test, sling loading, urban orienteering, marksmanship and a truck rodeo.

After the opening ceremony, the competition kicked-off with the Army Physical Fitness Test, which was unfamiliar to the Korean soldiers.

"In the ROK army, we don't have an APFT, so we didn't get enough training on push-ups and sit-ups, like we did on the truck rodeo and the marksmanship," said Cpl. Baek Joo-sung, 5th Logistics Support Command, Republic of Korea Army.

Throughout the competition, teamwork was emphasized as U.S. and ROK soldiers worked together in all of the events, Wigglesworth said.

The sling load competition was held at the Camp Walker airfield. Soldiers had to find small, yellow pieces of tape hidden in the prerigged equipment. One



Soldiers sprint from the starting line of the one-mile run during the modified Army Physical Fitness Test event.

U.S. and one ROK soldier formed a team to complete the mission, which was complicated by the language barrier.

"The first time, when I met the U.S. Soldiers, it was really awkward. It was mainly because we don't speak the same language. But now, we communicate through facial expressions, and we kind of understand what we are saying," said Baek.

Urban orienteering and marksmanship took place on Camp Carroll. Participants were divided into two groups and then alternated between the two events.

The urban orienteering was a challenge for the Soldiers, said Sgt. Kim Dae-hyuk, 5th Logistics Support Command. Teams had to look at a map at the starting point and check out each point they had to go to. They traveled on foot to get to the destinations, which were located all over Camp Carroll.

The marksmanship portion was also challenging. "We brought our own rifles for the marksmanship competition," Kim said. "When we were done firing, we switched our weapons with U.S. Soldiers and fired. By doing this soldiers would know more about their allies," he said.

The truck rodeo at the Camp Walker airfield was the final event. In this competition, Soldiers were tested on their driving skills. Both U.S. and ROK Soldiers had a chance to ride in each other's vehicles.

"It was a fun experience riding in a ROK jeep," said Pfc. Francisco Ramos, 19th Theater Support Command. "They listened to music as they rode, which I think is awesome."

This competition was an opportunity for the ROK soldiers to take a look at cultural differences. "This is my second time meeting U.S. Soldiers. We invited them last time to our camp, but it's my first time seeing what it's like inside their camp," Baek said. "I was surprised that the way the U.S. Soldiers live is so different from us."



Soldiers search carefully for small pieces of yellow tape hidden in the rigged equipment during the sling-load competition.



An evaluator carefully watches the cones to determine whether or not the vehicle tips them over as the driver negotiates the course during the truck rodeo competition.

This year's competition was also a chance for the U.S. Soldiers to work with Soldiers from all over the peninsula. "The event is supposed to be an annual event for the peninsula-wide competition. This is actually the first time we got teams from the entire peninsula to come down and compete," Wigglesworth said.

"In the past, we started out with the local partnership between the 19th TSC Headquarters and 5th LSC in the Daegu area. So far, we have conducted a local truck rodeo starting last November. They brought us a similar event, which took place last month. This is something that we want make even bigger next time. Hopefully next time we will be able to share this with the joint force."

"This is something that I would like to do more often. Through an event like this, where we can interact each other, we know our allies better, and it's easier working together," Baek said.

"I liked the traditional Korean games we played last time at the 5th LSC. We should have something too, which the ROK soldiers haven't done yet," Ramos said.

"I hope we have more events where we can learn from each other and get to know each other better," Baek said. "But I hope we don't do PT anymore!"

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Home visitation program brings cultures together

Story, photo by Cpl. Han Won-jong

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The U.S.-Korean alliance took another step toward lasting friendship June 12 when the city of Daegu sponsored a one-day home visitation program for 28 U.S. Soldiers.

The event commenced with Koreans displaying the American flag at the entrance of Daegu City Hall. Kim Bum-il, vice mayor of Daegu city, and Col. James M. Foster, assistant chief of staff, G-3, 19th Theater Support Command, delivered welcoming speeches to the participating Soldiers and their host families.

"U.S. and Korean officials have been taking many initiatives to strengthen the relationship between Americans and the Koreans. This can be a great chance for everyone to share the culture and the heritage," Kim said.

"There is a Korean word, neighbor-cousins, which means neighbors are like a part of your family. I hope you can experience warm friendship and hospitality of 'neighbor cousins.' Moreover, I sincerely hope you all have fun today and explore more about Korea," he said.

"It's truly a symbol of your kindness, your friendship and generosity that you have for our Soldiers, and we will not



(From left) Professor Chun Jung-ham, Daegu Health College, discusses his church with Spc. Robert D. Smyers, network cable installer, 36th Signal Battalion, and 2nd Lt. Christopher Yoshida, executive officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 36th Signal Battalion, at Dong-bu church.

forget that. Your hospitality and kindness will leave a lasting impression on the Soldiers we have here today," Foster said.

"Those participating will all remember today. I am sure over the course of time they will retell the stories many times of today and this evening and all the things you spoke about, all the wonderful delicacies and all the laughter that occurred. I am sure some friendships will be made today that will endure for a very long time. And we truly hope that that's the way things go," he said.

Following the welcome, the Soldiers were matched with Korean host families

for the day. As the names of the Soldiers their host families were being called, it was evident that both parties were nervous and somewhat anxious. However, within minutes, everyone in the room was exchanging smiles and greetings as if they were long-time friends.

"For over the last 50 years, the U.S. and Korea have been holding each other's hands and standing by through the bad and the good. I will be more than happy to show these Soldiers the Korean family life styles. It's quite amazing how these strangers at first

quickly became friends," said Dr. Chun Jung-ham, professor, Daegu Health College.

The day's schedule included a Korean church tour and a barbecue picnic at the Bong-mu Park.

"This event is very interesting. It's definitely a good learning experience, seeing different things than I normally don't get to see, interacting with Korean families," said Spc. Robert D. Smyers, network cable installer, 36th Signal Battalion.

"I would like to come again next time. I think a lot of Soldiers should participate in events like this for cultural awareness," he said.

"I am having a great time," said 2nd Lt. Christopher Yoshida, executive officer, 36th Signal Battalion.

"It's actually awesome to come out in the park with Korean families. I am learning a lot about Korean families and culture. There are a lot of friendly people here. I think this event will especially help new Soldiers coming to Korea to quickly adjust to the new environment," he said.

Kim said Daegu hopes to host more events like this to educate both U.S. and Korean people about each other's cultures and lifestyles.

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Birthday

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“The Army Birthday Ball was extremely well organized, entertaining and enjoyable,” said Lt. Col. Lynn W. San Nicolas, assistant chief of staff of Personnel, 19th Theater Support Command.

The entertainment was extremely diverse – there was something for everyone, San Nicolas said.

The theme of the ball was also relevant to the times, she said.

“I think they did a good job of tying in where the Army is on the war on terrorism with the theme ‘Supporting Our Army At War’ in both the decorations and in the program,” said San Nicolas.

Neither the Army birthday celebration nor the ball could have been successful without the overwhelming support of Soldiers and sponsors, said Anderson. Sponsors of the events included: 8th U. S. Army, Evergreen Community Club, Taegu Spouses Association, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Community Activities Center, Area IV Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office, Walker Lodge, Defense Commissary Agency, People to People, Association of U.S. Army District IV and Korea chapters, MWR Band, Heritage of Faith, Bryant-Buchanan Productions, Inc., All Savings 4U Inc. and Men of Trinity.

Darryl Chandler, sports director of Kelly Fitness Center, Fleisher Neil and Victor Taitano from Youth Services, Armed Forces Network-Korea, the 19th Theater Support Command G-6 and all of the 19th Theater Support Command Soldiers who provided entertainment for the ball were to be thanked for their support, said Anderson.

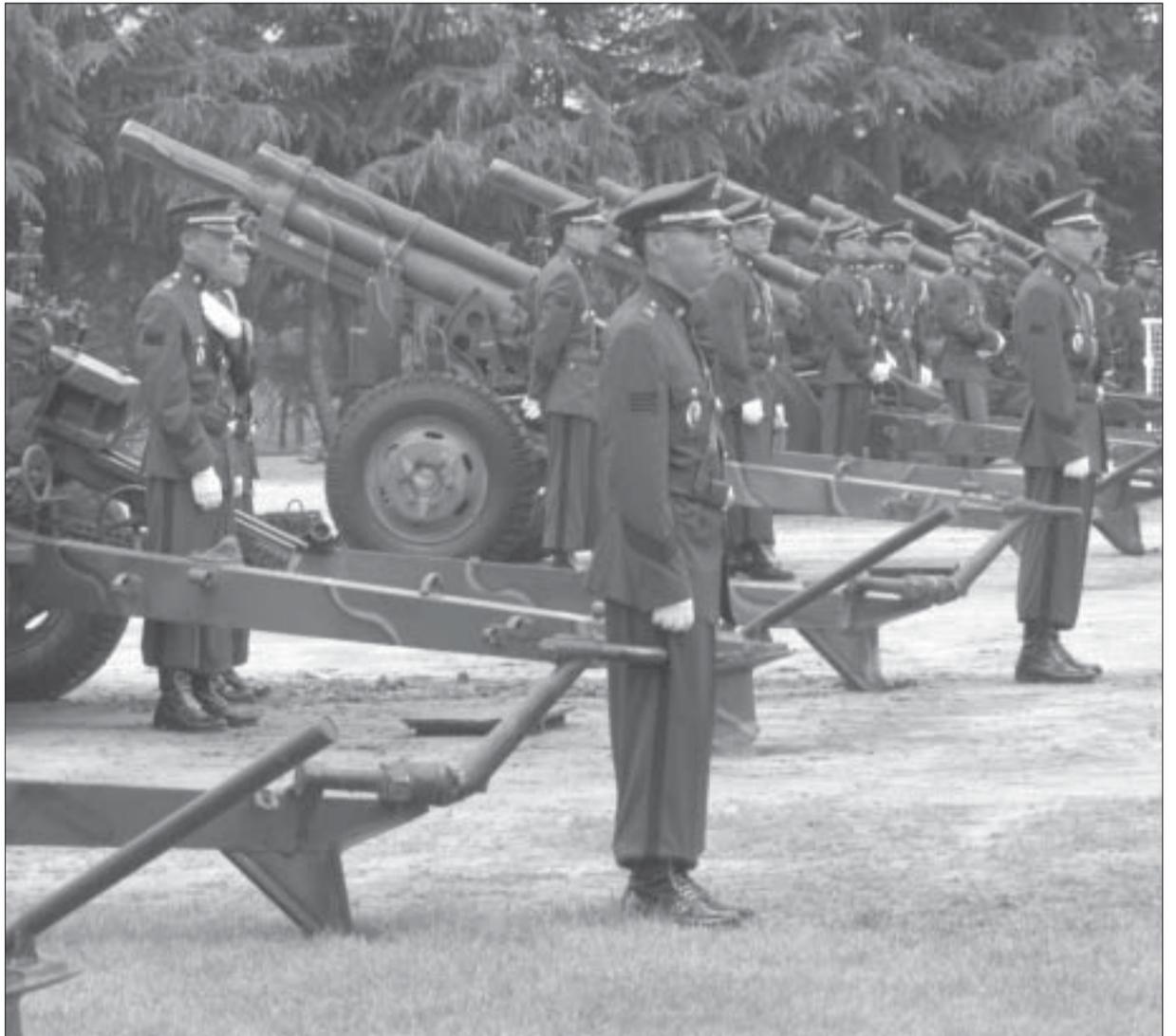


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Members of the 300th Field Artillery, 67th Home Reserve Division from Daejon, stand ready to present a 21-gun salute.

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