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U.S. to accelerate base closures and returns

U.S. Forces Korea

YONGSAN — Through close consultations, the United States and Republic of Korea have agreed that the Second Brigade Combat Team, currently deployed to Iraq, will be a part of the redeployment of U.S. troops from Korea. The two delegations continue to consult on other aspects of the proposed redeployment, including the overall time schedule.

The ultimate redeployment of the 2nd BCT allows for the acceleration of implementation of the previously agreed to Land Partnership Plan, consolidating 2nd Infantry Division into camps and stations within the Dongduchon area.

Accordingly, U.S. Forces Korea expect some camps to transfer from U.S. control over the next year.

These closures will result in the return of approximately 622,000 pyong to the Korean people.

The closure year is when a camp is closed, no servicemembers live on the camp and no services are available.

The return year is when the camp is returned to Republic of Korea government control.

In addition, the H-208 helipad at Yongsan Garrison is being relocated to allow the existing facility to be returned to the Republic of Korea.

This release contains accurate information from the July 23 FOTA talks about the adjusted timing of returning some U.S. camps to the Republic of Korea, correcting some previous reports.

For additional USFK information visit www.korea.army.mil or www.usfk.or.kr.

Installation	Closure Year	Return Year
Bonifas	↑	2004
Liberty Bell		2004
Edwards		
Garry Owen	2004	↑
Giant		
Greaves	↓	2005
Howze		
Stanton		
Falling Water		

Welcome to Korea!



PHOTO BY SGT. ANDREW KOSTERMAN

Pfc. Anna Singletary, a heating, air conditioning and refrigeration specialist, unloads duffel bags at the 1st Replacement Company, Yongsan Aug. 24. The company receives all new U.S. personnel reporting for duty in the Republic of Korea.

Eastler, Nunn earn Olympic race walk respect for U.S. military

By Tim Hippias
Army News Service

ATHENS, Greece — Two U.S. servicemembers recently represented the United States and their respective military services at the Olympic Games.

Air Force Capt. Kevin Eastler and Army Sgt. John Nunn finished 21st and 26th respectively Aug. 20 in the men's 20-kilometer race walk, the opening athletics event in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games.

Italy's Ivano Brugnetti won the gold medal with a personal-best time of 1 hour, 19 minutes and 40 seconds. Spain's Francisco Javier Fernandez took the silver medal in 1:19:54. Australia's Nathan Deakes won the bronze medal with a 1:20:02 clocking.

Tim Seaman, 32, of Chula Vista, Calif., finished 20th in 1:25:17, the fastest time posted by an American in this event in Olympic competition.

In Athens, all three Americans executed their strategy by starting near the back of the 48-walker pack and passing people throughout the race.

"We just kept moving up, moving up, moving up," Seaman said. "I heard we made it to 20th and that would be

huge because I was 40th in Sydney, so that's a big improvement."

Eastler finished on Seaman's heels and they immediately shared a hug of accomplishment on the track. Nunn, a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, entered Olympic Stadium a couple minutes later to complete a strong performance by the American trio.

"In track and field, people get excited and they underestimate their fitness and the weather conditions; we knew that would happen," Eastler said. "That's why we started off in the very back because we were never off pace. We just stuck to our game plan. We started catching people around (5 kilometers) and continued to the very end. If I had to go back and do it again, I'd do it the exact same way."

"I was able to stay on my pace for just over half the race, but the second half just got me," said Nunn, 26, of Evansville, Ind. "I faltered a little and couldn't get it back. My legs felt a little bit like bricks towards the end. Mentally, I felt like I had it but I just couldn't get the turnover in my legs to kick back in."

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Courts-Martial

United States v. Miller

On Aug. 19-20, a panel consisting of officer and enlisted members sitting as a special court-martial tried a Soldier from Company C, 304th Signal Battalion for drunk driving, drunk and disorderly conduct and an assault by striking, kicking and biting a Korean national.

The Special Court-Martial found Sgt. John M. Miller guilty of the assault, and sentenced him to be reduced in grade to E-3 and to be confined for 30 days.

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

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.

Recently military police were notified via e-mail of a suspected rape. Further investigation revealed that a civilian female was allegedly raped by a U.S. Soldier at his off-post residence and requested one million Won in compensation or she would press charges. Through translation, investigators discovered that she changed her story and stated that she was not raped. She stated that she was mad and wanted to be compensated for medical expenses because she thought that she might be pregnant. Korean National Police were contacted in order to report her false allegation. She then recanted her statement and told the KNP that she was indeed raped. She was transported to the local KNP station to make a formal complaint where she stated that she did not want to make the complaint, but wanted to think it over. The Soldier was advised of his legal rights, which he invoked. Later, KNP reported that they were not going to investigate due to lack of evidence of a rape occurring. The female refused to be interviewed by investigators. An investigation continues.

Military police responded to a telephone call reporting the wrongful use of a guest pass and a failure to maintain control of a guest. Investigation revealed that an AAFES employee signed a civilian into post and left her on post while he attempted to bring another individual onto post with the same guest pass. Both suspects were detained and transported to the PMO where they rendered written statements admitting to the offenses. They were both processed and released on their own recognizance.

Commentary

Soldier: Godspeed to the deployed

By Sgt. Andrew Kosterman
Korea Region Public Affairs

Time has come and gone for many units in Iraq. As another day passes, another page is turned in the history books. For those who lived through them, life itself is a miracle. Modern technology has helped some to realize this. From new bulletproof vests to advanced weaponry, being tough hasn't been as hard "as our fathers had it."

I used to hear (and still do on occasion) that Americans don't have what it takes to make it through situations that don't include basic "necessities" like air conditioning, donuts and a television.

Recently, I was thinking about the "old west." Images of Clint Eastwood and John Wayne came to my mind. I thought of how tough it must have been for those who really lived in the roles those actors played.

Like now, many of those people were from different places and a good number of them were young. Trekking into unknown territories with no idea how things were going to turn out, these people roughed it out even when some thought they wouldn't be able to.

Gretel Ehrlich, a rancher and writer, once told about how her experiences in a Time magazine article set in the Western United States. She talked about a cowboy's tough outer shell and soft, compassionate inside. She

wrote that an old man told her "cowboys are like a pile of rocks — everything happens to them. They get climbed on, kicked, rained and snowed on, scuffed up by the wind. Their job is 'just to take it.'"

This is much the story of U.S. Soldiers stationed and deployed around the world.

They are blinded by sand and snow and beaten by sun and wind. Steadfast and determined, they are unrelenting to the damenads of the mission. They won't quit, and their opposition knows that.

As the deployment of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team to Iraq completes, the Indianhead patch is on their shoulders, and the spirit of the American cowboy is inside them.

Like those Americans who came before them, they will undoubtedly have to "tough it out." They will have to show "an odd mixture of physical rigor and maternalism" as peacekeepers and defenders of freedom.

When the dust settles and the memory of old a tyrant regime is put out to pasture, these warriors will be able to tell their children about how hard they had it.

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Morning Calm Weekly Soundoff:
What outdoor activities are you planning for this fall?



"I am taking a trip to China." — Capt. Hope A. McCleskey, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 19th Theater Support Command, Camp



"I'm going to Sorak Mountain with my family because this time of the year, it is very beautiful." — Staff Sgt. Robert Lee Gray, Company C, 304th Signal Battalion, Yongsan



"I will be having a barbecue party with my family and neighbors." — Sgt. Chun S. Pang, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 20th Support Group, Camp Henry



"I'm going to play a flag football. I haven't played it for a long time." — 1st Lt. Nick Ryan, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment, Camp Humphreys

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NEWS & NOTES

Osan Air Show

There will be an air show at Osan Air Base 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Sept 18 and 19. The show is open to Department of Defense and Republic of Korea Ministry cardholders.

There will be no driving permitted, except for emergency, security and air show vehicles, on Osan Air Base Sept. 19 because of the air show.

LDS Retreat, Conference

The Seoul Korea Military District of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is holding a Korea-wide conference for all church members noon- 9 p.m. Sept 11 and 10 a.m.- noon Sept. 12. Along with the conference, there will be a retreat for single members 7-9 p.m. Sept. 10 and 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sept. 11.

Center Offers Services

The Digital Business Center is a resource for the entire Yongsan community. Located at South Post Building 8105 across from Starbucks, the center offers Internet access, cyber games, document printing, copying, scanning, digital photo printing, fax services, computer software and hardware upgrades and repairs as well as office supplies and DVDs. The center is open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week. Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

121st General Hospital Lectures

Starting Thursday, the Department of Pathology (Lab) will be closed 8 - 9 a.m. the first Thursday of the month. The Lab is instituting a continuing education lecture series. The target audience in the laboratory staff, but lectures will be open to all interested parties. The lectures will occur in the 121st General Hospital classroom, located on the 2nd floor. For more information, call Maj. Rex Berggren at 737-6225 or Staff Sgt. Richard Kruenger at 737-6918.

Area II Bowling Tournament

There will be a bowling tournament for servicemembers Sept. 29 - Oct. 1 at Yongsan Bowling Center. The tournament is open to active-duty military in Area II only. To enter the tournament, men must have an average of 170 or above. Women must have an average of 130 or higher. The top eight men and top four women finishers will represent Area II in the 8th U.S. Army Bowling tournament Oct. 5-8 at Yongsan. Interested bowlers must register at Yongsan Bowling Center by Sept. 20. Call 738-8608, 736-7746, 736-4032 or 732-7830 for more information.

IDEA Openings

International Distance Education of Alaska is currently interviewing and enrolling members. Families may register on the IDEA Web site, www.intidea.org.

Chosun Gift Shop Extended Hours

The Chosun Gift shop will have extended hours for the Ulchi Focus Lens exercise 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday. Visit the gift shop for gift ideas, rugs, ceramics, china, Asian furniture, Rosewood furniture, linens and silk. The Chosun Gift Shop is a volunteer, nonprofit agency of the American Spouses' Club.

Armed Forces Voters Week

Armed Forces Voters Week is Sept. 3 -11. More information about voting may be found at www.fvap.gov. Remember, "It's your future, vote for it!"

Teacher becomes best in Korea district, wins DODDS award

By Sgt. Andrew Kosterman

Korea Region Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN – A 29-year veteran in the music-education business is now Korea District schools' 2004 - 2005 school year's teacher of the year.

Charles Toth, superintendent of Korea District schools, said Irene Lee is qualified to compete in the Department of Defense Education Activity Teacher of the Year competition later this year.

Lee, who has spent 21 of her 24 years in Korea District schools at Seoul American High School, will now serve as a member of the district's advisory council throughout the 2004-2005 school year.

"Perhaps one of Ms. Lee's crowning achievements this year occurred when she coordinated, organized and hosted the Korean (and) American Interscholastic Conference's Instrumental Music and Choral Festivals,"



Lee

said Department of Defense Dependents Schools officials.

She hosted the first festival in 1991 for band. Festivals have been held yearly since, said Ditas M. Christensen, Korea District superintendent's office. The year will mark 15 years of festivals.

Lee said she never focused on becoming the teacher of the year and was nominated by a colleague.

"It is an honor to represent the best school district in DODEA," Lee said.

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School lunch prices increase for first time since 1995

Army and Air Force Exchange Service

DALLAS – The price of a "full-priced meal" served in the Army and Air Force Exchange Service overseas school meal program will increase by \$.10 for the 2004 - 2005 school year – the first increase in nine years.

This year's price adjustment is necessary to cover recent increases in food, labor and transportation costs.

The free, reduced price (\$.40) and breakfast meals, which constitute 40

percent of meals served in AAFES school cafeterias, will not be impacted.

Elementary school student meals will be \$2.05 while middle and high school meals will be \$2.20.

Army and Air Force Exchange Service will continue to review the pricing policy annually to ensure the program is running on a break-even basis.

In comparison, some schools throughout the United States are raising breakfast and lunch prices by as much as \$1.

"Our mandate is to provide these meals on a break-even basis. Since AAFES does not generate any earnings from the school-meal program, raising the prices is the only way to sustain the program," said Maj. Gen. Kathryn Frost, AAFES commander. "As much as we hate to raise these prices, this modest increase is in the best interest of the school meal program. AAFES will continue to work with (U.S. Department of Agriculture) and Department of Defense Education Activity to improve this program and to look for efficiency and economy, ultimately containing the cost as much as possible while continuing to provide a wide variety of nutritious meals to our students."

Army and Air Force Exchange Service, as the School Food Authority for Department of Defense Overseas Schools, provides U.S. Department of Agriculture approved school meals to students on Army and Air Force installations in 10 countries throughout Europe and the Pacific.

Each year, this program serves about 4.5 million lunches in 136 schools.

"Reduced prices and free meals are available to students whose families meet USDA income guidelines. The military services and AAFES do not set the criteria," notes Richard Sheff, AAFES vice president of the Food and Theater Division. "Sponsors may purchase coupons for the USDA patterned meals at the AAFES PX/BX main store cashiers window."

At many locations, AAFES has implemented an automated school meal payment system.

Parents complete an enrollment application, establish an account and the dependents use a personal identification number to pay for pattern meals.

In addition to USDA pattern meals, AAFES School cafeterias feature an assortment of healthy menu alternatives.

Why Korea is the Duty Assignment of Choice



PHOTO BY GALEN PUTNAM

Area IV Support Activity Command Sgt. Maj. Patricia Keit, checks out the kitchen in one of the new senior enlisted quarters following a ribbon-cutting ceremony Aug. 20 at Camp Carroll. The construction of the new quarters was a part of a barracks upgrade project currently taking place at Camps Carroll and Walker. The new three-story building has 26 fully furnished quarters with living room, bedroom, bathroom and full-service kitchen. Each room will accommodate one senior enlisted Soldier.

"This is only one of many projects we are working on to improve the quality of life in Area IV," Keit said. "Col. (Donald) Hendrix and I anticipate more projects like this to take place in all the installations in Area IV."

Army honors Time Magazine reporter

By **Lorie Jewell**

Army News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Before the war in Iraq, Michael Weisskopf's lengthy journalism career was short on Soldier stories.

Three weeks with the 1st Armored Division's Tomb Raiders in Adhamiya, a powder keg neighborhood in Baghdad, changed that. Weisskopf, a senior correspondent with Time Magazine, was embedded in November and December 2003 with the Survey Platoon, Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment. Earlier reporting from Iraq, in April 2003, peaked his interest in telling the war story from the trench level, he said.

His stories, and the manner in which he gathered and produced them, have earned Weisskopf the respect of Soldiers and Army leaders alike. Brig. Gen. Robert Gaylord, chief of Army Public Affairs, presented Weisskopf with the Fourth Estate Award, an annual recognition of a member of the media for their coverage of the Army, at an Aug. 17 reception in the Fort McNair Officer's Club. Weisskopf, accompanied by his son, Skyler, 11, and daughter, Olivia, 9, was also recognized at the U.S. Army Band's Overture 1812 concert later that evening on the National Mall.

"When we talk about an individual who tells our Soldier's stories, who is willing to accept the risks and hardships of our Soldiers in combat — this man epitomizes that individual," Gaylord said. "He is the type of correspondent we know we can count on for getting the story right and embodying the principles that keep our democracy the way it is."

Weisskopf co-wrote "Portrait of a Platoon," an in-depth look at the Giessen, Germany-based unit that ran in Time's 2003 end-of-year issue, which named the American Soldier as its Person of the Year. Three Tomb Raiders — Sgts. Ronald Buxton and Marquette Whiteside and Spc. Billie Grimes — were featured on the cover. Photographer James Nachtwey shot the cover photo the morning of Dec. 10. Later that evening, Nachtwey and Weisskopf were in the back of a Humvee when a grenade landed on the seat, blowing off Weisskopf's right hand as he reached to throw it back out.

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commander at Buckley Air Force Base in Aurora, Colo, is in charge of the operations, maintenance and security of 10 nuclear missiles. A 1999 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, he works 24-hour shifts, which makes training for the Olympics a monumental task.

"It can be a stressful job," he said. "I'm always on call, but I wouldn't be here without the support of the Air Force World Class Athlete Program. They paid for my travel and

Grimes, a medic attached to the platoon, dashed from another Humvee to treat Weisskopf, Nactwey and two other Soldiers who were injured by flying shrapnel. The men were transferred from a base aid station to an Army hospital in Landstuhl, Germany. With clearance from acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee, Weisskopf went on to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., where he received the same treatment Soldiers are afforded — including a prosthetic hand.

Weisskopf resumed work earlier this year, reporting on Al Qaeda and the 9-11 report, among other stories. In a career stretching through three decades, Weisskopf has earned plenty of accolades — including being a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 1996 for national reporting. He considers the Fourth Estate award a great honor.

"It's a great privilege to be here and act like an officer for a half hour or so," Weisskopf quipped at the reception. "But most importantly, to be recognized by an institution that defends our constitution every day and on a personal level, an institution that provided me with great subject material and a ride back to the U.S., to my home, via Landstuhl and the great Walter Reed. Thank you most of all for returning me to my beautiful children."

His experience with the Tomb Raiders did more than supply him with a powerful magazine story about Soldiers in a war zone, Weisskopf said. Living with them in such austere conditions, walking their walk, gave him an understanding he never had before of who they are, beneath their desert camouflage uniforms, flak jackets and Kevlar helmets.

"They are selfless, they practice extraordinary teamwork," Weisskopf said. "They're highly professional, highly disciplined, extremely patriotic and people who are devoted to service."

Weisskopf is writing a book about his experiences, his recovery, and the fellow amputees he met at Walter Reed. It's expected to be out in spring 2006, he said.

Iraq remains a compelling story, Weisskopf said; one with the power to pull him back. But he'll think twice before climbing into another Humvee, he added.

my training, so I have to give them a lot of credit."

Nunn, who credits the Army's WCAP in the same fashion, said he wants to compete again in the 2008 Beijing Games.

"I look forward to hopefully returning again in four years and actually being a little more competitive," he said. "With four more years of training under my belt, I'd like to come in geared up and make a run for the top 10."

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Suicide remains permanent result for temporary problems

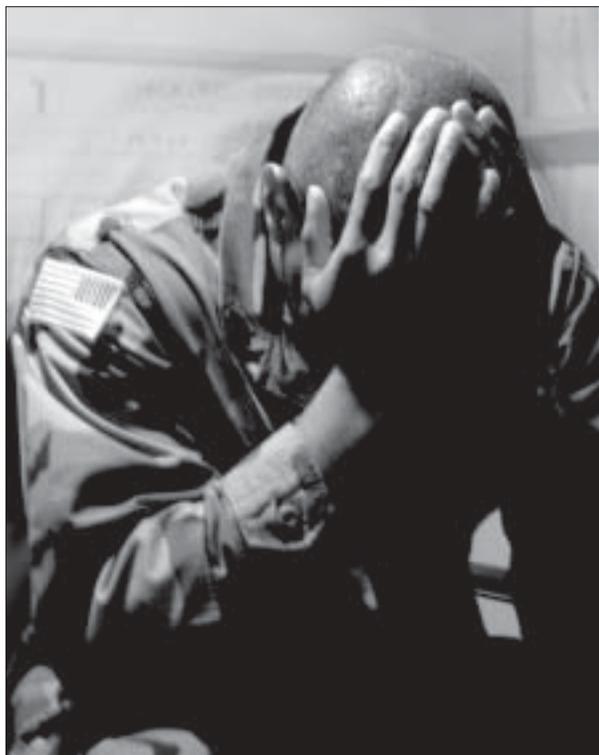


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A person may withdraw from friends and social activities.

By Pvt. JeNell Mattair
2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs Office

CAMP RED CLOUD — Most suicidal people desperately want to live, but are unable to see past the pain. They may not realize every situation is temporary. They may not see light at the end of the proverbial tunnel.

“I have been so deeply depressed that the pain is overwhelming and seems unending,” an anonymous 2nd Infantry Division Soldier said. “I have to remind myself constantly that time passes and what I am experiencing now will end. I remember why I am here and focus on the future.”

“Suicide is not chosen,” said 2nd Infantry Division Chaplain (Maj.) Jerry Owens. “It happens when an individual’s personal pain exceeds rational thought and foresight.”

Owens said a person who is feeling such a deep level of sadness is not a bad person, crazy, flawed or weak.

“It doesn’t even mean they really want to die,” he said. “It only means that they have more pain than they can cope with right now.”

There are numerous warning signs a person may display well before attempting suicide. They may talk about suicide, death or having no reason to live. These kinds of statements should not be taken lightly. A lot of times the person simply needs someone who will listen to them without judgment. Allow the suicidal person to speak openly and express his feelings.

“When I get so sad that I start thinking death is the only way to end the pain,” the Soldier said, “the only thing that really makes me feel better is talking to my closest friend. He listens to me without judging me and reminds me of why I need to be here.”

A suicidal person may withdraw from friends and social activities. He may experience a noticeable change in behavior. He may take unnecessary risks and be reckless or impulsive. He may express a sense of hopelessness.

“It’s especially hard for me right now because of my deployment to Korea. I want nothing more than to go home,” the Soldier said. “I have talked to many other Soldiers in the 2nd Infantry Division and they feel the same way. It helps to know I am not alone.”

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Warriors fight common dental enemy

By Pfc. Giancarlo Casem
2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs Office

CAMP RED CLOUD — The sound of a dental drill is enough to make even the most hardened Soldier cringe, a sound not many look forward to.

Going to the dentist’s office can be a stressful experience, associated with anxiety, nervousness, and even fear – feelings that may keep some from taking good care of their mouth and teeth.

Although these feelings are usually exaggerated and out-of-proportion to



PHOTO BY PFC. GIANCARLO CASEM

Lt. Col. Walter Mieves, 618th Dental Company, performs a routine dental check-up on a patient at the Camp Red Cloud Troop Medical Center.

any actual risk, both patients and dentists need to understand and recognize that these feelings reflect a concern that must be addressed.

“Soldiers should not be nervous about their dental appointments,” said Lt. Col. Walter Mieves, 618th Dental Company. “I reassure my patients that there will be no discomfort during the treatment.”

Anxiety about dental visits manifests itself in a number of different ways. These symptoms include rapid heartbeat, faster breathing and sweaty palms.

Other symptoms include difficulty sleeping the night before a visit, foot tapping or fidgeting, feeling edgy or irritable. Most people however, simply put off making an appointment or skip out on one.

“A patient should go through their normal routine,” Mieves said. “A patient can also inform the front desk personnel that he is uncomfortable in the dental office.”

Experiencing feelings is not uncommon. Anxiety is a normal result of a built-in survival mechanism that is meant to help you stay safe and avoid things that could be harmful to you.

A visit to the dentist is far from harmful. But, several aspects of routine dental exams and procedures can be unpleasant and slightly painful, making a person feel uncomfortable.

There are many things a patient may do to calm nerves down.

“I believe communication is the key,” Mieves said. “It is okay to tell the dental personnel, especially the dentist, you have a problem.”

Mieves said diet also may affect nervousness.

“They should eat a high-protein type diet, which will perform a calming effect,” Mieves said. “Also avoid caffeine and sugary foods.”

Drinking alcohol the night before or the day of a dental visit is strongly advised against. Alcohol causes the pain-numbing medicine to not work to control pain symptoms.

Mieves said that he is surprised that few patients he sees have dental anxiety.

“You see this in a private practice more,” he said. “This is Warrior Country, and our patients are pretty good with dental anxiety.”

“The worst thing is not to show up for the appointment. This just prolongs and intensifies the problem,” he said. “Don’t put off treatment. Remember, the dentist is your friend.”

Editor’s note: Capt. Justin Curry, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, contributed to this story.

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Health officials target vaccines, curing disease

By Pfc. Stephanie Pearson
Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP CASEY — August is National Immunization Awareness month.

“National Immunization Awareness month is a yearly endeavor to make the public aware of vaccines so they can immunize their children and themselves,” said Kenneth Cobb, Area I health promotion coordinator. “It’s to prevent illness.”

Diseases that were common and sometimes fatal years ago have been all but eradicated by the use of immunizations, Cobb explained.

However, tens of thousands of people in the United States still die each year from vaccine-preventable diseases, according to the National Partnership for Immunization.

Cobb stressed the importance of keeping vaccinations up-to-date, advising people to check their shot records with their health care provider during yearly check-ups.

According to the Advisory Committee on Immunization

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NEWS & NOTES

Sunday Matinees Debut

The Camp Red Cloud movie theater is now showing a matinee movie 3 p.m. every Sunday. All matinee movies will be rated G or PG.

Camp Hovey Gate Closure

The Camp Hovey gate is now closed to vehicle traffic after 7 p.m., but will remain open to pedestrians. It reopens for vehicles at 7 a.m.

5-Kilometer Races in August

Camp Page and Camp Stanley Fitness Centers will each host a 5-kilometer race Saturday. Race-day registration begins at 8 a.m., with the races beginning at 9 a.m.

Federal Employee Life Insurance

The Federal Employee Group Life Insurance open season begins Wednesday through Sept. 30. For more information, visit the FEGLI homepage at www.opm.gov/insure/life or contact respective civilian personnel advisory centers.

September 11 Church Service

The Area I chaplaincy will hold a Sept. 11 remembrance service 4 p.m. Sept. 10 at the Warrior Chapel.

Warrior Division Tae Kwon Do Championship

Camp Casey's Hanson Field House will host the Warrior Division Tae Kwon Do championship Sept. 11. Registration, weigh-ins and medical exams will take place 10 – 11:30 a.m. The tournament will begin at 1 p.m.

Newcomers Orientation Postponed

The Camp Red Cloud Army Community Service has postponed the August newcomers orientation. The next orientation will be 8 a.m. Sept. 22 in the ACS classroom. For more information, call 732-7292.

Official foresees CRC club changes

By David McNally
Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMPRED CLOUD — Mitchell's Club will soon feature some groundbreaking changes.

"Why can't we have a sports bar?" asked Lt. Col. William Huber at a meeting of Uijeongbu Enclave Morale, Welfare and Recreation managers Aug. 19.

The U.S. Army Garrison, CRC, commander presented his plan for how MWR can better serve Soldiers.

"We're going to spend a lot of energy on Mitchell's in the next couple of weeks," he said.

Huber said he envisions banks of video recorders time-shifting popular sporting events to show during prime time at Mitchell's.

"Think about it," he said. "On one television you've got NASCAR and on another you've got NFL."

The Mitchell's initiative calls for the installation of 20 televisions, six cable boxes and video recording equipment.

Huber foresees dart boards and even dart leagues at Mitchell's. He said poker and spades tournaments should not only be available at community activity centers.

"How can we compete with the ville?" Huber asked. "We need to reshape and retool."

Mitchell's Club is the primary onpost entertainment venue for Camp Red Cloud.

"How can we provide the best service to the customer?" Huber asked.

Managers from Camp Stanley Reggie's and Tommy's and the Camp Essayons Stalker Club also attended the meeting.

"We're going to spend a lot of energy on Mitchell's in the next couple of weeks."

"We haven't forgotten about you," he said.

Huber said all MWR business operations can do better. He challenged the managers to think "outside the box" and find ways to compete.

"If you were to take your operation and move it to a major metropolitan area in the United States, would it survive with the products and services we offer?" Huber asked. "I would venture to say Mitchell's would go broke...fast."

Huber said focusing on a 5-year business plan will change the way the managers operate.

"I am firmly convinced what we have done with Six Sigma has set the standard," he said.

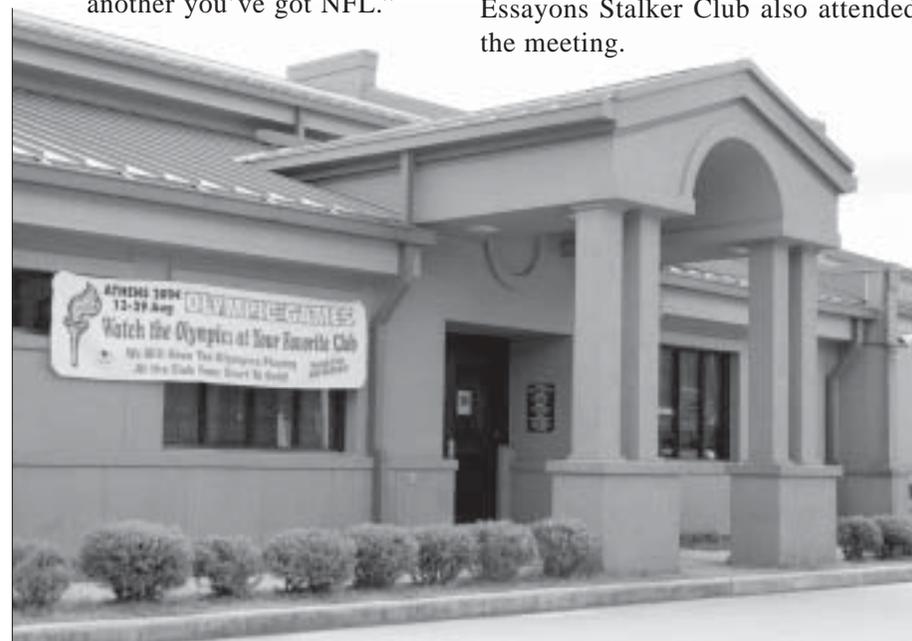
Six Sigma is the corporate management philosophy embraced by the garrison. It focuses on finding better ways to do things by saving money and serving the customer better.

"This isn't just about the clubs," Huber added. "Do our swimming pools offer lap swimming? Do we reward Soldiers for excellence? Do we offer scuba classes?"

Huber said after softball tournaments, participants should receive trophies in the club and get a free plate of wings.

"It's how you package and plan, he said. "We want to be a focal point for the Soldier. We are going to provide a better service."

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Camp Red Cloud Mitchell's Club offers big-screen Olympic Game coverage through Sunday. Garrison officials said they plan major changes to improve club operations.

Labor Day education opportunities abound

By Pfc. Stephanie Pearson
Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMPRED CLOUD — For years, motivated Area I students have been earning college credit on four-day weekends with the Good Cheer and Eager Student Program offered by their local education centers.

The program, designed as a rewarding way to occupy a Soldier's time on long weekends, offers one-semester hour classes at all installations in Area I that have an education center, said James Campbell, Area I education services officer. As a general rule, the education centers offer one good cheer and eager student class for every 1,000 students at a particular installation.

"For example, Camp Casey has somewhere in the neighborhood of 6,000 students, so we offer at least six classes," Campbell said. "But at Camp Page, where they only have 600-700 students, we offer only one class."

All the classes offered are one semester hour, Campbell explained. For each semester hour, students are usually required to have at least 15 or 16 "contact hours," so classes usually last two days.

That's why the classes are held on four-day weekends, Campbell explained.

"We try to hold classes down to two days, so Soldiers can still do other things with their four-day weekend," he said, "but some students take classes for all four days."

Campbell said during the winter holiday break, the

education centers offer some two- and three-semester hour courses, since Soldiers are usually off or working a reduced schedule for about two weeks. He feels these courses are a great way for students to get college credit when their schedules don't allow them to take classes during the week.

"The program has been getting good participation," Campbell said. "The enrollment was around 275-300 students each weekend we offered the program, and during the winter holiday period we were getting around 800 students. But recently, because of deployment and relocations, the last good cheer and eager student program we offered had only about 200 students total," he said.

The program offers classes through Central Texas College and the University of Maryland.

"With Central Texas College, we try to offer courses that would fit into a management or supervisory type program, such as counseling techniques and financial management," Campbell said. "With the University of Maryland, we offer classes like stock marketing, financial investment, motivation and performance in organization, and introduction to Korean society."

Campbell explained they are not able to offer courses that fit into general education requirements, which are math, English, social sciences, applied sciences and humanities, because those are usually only offered in three-semester hour classes.

"But when applied to a major, as electives, or for professional development, these classes will definitely fit in," he said.

Campbell said all good cheer and eager student classes are covered by tuition assistance, so Soldiers only have to pay for textbooks. All one-semester hour classes offered by CTC do not require a textbook, but some of the classes offered by the University of Maryland do. However, to offset these costs, the University of Maryland has waived their one-time record fee for the first three good cheer and eager student classes Soldiers take with U of M.

"It's a good program, and we've received lots of accolades," Campbell said. "We hope to continue doing good things with the program."

The good cheer and eager student program will be offered next over the Labor-Day weekend, Sept. 4 – 7.

"These courses require some additional work on the part of students and counselors, because their weekends are interfered with," Campbell said, "but I feel the results of the program have made it worth the effort we put in. The people I talk to who work with the education program – the schools, counselors and teachers – feel that as long as the Soldiers are benefiting, they will continue to do it."

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AAFES taxis improve CRC service

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMPRED CLOUD — A new taxi stand opened Aug. 12 at Camp Red Cloud.

“This was an idea from customer input,” said Yun Hui-rim, Army and Air Force Exchange Service Northern Region assistant manager.

“Many customers felt there was an inconvenience with taxi availability at the commissary,” Yun said.

“Everybody I have spoken with says they are happy about the change,” said Lt. Col. William Huber, U.S. Army Garrison, CRC commander.

There are 19 taxis based at Camp Red Cloud. The new stand will split the cabs between the commissary and the bus station, with more than 50 percent of the taxis based at the commissary.

“We are still reviewing the change, but the taxi service hours will mirror the commissary hours of operation,” Yun said.



PHOTO BY DAVID McNALLY

Pvt. JeNell Mattair, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Infantry Division, enters an Army and Air Force Exchange Service taxi Aug. 20 at the Camp Red Cloud Commissary.

Camp Page throws Hawaiian party

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP PAGE — More than 200 Camp Page Soldiers, civilians and family members spent Saturday diving into Polynesian culture with a Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers Hawaiian luau.

“Our BOSS Soldiers worked several weeks advertising, organizing and planning an enjoyable event,” said Master Sgt. Denise Dockett, Camp Page installation noncommissioned officer-in-charge.

The event, held at the Camp Page Community Activities Center, featured an all-you-can eat Hawaiian buffet.

“We had fun and games,” Dockett said, “There was a live band, dancing, door prizes, contests and more.”

Dockett said the BOSS event has become an annual festivity at Camp Page.

“The BOSS Soldiers worked hard and did an outstanding job of putting this luau together,” Dockett said. “They provided a lot of enjoyment for our community.”



PHOTOS BY MASTER SGT. DENISE DOCKETT

Spc. Benjamin Hegard (left) and Spc. Luke Anziano, dress for the occasion at the Saturday Camp Page luau.



Pvt. Chelsey Beck, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment does the limbo.



Family member Brittani Ervin sees if she can set the limbo record Saturday at the Camp Page Community Activity Center.



Spc. Shondra Johnson, 509th Personnel Services Battalion, puts an extra effort into the contest.

Attorney: Understand your legal rights

By Capt. Jeffrey Bizon
2nd Infantry Division Legal Assistance Office

CAMPRED CLOUD — An amendment to the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act, enacted in December 2003, guaranteed Armed Forces personnel certain rights during their military enlistment.

The new legislation, called the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act included the provisions of the SSCRA, but also added, expanded and clarified servicemembers' rights. Many of the key provisions apply to U.S. servicemembers in Korea.

Six-percent interest cap

The SCRA allows Soldiers to reduce interest rates to six percent on certain debts created before they entered active duty. If the debt was created after entry onto active duty, the rate reduction does not apply.

This provision also applies to servicemembers and their spouses if they have joint debt; however, if the spouse incurred the debt alone, the reduction does not apply.

The interest break lasts throughout the servicemember's active-duty service, but will go back to the original rate when he leaves the military. There is no interest rate reduction for Soldiers going on deployments. The reduction only applies to debts started before the servicemember entered active duty.

Stay of civil proceedings

The SCRA allows a servicemember to ask for a stay of certain civil legal proceedings. A stay is a temporary delay of a court date or hearing.

To qualify, a Soldier must be on active duty or within 90 days after leaving active duty. Additionally, the Soldier must not have started the legal proceeding. In other words, the case.

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servicemember must be a defendant, and have been notified by the court or agency about the case. The temporary delay provision does not apply to criminal proceedings.

Lease termination for automobiles and residences

Servicemembers may terminate home rental leases:

- When they enter active duty
- Upon a permanent change of station
- Upon deployment for over 90 days.

The statute requires the servicemember to give the landlord written notice before terminating the lease; however, the lease does not end automatically on the day you notify the landlord or rental company.

Servicemembers are still obligated to pay the current month's rent, as well as the following month's rent.

Servicemembers may also terminate automobile leases upon entry onto active duty, if they will be deployed for 180 days, or during a permanent change of station from the U.S. to an overseas location.

These are just a few of the topics covered by the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. Additional protections concern default judgments, rents, mortgages, installment contracts, and evictions. If servicemembers have any questions as to whether the SCRA applies to your situation, contact the nearest Legal Assistance Office.

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Suicide

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Every Soldier in 2nd Infantry Division has access to a chaplain.

"I try and find out what is keeping the Soldier alive," Owens said. "I locate what is important to them. If I can find someone they care about, that will keep them in this world."

There is one big reason people turn to suicide.

"People often turn to suicide because they are seeking relief from pain," Owens said. "Remember that relief is a feeling. A person cannot get the relief they so desperately seek if they are dead."

There are ways Soldiers can help their buddies who are contemplating suicide.

"Offer support and understanding," Owens said. "Everyone feels pain, some deal with it better than others. Help keep other Soldier's focus on the future. Time passes, that is a constant."

Owens also suggests to those feeling suicidal to write down their thoughts in a journal.

"Each day write about hopes for the future and the people valued in life," he said. "Read what has been written when a reminder is needed of why life is important. Find someone trustworthy and talk to them."

"When on the receiving end of a suicidal conversation, stress that the person's life is important," he said. "Emphasize in specific terms the way in which the person's suicide would be devastating. Share personal stories or pictures of past events. Remind them of all they have to live for. Offer empathy, not sympathy."

"I understand how hard it can be to wake up every day. I struggle every morning, but there are people I can talk to," the anonymous Soldier said. "Most people here have a hard time because they are away from their families also. It truly helps to confide in someone and you may be surprised to find out you aren't the only one trying to keep your head up."

A common misconception about suicide is people who talk about it, don't do it. Studies have found more than 75 percent of all completed suicides did things in the few weeks or months prior to their deaths to indicate they were in deep despair.

"One cannot assume because he feels something is not worth being suicidal about, the person he is with feels the same way," Owens said. "It is not how bad the problem is, but how badly it is hurting the person who has it."

Warrior country has a suicide hotline available 24 hours a day.

"When a Soldier calls the suicide prevention hotline he can expect someone to listen, care and understand what is going on," Owens said. "Usually there is a specific issue and the Chaplains office can help get the Soldier information on the right resources."

Suicide is preventable.

"If nothing else call the suicide hotline," the anonymous Soldier said. "Don't end your life. There are people who love you and need you. Remind yourself of that every day and you will be OK."

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Practices, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, most adults should be vaccinated against hepatitis A; hepatitis B; measles, mumps and rubella; meningococcal; pneumococcal; tetanus-diphtheria; chickenpox; and influenza.

Cobb said now is a good time to start thinking about the flu shot.

"This a very important time, flu season," he said, explaining, "when it

comes to the flu, there's a different strain every year, so people need to get a different flu shot every year."

Cobb said the young and the old are most at risk for influenza, but everyone should get the shot.

"Vaccinations can prevent diseases and even death," he said. "That's the most important reason to get them."

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Changes in federal law makes naturalization easier for servicemembers

By Capt. Robert Vedra

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YONGSAN — Recent changes to the Immigration and Nationality Act will soon make the process of applying for U.S. citizenship, also known as the naturalization process, much easier and less expensive for members of the U.S. military in the Republic of Korea.

Servicemembers applying for citizenship will no longer be required to pay an application fee and be required to travel to the United States for the interview and oath of allegiance ceremony required as part of the naturalization process starting Oct. 1.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service, which falls under the Department of Homeland Security, will be able to conduct interviews and oath ceremonies here in the ROK.

Together, these changes will result in significant savings of time and money for servicemembers seeking to become U.S. citizens.

There are three major milestones on the journey to U.S. citizenship:

- Submission of an application packet to the USCIS.

- An interview with the USCIS, which includes tests of English language proficiency and knowledge of U.S. government and history.

- The oath of allegiance, at which point the applicant becomes a full-fledged citizen.

Noncitizen servicemembers fall into three broad naturalization categories, based on where they are in the process.

The USCIS is planning an oath of allegiance ceremony for servicemembers here who have completed the application packet and interview process. This ceremony will be sometime during the first full week of October. The location has not been determined.

For non-citizen servicemembers that have completed the application packet and interview process, the USCIS requests applicants to fax their name, date of birth and any USCIS paperwork that is possessed, such as application forms or a

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Chaplains: Unsung battlefield servants

By Alex Harrington

Area II Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — Many remember the lovable “Father John Patrick Francis Mulcahy,” played by William Christopher, who co-starred on the hit television series “*M*A*S*H*.” Viewers saw a glimpse of what Army chaplains go through during war—taking cover under the thundering sounds from artillery rounds or reading the last rites to a dying Soldier on a stretcher.

Today, Army chaplains go through similar experiences as Mulcahy did. However, what chaplains are going through today is real, not made up from a script. In Iraq, there are U.S. Army chaplains like Maj. Timothy Vakoc who are seriously injured by roadside bombs or those who are selflessly helping Iraqi schools and orphanages obtain much needed supplies, like U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Gary Garvey.

While many Army chaplains within U.S. Forces Korea serve in various facets, from conducting crisis intervention to marriage enrichment, the priority is to maintain a constant presence with Soldiers, said 304th Signal Battalion Chaplain (Capt.) Brian Crane.

“The Army Chaplain Corps is very unique, unlike the other military branches,” Crane said. “We are embedded with Soldiers in garrison,



PHOTO BY ALEX HARRINGTON

Chaplain (Capt.) Brian Crane, 304th Signal Battalion, talks with a Soldier during one of his many visits to various field sites. One of their many pastoral duties is visiting Soldiers in the field during field training exercises and in real world mission like in Iraq and Afghanistan.

and most importantly, in the field. Our priority and focus is the Soldier...and our time at the chapel is only additional duty.”

According to the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School, the Army chaplaincy reaches far back into America’s history and beyond; further back than before the War of Independence.

In the Bible, it’s recorded in the book of Deuteronomy 20:2, “When you are about to go into battle, the priest shall come forward and address the army.”

Crane wrote in a report the value of chaplains in battle.

“Although being in this hostile

environment, with all its horrible smells and sounds, is not something we seek, it is the place where religious support is most needed and; therefore, the place where the (unit ministry team) must function with (effectiveness),” Crane said.

Soldiers greatly benefit with Army chaplains in the field during deployments—both training and real world mission.

“Chaplains act as a safety valve while staying out in the field with Soldiers. We bring something no one else offers—the spiritual awareness of, and the attention to, the presence of God,” Crane said.

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USO program builds bridges between Korean children and U.S. Soldiers

By Pfc. Park Yung-kwi

Area II Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — A fourth-grade Gwangnam Elementary School student



hesitantly approached a U.S. Soldier and said “hello,” with a blushing face. A three-day program of that hosted more than 60 Korean school-aged children Aug. 17-19 at Camp Kim.

Sgt. Earle Hudson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 18th Medical Command replied, “Hello, my name is Earle,” to the shy little Korean boy.

The USO-hosted program, allowed the children to practice English skills, and receive a taste to military culture. It also showed them there is nothing to be afraid of

from the Soldiers.

“It is such a great opportunity for Korean children to get a chance to learn and understand the military community and Soldiers...but at the same it helps Soldiers understand the Korean community,” said Stan Perry, director of USO Korea. “It is a result of our Good Neighbor Program that influences the local community.”

Throughout the event, the children were encouraged to speak English, rather than Korean.

In addition, the children were paired up with “Soldier buddies” to overcome the cultural differences and to socialize with them.

“Kids are excited to learn about the uniforms and Soldiers,” said Sgt. 1st Class

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Children practice English by ordering a lunch at USO Canteen.

NEWS & NOTES

Commander's Hotline

The Commander's Hotline e-mail address is areaittownhall@korea.army.mil. For more information, call 738-5017.

Gate Closure

Gate 8 will be closed for Department of Public Works road work today - Thursday. Gate 2 will only be opened for inbound traffic 6 - 9 a.m. and for outbound traffic 4 - 9 p.m. The pedestrian gate will continue its normal opening hours 6 - 12 a.m. weekdays and 6 - 1 a.m. weekends.

American Forces Spouses' Club

The American Forces Spouses' Club will be hosting a welcome/activities sign up for all newcomers to Area II, to get involved in various membership and religious groups. The event will be held 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Dragon Hill Lodge. For more information, call 736-8119.

Job Announcement

There is a job opening for a Korean choir director at Hannam Village. Applicants must submit before 3 p.m. Tuesday. For more information, call 724-3311 or e-mail at sinsonga@korea.army.mil.

SAES Registration

The main office at Seoul American Elementary School is open for kindergarten through fifth-grade registration. For those just moved to Seoul and are command sponsored or who missed reregistration, come to Army Community Service, Building 4106, Room 121. For more information, call 736-4478.

Flea Market Registration

A flea market will be held 12 - 3 p.m. Sept 4. You can register at Moyer Community Services Center, building 2259. For more information, call 723-3291.

Hawaiian Luau at Dragon Hill Lodge

Dragon Hill Lodge is putting its annual Hawaiian luau in the courtyard 7 p.m. Sept 5. Tickets (\$26 per person) on sale at the guest services desk. For more information, call 738-2222.

OCS Board

Area II Support Activity Local Officer Candidate School Board will meet 9:30 a.m. Nov. 1 at the Command Conference Room, Building 4305, Room 107. For more information, call 738-5017.

Essay Contest

There is an essay contest opened to all U.S. servicemembers, KATUSA soldiers, and dependants. Essay subject is "Life in Korea." For more information, call 723-6306 or e-mail Petersenjc@korea.army.mil

Weight Management

A weight management support group meets 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. every first and third Wednesday of the month. For more information, call 011-9699-7064.

Spouse Employment

The Spouse Employment and Volunteer Information Fair will be 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sept. 30 at Dragon Hill Lodge mezzanine. The information fair will combine spouse employment and education seminar with new volunteer job opportunities. For more information, call 738-7510 or e-mail HendersonF@korea.army.mil.

Girl Scouts offer life skills to youth

By Sgt. Kim Hee-jin
Area II Public Affair Office

YONGSAN — Girls from Area II were connected together with games and learning through "the gold rush," an afternoon event hosted by the Seoul Girl Scouts Aug. 17 at Seoul American Elementary School.

According to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America Web site, the Girl Scouts is the world's largest organization dedicated to helping all girls everywhere build character and gain skills for success in the real world.

"The Gold Rush" availed the girls from SGS an accepting and nurturing environment, with committed adult volunteers, to develop physically and socially," said Erica Koonmen, one of the coordinators for SGS.

"Through this event, girls grow stronger through the various sport and game activities, like gold nugget bank, dry gulch mine, and quicksand swamp, most of which required hand-eye coordination," Koonmen added.

Also, each of the returning Girl Scouts were encouraged to reach out to those who were new to SGS.

"This event was created as a recruiting event for returning Girl Scouts and to invite new girls to our

program," Koonmen said. "The girls learn to work as a team during the games and each one gains a little bit of experience in interpersonal relations by helping others they never met."

Tonya Holt, public relations for SGS, said the event is effective because it allows the girls to get to know and spend time with each other.

"I think Girl Scouts is a wonderful organization," said Valerie Abbott McCune, who has a daughter involved with SGS. "We have been waiting to join, and I am going to volunteer and help out as much as I can."

For more information about the Seoul Girl Scout program, call



PHOTO BY SGT. KIM HEE-JIN

Girl scout Malia Carson plays gold nugget bank, a game designed to inspire teamwork among the young girls.

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notice of action from USCIS, to the local Department of Homeland Security office at 02-720-7419. The USCIS will contact applicants about the ceremony.

The USCIS will also be able to schedule interviews here for servicemembers who have already submitted the application packet. For those in this situation, send the information listed before, and the USCIS will contact applicants about scheduling an interview.

Servicemembers who have not yet submitted an

application form may pick up a packet from the Legal Assistance Office located at Yongsan Army Garrison or download the paperwork at <http://www.uscis.gov>.

Although these new time and money-saving procedures apply only to servicemembers, anyone entitled to legal assistance may ask their local legal office any questions they may have about the process.

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Marian McClain, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 18th Medical Command. "I'm even more excited to find out different things about them."

After some introductions, the group ate lunch at the Camp Kim USO Canteen. During lunch, some Soldiers from the group realized how similar Koreans and Americans are.

"Kids are kids," McClain said. "They are not quite different from American kids."

After hot dogs and hamburgers, the group moved to Yongsan Bowling Lanes for another exchange. This time it was bowling shoes and more smiles.

"The Soldiers enjoyed playing with children at the bowling alley," McClain said.

A few hours passed, and the Soldiers and children parted ways. But they did not part without reflecting upon the benefits of the day.

"They were away from the office," McClain said. "And they came out to learn about Korean culture from the kids."

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Soldiers enjoy playing with children Aug. 17 at Yongsan Lanes. As part of the event, children visit the main post and bowling alley.

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- Incheon Tour – 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Sunday.
- Insadong Night Tour – 6 - 10 p.m. Thursday.
- Dinner and Red Devil in Korea Visual Performance – 5 - 10:30 p.m. Friday.

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

Royal Asiatic Tour

- Sudok-Sa in Toksan Provincial Park Tour – Saturday.
- Tong River Rafting Tour – Sunday.
- Kiln Tour – Sept. 4.
- Zawol Island Hopping Tour – Sept. 5.
- University Museum Tour – Sept 9.
- Naejang and Paekyung Temples Tour – Sept 11.
- KTX Bulletin Train Tour to Busan – Sept 18.

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

Entertainment

- The musical “Beauty and the Beast” is performed at the LG Arts Center 8 p.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Holidays. For more information, call 02-2005-0114.
- Mozart Festival will be performed at the Seoul Arts Center 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 02-580-1300.
- Chung Trio ‘Reunion in 10 years’ will be performed at Seoul Arts Center 7:30 p.m. Sept. 5. For more information, call 02-580-1300.
- The opera “Carmen” will be performed at the Sejong Center 7:30 p.m. Sept. 7 - 9. For more information, call 02-399-1111.

Family Advocacy Program: Supporting the military community, ensuring safety

Army Advocacy Program

YONGSAN — The Department of the Army recognizes that high morale, retention and unit readiness are connected to the kinds of training and support available for Soldiers and their families.

The Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities provides a variety of services, activities and training

programs for Soldiers and families. One of these is the Army Community Service’s Family Advocacy Program.

The mission of the FAP is to build healthy communities through implementing programs designed for the prevention and treatment of child and spouse abuse.

The FAP uses a coordinated community approach to support Soldiers

and families, and intervene when necessary to ensure everyone’s safety.

Prevention and intervention in family violence is a community responsibility, according to FAP officials.

No single individual, agency, or organization can implement an effective and comprehensive program. Teamwork is the key.

Noncommissioned officers are

major team members for the success of this mission because they are frequently on the “front line” when it comes to assisting Soldiers and families.

Program officials ask for everyone’s assistance in making the program successful.

For more information, go to <http://child.cornell.edu/army/fap.html>

Chaplain

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The Army Chaplain Corps comprises the largest military chaplaincy in the world, according to goarmy.com Web site. Since its inception, more than 25,000 chaplains have served in 36 wars and 200 have died in combat. Five Army chaplains have received the Medal of Honor.

Last month, Area II commemorated the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps' long history and significant contributions to Soldiers and their family members for its 229th anniversary.

"For 229 years, Army chaplains have supported and maintained the well being of Soldiers and their families," said Lt. Col. Hardie Higgins, 1st Signal Brigade chaplain. "For many, a chaplain is a link to their faith community 'back home,' while to others, an Army chaplain introduces faith into a Soldier's life. Today, we celebrate our years of service, and we honor the men and women who have gone before us and who now share in this ministry, especially those deployed for the war on terrorism."

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COURTESY LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Above, left: U.S. Army Chaplain (Capt.) Brian Crane, 304th Signal Battalion, gives Sgt. William Clark (left) a handout containing Bible verses during one of his visits to the field.

Above: Chaplain Thomas H. Mooney gives mass to Soldiers of the 69th New York Infantry Regiment prior to the first Battle of Bull Run, July 1861. This is the first known photograph of religious services in the field.



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Left: Chaplain (Lt. Col.) William E. King performs outdoor Christmas services for the 45th Infantry Division, Italy, Dec. 25, 1943.

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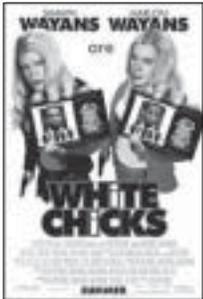
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Essayons 732-9008	No Show	Garfield	No Show	Around the World in 80 Days	The Manchurian Candidate	No Show	The Terminal
Garry Owen 734-2509	No Show	The Manchurian Candidate	Dodgeball	Dodgeball	Two Brothers	No Show	Around the World in 80 Days
Henry 768-7724	White Chicks	Dodgeball	The Manchurian Candidate	The Note Book	No Show	No Show	No Show
Humphreys 753-7716	Collateral	Spiderman 2	Spiderman 2	White Chicks	White Chicks	The Note Book	The Note Book
Hialeah 763-370	The Manchurian Candidate	Garfield	Two Brothers	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
Hovey 730-5412	Two Brothers	Collateral	Two Brothers	White Chicks	Collateral	Dodgeball	White Chicks
Howze 734-5689	The Stepford Wives	The Chronicles of Riddick	Garfield	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show

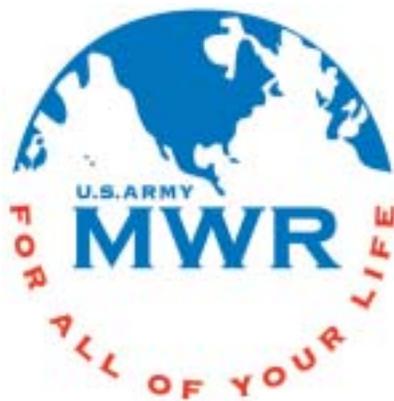
White Chicks



Two FBI agents try to get back into their boss's good graces by taking on a job guarding the Wilton sisters, two New York City hotel

heiresses, from a serial kidnapper. They fail, and the two women are abducted. The agents then go undercover, dressing up as the titular "white chicks" to solve the crime and rescue the victims.

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Schedule subject to change**



Alien vs. Predator



An ancient pyramid is discovered buried in the ice of Antarctica, and scientists investigating the structure discover something worse: two races of aliens

battling for domination. As the two species fight, humans find themselves caught in the middle and becoming casualties.

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Kunsan 782-4987	Catwoman	Catwoman	White Chicks	No Show	White Chicks	The Note Book	The Note Book
Long 721-3407	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
Osan 784-4930	Alien vs. Predator	Two Brothers	Two Brothers	White Chicks	White Chicks	I, Robot	I, Robot
Page 721-5499	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
Red Cloud 732-6620	Collateral	The Note Book	The Note Book	Two Brothers	Two Brothers	No Show	Collateral
Stanley 732-5565	The Note Book	The Note Book	White Chicks	White Chicks	No Show	Collateral	Two Brothers
Yongsan I 738-7389	Alien vs. Predator	Alien vs. Predator	Alien vs. Predator	White Chicks	White Chicks	White Chicks	White Chicks
Yongsan II 738-7389	Alien vs. Predator	Scooby Doo	Scooby Doo	The Note Book	The Note Book	The Terminal	The Terminal
Yongsan III 738-7389	Return to Neverland	Ice Age	Ice Age	Return to Neverland	Godsend	The Day After Tomorrow	The Day After Tomorrow

Chaplain: Where are you heading in life?

Chaplain (Capt.) Steve Ashbrook
Camp Carroll Installation Chaplain

CAMP CARROLL — It is a time of new and thrilling interest in the home, when one or more members of the household prepare to start on a journey for the first time.

Maps are studied, hotel and destination guidebooks are consulted, and the various routes of travel are analyzed.

Oh! What a time it is, buying of new clothes, swimming suits, and of course, sorting through what to take on the trip.

Amazingly, each member of the family revives the study of geography, the mountains and beaches, and suddenly everyone is taken to the venture of travel.

In addition, let us not forget the special fondness and interest that is raised for those who are going on the trip. They have become the center of attention, and they are usually showered with only the best of things for their trip.

Yet, there is another trip planned that is far more thrilling than any other is; it crosses many spiritual mountains and rivers.

It is a trip to a very distant city, brighter and more tranquil than any known on earth. It is to a city made uniquely for us, whose magnitude and splendor surpasses all the dreams of the great architects of this world; and throughout this journey, we find we are constantly being encouraged by a still small voice.

If we could only draw back the curtains that surrounds this distant city and view its inhabitants. As they also watch the scenes of this world. The rustling sound of angel wings, the quiet whispers and the sweet sounds of music that moves the soul. Oh, the

thought of catching a glimpse of this fair place makes the heart beat with excitement!

So who then will join us? We do not expect to ever return to the old life, as we are not just travelers, but emigrants.

We'll leave behind our past, taking with us only the essentials as we press toward our new destination. So are you ready to begin? The way is proven reliable. I hear sounds off in the distance as others too are lining up. The last call is being sounded! I wonder will you get on-board with God today?

Area III Worship Services

Protestant

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

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

Catholic

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

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

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Jeju Art Park: A relaxing place to ponder

By Galen Putnam
Area IV Public Affairs Office

Jeju Island is renowned for its natural splendor and teeming tourists, but one destination has found a way to achieve “harmony among nature, art, and man.” It combines the island’s natural beauty with artistic creations to provide a place to ponder art and nature.

Covering more than 100 acres near scenic Mount Sanbang, the Jeju Art Park sculpture garden features more than 150 outdoor sculptures by prominent artists. Other attractions include gardens, ponds, three rest areas, a children’s playground and observation tower. The park also features indoor galleries, a gift shop, Korean and western-style restaurants, a café and a pub. Parking is free.

The Jeju Art Park is just a 10-minute drive from the Cheju Recreation Center (phone 763-3330 or 723-7137) that is located on the southwest corner of the island near Daejeong. It’s roughly 12 miles west of Seogwipo, a popular resort community along the coast road and 25 miles from Jeju City.

Jeju Island is located off the Korean peninsula’s southern coast and is about a one-hour flight from Daegu. Round trip airfare from Daegu ranges from \$112 to \$158. Airfare for the 65-minute flight from Seoul starts around \$115.

The park, also known as the Jeju Sculpture Park, is open every day of the year. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. May through September and 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. October through April. Admission is 3,000 won for adults, 2,500 won for students and 1,500 won for children.

For up-to-date information regarding hours of operation, entrance fees, directions or questions call the park at (064) 794-9680, or check out <http://www.jejuarts.com>.

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A family strolls through Jeju Art Park Sculpture Garden, which features more than 150 works of art by prominent sculptors. Sanbang Mountain looms in the background.



(left) Rusty rebar serves as the medium for this artwork. The sculptures at the Jeju Art Park come in a wide range of styles, sizes and media. (above) The bronze “81-11 beach” by Kim Chang-hee celebrates the human form in its simplicity.



“Fishing family” by Yang Hwa-sun emotes everyday family life by capturing a universal experience in a work of art that interacts in harmony with its environment



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.

Auto Show

The Yongsan Auto Crafts Center will conduct an Auto Show 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.

All You Can Eat Buffet

Camp Red Cloud Mitchell's All-U-Can-Eat-Lunch Buffet is available 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. on weekdays. For more information call 732-8189.

Monday — Italian buffet,
Tuesday — Barbecue ribs,
Wednesday — Oriental buffet,
Thursday — Mexican buffet
Friday — Variety buffet

Area II Triathlon

There will be a triathlon 9 a.m. Sept. 11 at Yongsan Garrison. Events include a 400-meter swim, 15 kilometer bicycle race and a 5-kilometer run. Call 738-8608 for more information.

Playgroups For Children

Yongsan Playgroups is now accepting new members. The group plans play dates, educational activities and field trips for families with infants, toddlers and preschoolers in Yongsan and Hannam Village areas. E-mail joyner57@hotmail.com for membership information.

Outdoor Cookout

Camp Casey Warrior's Club presents Special Outdoor Cookout, St. Louis Baby Back Ribs 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Corn on the cob, beans, salad and drink are included. For more information, call 7303-2193.

Warrior Division Bowling Championships

The Warrior Division Bowling Championship will be at Camp Red Cloud Bowling Center Sept. 20-22. Pre-tournament meeting is 12:30 p.m. Sept. 20 and the competition begins at 1 p.m. each day. The top eight men's and four women's bowlers will advance to the 8th Army Bowling Championships in October.

Bookmobile: Delivering the goods

Area I Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marketing Division

CAMPLAGUARDIA — At some point, everyone starts looking around for a book or magazine to read. Unfortunately, not all camps in Warrior Country have a library facility. However, Warrior Country has a mobile library coming to rescue those who need something to read.

"The Area I Morale, Welfare and Recreation Bookmobile is a critical part of the library service provided to camps where no library building exists or the distance to the library is inconvenient for Soldiers," said Soojin Atwater, Area I MWR marketing specialist.

The bookmobile carries more than 2,200 items, Atwater added. Servicemembers can find fiction and nonfiction books, videocassettes, examination books, audiocassettes, music CDs, magazines, newspapers and periodicals.

"No library is located at Camp LaGuardia, and I don't have time to go to the library at Camp Red Cloud before I go to the field to check out books," said Pfc. Johan Bastardo, 50th Engineer Company. "This is very convenient for me."

Bastardo added that he wished video games and more books to learn Hangul were available from the bookmobile.

"I can't get off the camp as much



PHOTO BY SOOJIN ATWATER

Kim Yong-tae, bookmobile driver, assists Pfc. Jung Hoon-jik, 50th Engineer Company at Camp LaGuardia.

as I would like and this bookmobile helps me," said Sgt. Lawrence Carter.

"My main concern is driving this heavy vehicle safely from one camp to another. The vehicle is currently carrying its maximum weight," said Mr. Kim Yong-tae, library technician. "A larger vehicle that can carry more books to the Soldiers would be nice."

The 10-year Area I bookmobile veteran said that he hopes one day the community will be able to acquire a larger vehicle.

"It makes my day when I see

Soldiers' bright faces as they find books or movies to keep them entertained, Kim said. "Not to mention when first sergeants or commanders stop by to tell me how much they appreciate our service to the Soldiers.

Currently, the Area I bookmobile is the only one of its kind in Korea. It delivers books to Soldiers in Camps Jackson, LaGuardia, Sears, Kyle, Nimble, Castle, Giant and the Korea Training Center.

For the Warrior Country MWR bookmobile schedule, call 730-6329.

Camp Humphreys to host block party

By Mike Mooney

MWR Marketing

CAMP HUMPHREYS — The Camp Humphreys community will say "goodbye" to the Ulchi Focus Lens exercise and summer with its first-ever Oop-Say-O Block Party, planned for the Strike Zone Bowling Center parking lot 11 a.m.-dark Sept. 4.

"The Labor Day weekend is the traditional end of summer," said Director of Community Activities Dave Watson. "This year, it also signals the end of the annual UFL exercise. We decided to celebrate both with a block party — holding it on the training holiday rather than Saturday or Sunday when many of our Soldiers take off for the long weekend."

The block party will contain all the elements one might expect in an end-of-summer festival — with a twist.

"Camp Humphreys still has its normal population of Soldiers, airmen and (Korean augmentation to the U.S. Army soldiers)," Watson said. "But, because of UFL, we also have a large Marine Corps population who are living in tent cities and Camp Humphreys barracks. We decided to celebrate the 'joint service' part of UFL with a block party that pits the Army, Air Force, Marines and KATUSAs into a day of friendly rivalry."

The day will be filled with events that match teams from the four groups against each other, with the service that gathers the most points winning the first Oop-Say-O Area III commander's trophy.

"The day will start with a traditional event — a (10-kilometer) run," Watson said. "Each group will be represented by five runners whose times will be combined to determine 1st-through 4th-place points."

The Oop-Say-O Run will be part of the dog days of summer 5- and 10-kilometer run hosted by Camp Humphreys

Sports. Registration is 7 a.m., with the run starting at 8 a.m. Service team participants will be identified with special block party shirts, green for the Army, blue for the Air Force, red for the Marines and white for the KATUSAs.

Competition will pick up again at 11:30 a.m. with a sumo wrestling tournament at the Strike Zone parking lot. Other competition throughout the day will include:

Bungee run (noon), golf driving range skills (12:30 p.m.), miniature golf (1 p.m.), Velcro wall X-games (1:30 p.m.), crazy 8 bowling (2 p.m.), chop stick skills (2:30 p.m.), tug-o-war (3 p.m.), hard boiled egg eating (3:30 p.m.), bouncy boxing (4 p.m.), no-hands kimchi eating (4:30 p.m.), hog calling (5:30 p.m.) and the second edition of Camp Humphreys fear factor (6 p.m.).

The fear factor, which was first held as part of the Camp Humphreys Independence Day Festival, is sponsored by Exchange New Cars Sales.

The Oop-Say-O block party also includes the "search for the best barbecue wing recipe" in Korea.

"A lot of people brag about how good their barbecue wing recipe is. Now it's time to prove it," Watson said. "The finals are scheduled for 5 p.m. in front of the stage. We will have a distinguished panel of judges and we will select the best tasting wing. The winner's recipe will be featured in Tommy D's throughout the month of October."

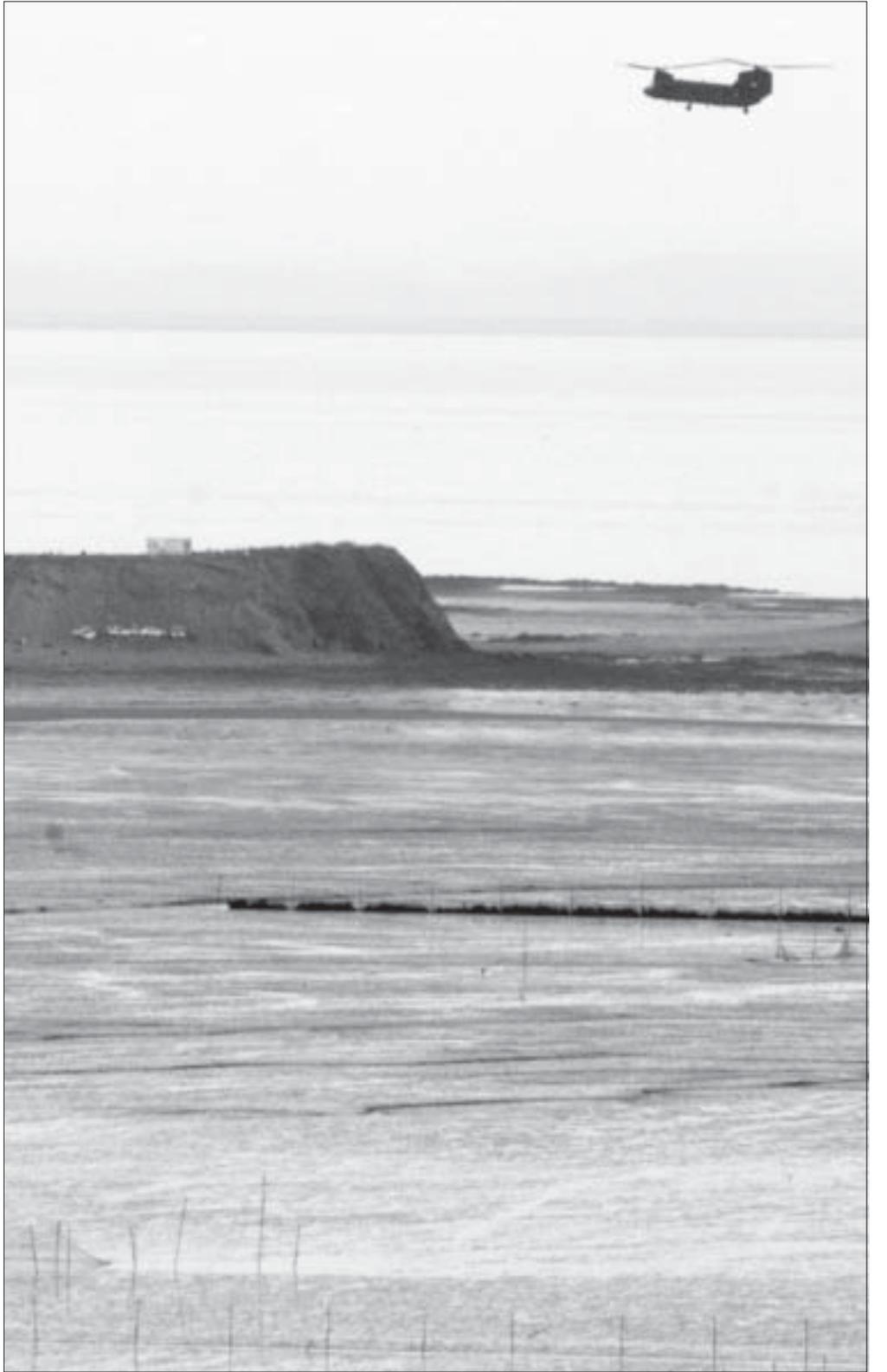
As with all other Camp Humphreys Festivals, units have the opportunity to earn money for their unit funds by running food or game booths. Units that want to sell food should contact the Community Activities Center at 753-8825 to let Morale, Welfare and Recreation know what they want to sell. All types of food are welcome, but only MWR will be allowed to sell beverages.



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Above: Pfc. Jeremiah Peryam fires an M-60D machine gun from the forward hatch of a CH-47 Chinook helicopter.

Right: A gunner pulls the trigger as rounds are fed into the machine gun.



A CH-47 Chinook helicopter hovers as gunners from the 2nd Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment fire at bullet-ridden cars Aug. 18 at an aerial gunnery range about 10 minutes west of Camp Humphreys.

Hot Shots

Area III Public Affairs Office

KOONIRANGE— Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment proved to be real hot shots during M-60D machine gun practice off the west coast of the Republic of Korea in mid-August.

“Just walk the bullets up the beach to the target,” Staff Sgt. Jose Serrano, a standardization instructor for the Chinook unit, advised seven shooters aboard one of the two helicopters on the Aug. 18 gunnery mission.

During three days of door gunner training, 26 Soldiers shot 18,600 rounds of 7.62 millimeter ammunition at targets at Kooni Range, about 10 minutes west of Camp Humphreys,

as pilots hovered the helicopter between 250-350 feet above the mud flats.

Though most of the Soldiers were Chinook crew members, some like Pvt. Ron Husa were heavy lift helicopter repairmen who might become door gunners if the need arises.

“I love it,” Husa said, with Company A. “It gives you a whole different outlook about your job.”

Husa, who has been in Korea for about seven months, said he’d only flown twice before the M-60D training.

According to 1st Lt. Anthony Marchand, officer-in-charge of the missions, aerial gunnery is an annual training requirement for the heavy lift Chinook unit.



Pilots and crewmembers discuss safety procedures before 2nd Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment gunnery training.



An abandoned cargo container and other twisted metal serve as targets for gunnery practice near Camp Humphreys.



Soldiers get 7.62 millimeter ammo ready to fire during aerial gunnery training at Kooni Range.

NEWS & NOTES

**Humphreys Theater Hours
Change Sep. 1**

Beginning Sept. 1, show times at the Camp Humphreys Theater will be 6:30 and 9 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday, matinees will begin at 3:30 p.m.

**Pizza Hut, Subway coming
to Zoekler Mini-Mall**

The food court at the Zoekler Station Mini-Mall will close temporarily beginning Sept. 1 for construction of a Pizza Hut and Subway operation, according to Camp Humphreys Army and Air Force Exchange Service officials. The shopette, barber shop and dry cleaning services will not be affected. Carry-out short order foods will be provided by a temporary kitchen during the construction, which will include upgrading the shopette entrance. The scheduled completion date is Nov. 1.

Women's Equality Day

A Women's Equality Day Celebration will be 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday at the Flaming Dragon Dining Facility at Zoekler Station. "Women's Equality Day", held Aug. 26 each year, celebrates the passing of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote in 1920. The celebration is open to all.

Summer Block Party

Say goodbye to summer at the "Oop-say-o UFL and Summer Block Party" from 11 a.m.-dark Sept. 4 in the Strike Zone Bowling Center parking lot. Fun, food, music athletic events and such competition as sumo wrestling, chopstick skills, a no-hands kimchi eating contest, hog calling, hardboiled egg eating and a "Fear Factor" challenge will be featured.

Pyeongtaek Marathon

American Soldiers, civilians and family members are invited to run in The Fourth Pyeongtaek Port Marathon and associated runs sponsored by the Pyeongtaek City Sports Association and the Pyeongtaek City Marathon Association. The marathon, along with separate 5- and 10-kilometer runs will be 9:30 a.m. Oct. 10 at the east platform of Pier Five at Pyeongtaek Port. Registration will be held through Aug. 31. Cost is 20,000 won for the half-course marathon and the 10-kilometer run and 10,000 won for the 5-kilometer run. For more information, call 031-659-5959 or 031-659-5124.

Financial Management

Part one of the mandatory financial readiness training for first-term Soldiers is 8 a.m.-noon the first Tuesday of each month at the Camp Humphreys ACS. Part 2 is held the second Tuesday of the month. For information, call 753-8401.

Resume Training

"Resume Writing" and "RESUMIX Preparation" classes will be 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 1 at the Distributed Learning Center in Building 302 at Camp Humphreys. Attend one class or both. The class is open to everyone, but is limited to 15 students. Preregister by calling 753-8321.

**Employment, Volunteer
Awareness Seminar**

An employment and volunteer awareness seminar will be 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sep. 10 at the Camp Humphreys Community Activities Center. Preregistration is required. Call LaVita Vincent at 753-8321 or Aggie Rodriguez at 753-8294.

Officials discuss jogging routes, animal bites

By Steve Davis
Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS — Running routes, animal bites and bicycle safety were just a few of the topics discussed Aug. 12 at the Safety and Occupational Health Advisory Council meeting.

Leading the topics was the issue of running routes for units during morning physical fitness training.

Area III Safety Manager, James L. Bellware said a partial road closure is being considered at Camp Humphreys between 6 to 7 a.m. during weekday unit physical fitness training.

"It is the responsibility of the installation commander's safety program to provide a safe environment for Soldiers during physical fitness training," said Bellware. "We have three options: we can do nothing; we can close all gates and roads; or we can initiate a partial road closure."

He said commanders, unit safety officers and other customers are being consulted before a final decision is made about providing vehicle-free areas for running.

Concerns about traffic safety, particularly disregard for traffic laws by motorists and bicyclists, were also voiced.

"During the past several weeks, I've received 42 e-mails and numerous

phone calls addressing cyclists' and motor vehicle operators' unsafe behaviors," Bellware said. "The Provost Marshal is aware of the problem and will increase enforcement of cyclists and vehicle operators who commit traffic violations."

Area III and Camp Humphreys Command Sgt. Maj. Robert R. Frace announced that tactical vehicles are no longer authorized in the Camp Humphreys "downtown" area. Prohibited areas include the four-way intersection between the Directorate of Resource Management in Building 301 and Burger King, roadways surrounding the commissary and new commissary construction site, the road between the Humphreys Lodge and the Community Activities Center, and roads adjacent to the Youth Center and Army Family Housing.

Frace called upon tenant unit leaders to enforce the policy.

The transport and storage of small arms ammunition on Area III installations was discussed by Stephen Lincoln from the Area III Safety Office. Units requiring guidance about the handling of small arms ammunition should contact the Area III Safety Office.

Fire Chief Anthony Marra announced that Fire Prevention Week,

between Oct. 3-9, will include safety briefings and fire drills for students at the Humphreys American Elementary School and others. He commended commanders and first sergeants for "a job well done" on barracks fire prevention.

"This installation has had zero cooking-related fires in the barracks," said Marra.

Health Promotion Coordinator Marci Torres discussed services offered by the 18th Medical Command at Camp Humphreys to prevent sexually transmitted diseases. She encouraged units to take advantage of tobacco cessation, weight control and sexually transmitted disease prevention classes offered by health promotion specialists. Call 753-7657 for more information.

Torres and others also addressed procedures for capturing stray cats, dogs or other animals, especially those that may have bitten someone. She said community members should report stray animals to the Osan Veterinary Clinic at 784-6614 and the military police desk sergeant at 753-6600. If bitten, they should go immediately to the Urgent Care Clinic for treatment or call the clinic at 753-8111.

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Runners anticipate traffic during morning physical fitness training Aug. 10 at Camp Humphreys. Running routes are under review. PHOTO BY STEVE DAVIS

Off-duty sports cause headaches in Area III

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS — Off-duty sports injuries topped the list of injury causes during the third quarter of fiscal year 2004 in Area III.

According to statistics presented at the U.S. Army Area III Support Activity Safety and Occupational Health Advisory Council meeting Aug. 12, there were 74 off-duty and three on-duty sports accidents. Injuries by sport were: basketball, 22; running, 10; softball, 10; football, 8; soccer, 7; baseball, 4; rugby, 3; and weight lifting, 3. Racquetball, Boxing and Frisbee play each produced two injuries, while diving and volleyball injuries totaled one each.

Fifteen off-duty walking injuries were reported, along with six reported for on-duty personnel. Walking injuries may result from trip-and-fall situations or accidents on stairs, steps or wet sidewalks or pavement.

During the same period, there were 15 physical fitness

training injuries, six walking injuries and two bicycle injuries reported, said Area III Safety Manager James Bellware.

Bellware reported 19 on-duty and 31 off-duty accidents in the "other" category. Those injuries may have resulted from animal bites, horseplay or other miscellaneous causes.

Bellware said there were seven on-duty and six off-duty motor vehicle accidents resulting from such "typical" causes as improper backing, failure to control a vehicle, improper lane change, failure to yield the right-of-way, among other causes.

"We are having the same types of accidents again and again. The basic difference is they involve different vehicles, units and personnel," Bellware said, who called upon leaders to enforce driving standards, make on-the-spot corrections and to maintain standards for vehicle operations.

Six instances of driving while under the influence of intoxicants were reported.



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Customers visit the Community Bank in Building S-118. The Community Bank grand opening Aug. 24 heralds the completion of the building in the Camp Humphreys "Downtown" area. The building previously housed the main post exchange.



Customers take packages to mail at the Camp Humphreys post office. The post office entrance is located on the commissary side of building S-118. The date of the Army Post Office grand opening will be announced soon. In the meantime, the post office is open for business.



Senior Teller Kim Chi-eun talks to Rachel Boyd, who visited the USA Federal Credit Union Aug. 23 with daughter Sarah and son Joshua.

Grand opening heralds facility completion

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS—The grand opening of the Community Bank Aug. 24 heralds the completion of the newly renovated Building S-118.

The building, once Camp Humphreys' main post exchange, underwent a year-long renovation at a cost of \$360,000 in order to accommodate the Community Bank, the USA Federal Credit Union and the post office, said Bart Mirabal, who heads the Area III Directorate of Public Works.

A phased move-in began in May when the USA Federal Credit Union relocated from a 1950s-vintage Quonset to its new home.

The Community Bank moved the weekend of Aug. 8, followed the next weekend by the Army Post Office.

According to Mirabal, all of the facilities gained space when they moved to the 13,092-square-foot building. The bank and the post office gained nearly twice the amount of space and the credit union more than doubled its available space.

Community Bank Manager Kim Kyong-ah said the building offers more than just additional space.

"It is a much brighter, more professional atmosphere for our customers," Kim said. "There is also more parking."

USA Federal Credit Union Manager Ron Holcomb said the "downtown" location near the commissary, post exchange, gym, and other facilities visited by Soldiers and family members has led to membership increases for two months in a row.



Army pilots get a taste of salt water landings

By Petty Officer 2nd Class
David McKee
U.S. Naval Forces Korea

ABOARD USS GARY – Though the services are different, many of their missions are the same. Where missions overlap, individual military service branches work together. During this joint mission, pilots made more than 60 bounces onto the USS Gary and more than one dozen pilots obtained their deck landing qualifications Aug. 6.

Yokosuka sailors helped Army helicopter pilots hone skills to help them save lives and provide coastal support for military operations in the waters off the southern coast Korea near Chinhae.

Pilots from Company B, 1st Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment, and the 53rd Medical Battalion, stationed in Seoul, worked with the USS Gary, stationed in Yokosuka, Japan, to qualify them to land on the deck of a ship.

Deck landing qualifications allow the Army and Navy to pool their assets and accomplish over-water missions for U.S. military forces around the Korean peninsula.

“We’re the same team, fighting the same fight,” said Petty Officer 1st Class Steve Jolly, with a hint of service pride. “We contribute to the Army’s mission. We handle medical evacuations, mobile fuel supply and search and rescue.”

Medical evacuation and search and rescue teams can safely lengthen mission time by using ships as a platform for landings and refueling.



A landing signalman from the USS Gary signals for an Army UH-60A Blackhawk from Company B, 1st Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment, to hover during semiannual deck-landing qualifications off the coast of Chinhae.

“Pilots expand the commander’s wartime effectiveness or time available in locating the downed or missing Soldier, sailor, airman or Marine,” said

Chief Warrant Officer Michael Risher, the aviation safety officer for the Company B, 1st Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment.

Nicknamed the “Red Barons,” after the famous World War I flying ace Manfred

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Area IV dodges storm as Typhoon Megi sweeps by

By Galen Putnam
Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP HENRY – With thoughts of the destruction wrought last year by Typhoon Maemi in their minds, Area IV officials and residents breathed a sigh of relief as Typhoon Megi drifted from its initial track that would have brought it directly into the heart of Area IV back out to sea, merely brushing the peninsula Aug. 19.

Other than minor flooding near the Army and Air Force Exchange Service garage on Camp Walker and several buildings losing power on Camp Hialeah for a brief period, no other problems

were encountered in Area IV. There were no reports of property damage.

As a precaution, about 550 personnel deployed for this year’s Ulchi Focus Lens exercise were moved from tents on Camps Walker, Henry, Carroll and Hialeah into hard-structure buildings and gymnasiums until the storm passed. Sandbags were used to weight down tents to ensure they weren’t blown away by the wind. In addition, aircraft at Walker Army Heliport were moved inside hangars to avoid wind damage.

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PHOTO BY GALEN PUTNAM

Pak In-to, a plumber with the Daegu Directorate of Public Works, replaces the lid on a drain after clearing up minor flooding on Camp Walker caused by Typhoon Megi Aug. 19. Public Works employees were able to clear the drain and lower the water level before the flooding became severe.

NEWS & NOTES

Apple Tree Special Hours

The Apple Tree Gift and Thrift Shop on Camp Walker has special store hours through Sept. 4. The hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; closed on Sunday and Monday. For more information, call Kelly McCracken at 764-4152.

K-2 Air Base Exchange Special Hours

The K-2 Air Base Exchange will have adjusted hours of operation through Oct. 13. The hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and closed on Monday. For more information, call Kim Chu-song at 768-7384.

Labor Day Sports

Area IV Morale, Welfare and Recreation is hosting special Labor Day sporting activities including sand pit volleyball, racquetball and softball tournaments, Sept. 4 - 6 at Kelly Field and Kelly Fitness Center on Camp Walker. Those who would like to participate may sign up at Kelly Fitness Center until Wednesday. An organizational meeting will be 6 p.m. Thursday at the Kelly Fitness Center. For more information, call Kim Chong-hwan at 764-4225 or Chong Yong-sun at 764-5217.

Military Retiree Council

The Area IV Military Retiree Council will meet 2 p.m. Sept. 11 at Henry's Place on Camp Henry. All Area IV military retirees, spouses and widows are invited to attend. For more information, call Wilfred Plumley at 765-7705 or Bud Rader at 768-6922.

Daegu Area Intramural Soccer League

Daegu Area Intramural Soccer League competition will take place Sept. 14 - Oct. 2 at Kelly Field. Those who would like to participate may sign up at Kelly Fitness Center until Sept. 12. An organizational meeting will be 6 p.m. Sept. 13 at Kelly Fitness Center. For more information, call Kim Chong-hwan at 764-4225 or Chong Yong-sun at 764-5217.

Company Level Flag Football

2004 Daegu Area Company Level Intramural Flag Football League games will be held Sept. 15 - Oct. 12 at Kelly Field. Those who would like to participate may sign up at Kelly Fitness Center until Sept. 12. An organizational meeting will be 6 p.m. Sept. 14 at Kelly Fitness Center. For more information, call Darryl Chandler at 764-4225 or 764-4800.

Army Career and Alumni Program Job Fair

The Army Career and Alumni Program Job Fair will be noon, Sept. 17 at Henry's Place on Camp Henry. Various employment opportunities with major companies will be represented. It is open to all job seekers with Department of Defense identification cards. For more information, call Dale Garringer at 768-7571 or Brenda Conner at 763-7470.

BOSS Han River Cruise

The Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers Han River Cruise will be 6 p.m. Sept. 18. Tickets are \$25 per person and include a buffet meal on board. A variety of activities are planned. For more information, including transportation, call Luis Rios at 768-7418.

Cadets experience Army life in Korea

Future officers bid adieu to books, ivory tower to train for the summer with 'real' Army units

By Pfc. Hwang Kyoo-won

19th Theater Support Command Public Affairs

CAMP WALKER — Four units from the 19th Theater Support Command hosted cadets the United States Military Academy and Reserve Officers' Training Corps from during their summer "vacation" as part of the cadet troop leadership training program.

"The 20th Area Support Group, 23rd Area Support Group, 25th Transportation Battalion and 501st Corps Support Group supervised, mentored and supported cadets in order to increase cadets' competence and confidence through a leadership experience that provides specific responsibilities and opportunities to lead Soldiers," said Wayne Mitchell, deputy officer of G3 Training, 19th Theater Support Command.

Subordinate units of the 19th Theater Support Command hosted one or more cadets in four cycles. The host units familiarized cadets with the command, training, administration and logistical functions designed to expose them to the on and off-duty environments of the junior officer, Mitchell said.

Cadets participating in the program described CTLT as an enriching experience.

"Of the three years I had in West Point, the CTLT is the most rewarding program. I actually got the chance to look at a unit and work with them - get some real experience and learn some of what I'm going to need once I become a second lieutenant," said Cadet Norman



PHOTO BY PFC. HWANG KYOO-WON

Cadet Jonathan Gill, hosted by the 501st Chemical Company, 23rd Chemical Battalion, works on his marksmanship skills with the M-16 rifle on the weaponer at Camp Carroll.

Haugaard from West Point, who was hosted by 267th Chemical Company, 23rd Chemical Battalion, at Camp Carroll.

"I played the role of a second lieutenant, a platoon leader, to see what my responsibilities would be like once I get commissioned," he said. "There was a lot of problem solving involved too. Problems would arise that I didn't see."

Cadet Jonathan Gill, hosted by 501st Chemical Company, 23rd Chemical Battalion, said the program gave him the opportunity to see how officers are expected to react in a variety of situations. He said field exercises and unit activations were exciting, but it was the day-to-day activities that were truly challenging.

"I was astounded by all the paperwork and tracking the officers had to do, he said. "Accountability is everything, and day-to-day crises popped up that I had to solve."

As the cadets learned hands-on leadership lessons, they began to develop their own leadership philosophies.

"A leader without responsibility is no leader to the Soldiers. Your Soldiers are your potentials, and you have to take care of your Soldiers," Haugaard said. "Once you work for them, they will work for you, give you their respect and help you to get the mission accomplished."

Gill had the "set the example" philosophy in his mind. "If you expect a Soldier to do something, you need to get it, know it and do it right first," he said.

For some cadets, it was their first time overseas, which added to the learning experience.

"We are not the only ones in this world who have an Army," said Cadet John Kim, 501st Chemical Company. "There are many allied countries in the world and we need to know about them if we want to work together."

"Through the CTLT program, we get a chance to go abroad and learn about their styles in the Army," added Gill. "A leader should be open-minded, accept the facts and work them out."

Taegu American School welcomes new principal

By Pfc. Oh Dong-keun

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP GEORGE — This school year Taegu American School welcomes a new principal, who arrives from Okinawa with a wealth of experience in the Pacific region.

Helen Bailey replaces Ray Paulson, who left Taegu American School after nine years, to join C.T. Joy Elementary School in Chinhae.

"I am extremely excited about coming to and working in Korea," Bailey said. "We have so many things planned for the school year, and I love the Pacific area, so this is going to be an exciting experience for me."

Bailey comes to Daegu from Yokosuka, Japan, where she served as an assistant principal at Kinnick High School.

"Japan and Korea are very similar in demographics and living environment," Bailey said. "So there wasn't a culture shock or anything when I came to Korea. I feel really comfortable here."

Bailey's move to Korea is a part of the administrative changes



Bailey

for the 2004 - 2005 school year which will bring 107 new teachers to the Department of Defense Dependents School - Pacific, Korea District.

Kathleen Barbee, the principal at Pusan American School from August 2002 to July 2004, was reassigned to Seoul American High School as well.

Bailey began her teaching career in 1991 at Harnett Central High School and Harnett Central Middle School in Angier, N.C. She served as a business and computer technology teacher and job training instructor. She continued her teaching career at high schools in Fayetteville, N.C., Junction City, Kan., and Manhattan, Kan.

She joined Department of Defense Dependents Schools in 1999, and has held assistant principal positions at Yokota High School, Yokota, Japan and Kinnick High School.

Bailey's education includes a bachelor's degree in business education and economics from Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, N.C., and a master's degree in educational administration from Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan. She is currently pursuing a doctorate degree in elementary and secondary educational administration at Capella University, Minneapolis.

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Von Richthofen, the unit flies the UH-60A Black Hawk. The Army's Black Hawk is similar to the Navy's version, the SH-60B Seahawk. The aircraft can be configured for a variety of missions including how it lands on a ship. The Navy frequently uses assisted landing techniques and the Army uses clear-deck landing techniques.

The Navy helicopter has a sturdier undercarriage that attaches to a rapid securing device, automatically moving it forward along a flight deck track in a free-deck assisted landing.

"The Navy does free-deck assisted landings and in rough seas we do a recovery assist," said USS Gary Maintenance Officer Lt. Chris Rutland. "But the Army's helicopter isn't equipped for an assisted landing and has to perform a clear-deck landing"

Despite this difference, the Army pilots are trained to meet the task.

"Deck landings are nothing more than confined space landings, similar to landing in landing zone surrounded by tall trees and no space for error, which can result in a catastrophic event," Risher said.

Landing on a ship is difficult because pilots

attempt to vertically land on a moving surface.

"You have two objects moving in the same direction at different speeds creating various visual illusions. You have to interpret these, the roll of the ship, the waves the horizon," Rischer said. "These illusions are similar on a smaller scale to driving a car, when for example you are at a stop light, adjust the radio and interpret the motion of the car that pulls up next to you."

To accommodate these demands pilots spend time in a classroom learning communication skills important to landing on a ship, like radio procedures, light signals and how to exit an aircraft under water using miniscule scuba tanks. They also must learn ship characteristics and different landing techniques.

After their academic training, they make five practice landings to get accustomed to landing in a confined space before actually trying their first "bounce" or landing on a ship.

"During practice, pilots learn the principles of landing on a rolling, pitching deck," Risher said.

"Practice also builds confidence in the entire crew;

therefore, minimizing crew coordination confusion while landing in a confined space that you only get one chance to execute."

To ensure that pilots are capable of executing these maneuvers they must periodically qualify for each platform they land on.

"Every six months we qualify for single deck ships and once a year for multideck ships," said Spc. Nathan Rendelman, a Black Hawk crewmember.

Joint service exercises are becoming routine throughout the military because they maximize resources to solve problems and meet mission needs and ensure readiness.

"The DLQ exercise between the Army and Navy enhances the military's overall readiness by allowing both forces to expand their capabilities and work together as a team," said Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Danko, the air boss for USS Gary's embarked helicopter wing, "the Warlords."

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"My educational philosophy is that every student is capable of learning," Bailey said. "They may learn at their own pace, but every student is capable of learning."

Once the school year begins, Bailey will be working to improve her students' ability to learn and the school's relationship with the community, as well as school facilities.

"Taegu American School has a mission for school improvement and our first mission is to improve the reading ability across the curriculum for all students," Bailey said. "I also want to make sure the community is involved in a partnership for educating our students. I am going to make sure that I am out in the community, I am visible, the parents know who I am, and that I am 100 percent in support of educating their children."

Since she began working for Department of Defense Dependents Schools five years ago, Bailey has enjoyed serving military children and their family.

"I really admire the work ethic that the parents have instilled in their children," Bailey said. "It's the same work ethic that the military has, that you have to work hard in order to achieve. I love that work ethic and I support that work ethic."

The mission of Taegu American School is to motivate students to be literate and ethical problem solvers with flexible and technical skills and a desire for life-long learning so that they are prepared to succeed in a global and multicultural society.

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54-year-old boots help cadets end summer training

By Jim Fox
Army News Service

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Fifty-four years ago plebe Douglas J. O'Connor spent his cadet basic training summer orientation, otherwise known as "beast barracks" to new cadets, breaking in a new pair of brown World War II-era combat boots.

Retired Maj. Gen. Douglas J. O'Connor, USMA Class of 1954, completed the march Aug. 10 with this year's plebes in the same pair of boots that carried him through his own "end of Beast" event so many years ago.

"If you give your boots regular "Kiwi" snacks they will last forever," he said.

O'Connor wore his 54-year-old buckle boots proudly as he helped lead the alumni contingent that made up the rear element of the march. A group of graduates have accompanied the plebes on the march back from Beast for the last five years. Plebes began classes Aug. 16.

More than 160 graduates attended this year's event. Although some only marched the final 2 miles of the 15-mile trek from farthest point of the training area on Lake Frederick to the cadet barracks on the main post, 140 of them marched the entire length.

While many of his old grad marching mates were sporting a collection of spiffy new — and nearly new — hiking boots and sneakers from the finest

retailers, O'Connor proudly matched them stride-for-stride in his vintage footwear. Positioned in the middle of the front row of the "old grad" element, he bellowed out the command "Eyes, Right!" as the alums passed the superintendent's house.

The affable big, loud Irishman, as his marching mates described him, even has a plan for his boots.

"I was thinking of having them bronzed and sending them to the Smithsonian," he said with a laugh, only half-kidding.

After the day's march was over, the retired two-star general talked about his boots. He even pulled out a New York Times advertisement showing a retro version of the same boots retailing for \$395.

"Mine were standard issue," he added, chuckling once again. "They were free."

The former Marine corporal, before his days at West Point, said his boots saw service in the 1950s carrying him through infantry training at Fort Benning, Ranger School at Fort Bragg and training with the 82nd Airborne Division. He even lent them to his younger brother Leo when his sibling attended ROTC summer camp in the late 1950s with Colin Powell.

O'Connor said these boots were used at the end of World War II after the Normandy landings specifically, and throughout the Korean War before being phased out in the late 1950s.

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"Movement of personnel from the (logistical support areas) went smoothly thanks to the willingness of everyone to pitch in and cooperate despite the circumstances," said Randy Cheniault, Area IV Supply and Services chief. "Soldiers and equipment were moved to a safe haven and items left behind were reinforced to withstand potentially destructive weather."

Although the forecasted wind gusts of up to 85 miles-per-hour and 10 inches of rain didn't materialize, James Adamski, Area IV Support Activity Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobility and Security director, said the area was ready because of preparation for dealing

with potentially destructive weather.

"We were lucky the typhoon did not hit at full strength," Adamski said. "Because of the actions taken during Typhoon Maemi last year and the lessons learned, we were well prepared to react to any potential problems that Typhoon Megi could have resulted in."

Directorate of Public Works and Korean Service Corps employees filled and transported more than 1,000 sandbags in addition to the more than 5,000 already in place to flood-prone areas in advance of the storm. They also ensured debris was removed from storm drains and drainage ditches to avoid blockages that could lead to flooding.

Residents are reminded to heed the following precautions when dealing with potentially destructive weather:

- Stay indoors.
- Pick-up, store or tie down debris or items that are likely to become wind blown projectiles.
- Move vehicles and other items from flood-prone areas.
- Maintain an emergency kit.
- Stay tuned to AFN-Korea and the commander's channel.

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