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21D Soldiers bound for Iraq

Story by Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — About 3,600 members of the 2nd Brigade of the 2nd Infantry Division will deploy to Iraq from the Republic of Korea, Defense Department officials confirmed Monday.

The troops will begin deploying to Iraq in mid-summer, a senior official said speaking on background.

The decision can be made with impunity, because of the beefed-up capabilities the United States has on the Korean peninsula, the official said. More capable air assets, a Patriot 3 brigade, rotating Stryker battalions, and far better command, control, computers, communications and intelligence facilities more than make up for the drop of U.S. troops in South Korea to 34,000, the official added.

“Ongoing global posture review is strengthening our position in Asia and Korea,” said Richard Lawless, deputy defense undersecretary for Asia-

Combat-ready Soldiers from 2nd Brigade to fight War on Terror

Pacific policy. “This strengthened global and regional posture, including our efforts under way in Korea to realign U.S. forces and enhance our capabilities, allows us to employ our forces worldwide in a more flexible manner.”

Lawless said that if needed, the United States can quickly augment air and naval presence in the Asia-Pacific region.

Officials said Korean and Japanese leaders were informed of and agreed with the U.S. decision. They said it is part of the overall look at U.S. global posture.

The troops will spend one year in Iraq. Since military tours of Korea are typically one-year

unaccompanied tours, some Soldiers will spend up to two years separated from their families. Officials said the majority will spend between 12 and 18 months away from home. No decision has been made on whether the brigade will return to Korea following its tour of duty in Iraq.

A senior military official said the troops are fully combat ready, and that this will allow the stress to be “balanced” throughout the force. He said DoD also is looking at changing the tour length of Marine forces assigned to Iraq. Currently, Marines spend seven months in Iraq and seven months home.

Officials said that North Korea should not look at the deployment as an invitation to invade the South. “Due to our strengthened posture and the ability to quickly reinforce capabilities throughout the region, we can deploy forces from Korea without assuming additional operational risks,” Lawless said.

“It would be a misperception on the part of the North Koreans, let me put it that way,” said the senior military official.

Army opens doors for Armed Forces Day, CARE

Story by Kevin Jackson
Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP WALKER — The heliport here will be abuzz with activity today and Saturday as the Armed Forces Day Open House and Cancer Awareness Relay Event, two of the community’s most significant annual events, are jointly held for visitors from across the peninsula, including Korean citizens for the first time.

The 3rd Annual CARE, sponsored by the 168th Area Support Medical Battalion, kicks off the flurry of activities today at 5:30 p.m. and concludes Saturday at 2:30 p.m. with an awards presentation. The Area IV Support Activity’s 3rd Annual Armed Forces Day Open House will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

“The Armed Forces Day Open House is our most important community event of the year – the one event where all our Korean neighbors are invited,” said Col. James M. Joyner, Area IV Support Activity commander. “It’s a great opportunity for us to improve cross-cultural



Local Korean children take a seat inside the back of a UH-60 Blackhawk and test the flight helmets during the 2003 Armed Forces Day Open House at the Walker Army Heliport.

understanding between our communities.

“We’re also pleased for the first time to combine the open house with the Cancer Awareness Relay Event into one big event for the entire peninsula. It’ll be a great weekend and I hope our friends and neighbors

from across the peninsula will join us.”

CARE, patterned after the American Cancer Society’s “Relay for Life”, is a community activity designed to raise cancer awareness. Participants form teams with five to 12 members each

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High school seniors meet, greet U.S. ambassador

Story by Linus Lee
Area II Public Affairs Office

SEOUL — Sunday afternoon was special for 167 seniors from different schools across the peninsula. The seniors of four Department of Defense Dependent Schools and five international schools were invited to the residence of Thomas C. Hubbard, U.S. ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

An annual event held during the end of the school year, Hubbard invited graduates along with parents and teachers. The nine schools were, Seoul American High School, Osan American School, Taegu American School, Pusan American School, Seoul Foreign School, Seoul International School, International Christian School- Seoul, Indianhead International School and Centennial Christian School.

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MP Blotter

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

■ An investigation revealed that a U.S. servicemember was observed in a Korean bar during the hours of curfew. The troop was approached by Korean National Police and asked for identification. At that time, the servicemember said he was not a Soldier and refused to produce his identification card. The KNP asked him a second time to produce ID at which time the troop proceeded to push the KNP. U.S. military police then arrived and physically restrained the individual and placed him in hand irons. The troop was then transported to a U.S. installation hospital, complaining of neck and back injuries. While in the hospital, he then began yelling at the escorting MPs, stating that they were all "Iraqi communists." His behavior then became so belligerent that the medics gave him a shot to calm him down. The troop was not advised of his legal rights due to his suspected level of intoxication and condition. He was later further processed and released to his unit.

■ An investigation revealed that a U.S. servicemember, for reasons unknown, struck a glass window of a local house located behind a Korean bar with his right hand, causing the window to break and cutting his right forearm. Upon arrival of military police, a strong odor of an alcohol was detected. Further investigation disclosed that the servicemember was underage. The troop was then transported by ground ambulance to the installation Troop Medical Clinic, where he was treated for his injuries and administered a command-directed legal breath alcohol test, with results pending. Investigation continues by Military Police Investigations.

■ An investigation disclosed that a U.S. servicemember fell asleep in his barracks bed while smoking a cigarette. The cigarette fell out of his mouth onto his bed, rolled onto the floor, and ignited a pile of clothes lying next to the bed, causing smoke damage to the room. The installation fire department was notified and extinguished the fire with a fire extinguisher. The troop was then apprehended and transported to the provost marshal office, where he was administered a series of field sobriety tests that he failed. He was then taken to the Troop Medical Clinic and administered a command directed legal breath alcohol test with results pending. The servicemember then returned to the provost marshal office where he was released to his unit. Due to his high level of intoxication, the troop was not advised of his legal rights. No injuries were reported in this alcohol-related incident.

Commentary

DUI: not worth the risk

Drunk driving in Korea is the most prevalent alcohol-related criminal offense currently reported. So far this fiscal year we have 40 incidents of driving under the influence of alcohol.

This is extremely frustrating as I see many good Soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines losing their careers and at the same time jeopardizing their families' livelihood. With that in mind I feel compelled to write the following.

What is DUI in Korea?

Well, first I want to tell you what it is not. DUI is not a feeling. If you feel competent to drive and whether or not you are competent to drive is not an issue. The problem is how much alcohol you have in your blood.

In Korea .05 percent alcohol per milliliter of blood is drunk driving. One's ability to drive with this much alcohol on board will vary with tolerance but this is of no significance. If the alcohol is there in the amount of .05 or above you are busted.

One way of estimating the amount of alcohol you may have on board is to know this little equation: A drink is 12 fluid ounces of beer, not malt liquor; a drink is 5 fluid ounces of wine, not MD 20-20 and a drink is 1 and a half fluid ounces of 80 proof liquor, not 151 rum. So we are talking about standard beverages here.

Any of these three drinks consumed within one hour will give the average 160-pound male a blood alcohol content level of about .025. Therefore, you

can guess that two or more in an hour will have you driving drunk in Korea.

This number may vary as size, gender and if or what you've been eating recently will influence this test.

Women should know that due to the lack of certain enzymes in their stomachs and the fact that they are made up of 10 percent less water by volume than an equal size male they may have a blood alcohol content level one third higher than a man.

Bottom line: in order to be certain you are not over the limit you should not have more than one before driving.

I'm not suggesting that you should never have more than one drink, but before driving...yes. Just one since more than one may put you over and

"What is DUI?... DUI is not a feeling."

it also begins to cloud your decision making process so you begin to operate on feeling, not fact. Do it for all who love you and for all you love. Just one in total for the road.

Oh, also you should never forget that it is always OK not to drink at all in any setting.

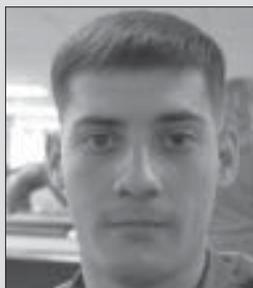
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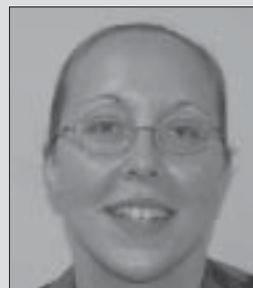
Morning Calm Weekly Soundoff:
What do you plan to do on Memorial Day weekend?



"I'm going to climb Apsan Mountain." — Spc. Beatriz Martinez, 20th Support Group, Camp Henry



"I'm going to Saipan." — Spc. Joe Kubeczka, 304th Signal Battalion, Camp Colburn



"I am going to spend time at the Spa Valley." — Sgt. Tanja Riddle, 20th Support Group, Camp Henry



"Relax" — Sgt. Dee Burns, 501st Military Intelligence Brigade, Yongsan

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NEWS & NOTES

175th Finance Command to have Limited Services

The 175th Finance Command will have limited services on Tuesday and Wednesday because of a change of command ceremony on Wednesday.

All servicing finance offices will remain open with limited personnel. The In and Out Processing Sections of the 176th and 177th Finance Battalions will remain open for regular business.

Inspector General Assistance Visit

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

June 1 10-11:30 a.m. Camp Jackson chapel
June 2 10-11:30 a.m. K-16 installation office
June 4 10-11:30 a.m. Camp Bonifas Club
June 11 10-11:30 a.m. Yongin multipurpose room, building S-10

DA Recruiter Team Coming to Korea

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

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

Servicemembers Finally Coming Home

Recently recovered remains of those who fought and died during the Korean conflict are being repatriated and returned to the United States during a ceremony 10 a.m. Thursday at Knight Field, Yongsan Main Post. Lt. Gen. Charles Campbell, U.S. forces Korea chief of staff, and Jerry D. Jennings, deputy assistant secretary for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs, will be the guest speakers. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be at Collier Field House.

Why Korea is the Duty Assignment of Choice



A construction worker takes a break during the construction of a new post exchange at Camp Stanley. The exchange is scheduled to open on June 14, the Army's 229th birthday. PHOTO BY DAVID McNALLY

175th committed to servicemembers

175th Finance Command

The 175th Finance Command officials say they are committed to providing world-class finance support throughout the Republic of Korea.

This support is provided to all servicemembers and civilians assigned to or on temporary duty to Korea. In an effort to provide the best possible customer service, units within the 175th Finance Command take finance to the Soldier.

Programs in effect include: assignment of a finance noncommissioned officer to every unit serviced; 24-hour commanders hotline, 725-CASH; a Web site with on line pay inquiry; total accessibility by opening its doors and servicing all who enter; an automated in-processing and centralized temporary duty travel processing for the entire peninsula.

Entitlements that servicemembers are currently receiving will continue to be paid in the event of military hostilities and noncombatant evacuation operations.

Upon NEO, servicemembers are entitled to basic allowance for housing for dependents evacuated to a safe haven. BAH is then authorized for the location of the family member at

the final designated location since family members are forced to relocate. All pay will continue to be electronically deposited to designated direct deposit accounts.

Servicemembers may be paid additional entitlements as the situation dictates. Once an area has been designated as a hostile fire pay, imminent danger pay, or hardship duty pay area by an executive order, servicemembers can expect to see additional entitlements. Once an executive order is issued, the area would be designated for Combat Zone Tax Exclusion.

Servicemembers performing active service in an area designated to be CZTE will receive a tax benefit. CZTE is a monthly benefit that is authorized for the full month regardless of the number of days assigned within the month.

All enlisted Soldiers and warrant officers would be exempt from federal income tax on basic pay, jump pay, hardship duty pay, and hostile fire pay.

Commissioned Officers would be exempt from federal income tax on amounts up to the basic pay of the most senior enlisted Soldier, plus the amount of hostile fire pay for any qualifying month. Most junior officers would receive the full amount of tax exclusion.

For further clarification or information visit the local finance office or log on to the 175th Finance Command's Web site at <http://175fincom.korea.army.mil>.

Army Suggestion Program goes online

Story by Joe Burlas

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians can now go online to offer Army suggestions — and possibly win some cash.

The Army Suggestion Program, <https://armysuggestions.army.mil>, went online Monday. Logging on requires an Army Knowledge Online user name and password.

While there are several advantages to an Army central online program, the biggest plus is anyone with access to the Web can make a suggestion in a timely manner — no matter where they are, said Brenda Scott, a Suggestion Program official with the Office of the Chief of Staff Strategic

Management and Innovations Division.

In the past, deployed Soldiers who came up with good ideas when away from home station would often wait to submit that idea through channels until they returned home, Scott said. The reasons for the wait, she said, were several: getting a copy of Army Regulation 5-17 that outlines submission requirements, keeping the hardcopy submission form clean in the field while filling it out and lack of research resources.

"We have more than 100,000 Soldiers deployed overseas right now and thousands more DA civilians with them," Scott said. "Any one of them with a suggestion can now go online and submit their ideas without fear of getting the paperwork dirty, and there are links on

the page that give lots of research material."

The site also has a link to AR 5-17.

There is even a save function that allows suggestors to fill out the submission packet over a period of time rather than during just one session.

The program seeks suggestions that improve work methods, materials, processes, equipment, logistics, utilities or tools that will benefit the Army. Implemented suggestions that save the Army money are often eligible for a cash award. The more money saved, the larger the potential award.

The suggestion must present a problem or situation, propose a solution and state the benefit to the government.

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from military units, businesses, clubs, families, friends, hospitals, churches, schools, and service organizations.

The CARE opens with cancer survivors taking the first lap around the heliport circuit at 6 p.m. Teams are expected to keep at least one member on the track throughout the relay. Then at 10 p.m., a luminary ceremony will be held to memorialize those who succumbed to cancer.

In addition, static displays assembled by the 168th ASMB and other U.S. and Korean organizations will offer visitors an array of health and wellness information.

The opening ceremony for the Armed Forces Day Open House begins with the Korean and American national anthems, followed by military static displays open to the public following the ceremony. Visitors can get an up-close look at an array of U.S. Army track and wheeled weapon systems, and rotary wing aircraft flown by units across the peninsula. The ROKA will also have two aircraft on display. Each display includes English and Korean information boards with a subject matter experts to answer questions and a KATUSA soldier to provide Korean translations.

Other displays include a military vehicle rigged and used for airborne operations by the 4th Quartermaster Detachment at Camp Hialeah. The unit provides rigging and airdrop support to U.S. and ROK forces. A new addition this year is the 168th

ASMB's chemical and biological protective shelter, which uses an advanced filter and air pressure system to create a safe environment for patient care.

Back again by popular demand is the military police working dogs demonstration that has drawn crowds in past years.

In addition, the 728th Military Police Battalion's Special Reaction Team will provide the public a rare glimpse of its equipment and weapons.

A variety of activities will also be available to keep children entertained. Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers is sponsoring an assortment of games and activities. Visitors can also take a spin around the heliport on a children's train provided by the U.S. Army Materiel Support Center-Korea. McGruff the Crime Dog will also be on hand throughout the day to teach children to be safe and healthy.

People with access to U.S. military installations should enter the heliport through Camp Walker's Gate 9, adjacent to the fire station. All others should enter through Walker Army Heliport Gate 7 at the base of the control tower.

For more information about the CARE and Armed Forces Day Open House, contact Maj. Larry Patterson at 764-5198 or 764-5591 and Capt. Matt Bowman at 764-4345.

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graduating high school. This is just the beginning," said Hubbard. "We need more Americans like yourselves, because you guys have the advantage to study abroad."

After making several accolades to the seniors, Hubbard mentioned contributions made by teachers and parents.

"Seniors, remember to thank your parents and teacher. Without them, you wouldn't be here right now," he said.

For two Seoul American High School seniors, this event was an honor and a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Hubbard recognized Brandon Church and Corey Fisher for receiving scholarships from American Women's Club and American Forces Spouses Club. Hubbard's spouse, Joan M. Hubbard, is the president of AWC.

"Getting this scholarship means a lot to me. Dedication is the key to excellent grades," said Church. "There aren't many opportunities to receive athletic scholarships in Seoul, so I thought I should give AWC a try. My parents always encourage me to fill out

scholarship papers, regardless if I receive the money or not. Hopefully this will pay for textbooks and necessities at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu."

After the speeches were completed, the Ambassador and Mrs. Hubbard offered a tour of their residence, known as the Habib House, named after former Ambassador Philip C. Habib, United States ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

The Habib House is known by some for its immense amounts of art collections. Several of the pieces were created by Asian Americans. Restrictions also applied as the visitors were not allowed access to the private section of the ambassador's residence.

"This was a great experience, and it was very fun. I want to thank ambassador and Mrs. Hubbard for allowing myself and others to visit their residence," said Herald Oertwig, SAHS senior. "Each senior worked very hard, and Hubbard recognized our achievements. We're the 'top dogs' until September when we start all over again."

Warriors celebrate Asian-Pacific heritage

Story, photos by Pfc. Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP CASEY — Hawaiian, Polynesian, Filipino and Korean performers swayed the audience during Saturday's Asian-Pacific heritage celebration at the USO pavilion.

Camp Casey USO staff passed out leis to induce a festive mood. A buffet featured Asian-Pacific ethnic foods,

including a luau-style roast pig. Although rain started falling early in the day, the spirits of the 300-plus guests were not dampened. As guest speaker retired Command Sgt. Maj. Benjamin Palacios said, "On the islands, rain is a gift. It is a blessing from the sky."

The best part of the day was simply getting everyone together to celebrate, said Spc. Christine Burns, a chemical operations specialist with the

4th Chemical Company and one of the Polynesian dancers.

"It's great that they did this," she said. "The month of May is big for Pacific Islanders, and it's good that they are representing that."

The Camp Casey USO, Equal Opportunity Offices, Military Service Organization and AT&T sponsored the celebration.

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Lt. Col. Stephen Murray (center) enjoys a plate of Asian-Pacific cuisine.



Sgt. 1st Class Lonnie White, 2nd Infantry Division Support Command, carves the roast pig.



Volunteers prepare the buffet line for hungry guests. Many different Asian-Pacific dishes were presented.



A member of the Han Dong Yop dance group twirls through a traditional Korean dance.



Spc. Christine Burns represented Hawaii with her Polynesian dance.



The Hawaiian band, "Kimo's Band of Brothers," serenaded guests with classic island songs during Camp Casey's Asian-Pacific celebration Saturday.

NEWS & NOTES

Asian-Pacific Celebration

The Camp Red Cloud Equal Opportunity Office will hold an Asian-Pacific heritage celebration 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in the commissary parking lot. There will be free Asian-Pacific food samples, traditional songs and dancing, and games with prizes. Participants may come dressed in their best luau outfits.

Newcomers Orientations

The Camp Casey Army Community Service will hold its monthly newcomers orientation 8 a.m. Tuesday in the Camp Casey ACS classroom. Call 730-3107 or 730-3143 to reserve a seat or for more information. The Camp Red Cloud ACS will hold its newcomers orientation 8 a.m. Wednesday in the Camp Red Cloud ACS classroom. Call 732-7779 to reserve a seat.

Finance Closure

The 177th Finance Battalion will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday because of the 175th Finance Command change of command. The battalion will have minimal staffing for in- and out-processing at Camp Mobile those days. Full warrior finance support operations will resume Thursday during sergeant's time training.

Employee of the Year Nominations

The 14th Annual U.S. Forces Korea Employee of the Year ceremony will take place Sept. 17. Nominations for Employee of the Year must be submitted to the Area I Civilian Personnel Actions Center by May 31. Competition is open to all commands and assigned, attached, or tenant units of USFK, and other Department of Defense activities in Korea (except invited contractors). For more information, call 732-6049.

Common Access Cards

The temporary hold on the issue of common access cards to Korean local national employees has been lifted. Accordingly, CACs can now be issued to Korean employees. The issuance of the CAC to Korean employees and employed family members is for use in the work place only, as required by the commander. The CAC will not be used as a means for entering a government or military installation, or to gain access to the commissary, post exchange or other programs associated with being a sponsor. For more information, call 732-6090.

Holiday Seminars

The Camp Red Cloud education center will offer two seminars Memorial Day weekend. May 30-31, the University of Maryland will offer its "U.S. Stock Market" seminar, and May 29-30, Central Texas College will offer its "Problem Solving" seminar. The Camp Stanley education center will offer CTC's "Counseling Techniques" May 28-29, CTC's "Civil Rights" May 29-30 and UMD's "Time Management" May 30-31. For more information or to register, contact your education centers.

6/37th FA learns Korean culture

Story, photos by Pfc. Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP STANLEY — Soldiers of the 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment took a cultural awareness field trip to the Korean Folk Village and COEX Mall May 7.

"Lt. Col. Dawson, the battalion commander, came up with the idea," said Maj. Christopher Cardoni, 6th Bn., 37th FAR battalion executive officer. "We came off of a very tough training schedule, so the commander wanted to reward the battalion for a great job."

Getting 495 Soldiers around Seoul was not an easy feat - the battalion had to find funding to pay

for 11 buses and the entrance fee to the Folk Village in Suwon.

"The chaplain did all the work," Cardoni said. "He found the organizations that donated money and coordinated with the USO."

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Capt. Jeff McCoy samples traditional fares at the Korean Folk Village market.



Soldiers from 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, check out the sights as they stroll through the village.



An acrobat wows the audience with her aerial stunts at the Korean Folk Village.



A replica of a traditional Korean fishing boat floats along the river running through the Korean Folk Village. Several styles of bridges common during the Joseon Dynasty have been re-created over the river.

Environmental Warriors graduate

Story by David McNally

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP CASEY — For the first time on the peninsula, the U.S. Army offered a special environmental course to Soldiers. Twenty-four Soldiers completed a week-long class to return to their units May 7 qualified as environmental compliance officers.

"Environmental issues are increasingly affecting our host nation partnership," said Capt. Josef Hatch, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment. "This class enables us to deal with these issues now instead of later."

The training came at a time of increased emphasis on environmental issues, officials said.

"Some of the lessons coming out of Iraq and Afghanistan show the need for an emphasis on environmental concerns," said Michael Walker, an instructor with the U.S. Army Engineer

School, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. "The level of environmental consideration decreases during a deployed setting versus the garrison setting."

The job of environmental compliance officer is normally an additional duty assigned to a noncommissioned officer or junior commissioned officer to educate units on environmental considerations. The Soldiers serve as a liaison between unit commanders and the garrison environmental staff. They perform environmental self-assessments and conduct risk assessments.

"I see this as a lot more than an additional duty," said Sgt. Donald Whitecotton, Headquarters and Headquarters Service Battery, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment. "You're looking at a full-time job to get this program started in your unit."

"Doing a risk assessment is something I've done, but not with the environment in mind," Hatch said. "It gave me something to think

about as a future commander."

As this was the first time the course was offered in Korea, Walker came from the U.S. Army Engineer School to assist and validate the 2nd Infantry Division G-3 Schools Branch. He said he believed it was also the first time a noncommissioned officer had taught the course.

Staff Sgt. Marvin Wideman, the course instructor, said he was confident the course would receive validation.

"I'm very happy with the way this went," Wideman said. "The grades in the class show the Soldiers paid attention."

Wideman said five Soldiers received 100 percent on the final examination.

"We created this course from scratch," said Staff Sgt. Jack West, G-3 Schools. "It's part of the proactive approach to environmental issues the 2nd Infantry Division and Area I are taking."

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Employee earns 50-year award

A legacy of service, sacrifice

Story, photo by David McNally

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP RED CLOUD — An Area I employee recently stood before a crowd of civilians and Soldiers while a U.S. Army general awarded him a 50-year government service award.

Fifty years of combined service in the U.S. Army and civil service is a goal few reach.

"I know that's more years than you've been alive," Brig. Gen. John A. Macdonald, director of the Installation Management Agency – Korea Region Office, told the Soldiers, "and I'm happy to say that's more years than I've been alive."

Macdonald described James Campbell's service as "phenomenal."

However, Campbell, the Area I education services officer, actually has more than 52-years of government service.

"I thought these awards were automatic," Campbell said. "But since I had not received it, I finally went to CPAC and asked about it."

In 1948, Campbell saw his future in either a coal mine or a sawmill. In his hometown of Dixiana, Ala., that's what young men tended to do, he said.

Campbell said he felt he had a different calling; he tried to enlist in the U.S. Army



Campbell

when he was old enough.

"This was right after World War II," Campbell said. "The Army was being very selective, because they didn't need very many Soldiers at that time."

Consequently, Campbell was informed that he had a previously unknown condition of one leg being longer than the other, so he failed the military physical examination.

"But, in 1951 the leg must have

grown," Campbell said. "Because they drafted me into the Army and sent me to Korea."

For about a year, during the Korean War, Campbell was an ammunition handler in the Busan area.

"I didn't get to see much of the peninsula during that assignment," Campbell said.

After a tour of duty in Germany, Campbell decided to separate from the Army and see how life was back in his hometown.

"The Army had a program then, where if you went to see a recruiter within 90 days of your separation, they would take you back," Campbell

explained.

You did not have to retake basic, you retained the rank you had and also got paid for the days you were away, he said. "So, I waited until I was out of the Army about 80 days, and went to see a recruiter."

He said a buddy of his talked him into taking a sociology class. Campbell enjoyed the class and became enamored with the goal of getting his degree.

After attending Tuskegee University, Ala., through the Army's bootstrap program, Campbell was commissioned a second lieutenant in the ordnance corps Aug. 9, 1957.

"I earned a bachelor's degree in industrial education," Campbell said.

In 1961, Campbell volunteered for explosive ordnance disposal school. In 1964, he earned his parachutist badge at Fort Benning, Ga. He said he spent the remainder of his career in EOD and special weapons assignments.

Campbell said he had always wanted to become a pilot. However, he was not accepted into flight school. In 1968, he achieved his personal goal when he earned his private pilot's license while stationed at Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

Campbell served in Vietnam for just over a year. He also returned to serve in Germany and South Korea. He had assignments at various locations in the United States.

Throughout his military career, Campbell continued to seek out educational opportunities. He attended Troy State University, Alaska Methodist University and the University of Alaska. Finally, in 1971, he earned a master's degree in education counseling from the University of

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Army Web site offers many resources

Story, photo by Pfc. Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP CASEY — The Area I Army Community Service sponsored briefings about the Army One Source Web site May 11 at the Camp Casey USO.

Army One Source is a 24-hour, seven days a week, toll-free information and referral telephone and Internet service available to active duty, National Guard and reserve Soldiers, deployed civilians and their families worldwide, according to the Web site,



Tina Zettlemoyer, an Army spouse, learns to use the Army One Source Web site during the information briefing at the Camp Casey USO.

www.armyonesource.com. It was created to supplement installation-based services usually offered by ACS, and to expand ACS capabilities with after-hours resources. It is not intended to replace services and programs offered by ACS.

"It was originally designed for National Guard and reserve Soldiers who are deployed, because their families are not typically located near a military installation," said Christy Allen, ACS social services representative. "Now, they can just get on-line to the Web site or call the toll-free telephone number and get some of the same services as those living on or near post."

Like the ACS, Army One Source offers assistance with parenting and childcare, education, relocation, financial concerns, military life, health and emotional well-being, and other everyday issues such as locating resources within a community. The service can also help users make appointments through TRICARE, and even schedule up to six face-to-face counseling sessions with local providers, at no cost to the user.

Four active-duty Soldiers and more than 50 Army spouses attended the briefings to learn about the service.

"I was glad to have that many spouses there, because when Soldiers are deployed, they are the ones whom it is going to help most," Allen said. "It was ideal, because we had spouses from all over Area I attend."

"We wanted to give the spouses an overview of what the service can provide them," she explained. "I briefed the attendees on what the AOS is about, and what kind of information they can access. We have

these computers here, so they could actually get on-line and walk through the Web site. I also talked to them about the telephone number that they can call, even here in Korea, 24-hours a day, seven days a week."

Tina Zettlemoyer was one of the spouses who attended the briefings. She said she heard about the event through a friend and decided to go to find out more information. She was glad she did.

"I was very pleased to see so much on one Web site," she said. "It's great for new Soldiers, newly married spouses and those of us that have been around the military for a while. It was very user friendly."

"I was a specialist in the Army when I married my husband," Zettlemoyer added. "This information would have been helpful back then!"

Zettlemoyer was most excited about the toll-free telephone number.

"Just knowing that I can call a consultant for free if a problem does arrive is reassuring," she said.

Even spouses whose native language is not English can use AOS, Allen said, since they offer services in more than 150 languages.

"This is definitely an important resource for the Army," Allen said. "Spouses, servicemembers and Department of Defense families who are not close to an installation can still have access to a lot of information about deployments, reunion and financial issues — anything that they would usually go to an ACS for. I definitely encourage people to get on-line and check it out."

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Wideman even took the students out of the classroom to explore a motor pool for environmental concerns. Walker said the terrain walk was a valuable addition to the class.

"I'm going to take the terrain walk idea back to the school," Walker said. "The students could see how to put the best management practices they learned in the class into place at their units."

During the after-action review, Hatch offered suggestions for making the course better.

"There's so much information," Hatch said. "The binder is 5-inches thick. This course could really be two weeks."

Hatch also suggested the course be incorporated into the division's warrior leader course.

"If you do that, you'll get all the commanders and first sergeants thinking about our impact on the environment," Hatch said.

"I hope these Soldiers will take a higher level of environmental awareness back to their units after this training," Walker said. "They are the commander's eyes and ears for environmental considerations."

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then Maj. Campbell retired from active duty.

"I decided to stay in Korea," Campbell said. "I had about a nine-month break in government service."

Campbell found work as a contractor teaching general education courses to 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers.

In 1976, Campbell accepted a job as an education counselor at the Camp Hovey Education Center. Coincidentally, Macdonald presented Campbell with the 50-year award at the Camp Hovey Education Center on May 7.

Over his civil service career, Campbell has left Korea for duty assignments at Fort Eustis, Va., Camp Zama, Japan, and Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

"I always seem to end up back in Korea," Campbell said, with a smile. "My wife is from Korea."

Campbell said as an education counselor he has helped many Soldiers who have gone on to become senior officers and noncommissioned officers.

He said he feels a personal sense of accomplishment when he meets Soldiers he has helped along the way.

"While growing up, I made the assumption an education would not be of much value to me," Campbell said. "People in my hometown were coal miners, or sawmill workers. By being in the Army, and having an opportunity to meet people who had different ideas about what they wanted to do in life, some of their visions rubbed off on me."

Today, Campbell oversees all of the education centers in Warrior Country. His office is at Camp Red Cloud, but he continues to commute daily from his home in Seoul.

Although well past the "normal" retirement age, James Campbell continues to serve.

"I really like what I do. To me, this is not just a job, it is my calling."

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Trip

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Chaplain (Capt.) Roderick Swanson, Headquarters and Headquarters Support, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment, was glad to have been able to help.

"The money came from the chaplaincy, the American Women's Thrift Shop Association and the American Forces Spouses Club," he said. "Then the Camp Casey USO helped bring the whole thing together."

"The USO was great," Cardoni said. "They coordinated the buses for us, and also negotiated the cost for admission into the Folk Village for much less than if we had to do it ourselves."

After touring the Folk Village, the

Soldiers were driven to the COEX Mall, where they were released for the day with the option to take the buses back or stay in Seoul.

"The purpose of the trip was threefold," Cardoni said. "Soldiers wanted to see more battalion-level 'fun' events, we wanted to show Soldiers Seoul and a part of Korea they've never seen before, and introduce the Soldiers to Korean culture. Korea has a very rich and long history."

Both men agreed that the trip was successful.

"It was a huge success," Cardoni said. "It was well-deserved, well executed and much appreciated by all."

"I've had Soldiers come up to me and say 'Thank you, chaplain,' because they had a good time," Swanson said. "Seeing the Soldiers having fun and getting to hang out with them was the best part."

"I hope the Soldiers came away with an appreciation of Korean culture, and an understanding that Camp Stanley and the surrounding 'ville' is not all there is to Korea," he added, urging Soldiers, "Get out and have a good time while you're here!"

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A Soldier consults the directory at COEX mall.

Soldiers give a helping hand for Mother's Day

Story, photos by Pfc. Alex Licea

8th MP Brigade Public Affairs Office

GWACHEON — Soldiers from the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 8th Military Police Brigade received a warm reception at the Gwacheon Presbyterian Church after delivering food to Gwacheon residents as part of the brigade's "Operation Feed Grandma for Mother's Day."

The operation was spearheaded by Master Sgt. Edwin Cierpial, noncommissioned officer in charge of the brigade's communications section.

"The reason we organized this event was to not only build good community relations with the Gwacheon community but to give back to our host nation especially the elderly" said Cierpial.

The event was coordinated within the brigade headquarters to raise contributions and goods for more than 4,000 needy elderly citizens within the community.

"We were able to raise over 1,000 pounds of food for this event thanks to the support from everyone in the brigade," he said.

Once the food was collected and packed up they moved out; upon arriving in Gwacheon Soldiers were teamed up with members of the community and headed out to personally deliver each nursing home goods.

One of the Soldiers who participated in the event, Pvt. Albert Perez, spoke about the great nature of the event.

"The event gave me a chance to provide elderly citizens with some needed items, and it also gave me a chance to experience some Korean culture."

Many of the Korean citizens were surprised to see United States Army Soldiers walking around their



Pvt. Albert Perez, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 8th MP Brigade, mechanic, presents food goods to Park Hung-sik, Gwacheon Presbyterian Church senior deacon. Soldiers passed out rice, canned food and fish as part of "Operation Feed Grandma for Mother's Day"

neighborhood with bags of rice, cans of vegetables, fish and chocolate treats.

"The community was very surprised, yet thrilled, to see American troops giving a helping hand," said Cierpial. "One elderly woman even gave us a comment saying Americans fed me in Seoul and Busan during the Korean War, and now they are helping me again," all the while smiling and holding his hand repeating thank you.

By day's end over 1,400 people were given food

and other goods providing the older generation of Koreans an early Mother's Day present.

"I am so happy we helped so many people on this day," Cierpial said. "The best part about it is that all the food was consumed by the end of the day."

The event concluded with a Korean-style lunch in a nearby restaurant, donated by members of the Gwacheon community as token of appreciation.

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Korea Broadcasting System comes to Yongsan

Story by Pfc. Park Jin-woo

Area II Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — One of Korea's national broacasting companies came to Yongsan to record the weekly program "chung-chun, sin-go-ham-nee-da, or Youth Report, May 14. The program visits a different Korean military installation each week providing various entertainment and morale programs for Republic of Korean Army Soldiers. The program will air 7:30 p.m. Monday on KBS-1.

KATUSA Soldiers dance with the KBS dancing team as a part of a performance during the recording of the television program May 14.



PHOTO BY PVT. PARK YUNG-KWI

NEWS & NOTES

Family Advocacy Events

■ The Single Parent Support Group will meet 11 a.m. - noon Monday at Army Community Service building 4106, room 124. For more information, call 738-5150.

■ An emergency placement information meeting is planned at Army Community Service 11 a.m. - noon Wednesday building 4106, room 124. For more information, call 738-5150.

SOFA Stamp

SOFA Stamp service will take place 2 p.m. Tuesday at Army Community Service building 4106 room 118. People must sign up in advance. For more information, call 738-4617 or 738-7999.

Elite Club

The Elite Club is a new organization consisting of members of the Audie Murphy Club, Sergeant Morales Club and General Paik Club coming together to discuss many topics and concerns on the peninsula for enlisted servicemembers. The meeting will be held at the multipurpose training facility 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Yard Sale

Come to the Itaewon Acres Yard Sale 9 a.m. - noon Saturday. Bargaining for treasures couldn't be easier or more convenient. Clothes, toys, household items, etc. will be offered.

Commissary Closure

The Yongsan and Hannam Village commissaries will be closed May 31 for Memorial Day. For more information, call 736-3068.

Area II Retiree Council Meeting/ IPR

An Area II Retiree Council Meeting/ IPR will be held noon - 3 p.m. June 2 at the Command Conference Room, building 4305. For more information, call Command Sgt. Maj. Jose D. Crisostomo at 738 - 7448.

CIF Closure

The central issue facility will be closed on the following dates in May.

■ Wednesday, Buddha's birthday

■ May 31, Memorial day

For more information, call 736-7492.

Volunteers Needed

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

Korean and American Friendship Concert

A joint band concert with 8th U.S. Army Band and Sangmyung University Band will be held at Han Jun Arts Center 7:30 p.m. today. For reservation of free seats and transportation, call 738-5212. A bus for this event will depart from the Army Community Services building 6:30 p.m.

Golf Range Closure

The golf driving range will be closed on Monday for maintenance. The family fun park, batting cage and skate park will be open 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.

For more information, call 738-4190.

305th volunteers spend time with Korean orphans

Story, photo by Sgt. Andrew Kosterman

Installation Management Agency-Korea Region Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — Volunteers of the 305th Quartermaster Company say they are always ready to lend a helping hand to benefit people. They got the chance to do just that on May 14 at baseball field 5 near Collier Field House.

Thirty-one Soldiers, along with the United Services Organization, Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the Moyer Community Services Center, donated time, money and equipment to help make a special day for 75 Korean children.

The children are orphans being taken care of by the Salvation Army in Seoul.

"This is a chance for us to give something back to the community," said 1st Lt. Kevin Mercer, petroleum supply platoon leader, 305th Quartermaster Company. "It not only builds esprit de corps in the company, but it also builds relations with the local community."

Some of the equipment provided included an inflatable boxing ring and the USO's Canteen, which was brought in from Camp Casey to accommodate the event.

"We got word they had a Canteen, so we gave them a call so we could use it," said Mercer.

The request was a last-minute adjustment to plans that had been set for weeks.

Scholarships for military children program makes money grow on trees

By Carrie Williams

FORT LEE, Va. — Mom and Dad were right when they said, "Money doesn't grow on trees," but thanks to the Scholarships for Military Children program, it does for 500 diligent students. That's figuratively speaking,



Pfc. Siliva Martinez, 305th Quartermaster Company water purification specialist, paints an orphans face during a community relations event at baseball field 5 near Collier Field House May 14.

"The request for the Canteen was last minute," said Marvin Sanders, USO-Korea program manager. "But this is an ideal event to come out and support, so we made it happen."

Park Eun Bin, the director of the Salvation Army in Seoul, said the event is good because the children don't receive many opportunities to get out and play.

"They don't have many chances to meet foreigners," said Park. "This is a good chance for them to learn."

With music playing from the Canteen, Americans and Koreans played soccer, baseball and other sports. One of those

playing was Spc. Ralphy Warden, mortuary affairs, 305th Quartermaster Company.

"This is a good event," said Warden. "I was an orphan and the military used to come down and do this for us and it made my day."

Those Soldiers inspired Warden to volunteer for this and other similar events.

"I volunteer for everything," said Warden. "Kids need to know that people love them. Just because they aren't Americans doesn't mean they aren't our future."

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of course. Yes, it is May and the color green is bursting forth everywhere, but for these students it's not just the "garden variety" chlorophyll green found in the back yard. It's more like Federal Reserve green in the form of \$1,500 to apply toward college tuition this fall.

"We're thrilled to report that the scholarship program is an enormous success in helping military families defray the costs of education," said Defense Commissary Agency Director Maj. Gen. Michael P. Wiedemer.

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Soldiers conduct Spring Clean-up

Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 34th Support Group clean up the gutter at the United Nations Compound as a part of spring clean up 2004 May 13.



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■ USO Dragon Boat Racing Team will race 10 a.m. Sunday at the Yoido Boat House.

■ Water Rafting Tour – 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

■ Kyungbok Palace and Changduk Palace – 8:40 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

■ Insadong Night Tour – 6 - 10 p.m. Thursday.

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

Royal Asiatic Tour

■ Soyo-San and Sanjong Lake Tour – 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday.

■ Chiri-San and Namwon Tour: A Journey into Korea's Scenic South – 8 a.m. Saturday - 8:30 p.m. Sunday.

■ Ch'ungmu (Tongyoung), Hallyo Sudo and Kojedo Tour: A Journey into Korea's Scenic South – 8:30 a.m. May 29 - May 30

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

Entertainment

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

■ There will be numerous events held in the city of Seoul as part of the Lotus Lantern festival today - Sunday. For more information, call 02-725-6641.

■ Insa-dong comes alive with Lantern festival's Eve celebrations 7 - 9 p.m. Saturday in front of Jogye-sa Temple, Insadong and Chong-no 2-ga.

■ The Buddhist Street Festival will

be held Noon - 8 p.m. Sunday at the Jogye-sa Temple. The opening ceremony for the parade will be held 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Sunday at Dongdaemun Stadium. The Lantern Parade will be held 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Sunday at Chong-no.

■ There will be exhibitions of traditional lanterns today - Wednesday at the Bongeun-sa Temple in Samsong Dong.

■ Magician David Copperfield performs May 26 - 30 at the Sejong Center for the Performing Arts. Call 02-3472-4480 for ticket information.

Scholarship

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"We're proud to be associated with a program that has awarded more than \$3 million to nearly 2,000 students since its inception in 2001."

Scholarship Managers, a professional scholarship firm, selects the winners based on academic merit, participation in extracurricular and volunteer activities, and the quality of their essays. Recipients are notified by letter. The full list of scholarship recipients and sponsoring business partners is posted online at: <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

More than 7,000 applicants "shook the money tree" when they applied to the program last fall for an increase of 500 from the previous year. According to Edna Hoogewind, DeCA's program liaison, the grade point average of the scholarship recipients is 3.8 - 3.9, and nearly all are members of the National Honor Society, an organization that recognizes students who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership, character and a willingness to serve others.

"These young adults display a level of

maturity that's atypical for their age," explained Hoogewind. "It's demonstrated in the many and varied ways they are involved in meaningful activities outside the classroom, and in the creativity and critical thinking they employ in their essays."

The Scholarships for Military Children program is funded by the manufacturers and suppliers that provide support for commissaries worldwide and administered by Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization responsible for building comfort homes near military medical

centers. The foundation bears all costs of the program so that every dollar donated goes for scholarships. The general public has the opportunity to donate to the program through the military scholar web site.

Editor's Note: Sarah Bradford and Tegan Jerde-Koonmen, two students from Area II received a scholarships of \$1,500 each.

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19th TSC takes strategic planning to next level

Story by Master Sgt.
Kimberly Williams

19th Theater Support Command Public Affairs Office

The 19th Theater Support Command recently conducted its fourth Strategic Planning Conference, but this time there was a new twist.

For the first time, the semiannual conference was not held in the Daegu enclave. Instead, nearly 75 19th TSC Soldiers, civilians and family members traveled to Gyeongju for the three-day event.

"The conference is the consolidation of the senior leadership and spouses of the 19th TSC with the goal of developing a common vision for the command," said Maj. Kate Scanlon, 19th TSC deputy operations officer, Transformation. "To achieve this, attendees address and develop executable solutions on key issues affecting the 19th TSC, its customers, Soldiers, families, civilians and the surrounding Korean communities."

Those attending the conference already belong to one of four functional teams, said Scanlon. The teams include Future Logistics, Training and Readiness, Well Being and Community Relations and Good Neighbor Program.

Year round, these teams meet on a regular basis to discuss specific goals and projects related to their functional area. For example, improving sergeants' time training

is a major project being tackled by the Training and Readiness Team.

"Strategic planning is a continuous effort supervised by key staff members from the command group," said Scanlon.

"At the semiannual conferences, team members then have an opportunity to give an update to Maj. Gen. Jeanette K. Edmunds on their progress," she said. "She gives us her guidance, and the teams have an opportunity to meet in an environment totally outside of work."

Edmunds is the 19th TSC commanding general

Each conference may have a slightly different focus. For this conference, the commanding general established four clearly defined objectives: create a focused effort unimpeded by office proximity, promote team building, build cultural appreciation and evaluate implementation of projects and goals to ensure the 19th TSC is achieving the desired effect, said Scanlon.

By this definition alone, the conference was a success, Scanlon said.

By moving the conference away from Daegu, group members were able to focus all of their attention on goals and projects, not on day-to-day activities in the office, she said.

"There are no office phones ringing, no meeting conflicts, no e-mail to manage and no distractions," said Scanlon. "The attendees are immersed in the process as

well as the concept."

As far as team building, Scanlon said, being together from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day in the heart of the Korean cultural region definitely meets the team-building objective.

"I thought the conference had a highly synergistic affect," said Maj. Shatrece Buchanan, 19th TSC chief of Plans, Policy and Operations. This was Buchanan's third conference.

"Because we went to an off-post site, it enabled leader bonding," she added.

To meet the third objective, four cultural tours were scheduled during the conference, said Scanlon. Attendees went to a Korean folk village, a tomb and astronomy site, a temple and a national museum.

"I think learning more about the Korean culture has a lot of benefit from the historical side," said Sgt. Maj. Bardrick McGuire, 19th TSC Support Operations sergeant major. "A lot of things we thought we (western civilization) brought to the table, had already been in existence for hundreds of years here."

Most importantly, however, the conference focused group efforts on evaluating implementation of projects and goals.

"The goal is to implement plans, not to put ideas on a shelf," said Edmunds. "We are not trying to create 'shelf paper,' but trying to put ideas into work."

Not only should team members focus on implementation, but they must also figure out how to institutionalize projects that make them part of a self-sustaining process, she said. "You've worked hard to make improvements, and you don't want that work to disappear when you PCS," said Edmunds.

Team members institutionalize projects in various ways, such as creating standard operating procedures or by adding new requirements to local regulations. Highly visible examples of strategic planning projects currently being institutionalized include the 19th TSC safety campaign and the creation of an exercise evaluation standard-operating procedure and evaluator training, Scanlon said.

Overall, this conference seems to have facilitated a new level of achievement, said Scanlon.

"The strategic plan is the commanding general's number one priority," she said. "We have had great success in achieving goals over the last year and a half under Major General Edmund's leadership."

"Because of the high-level focus and support, we have been able to make great strides in improving quality of life, work and community for all members of Team 19," Scanlon said.

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Essayons 732-9008	No Show	Hidalgo	No Show	Agent Cody Banks 2	Man on Fire	No Show	Secret Window
Garry Owen 734-2509	No Show	Man on Fire	Spartan	Spartan	Secret Window	No Show	Dirty Dancing
Greaves 734-8388	Man on Fire	Secret Wind	Man on Fire	No Show	No Show	Spartan	Dirty Dancing
Henry 768-7724	Dawn of the Dead	Dirty Dancing	Man on Fire	Never Die Alone	No Show	No Show	No Show
Humphreys 753-7716	Laws of Attraction	The Haunted Mansion	The Haunted Mansion	Dawn of the Dead	Dawn of the Dead	Taking Lives	Never Die Alone
Hialeah 763-370	Man on Fire	Agent Cody Banks 2	Secret Window	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
Hovey 730-5412	Never Die Alone	Laws of Attraction	Never Die Alone	Dawn of the Dead	Laws of Attraction	Taking Lives	Taking Lives
Howze 734-5689	Starsky and Hutch	Agent Cody Banks 2	Spartan	No Show	No Show	No Show	Laws of Attraction

Dawn of the Dead



This remake of a classic horror film tells the story of a mysterious plague that causes the newly dead to come back to life and feed off the flesh and blood of the living. During this time of zombies walking about, a group of humans take refuge in a shopping mall, which include a nurse (Sarah Polley) and a police officer (Ving Rhames).

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Never Die Alone



A richly literate film noir about King David (DMX), a hard-boiled, stylish criminal who returns to his hometown seeking redemption but finding only violent death. But he did not die alone...King David's final moments are spent with Paul (David Arquette), an aspiring journalist who knew him just a few minutes, but upon whose life he would forever have an impact.

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Kunsan 782-4987	The Alamo	The Alamo	The Alamo	No Show	Dawn of the Dead	Taking Lives	Taking Lives
Long 721-3407	Home on the Range	No Show	Hidalgo	Eurotrip	No Show	No Show	No Show
Osan 784-4930	Van Helsing	Van Helsing	The Haunted Mansion	Dawn of the Dead	Dawn of the Dead	Taking Lives	Never Die Alone
Page 721-5499	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
Red Cloud 732-6620	Laws of Attraction	Dawn of the Dead	Taking Lives	Never Die Alone	Never Die Alone	No Show	Van Helsing
Stanley 732-5565	Dawn of the Dead	Dawn of the Dead	Taking Lives	Taking Lives	No Show	Van Helsing	Never Die Alone
Yongsan I 738-7389	Van Helsing	Van Helsing	Van Helsing	Taking Lives	Taking Lives	Never Die Alone	Never Die Alone
Yongsan II 738-7389	Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen	Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen	Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen	Dawn of the Dead	Dawn of the Dead	Dawn of the Dead	Dawn of the Dead
Yongsan III 738-7389	Catch That Kid	Catch That Kid	Catch That Kid	Dirty Dancing: Havana	Dirty Dancing: Havana	Taking Lives	Taking Lives

Chaplain: What is the meaning of the passion of the Christ

By Chaplain (Capt.) Earl Vanderhoff

524 Military Intelligence Battalion

There is a lot of interest in Jesus Christ these days. Many people are deeply impacted by the movie "The Passion of the Christ." May I share with you my opinion of the meaning of what the Christian world is once again recognizing as the passion of Christ?

About 25 years after the crucifixion of Jesus, the apostle Paul wrote, "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21) This is an important summary of the gospel message.

This verse explains how God imputed our sin to Christ. God as judge assigned the responsibility of our sin to Christ, making it possible for Him to be punished justly for that sin. (1 Peter 2 :24)

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

By his wounds you have been healed. Only an infinite being could pay for the sins of

the world. Jesus is completely God and therefore he could wash away our sin.

(Roman 6:23) The "wages of sin is death. The most important element in "death" as the "wages of sin" is spiritual rather than physical. To redeem us and make it possible for us to be spiritually alive—in touch with God—Jesus as our substitute had to experience both physical death (separation of the soul from the body) and spiritual death (separation or alienation from God). After almost 6 hours on the cross, the intensity of our Savior's spiritual anguish wrenched from Him the cry, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Jesus felt keenly His abandonment by the Father, resulting from God's wrath being poured out on Him as the substitute for sinners.

When Paul said that God made Jesus "to be sin for us," he meant that God treated His sinless Son as if He were a sinner. He caused Jesus to experience physical death and the desolation of separation from God.

The price of our redemption is the blood of Christ. You

were ransomed...with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. (1 Peter 1:19)

Jesus won the victory over sin, death and the devil as he died on the cross.

He had been tempted and tested in every conceivable

way, "yet was without sin" His victory is proclaimed by the resurrection. Because of His victory on the cross, (Acts 2:24) God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. Death has lost its sting. (1 Corinthians 15)

Charity drive aims to help Korea charities, save servicemembers money

Chaplain (Capt.) Brian Crane

U.S. Army Religious Retreat Center Korea

The Korea Region Office "Weight Reduction" Charity Drive is a Koreawide project that gives Soldiers and families the opportunity to give baseball caps, T-shirts and tennis shoes to local Korean charities.

Chapels all across Korea are collecting for this program and donations are accepted at all normal service times and during normal duty hours. The drive continues until the Sunday.

This initiative is in support of the Good Neighbor Program and will help not only the needy but will also reduce some of the weight that is

shipped each year during permanent change of station season, thus reducing PCS costs if only by a few dollars.

The "Weight Reduction Charity Drive" is the idea of Brig. Gen. John Macdonald, Installation Management Agency-Korea Region director, who is encouraging not only those who will PCS this year to donate but all servicemembers, employees and families to participate.

The Korea Region Chaplain (Col.) Lawrence Barry said, "This is a great opportunity for us to do something for our local community especially orphanages and homes for the handicapped."



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Andong Folk Village offers glimpse of

Story, photos by Pfc. Oh Dong-keun

Area IV Public Affairs Office

ANDONG, South Korea — In this modernized country where skyscrapers dominate the skyline, there are few places where you can see what Korea was like ‘back in the day.’

The Andong Hahoe Folk Village is one of the few places that allow visitors to travel hundreds of years back in time to experience “old Korea.”

The genuine village preserves some of the traditional style buildings of the Joseon dynasty from the 16th century.

It is not artificially created field museum. Instead, it is actually a small town where people live and work just like they did in the past.

The village is located along the Nakdong River,

24 kilometers west of Andong where the river winds around the village in a lazy “S” curve, surrounding the village on three sides. The geographic features of the location, including the way the river winds around the village, made it an ideal place for settlement. Because the river swirls around the village, the village is named Hahoe, and is also called the spinning river village.

The cliff across the river, called Bu-yong Dae, provides a scenic view of the entire village and how the river nestles the settlement. There is a ferryboat that transports visitors back and forth between the village and the cliff.

Several important historical artifacts and cultural icons can be found in the village. They, including the village itself, are designated as national treasures and are protected by the government.

A few examples are the Byeolsin exorcism, which is done every first full moon of the year to please the local god, so that the year will be peaceful, and the Hahoe Mask. The Hahoe Byeongsan Mask is the oldest mask in Korea and is used in the exorcism.

Hahoe Folk Village became the focus of the international spotlight following a visit by Queen Elizabeth in 1999, bringing even more attention to the village.

For more up-to-date information regarding hours of operation, entrance fees, directions, public transportation and others, call the village control office at 054-854-3669, or visit the Korea National Tourism Organization’s Web site at <http://english.tour2korea.com/>.

E-mail ohdk@usfk.korea.army.mil

‘Old Korea’



Master Sgt. David Robinson, 20th Support Group communications chief, tries his hand at making traditional Korean paper.



The village preserves housing architecture from more than 500 years ago, although a few modern touches have been added.



The village has a traditional Korean playground where visitors can have a little fun.



Camp Red Cloud Fitness Center offers classes

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

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

Seoul International Photo Show

Yongsan camera club members plan to visit to the Seoul International Photo and Imaging Industry Show 10 a.m. May 29 at the COEX Center.

The event is open to everyone, but people must sign up for free tickets at the Yongsan Arts and Crafts Center, building 4253.

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

Golf Tournament

Camp Red Cloud Golf Course is hosting U.S. Army Golf Camp Red Cloud Championship at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Winners will advance to the 2004 Warrior Division Annual Men's and Women's Golf Championship 7 a.m. May 28 on CRC Golf Course.

For more information call 732-6927.

Five-kilometer Run

Camp Red Cloud Fitness Center is sponsoring five-kilometer run 9 a.m. Saturday. Registration begins at 7 a.m.

It is open to all active-duty military, Department of Defense civilians and adult family members stationed in Area I.

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

Pool Tournament

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

For more information call 732-7201.

Memorial Day Beach Blast

Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers will host a Memorial Day weekend beach blast at Song-jung Beach near Busan May 28 - 31. There will be a bodybuilding contest, a karaoke contest, beach games such as volleyball and Frisbee-disc football, and a beach barbecue. Free billeting will be provided in an open bay on base, but Soldiers are allowed to rent hotel rooms at their own expense. Sign up at your local community activities center, or call 732-6896 for more information.

168th ASMB and MWR team up for cancer awareness event

Story by Laurel Baek

Area IV Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marketing Office

CAMP WALKER — It is an astonishing statistic — one in every three people will develop some type of cancer in their lifetime. Of those, only slightly more than half are likely to survive their illness and go on to live a healthy life.

The battle against cancer is fought not only by those afflicted, but through survivors, family members, friends and others who are willing to take action, and it is fought first through awareness.

From 5:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. today and Saturday, the 168th Area Support Medical Battalion and Area IV Morale, Welfare and Recreation will team up for the third year running to conduct a peninsula-wide Cancer Awareness Relay Event at the Camp Walker Airfield. Teams consisting of five-12 persons are invited to run, walk or wheelchair around the track for 21 consecutive hours, leaving one member of the team on the track at all times.

Because this is a community event rather than a sporting event, anyone and everyone is invited to sign up. In preceding CARE events, more than 300 people have formed teams from businesses, military units, friends, families, churches and schools.

This year the goal is to double the total number of participants by encouraging more local national teams to register.

“Because the event is combined with the Open House, it will be far easier for Korean teams to enter and exit the event area just inside Gate 4 on Camp Walker,” says Don Cannata, Area IV Directorate of Community Activities. “It’s just as important to promote cancer awareness within our host nation, so the combination of events will be beneficial.”

CARE is modeled on the “Relay For Life” events

conducted throughout the United States as a means of creating awareness and raising funds to support cancer research. The 168th ASMB can’t receive or solicit monetary donations but it can provide information on several nonmilitary organizations to teams and individuals who wish to raise funds.

“The power of CARE is that it allows a community to grieve for those lost to cancer and to celebrate the lives of those who have survived. For the newly diagnosed, CARE may offer a chance to meet someone who has survived the same type of cancer, and for the cancer patient in treatment, CARE provides an opportunity to share with others,” said Capt. Phillip Christy, 168th ASMB logistics officer, “Caregivers also find hope in CARE. These individuals give their time, love and support to friends, family and neighbors who face cancer, and there is a peace of mind knowing that together we can face the challenges ahead.”

Other activities at the event will include games for the kids, demonstrations from community organizations, live music, food and beverage vendors, exhibitions and a community health fair with representatives from the Army medical department and local Daegu hospitals.

Registered teams with authorized access to U.S. military installations can use the transient barracks, bring tents to set up in the designated area or use the Kelly Fitness Center for lodging.

For more information, or to register a team, contact Maj. Larry Patterson at larry.patterson@kor.amedd.army.mil, Capt. Phillip Christy at Phillip.Christy@kor.amedd.army.mil or Capt. Bryan Thomas at Bryan.Thomas@kor.amedd.army.mil. Korean speakers should contact Kim, Kok-Chi at 053-470-4392.

E-mail BaekL@usfk.korea.army.mil

Army One Source and red roses highlight Camp Hialeah Military Spouse Day luncheon

Story by Joan T. Kim

Army Community Service director, Camp Hialeah

CAMP HIALEAH—Installation spouses were honored at the Camp Hialeah Army Community Service conference room May 7 at the Military Spouse Day and Army One Source Luncheon.

In keeping with President Ronald Reagan’s proclamation of May 23, 1984, Camp Hialeah’s Army Community Service sponsored a special event that included staff briefings on Army Community Service and Child and Youth Services programs in conjunction with the hands on “walk-through” of Army One Source. Spouses were welcomed and honored by Lt. Col. Jeffery Ludwig, Camp Hialeah installation commander.

Ludwig thanked the Camp Hialeah military spouses for their compassion and for the sacrifices they make, ending his words of appreciation with the special story of the creation of the “military spouse” by an unknown author.

The U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center is the Department of the Army’s proponent agency that implemented the new interactive, integrated Web site, the

Army One Source, to address the emerging concerns of today’s military families in quick response to requests for resources, assistance, support and information.

AOS provides a comprehensive scope of specialized services provided in more than 140 languages that are simultaneously translated and accessible to low-vision and sensory-limited individuals through special venues and by multi-cultural, multilingual, credentialed and licensed professional staff.

The Korea Region Office, Yongsan, provided resources and the training information on the AOS to implement the day’s event. Camp Hialeah spouses were briefed by ACS staff on their respective programs. As the attendees watched the logon, registration and “walk-through” to access AOS were provided by Relocation Readiness manager, Steven Wegley, to spouse Banji Pratt. He explained that the program includes family readiness groups, moderated chatrooms, military resources, self-assessment tools and life workshops. Deployment and mobilization coordinator and military spouse, Tanjy Bates, hosted the day’s training. Expressing her support of the program, Bates explained that she enjoys doing something that “reaches out

to help people.”

At the luncheon following, each spouse was presented a red rose tied with a yellow ribbon to symbolize the compassion, challenges and commitment of the military spouse as they await the return of their deployed spouses.

Army Community Service director, Joan Kim, explained that while services are available through ACS, “The crux of AOS is that services are accessible and available (24 hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days a year) to anyone, anytime, anywhere and for any contingency.”

She explained further that informed spouses are prepared spouses. AOS training will be taken to the units and to the community. Individual and group training and information regarding AOS are available by calling Camp Hialeah ACS at 763-3571.

Editor’s note: *Military Spouse Day is held in recognition of the importance of spouse commitment to the readiness and well-being of servicemembers on active duty and in the National Guard and Reserve.*

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Families see KATUSAs' daily life

Story, photos by Cpl. Lee Hyun-suk

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS — The 501st Military Intelligence Brigade annually hosts the Korean Augmentation to the United States Army Family Day on May 8, or Korean Parents' Day. This year, more than 190 family members of KATUSA Soldiers from the brigade participated in this event.

Many activities were scheduled for the family and friends of the KATUSA soldiers, including a windshield tour of the installation, a welcome ceremony, walking tour of the Camp Humphreys downtown area, lunch at the Flaming Dragon dining facility, barracks tour and a 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion flight line tour. The day ended with an awards and promotion ceremony.

A U.S. Soldier acted as a sponsor for each KATUSA Soldier whose family and friends came to visit. Sponsors guided visitors around the installation. They also assisted in a KATUSA

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Sgt. Justin Williams, Company A, 527th Military Intelligence Battalion, shows Pvt. Hong Han-Sul, Company B, 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion, and his family the different firearms on display.

Heads up



Area I Far East District men's volleyball team (foreground) competes against Service Battery 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, Camp Hovey, during the consolation round of the 8th U.S. Army volleyball championships held May 13-Saturday Camp Humphreys.

Wonju units host picnic for orphaned children

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS — It was hard to tell who had a better time May 2 when the Camps Long and Eagle Chapel hosted a picnic for 30 children from Sim-Hyang Orphanage in Wonju.

The Camp Long Dental Clinic staff of the 618th Theater Dental Command also taught the children about oral health and well-being by giving each a dental kit and showing them how to use disclosing tablets, toothbrushes and floss.

Capt. Kim Suk, chaplain for Camps Long and Eagle, credited teamwork from numerous units as

the key to the successful event.

Soldiers from Company B, 304th Signal Battalion raised money to buy gifts for each child. The Camps Long and Eagle Sub-Directorate of Public Works, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Public Affairs Office and Camp Humphreys Army Community Service were contributors to the picnic.

Capt. Erik Green, commander of Company B, 304th Signal Battalion, summed up the day's event. "Soldiers who are away from their families and children embraced the opportunity to spend time with the orphans."

System allows customers to voice suggestions

Story by Steve Davis

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS — Three small blue boxes get priority treatment at the Camp Humphreys Health Clinic.

"These suggestion boxes are a direct link to the community," said Maj. Mark Evans, head nurse and patient representative at the clinic operated by

Company C, 168th Medical Battalion.

The boxes are displayed prominently in several areas of the clinic, including the foyer by the main door.

"We average about 25 cards a month," said Evans, referring to customer comment cards completed and dropped into a box. "Some are

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Individual Fitness

Get in shape with a variety of free classes offered by Morale, Welfare and Recreation. All classes are held at the Community Activities Center.

Mondays:

Cardio kickboxing at 9:15 a.m.
Water aerobics at 1 p.m.
Yoga at 5:45 p.m.
Aerobics combo at 7 p.m.

Tuesdays:

Body sculpting at 9:15 a.m.
Water aerobics at 1 p.m.

Wednesdays:

Yoga at 5:45 p.m.
Aerobics combo at 7 p.m.

Thursdays:

Step aerobics at 9:15 a.m.
Yoga at 5:45 p.m.

For more information call 753-8825.

Camp Humphreys Digital Photofest

A digital photography contest will be held until June 27 for all U.S. and Korean military personnel, civilian employees and family members.

Categories are people and such; places to go; and, things to do. Entries must be 8 by 10 prints. Entries are limited to three photos per person per category. Winners will advance to the Korea Region contest.

Airport Shuttle

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

Free Patch Sewing Service

Area III officer and enlisted Soldiers who have just arrived or have just been promoted may take their uniforms to the Post Exchange sewing shop concession and get their patches sew on for free.

Permanent Change of Station of promotion orders and a valid military ID card are required along with the uniforms and patches. Contact unit command sergeants major supply sergeants for details.

Reading Contest Winners Announced

Winners of a reading contest sponsored by Burger King and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service for Humphreys American Elementary School students were announced at a April 24 ceremony in the Youth Services gymnasium.

Winners from each grade were: kindergarten, Clayton Jessee; first-grade, Joshua Shelton; second- grade, Ashley Alonso Holtorf; third- grade, Justin McRee; fourth-grade, Katherine Alonso Holtorf; fifth-grade, Joy Caluma; and sixth-grade, Kailea Greig. The grand prize winner was Stephen Meadows, a second-grader, who read 85 books in 30 days.

The contest ran for 30 days in February and March.

Committee hosts Soldiers for festival

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS — The Asian Organizing Committee for Hero Admiral Yi Festival hosted 40 Soldiers from Camp Humphreys April 24 for the 43rd Admiral Yi Festival.

The day began with a bus ride to Hyeonchung-sa Shrine dedicated to Admiral Yi Sun-sin.

Yi, a 16th century Korean naval hero, is most closely associated with the "turtle ships." These fast and maneuverable ships covered by ironclad roofs studded with pointed rivets were instrumental in defeating the Japanese navy during an invasion of Korea between 1592 and 1598, according to Korean history.

After touring the grounds of the shrine, Soldiers visited an exhibit dedicated to the turtle ships and were greeted by Kim Young-sung who is building two one-fifth scale replicas of the turtle ships.

Kim, president of the Battleship Model Association, explained the features and building

techniques of the ships to the Soldiers.

Following a traditional Korean lunch, Soldiers toured the Oeam Folk Village. This village is a living museum dating back to the 16th century. As Soldiers walked along a dirt path through the village, they got a chance to see what life was like five centuries ago. The houses, some about 500 years old, are occupied and maintained in traditional ways including thatched roofs of rice straw on some of them.

During the day, Soldiers were accompanied by volunteers Kim Yeon-kwang, an eighth-grader from Onyang Middle School, and his mother Go Sam-sook. They saw the day as an opportunity for Kim to improve his English skills and get to know some of the Soldiers.

Before the bus returned to Camp Humphreys, the Soldiers stopped at Spavis spa and water park to relax.

Sgt. 1st Class Gary Jones, 501st Signal Company, expressed the feelings of many of the Soldiers when he said, "I'm going to try to come back."

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awards and promotion ceremony held inside the flight-line hangar of the 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion.

Command Sgt. Maj. Domenic J. Romanello, 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion, and Command Sgt. Maj. David J. Thomas, 527th Military Intelligence Battalion organized KATUSA Family Day. It was "an annual way of recognizing the parents, siblings, and friends of our KATUSA Soldiers and provide an opportunity for them to see first-hand what their sons do in our brigade," the two organizers said. "Within the recent turmoil of anti-(U.S.Forces Korea) sentiments, this will enable the families and friends of our soldiers to go back home with positive feelings about our role in Korea," they said.

When Jung Myung-ho, father of Sgt. Jung Hyuk-jin, 527th Military Intelligence Battalion, was asked how he enjoyed his day, he said, "As my second visit to Camp Humphreys, this visit is much different from my last visit and also any other visits I may make later. Today was a unique opportunity to be able to see what my son does and who he works with. From what I've seen, I can say that he is in very good hands!"



Above — Guests at the annual KATUSA Family Day get a close look at a UH-60 Blackhawk.



Left — Sgt. Daniel Park (left) and Cpl. Kong Dae-won, Company A, 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion, enjoy KATUSA Family Day with friends.

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complaints or suggestions. Some are compliments."

Evans acknowledged that the majority are complaints or suggestions.

"We are always happy when we discover a compliment," he said.

Evans said compliments are always shared with the clinic staff, which sees from 60-80 patients each day.

"The clinic staff is always grateful when they get a compliment," said Evans.

Some comments are the unsigned "drop-and-run" variety from Soldiers, Department of Defense civilians, contractors or family members who wish to remain anonymous.

"Even if the card is not signed, we act quickly on the complaint or suggestion," he said.

Though he respects anonymous comments, Evans said he appreciates cards that are signed and have a contact phone number. "That way, I can work directly with a patient to solve the problem," he said.

Signed or unsigned, each comment is immediately entered into a

database and read at a monthly conference call between the clinic staff and the battalion commander.

Evans said comments or complaints normally fall into three general categories. Some deal with procedural issues like appointments or scheduling. Some deal with personality issues or conflicts that sometimes occur. Others address staff or patient education issues.

Whatever the issue, Evans takes it seriously. He prefers that people notify him immediately if they are having a problem.

"I have an open door policy for people who need to talk with me personally," he said. "If I'm available, I'll talk to them right away. Otherwise, I try to get back in touch with them within 24 hours if they leave their name and phone number."

Most of the time, Evans said, problems can be resolved by good communications.

His advice: "Don't sit on a problem. Let us know. We are trying to make the clinic better."

Around Area III



PHOTO BY CPL. LEE HYUN-SUK



PHOTO BY MAJ. AMY J. PARKER



PHOTO BY SUSAN BARKLEY

Above, left — Pfc. Choi Hong-kyu, 501st Military Intelligence Brigade, and his mother and sister study a humvee's features.

Above, right — Soldiers from 618th Theater Dental Command's Camp Long Dental Clinic show children from Sim-Hyang Orphanage in Wonju the basics of good dental health. The children were guests May 2 at a picnic and day of fun hosted by the Camps Long and Eagle community.

Left — Matthew McEldowney, a first-grader at Humphreys American Elementary School, distributes gifts for the teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 3-7



Soldiers help beautify Waegwan

Story by Cpl. Ohn Sang-joon

Camp Carroll Community Relations Office

CAMP CARROLL – Twenty-three U.S. Soldiers from nine Camp Carroll units joined more than 20 women leaders from the Chilgok County Saemaul Association to pick up litter and debris along the roads near Camp Carroll May 12.

The activity was coordinated by Pak Chong-ku, Camp Carroll community relations officer, as a part of the installation's annual spring cleanup.

“(Tenant units like the) 23rd Chemical Battalion have been doing good community relations work, such as (the) Nakdong River cleanup. However, this is one of the first times we've come out as an installation to do something in the community,” said Maj. Gary E. Spearow, Camp Carroll deputy installation manager. “This is a small way of saying thank you to the Waegwan community, which is always supporting of Camp Carroll.”

“There were a couple of cleanup activities where Camp Carroll Soldiers and the local community worked together before. These kinds of activities build up a positive attitude toward U.S. military among local residents,” said Kum Byung-sun, Waegwan vice mayor.

Camp Carroll officials sought a community partner through the Waegwan town office. Camp Carroll was subsequently introduced to the Chilgok



PHOTO BY PFC. OH DONG-KEUN

Pfc. Joshua Dickie, 307th Signal Battalion, and a Saemaul Association member pick up some litter in a ditch along the road.

County Saemaul Association, which is one of the largest women's organizations in the county and one of the most active civil organizations in the community.

“Chilgok County Saemaul Association is doing environment protective activities monthly. We also worked with Camp Carroll on a Nakdong Riverside beautification (project) recently.” said Shin Kyong-ok, president of Waegwan branch, Chilgok County Saemaul Association. The association provided trash bags, gloves and tongs for the clean-up effort.

Despite rainy weather, the soldier volunteers enjoyed the experience.



PHOTO BY CPL. OHN SANG-JOON

A Camp Carroll soldier picks up trash with a Saemaul Association members.

“It is nice to be out here with native Koreans, working with them, talking with them,” said Pfc. Joshua Dickie, a networking specialist with Company B, 307th Signal Battalion.

“I want the soldiers to be able to know that they don't have to stay on post to do good things. It's good to get out in the community. It teaches civic responsibilities,” said Spearow. “Hopefully, when they go back to the states, they will become more active in their local communities as well.”

Shin, who has a daughter who studied in the United States for a year, talked about the Chilgok County Saemaul Association working with U.S. Soldiers in the future.

“Since U.S. Soldiers don't have good understanding of Korean culture and vice versa, I hope we could have a cultural exchange program,” Shin said. “We will plan to have U.S. Soldiers visit local Korean families having meals together, staying with them for a day learning about each other.”

Daegu food fest offers a taste of Korea

Virginia Garcia (right), wife of Adam Garcia, 19th Theater Support Command, makes a batch of kimchee Saturday during the 2004 Suseong Deurangil Food Festival in Daegu. The fest, which drew thousands of visitors, included live entertainment, a parade and free food samples from hundreds of restaurants and vendors.



PHOTO BY GALEN PUTNAM

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3rd Annual Armed Forces Day Open House

The Area IV Support Activity is hosting the third annual Armed Forces Day Open House 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday at the Camp Walker Army Heliport. The event is open to the public and features static displays of Republic of Korea and U.S. Army aircraft, tactical vehicle systems and equipment, children's games, food and refreshments. Bags and containers of any type will not be permitted inside the heliport. U.S. personnel may enter through Camp Walker Gate 9, and Korean citizens may enter through Camp Walker Army Heliport Gate 7. For more information, call Capt. Matthew Bowman at 764-4345.

Finance Closure

The Detachment C, 176th Finance Battalion will be closed Monday and Tuesday for the brigade change of command at Yongsan Garrison. The emergency point of contact for those days will be Staff Sgt. Maya McMahan at 768-7022. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Kenyon Porter at 768-8447.

Embassy Reps in Busan

Officials from the U.S. Embassy will be in Busan 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Thursday and May 28 to offer passport, voting, federal benefits, immigration and other services to American citizens. They will be at the American Corner of the Busan Metropolitan Simin Municipal Library. For more information, call American Citizen Services at the U.S. Embassy in Seoul at 02-397-4383 or visit the Embassy's website at www.asktheconsul.org.

Commissary Caselot Sale

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

Summer Program Registration

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

Area IV "Weight Reduction" Charity Drive

The Area IV Chaplain's Office is hosting a "Weight Reduction" Charity Drive through Monday. Baseball hats, T-shirts and athletic shoes are among the items that can be donated. Items can be donated to all Area IV chapels, including the 19th Theater Support Command chaplain's office and the Cross Cultural Training Center at Camp George. Donations will be accepted only during regular duty hours. For more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Richard J. Bendorf at 764-5455 or a unit chaplain's office.

8th U.S. Army Ball

The 8th U.S. Army Ball will be 6 p.m. June 18 at Grand Hyatt Hotel in Seoul. Uniform for the event will be mess dress, dress blues, or formal class A uniform for Soldiers. Transportation will be provided from Yongsan Garrison. Tickets are on sale now for \$40 per person. For more information, contact unit representatives.

KSCs learn slingload techniques

Story, photos by
Master Sgt. Kimberly A. Williams

19th Theater Support Command Public Affairs Office

CAMP CARROLL — Despite the wind and rain, 16 Korean Service Corps employees at the Material Support Center-Korea had an opportunity to practice their slingloading skills April 27 on the helipad at Camp Carroll.

Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division conduct the training for Material Support Center-Korea on a quarterly basis to make sure the Korean Service Corps employees' slingloading skills stay current, said Steve Cochrane, assistant Korean Service Corps coordinator for Material Support Center-Korea.

In wartime, KSC employees will face the challenge of moving equipment from the Material Support Center-Korea storage facilities to the battlefield by helicopter, which is why this training is so important, said Kim Tae-yong, commander, 37th Korean Service Corps Company.

In addition to the 37th Korean Service Corps Company, employees from the 6th Korean Service Corps Company and the Supply and Transportation Division, Material Support Center-Korea, also participated in the training, Kim said.

Each of the 16 Korean Service Corps employees who attended training work in different jobs within the logistics field, Cochrane said. However, just like Soldiers, Korean Service Corps employees are pulled out from various



Korean Service Corps employees race for cover when the mission is complete.

areas to form special-response teams, such as slingload, decontamination and railroad teams, to prepare for their wartime mission, he said.

In order to make the slingload training realistic, three 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers from the 2nd Forward Support Battalion, Camp Hovey, had the Korean Service Corps employees rig up a load and physically slingload it to a UH-60 Blackhawk.

When rigging a slingload, it is essential to pay attention to detail, said Spc. Rith Roeth, a petroleum supply specialist with Company A, 2nd Forward

Support Battalion.

Roeth said the trainers are primarily looking to see if the Korean Service Corps employees properly conduct four specific steps.

The first step is to make sure the load is centered on the net, he said. Next, the equipment must be securely tied-off, Roeth said. Then, it is essential that the hooks are placed in the proper sequence.

Finally, the reach pendant or "Q-tip", the hook that attaches the load to the helicopter, must be correctly attached to the load, he said.

"Everything has to be in the right place," Roeth said. If not, he said, the load might fall out, causing damage to the equipment.

After some minor corrections to the sequence of the hooks, the trainers gave the Korean Service Corps employees a "go" to slingload the equipment to the helicopter, he said. Teams of four KSCs, supervised by the Soldiers, successfully attached the load to the helicopter four times to complete the training, Cochrane said.

Both the trainers and the Korean Service Corps employees enjoyed the hands-on training. "It's fun when you're doing actual missions," Roeth said. "It keeps you current in your skills."



Korean Service Corps employees stand fast against the wind in preparation for hooking the reach pendant or "Q-tip" to the helicopter.



A Korean Service Corps employee prepares to inspect the rigging equipment.

Gospel play brings Daegu community together

Story, photo by Master Sgt. Kimberly Williams

19th Theater Support Command Public Affairs Office

CAMP WALKER — Nearly 450 people celebrated Mother's Day early by attending one of the two performances of "Mama Mama Me Ma" May 8 at the Kelly Fitness Center.

The professional gospel play, which featured six musical numbers, is the original creation of playwright Maj. Shatrece W. Buchanan, chief of Plans, Policy, Operations and Actions, Personnel Section, 19th Theater Support Command.

"It's about a God-fearing woman who's going through a hard time in her life right now because she's sick in her body," said Staff Sgt. Arnescia Moody, 36th Signal Battalion Theater Network Operations Security Center, who played the central character "Me Ma" in the play. "She's trying to find a way to tell her kids she's dying."

"I think the universal synopsis is that this play illustrates a mother's struggle to unify a family even through the most challenging times," Buchanan said. Across race, religion and color, a mother's heartbeat is colorless, she said.

The play featured 13 primary cast members drawn from Area IV, Buchanan said. The cast members included Soldiers, family members and civilian employees.

The youngest cast member is 8 years old, she added.

Including children in the play was especially important, because Tan Peterson, assistant youth director for the Multicultural Gospel Service, had originally asked Buchanan to write a play focusing on youth, Buchanan said.



"Me Ma", played by Staff Sgt. Arnescia Moody (left), deals with her families' issues as "Grandma," played by Stephanie Aaron, "Nate," played by 2nd Lt. Derwin Bradley, and "Carmen," played by Kandance McFadden, argue in the living room during a production of "Mama Mama Me Ma" May 8 at the Kelly Fitness Center.

"They wanted to do something to synergize the community," she said.

But, when deciding on dates, it turned out the performances would fall on the day before Mother's Day, Buchanan said. "So, we decided to honor mothers, still using youth from post," she said.

During the performance, the actors were accompanied by a live band, which was composed of a keyboard player, saxophone player, bass guitar player and a drummer, Buchanan said.

Both actors and the band were top notch, she said.

"The kids sing very well," Buchanan said. "I think it's better than the Soldier's Show, definitely."

For Buchanan, writing the play fulfilled a promise. "I made a promise six years ago to a young boy that I would write a story about him and the issues he had with his mother, father and grandmother," she said. "I thought this would be a prime opportunity to do that."

The play presented opportunities to the cast as well.

"It's been an inspiration to me, because I didn't think it was something I would ever do," Moody said. "I participated in skits, but never anything like this."

"It's been a lot of work, but I think it's worth it," said Sakira Walker, daughter of Staff Sgt. Winfred and Patricia Walker, 20th Area Support Group.

The audience seemed to agree.

"It's an awesome play," said Staff Sgt. Norman Love, 516th Personnel Support Battalion. "It gives families another entertainment option."

"I thought it was excellent," said Staff Sgt. Monique Webb, 19th Theater Support Command.

Webb said she felt the play's message was extremely relevant to Mothers' Day. As mothers, we have more strength that we are ever aware of."

Overall, the intent to bring the community together was a success.

The Area IV community pulled together to make this play happen, Buchanan said. The play was sponsored by Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers, Association of the United States Army, People to People, the Sergeants Major Association and the Daegu Spouses Association. In addition, Area IV Morale, Welfare and Recreation helped with getting contracts for sound and lights, and the Directorate of Public Works built sets, she said.

"DPW played an instrumental role by building outstanding sets," she added.

Signal soldiers practice air medical evacuation skills

Story by Sgt. Donald Smith

1st Signal Brigade Public Affairs Office

CAMP CARROLL – Faced with an ongoing deterrence mission in Korea and the possibility of someday facing combat in other world regions, the 226th Signal Company, 307th Signal Battalion, conducted aerial medical evacuation training May 4.

The Defense Department reports that more than 4,400 servicemembers have been wounded since the beginning of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. With that in mind, the 226th commander wanted to make sure unit Soldiers knew how to evacuate wounded from the battlefield.

“With things going on like they are in the world, you need to know what is going on with aircraft. You never know when you might have to load one of your buddies,” said Capt. Andre Brown, company commander.

Brown added that because of the large area covered by company elements and the fact that signal battalions don’t routinely have medical specialists attached, they have a huge requirement for combat lifesaver-trained Soldiers and evacuation training is an important part of that program.

The air medical evacuation training, sponsored by the 52nd Medical



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Pfc. Karl Evan, 52nd Medical Battalion crew chief, hoists a volunteer from the 226th Signal Company, 307th Signal Battalion in a litter into a Blackhawk helicopter.

Battalion, prepared the 226th to properly prepare, carry and load wounded comrades onto a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter specifically designed to transport wounded off the battlefield.

Brown said the Soldiers were not only learning to make things as safe as possible for the injured, but for themselves as well. Important aspects of the training included basic aircraft safety and skills such as proper lifting and carrying techniques to prevent back injuries during loading procedures.

Among the participants, Pfc. Jason Leal, a multichannel transmission systems operator with 226th, was not only paying attention to the classes, but looking to the future.

“We need the training,” Leal said. “Not just here, I’m sure everybody will get a chance to do a tour in Iraq.”

After a brief description of how to properly load wounded onto the helicopter, Sgt. Eric Massingalle, a flight medic from the 52nd Medical Battalion, gave an overview of the primary aircraft



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Staff Sgt. Lance Moffatt, a multichannel transmission system operator with the 226th Signal Company, 307th Signal Battalion, secures a fellow Soldier to a litter.

used by the U.S. Army.

The 307th Signal Battalion’s mission is to install, operate and maintain tactical theater command and control communications in support of the United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, United States Forces Korea, 8th U. S. Army and U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command.