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Army to call up 5,600 IRR Soldiers

Story by Joe Burlas

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army plans to order 5,600 Soldiers in the Individual Ready Reserve to active duty for possible deployment with the next Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom rotations.

Mailgrams notifying those Soldiers to expect mobilization orders within a week were expected to hit their mailboxes as early as Tuesday, according to officials who announced the measure in Pentagon press briefing June 30.

Those Soldiers called up will have 30 days from the date the orders were issued to take care of personal business before having to report to a mobilization site, officials said. The orders call for

18 months of active duty, but that could be extended for a total of 24 months if needed, they said.

The IRR call-up does not impact retired Soldiers, contrary to several civilian media reports on the subject that appeared on television and newspapers June 29 and 30.

“We’re dipping into an available manpower pool,” said Robert Smiley, principal assistant for Training, Readiness and Mobilization, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. “This is just good personnel management.”

The IRR primarily consists of Soldiers who have served their contracted time on active duty or in an Army Reserve Troop Program Unit, but still have a military service obligation to

fulfill, said Col. Debra Cook, commander for Human Resources Command – St. Louis, the Reserve’s personnel management center.

Congress mandates under Title 10 of the U.S. Code that all services have an IRR.

Every Soldier, enlisted or commissioned, has an eight-year military service obligation when he or she joins the Army, Cook said. Often, that commitment is divided between active duty or a TPU assignment and the IRR.

“You might have one Soldier sign up for four years on active duty, who then has a four-year IRR commitment, and another Soldier who signs up to serve with a Ready Reserve unit for six years and two years in the IRR — both have IRR commitments to meet their military

service obligations,” Cook said. “The enlistment contract spells out exactly what the division is between how long they serve on active duty or a Ready Reserve unit and how long in the IRR.”

This is not the first time the Army has used the IRR to fill its manpower needs. During the Gulf War, more than 20,000 IRR Soldiers were mobilized and deployed. Since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the Army has called up more than 2,500 IRR Soldiers — the majority through IRR volunteers, though some have been involuntary call-ups.

The main purpose of this IRR call-up is to fill personnel shortfalls in a number of Army Reserve and National Guard units that have been tagged to deploy overseas as part of the OIF 3

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New program to save millions in off-post housing costs

Installation Management Agency-Korea Region Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — More than 3,100 servicemembers and civilian personnel live on the Korean economy in Area II. The annual price tag for off-post rentals in Area II is about \$100 million.

In an effort to curb spending and offer those who are stationed here a better solution to finding off post quarters, Installation Management Agency-Korea Region has begun an experimental program that may save the U.S. government \$25 million, said John Di Genio, management analyst with IMA-Korea Region.

“Servicemembers and civilian employees currently have to deal directly with Korean landlords and real estate agents to get off-post housing,” said Di Genio. “Considering the language barrier and the foreign real estate laws and practices, this can put U.S. personnel at a disadvantage.”

The solution to these and other problems is the Housing Opportunities Made Easy Program, which is set to kick off on Monday.

“The purpose of HOME is to obtain quality housing on the local economy at more reasonable prices,” said Di Genio. “To that extent, (IMA-Korea Region) has entered into a 24-month agreement with Korea Region Property Management to accommodate

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Feeling good



Dallas Cowboy cheerleader Emily Kuchar wraps a boa around Sgt. Shone Warren, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment during the Wayne Newton Independence Day performance at Camp Casey Sunday. See Pages 16 and 17 for more.

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MP Blotter

Commentary

Most Iraqis appreciate U.S. help — contrary to news

By Bonnie Murphy

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

■ A military police investigation revealed that a servicemember illegally entered a barracks room that was unsecured and unattended and began to defecate and urinate on the floor. Afterward, the servicemember exited the room unclothed and began to walk down the hall where he was stopped and detained by barracks personnel. The servicemember was then transferred to the provost marshal office, where he was administered a series of field sobriety tests, which he failed. The servicemember was then transported to a Troop Medical Clinic, where he was administered a command-directed legal breath alcohol test by on-duty medical personnel with results pending. The servicemember was released to unit afterwards. This is an alcohol-related incident.

■ A military police investigation revealed that two servicemembers were involved in a verbal altercation with an airman that turned physical when the two servicemembers struck the airman several times in the head and body with closed fists, knocking him to the floor. The airman was stabbed during the altercation by the servicemembers. He was transported to the emergency room where he was treated for two lacerations on his right arm, one laceration on his chest and a laceration in the abdomen that punctured his bladder. The assailants were searched, apprehended and transported to the provost marshal office. One servicemember was identified to be under the legal age allowed to consume alcoholic beverages. Both servicemembers were advised of their legal rights, which the underage assailant waived rendering a written sworn statement. Both were processed and released to their units.

■ The military police were notified by Army and Air Force Exchange Service security that a shopper at a post exchange removed two compact discs from the store without rendering proper payment. AAFES security detained the suspect until military police arrived. She was then transported to the provost marshal office where she was advised of her legal rights, which she waived in the presence of her sponsor. She rendered a sworn statement admitting to the above offense. The offender was further processed and released to her sponsor.

BALAD, Iraq — I'm appalled at the "news" as it's reported from Iraq.

Just as disturbing is the lack of knowledge a lot of people have about what's really going on, why we're there, and what it's really like. I'd like to set the record straight.

My job as an environmentalist is primarily the protection of the environment and the disposal of Department of Defense-generated hazardous wastes. I volunteered to go to Iraq, and last December I was selected to set up the first disposal operations in the forward deployed area.

I have been stationed at Balad Air Base and LSA Anaconda since Dec. 28. On several occasions, my work has taken me to Baghdad. I extended my initial tour from 120 days to 155 days, and June 7, I went back to Baghdad for six more months.

Ninety-five percent of the Iraqi people want us there, and it's only a handful of insurgents with weapons who are attacking our bases, convoys and troops. The older generations say that although they may never see the freedoms we're trying to bring to their country, they know their children will enjoy the rights that we take for granted in this country.

I've had the opportunity to meet and speak with day laborers coming on Anaconda. They are grateful for the work and pay they receive. Men have taken my hand with tear-filled eyes and thanked me because they can now provide for their families — something they couldn't do when Saddam was in power. I've

met engineers, pilots and well-educated men who, for the first time since Saddam took office, are returning from self-imposed exile to their homeland and are able to find work on our many U.S. bases.

Before I left Balad, I was able to coordinate the donation of \$3,500 of hospital disinfectant and dental amalgam to the local hospital from the Defense and Reutilization and Marketing Services inventory of excess property. Our Balad team of doctors and medics make regular scheduled visits to the surrounding communities to provide medical care and assistance to the people and teach new technologies to Iraqi medical personnel.

People are being taught field sanitation and hand-washing techniques to prevent the spread of germs. About 400,000 children have now received up-to-date immunizations. And 100 percent of the existing hospitals are now open and staffed, compared to 35 percent before the war.

I've met some wonderful soldiers serving in Iraq. As a nation, we should all be proud and supportive of the mission, Operation Iraqi Freedom.

I believe in my job, my country, and I want my grandchildren to always be able to enjoy their freedoms. That's why I'm going back.

Editor's note: Bonnie Murphy is a Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service employee who volunteered to go to Iraq in December.

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Morning Calm Weekly Soundoff:

Where would you like your next duty station to be?



"Germany, I want to travel more" — Sgt. Ryan Winterburg, Joint Security Area



"Fort Huachuca, Ariz. My wife would like to go there." — Sgt. Joseph A. Cardone III, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 8th Personnel Services Command, Camp Coiner



"Hawaii because it's a beautiful place" — Sgt. Gregory D. Tucker, 25th Transportation Battalion, Yongsan



"I'd like to stay in Korea because it's a beautiful country." — Pfc. Michael Gill, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 52nd Medical Battalion, Yongsan

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NEWS & NOTES

Gift Shop to Close

The Chosun Gift Shop will be closed in July. It will reopen Aug. 4 and continue regularly scheduled hours:

Wednesday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Free DMZ Tour for Students

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

COLA Decreases

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

176th FINCOM Services

The 176th Finance Battalion's customer service section will be closed today for an organizational day.

In and Out Processing stations will have limited services.

Shoppette Closure

The Yongsan South Post Shoppette and Charley's Steakery will be closed Sunday for organization day activities.

Resumix

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Correction

The front page photo credit for the July 2 edition was not correct. The photo was taken by Pvt. Kenneth Tuck.

News & Notes Deadline

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

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

Officials: Communication key to GTCC success in Korea

Story by Sgt. Andrew Kosterman

Korea Region Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — The 8th U.S. Army has had success in reducing the number of Government Travel Charge Card delinquency rates in the past few months according to the 8th U.S. Army GTCC Program manager.

"In order for 8th Army to maintain its momentum in becoming one of the best performing (major commands) for the GTCC program, we must continue to educate our leadership about the importance of this convenience and the impact nonpayment has on one's financial future," said Betty Davis.

Personal credit reports are affected by one's GTCC. Not paying bills on the GTCC can reflect negatively on this report.

To prevent receiving negative reports, Davis said there are some things that servicemembers must do.

"When you receive a past due notification, listen to it," said Davis. "You are receiving the notice because your agency program coordinator for the GTCC has your name on a past due listing."

Davis added that it is possible for you to have paid your bills and not be listed as paying. The best thing to do is double check.

However, there are reasons why someone may not pay a GTCC bill. One of these reasons may be that the government hasn't paid for temporary duty travel. The GTCC is not

authorized for permanent change of station travel.

If there are problems with being reimbursed for TDY, Davis said contact with the finance office or the GTCC program representative within the unit.

"Don't assume that your voucher is being processed after five days if you have not received notification of payment," said Davis. "Check to determine if it has been processed or if there is a problem. The longer you wait the more delinquent you become."

If an individual is having difficulties and is at the 90-day delinquent mark, that person should initiate contact with the bank and explain the circumstances, said Davis.

Once the person hits 120 days, there is no going back.

"If you do a phone or online payment, you may be able to prevent the salary offset proceedings from taking place," said Davis.

Communicating to the bank and the APC will help to assist an individual that would otherwise be looked upon as an account holder who is failing to pay their debts, said Davis.

Cardholders may make payments online at www.myeasypayment.com. The service is free and provides the balance of held accounts.

Payments by phone can be done by calling on the defense switch network. Dial 550-4663 to access the operator and then dial 1-800-472-1424.

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'Watchdog' Brigade gets new commander

Story by Spc. Alex Licea

8th Military Police Brigade Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — Col. Falkner Heard III became the new 8th Military Police Brigade commander and 8th United States Army, U.S. Forces Korea, Combined Forces Command and United Nations Command provost marshal during a change of command ceremony, July 1 at Knight Field.

Heard replaced Col. Peter M. Champagne, who will be assigned to the Pentagon as a deputy to the provost marshal's general office in Washington D.C.

Heard, a native of San Antonio, began his military career at Fort Bragg, N.C., serving as a platoon leader for the 21st MP Company. During his time at Fort Bragg, he also served as a training officer for the 503rd MP Battalion and commanded the battalion's headquarters detachment.

He was reassigned to Fort McClellan, Ala., where he assumed duties as a member of the tactical operations branch at the U.S. Army Military Police School. Subsequently, he performed duties as a company commander and training officer for the 795th MP Battalion.

In April 1989, Heard was assigned as an exchange officer with the British Army in Tidworth, England, where he deployed to Southwest Asia as part of the British contingent in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Upon completion of his exchange tour, Heard served as the III Corps staff officer at Fort Hood, Texas. After graduation from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College he was assigned to the 1st MP Brigade at Fort Lewis, Wash.

During his tenure he assumed duties as the Provost Marshal Operations officer and then as a battalion executive officer to the 704th MP Battalion.

Upon completion Heard was assigned as a member of the Army Staff, office of the deputy chief of staff for operations and plans at the Pentagon.

Following his assignment at the Pentagon, Heard commanded the 76th MP Battalion at Fort Bliss, Texas, where he also served as the installation's provost marshal.

Following his command, he was assigned to Saudi Arabia serving as a military advisor to the Saudi "Special Brigade" that protects the crown prince of Saudi Arabia.

His previous assignment before commanding the "Watchdogs" was serving as the deputy director, Plans and Operations of the Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

Heard has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology from Texas A&M

University, a Master of Arts Degree in Clinical Psychology from St. Mary's University and a Master's in Strategic Studies from the Army War College.

Heard's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with five oak-leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal with bronze star, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with two stars, Overseas Ribbon with numeral two, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), the British Gulf Medal, the Air Assault Badge and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

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Why Korea Is the Duty Assignment of Choice



Family members of Maj. Chris Bland, Korean Service Corps Battalion executive officer, enjoy the newly constructed Burke Towers at Yongsan.

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and OEF 6 rotations planned for late fall, Smiley said. Many of the personnel shortfalls are for Soldiers already assigned to the deploying units who are not deployable due to medical, family or legal issues, he said.

The actual mobilization and deployment requirement is for about 4,400 Soldiers, but personnel officials expect to find some of the IRR Soldiers with similar medical, family and legal issues that may keep them from being deployable.

Historically speaking, the Army needs to mobilize about 13 IRR Soldiers to get 10 deployable Soldiers, said Raymond Robinson, G1 chief of Operations.

The called-up IRR Soldiers will spend about 30 days at a mobilization installation, getting checks to see if they are qualified for deployment, getting individual weapons qualification, conducting Common Task Testing and receiving training in a number of warrior tasks that reflect the realities of today's operating environment, including how to recognize an

improvised explosive device and reacting to an ambush.

Those who do not pass the readiness muster at the mobilization installation for reasons including anything from medical and legal reasons to physical challenges may be disqualified and sent home, Robinson said. Those who pass the muster will be sent on to military occupational specialty schools to get refresher training normally lasting between two to four weeks. The final stop is joining the deploying unit at least 30 days before deployment for collective training as a unit.

While the specific jobs the called-up Soldiers will fill are varied, Cook said the heaviest requirements include truck drivers, mechanics, logistics personnel and administrative specialists.

"We will not deploy any Soldier who is not trained or ready," said Bernard Oliphant, deputy for the Army Operations Center's Mobilization Division, G3.

As of June 22, the IRR contained slightly more than 111,000 Soldiers.

Housing

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the off-post housing needs of U.S. military and civilian personnel in Area II."

KRPM has an office in the Army Community Service building, and will offer a one-stop for all servicemembers' housing needs, said Di Genio. The property management company will provide a Web site that lists quarters that are available for lease in the Yongsan area. The site – www.usfkhousing.com – is scheduled to be running Monday.

"Essentially, U.S. civilian employees and servicemembers who know that they'll be living off post can look at available housing even before arriving in Korea," said Di Genio.

KRPM will serve as a "middleman" to bring real estate agents, property owners, financial institutions, and prospective tenants together. It will assist landlords to get "chunsae," or, "key money," loans from Korean financial institutions.

In turn, the property management company subleases the apartments to U.S. personnel, said Di Genio. Allowances for quarters are used to pay the interest on those loans. Korean landlords get an interest free loan for the term of the lease, and U.S. personnel deal directly with KRPM instead of the landlord.

KRPM offers services that help enhance the quality of life for servicemembers and civilian employees in the Seoul area.

"The simplified process and the many services that the KRPM offers will help to make Yongsan the assignment of choice," said Di Genio.

KRPM will take prospective tenants to the

quarters they are interested in leasing. It will also get the quarters ready for servicemembers, said Di Genio. In the past, this was done by the landlord.

Other services provided by KRPM include a 24-hour bilingual hotline for tenants to report emergency repairs or other problems and monthly statements in English. Languages offered on the hotline are English and Korean.

Services such as telephone, cable TV, dry cleaning and water delivery will be provided by the company.

Currently, a directive is being staffed to make HOME mandatory for servicemembers, said Di Genio. Civilian employees are encouraged to participate in the program.

Servicemembers currently in leases will be exempt from the proposed policy. However, anyone can volunteer to participate in HOME. KRPM can arrange for moves to a new residence.

"HOME, through KRPM, helps to build lasting partnerships and cooperation among Korean firms to provide good housing at reduced costs," said Di Genio.

Any real estate agent that wishes to register his company and properties with KRPM may participate, said Di Genio. So far, 40 real estate agents have registered 250 properties with KRPM.

If the program is successful in Area II, it will be implemented in the other areas, said Di Genio.

Present arms!

PHOTO BY SGT. ANDREW KOSTERMAN

Soldiers from the United Nations Honor Guard Company present arms during a repatriation ceremony July 1 at Knight Field, Yongsan Garrison.

Warriors celebrate Independence Day with stars

Wayne Newton and friends entertain Soldiers in the field

Story, photos by David McNally
Area I Public Affairs Office

RODRIGUEZ RANGE — Warrior Division Soldiers bound for Iraq celebrated Independence Day with USO entertainers Sunday.

“When I heard you were out here,” Wayne Newton told the troops, “I said this is where we need to be.”

Although heavy rain forced the cancellation of an outdoor performance, the entertainers met with more than 1,400 Soldiers to sign autographs and pose for photographs.

In the first of two sessions, more than 700 2nd Brigade Combat Team Soldiers packed into a dining facility to see the stars.

Newton, the renowned Las Vegas performer and successor to Bob Hope’s role as emissary for the USO, brought

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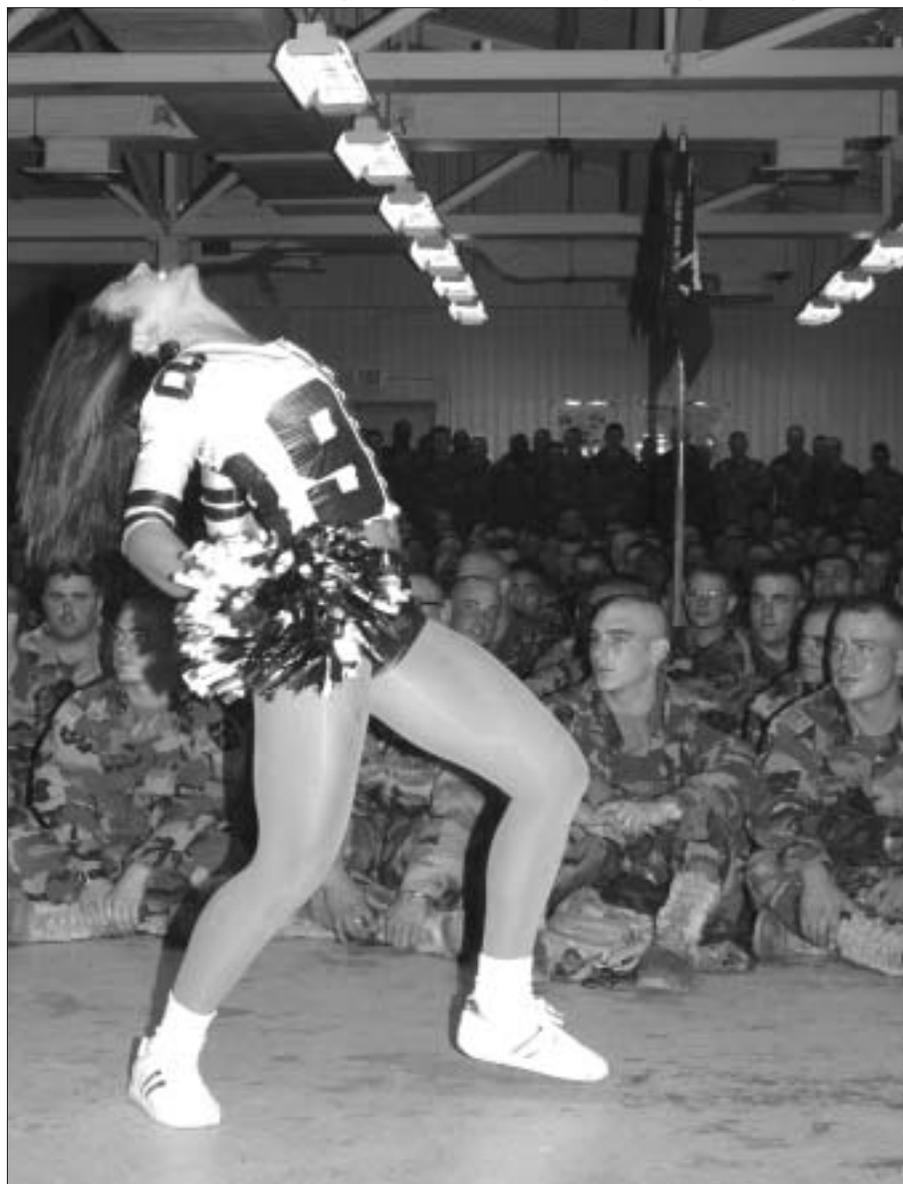
Las Vegas entertainer Wayne Newton speaks to Iraq-bound Soldiers of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team Sunday at Rodriguez Range.



More than 700 Soldiers listen to Wayne Newton before one of two autograph sessions.



Dallas Cowboy cheerleader Laura Beke laughs during a visit with Warrior Division troopers.



Laura Beke mesmerizes 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers during a mini-performance Sunday.



Miss USA 2004 Shandi Finnessey poses with Pfc. Brian Clark and Wayne Newton.

NEWS & NOTES

Red Cross

The Red Cross office at Camp Howze is closed. Contact the Camp Casey Red Cross office for any questions or concerns at 730-3246 or 730-3184.

Safety Course

Before assuming command, company commanders must complete an online company commander's safety course at https://www.aimsrdl.atpsc.army.mil/secured/addp_top.htm or <https://www.atrs.army.mil>. Additional-duty unit safety officers and noncommissioned officers must complete the course within 30 days after receipt of orders.

Automated Risk Assessment

Before leave, pass, temporary duty travel or permanent change of station, commanders, leaders and supervisors must apply an automated risk assessment on Soldiers. The assessment is online at <https://safety.army.mil/home.htm>. Users must have an Army Knowledge Online account. Click on toolbar, then ASMIS-1 Risk Assessment Tool.

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Warrior Division Triathlon Team Championship

Race day registration is 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. July 17 at the Camp Casey Hanson Field House. The race starts 9 a.m.

Warrior Division Women and Men Senior Softball Championship

The championship is open to post-level women and men, age 33 plus, July 17-18 at Camp Red Cloud.

World Racquetball Championships

The Korean Racquetball Federation will host the 12th World Racquetball Championships July 31 - Aug. 6 at the Anyang Youth Center and Seoul Cultural and Education Center. Admission for all U.S. Forces Korea personnel is free. For more information, call 011-9152-1990.

Women's Equality Day Run

A Women's Equality Day run is scheduled 6 a.m. Aug. 25 for Area I and 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers at Camp Red Cloud.

EEO - POSH Training

The Equal Employment Office will conduct Prevention of Sexual Harassment training 8 – 10 a.m. for supervisors and 10 a.m. – noon for non-supervisors Aug. 26 at the Camp Red Cloud Army Learning Center, Building S-58, Room 210.

Free DMZ/JSA Tour for USFK Students

An informative summer activity is available for visiting/in-country high school and college students to learn and appreciate the U.S. military

Camp Adventure challenges youth

Story, photo by Pfc. Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP RED CLOUD — Summer vacation is a time most schoolchildren start looking forward to as soon as their winter break is over. For almost three months there is no school, no books and no homework. Most Soldiers, however, don't get the summer months off to spend with their children. So what do military school-age children do while their parents are at work all day?

That's where Stephanie Healy and Heather Lewis come in. They are counsellors with Camp Adventure, a summer program for local military and Department of Defense family members ages 6 to 12. Children are dropped off at the Camp Red Cloud Community Activities Center, where the program is based, at 8:30 a.m. weekdays. They then spend the day playing games and doing fun activities.

"We do a lot of arts and crafts, science experiments and go

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Chris Koslosky, 9 (right), teaches Andreus Foster, 12, to play chess June 29 at Camp Red Cloud during the Camp Adventure summer youth program.

Golfers welcome renovated course

Story, photo by David McNally

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP CASEY — Warrior Country golfers welcomed the completion of a \$640,000 course renovation with a July 2 ribbon cutting ceremony.

"Before, the course was flat," said Pak Song-yong, Camp Casey Golf Course assistant manager. "Now, it is a very challenging course."

Pak said the contractors laid sod, created new sand traps, and landscaped the course to include more elevation.

"During the renovation we had five holes open," Pak said, "so we only charged half price."

The putting green and driving range remained open during the three-month project.

The Camp Casey course is much better than before said Ray Cragun, the course manager.

"Golf is the fastest growing sport in the United States," Cragun said. "It's affordable, and it's a sport you can play all of your life."

To entice more Soldiers to the game, the Camp Casey Golf Course started offering free lessons two years ago.

"We provide golfers with free lessons, clubs and range balls," Cragun said. "We estimate we've given over 800 lessons."

To prove the tactic works, Cragun offered they have doubled their number of active-duty golfers in the past year.



Area I commander, Col. Jeff Christiansen, prepares to take the ceremonial "first swing" after a \$640,000 renovation to the Camp Casey Golf Course.

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Camp Stanley block party draws crowd



Pfc. Jonathon Ernst, vice president of the Camp Stanley Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers program, barbecues during the July 2 block party.



Road Crew guitarist and vocalist Jimie Rod performs for Camp Stanley Soldiers July 2.

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP STANLEY— The Camp Stanley Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers organization hosted a Camp Stanley block party July 2 to celebrate the holiday weekend.

Area I Morale, Welfare and Recreation officials featured bands for the celebration, Road Crew, Jeff Valdez and Sound Machine.

“It took 20 hardworking BOSS representatives to set this up,” said Pfc. Nagel Pearson, BOSS president. “We’re trying to make this event the best.”



PHOTOS BY DAVID McNALLY

Pfc. Shanon Kopp (left) battles with Pfc. Wendy Zarate with pugil sticks. Both Soldiers are assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Division Artillery.

Camp Red Cloud BOSS hosts holiday kickoff

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

CAMP RED CLOUD— Volunteers from the Camp Red Cloud Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers group hosted a holiday-weekend barbecue July 2 next to the physical fitness center.

“The purpose of the barbecue was to kick off the Area I Independence Day activities,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Yolanda Lomax, Area I BOSS senior enlisted advisor.

Despite the rain, BOSS Soldiers grilled hot dogs and hamburgers for hungry servicemembers.

“We had about 55 Soldiers come by to grab something to eat,” Lomax said.

The barbecue was the first of several Fourth of July weekend celebrations scheduled for Warrior Country.

Many Soldiers said they appreciated the time off. Officials gave Soldiers a four-day weekend for the holiday.



Second Lt. Cormac Smith, Company A, 122nd Signal Battalion (left), gets food from a BOSS representative July 2 at Camp Red Cloud.

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Miss USA, several Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders, Korean-American singer Jenevi Bakch and comedian Lewis Dix to Korea for a series of performances for the U.S. military.

"We have a great country to live in because of what you do," Newton told the Soldiers.

"It was great just to have a little bit of relaxation," said Pvt. Jonathan Daugherty, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment. "Just to see famous people like this come out, kind of makes you feel good about what you're doing."

The sessions lasted long into the afternoon. Newton decided to cancel a scheduled Camp Casey autograph session so they could meet with every available Iraq-bound Soldier at Rodriguez Range.

"I think it was a great thing they did for us to come out and see us and to try and make us feel a little better," said Pvt. James Morris, Headquarters and

Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment. "We have very high morale right now and we're proud to do what we're doing."

Newton also made a personal offer to make a telephone call to family members in the United States. Many Soldiers filled out forms with their family member's information.

"For people like that to say, 'I'll call your family,' that's great," said Pvt. Brandon Fero, Company D, 2nd Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment. "I just think of this as a great blessing for them to come over like this."

At the 7 p.m. Camp Casey performance, Newton apologized for not appearing at the scheduled autograph session.

"I think we did this right thing by staying out at Rodriguez Range," Newton said.

The audience answered him with cheers and applause.

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*Warrior Division
Soldiers listen to
comedian Lewis
Dix during a
Rodriguez Range
autograph session
with Wayne
Newton and
friends Sunday.*



PHOTO BY DAVID MCNALLY

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He said people interested in lessons need to have SOFA status and show up at the Camp Casey Pro Shop at 3 p.m. any Saturday.

The Camp Red Cloud Golf Course offers free lessons as well. The manager, Don Durden, said any SOFA status golfer who wants free lessons can request them at the pro shop.

"I don't know of a better place to learn how to play golf," Durden said. "You can learn golf here for free, and you can play for a reasonable price."

Durden explained how club membership decreases the costs further.

"If you look at a Soldier, a private pays a \$100 membership fee," Durden said. "That membership pays for itself after only 12 rounds."

Besides a round of golf, the Camp Casey course offers a pro shop and restaurant.

"We offer one of the most successful 10-cent wing nights on the peninsula," Cragun said. The Camp Casey Golf Course brings in customers 5 to 7 p.m. every Friday for chicken wings.

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to the gym a lot," said Healy, a nursing student from Iowa. "We go swimming at 1 p.m. four days a week, and on Thursdays, we take field trips."

"Parents are welcome to come on any of the field trips," Healy added. "On Fridays, we have a big barbecue that the parents come to. Last week we had all the parents but one make it."

The children are very well-behaved and seem to enjoy themselves, Healy said.

"We had two boys who came in with the attitude of 'camp sucks,'" she said. "They only signed up for one week because they thought they'd hate it. Now they've signed up for the remaining weeks!"

"I love it," Lewis said. "We're here to have fun and give the children something to do besides watch TV and play Gameboy all day."

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Online learning offers alternative study for servicemembers

Story by Petty Officer 2nd Class David McKee

U.S. Naval Forces Korea Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — Servicemembers trying to find time to take post-secondary courses and prepare to be more competitive for their next promotion or transition back to civilian life may have a difficult time reaching their goals.

The current operational tempo, long work hours, deployments, field training, and for some, family obligations make it tough.

Many of these men and women serving on the peninsula are finding it difficult to attend course lectures taught in a traditional classroom environment and they're looking at alternative ways to earn a post-secondary degree or vocational certificate.

One alternative is distance education.

Distance education has evolved significantly from the days when a student only had the mailman to deliver books. Virginia Steiner, a research associate with Distance Learning Resource Network says that distance education is instructional delivery that does not constrain the student to be physically present in the same location as the instructor, and today allows student to correspond via audio, video and computer technology.

With the demands that are associated with the military — deployments, long hours, field training and much more — servicemembers are seeking new ways

to attain a degree, certificate or enhance their career competitiveness.

According to Family PC Magazine more than one million students take distance learning classes via the Internet.

Kay Kohl, executive director of the University Continuing Education Association in Washington, D.C., says people want and need more alternatives to education than sitting in a class for a predetermined amount of time, and added "they're finding them in the myriad paths that distance education is taking these days."

Throughout the peninsula education service officers, like Lorene Hopkins, educational service officer at Yongsan's education office, have seen a significant increase of military personnel enrolling in distance education courses.

"Since I came to Korea over four years ago ... a tremendous increase in students enrolling in distance education has evolved throughout the peninsula," said Hopkins.

Unlike the traditional college or university classroom, distance learning allows amenability for students to integrate their work life into their academic pursuits and use more than one platform to interact with their instructors. Distance learning is now able to offer tuition assistance to qualified students because of new government regulations.

Distance education is becoming increasingly popular because it offers



PHOTO BY PVT. PARK, YUNG-KWI

Soldiers have access to Web or online education at the Area II Support Activity Education Center.

a credible degree that is comparable to traditional credentials, but also adds flexibility. Hopkins, who has done extensive research as an educator, says distance learning compared to the traditional classroom environment integrates into the service member's military life more fluently than trying to juggle duty with classroom time.

"Traditional education may remain the preferred method but distance learning is the most flexible option. Many institutions provide an education via traditional and distant learning using the same faculty and objectives. If the institution is legitimate and offers the program of interest to the student, there is no reason to feel it is of less quality," Hopkins said.

The Internet has significantly facilitated distance learning and thus provoked tremendous change and experimentation in how education is delivered, says Pam Dixon, a columnist and author of seven books, one of which is "The Virtual College." "The stigma that used to be attached to getting a degree without physically being on a campus exists now," notes Dixon.

Michael Lambert, executive director of the Distance Education and Training Council in Washington, D.C., said, "And when medallion universities like Stanford, Harvard, and Duke entered the distance education arena, it became legitimate overnight."

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Warrant officer recruiting team visits Yongsan

Story by Alex J. Harrington

Area II Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — A recruiting team from the U.S. Army Recruiting Command is visiting Area II to look for qualified candidates to fill warrant officer shortages.

The team will be speaking 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. today and July 16 at the multipurpose training facility on Yongsan South Post.

The warrant officer program is undergoing significant changes, mostly derived from a study by the Army Training and Leader Development Panel that delineated an expanded role for warrant officers.

In the past warrant officers have been perceived as a group between the officer corps and enlisted ranks.

"Warrant officers traditionally have not been treated as part of the officer corps. We've kind of been in this strange gray area between the noncommissioned officer and the regularly commissioned branch officer," said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Albert Eggerton,

the warrant officer personnel policy integrator for the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, G1.

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Andrew Barr, who previously worked in G1 with Eggerton, added, "When Congress and our own leadership look at initiatives for the officer corps, they tend to overlook us because we're so small. We make up less than 2 percent of the Army and less than 14 percent of the officer corps."

The Army is now looking at new ways to enhance the warrant officer program, according to the ATLDP report. Actions include looking at ways to clarify the roles of warrant officers, improving professional development, training and education, and manning.

History of warrant officers

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Julie Reyes, who is a military personnel officer with the 8th Personnel Command, says that the warrant officer ranks can trace their lineage back to the early 1900s.

"The Army began its warrant officer program in

1918 when it established the Army Mine-Planter Service in the Coast Artillery Corps and directed that Warrant officers to serve as masters, mates, chief engineers, and assistant engineers on vessels," said Reyes.

Warrant officers of today

Warrant officers compose about 2 percent of the Army today — active Army, Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve (54, 33, and 13 percent, respectively), according to the ATLDP.

Reyes notes that potential candidates do not need a degree, but some warrant officer specialties require a few classes in post-secondary education.

All warrant officers are well educated, indicated in the ATLDP. Virtually all active-component warrant officers and 56 percent of reserve-component warrant officers have two or more years of college.

For more information about becoming a warrant officer, call DSN 723-5558.

NEWS & NOTES

Women's Summer Bible Study and Fellowship

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

Hazardous Waste Handler's Training

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

Community Health Care Forum

There will be a community health care forum 10 a.m. today at the main conference room of the Army Community Services Building. For more information, call 737-3045.

American Red Cross

There are immediate openings for leadership positions within the American Red Cross Volunteer Program. The following courses are scheduled for July.

- Baby-sitting 9 a.m. - noon. July 16 - 17.
- ARC Orientation 10 a.m. - noon July 19.

For more information, call 738-3760.

U.S. Army Recruitment

A Warrant Officer Recruiting Team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Ft. Knox, Kent, will brief interested servicemembers on qualifications and application procedures on becoming U.S. Army Warrant Officers. Recruitment will be held 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. today and July 16 at the New Balboni Theater. For more information, call 723-5558.

National Kids' Day

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

American Forces Spouses' Club

The American Forces Spouses' Club is seeking organizations or clubs who would be interested in setting up an information table at its annual welcome and sign-up reception. The welcome and sign-up reception will be 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Aug. 31 at the Dragon Hill Lodge. For more information, call 736-8119.

SNGC Nominations

Sung Nam Golf Club is seeking nominations for six at large members. Candidates must be advanced green fee members. Nominations are open to active duty, Department of Defense civilians or family members. Submission should include a short profile with the name, membership network, contact information and short statement for wanting to serve on the council. For more information, call 736-8119.

Commander's Hotline

the e-mail address for the commanders hotline is areaitownhall@korea.army.mil, is available. For more information, call 738-5017.

Korea Theater Support Center

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

McNulty: Trash issue applies to all

By Col. Timothy McNulty
Area II Commander

YONGSAN — After reading the Morning Calm's command information story, "Yongsan faces trash dumping issue" I felt disturbed and questioned "why would our community members dump their personal trash on donated clothes for the needy?"

This is but one example of a growing issue facing our U.S. military personnel and their families, SOFA members and KATUSAs in Area II; an issue that is becoming a big problem for service organizations and businesses that depend on their large trash receptacles to dispose bulk garbage.

So, who is to blame for this problem? We are! Each one of us, who live on- or off-post, must do our part and take pride of where we are stationed and try to keep our installations clean.

Day-to-day ways to help

From a scattering of cigarette butts on the sidewalk to a pile of garbage dumped on sites intended for donated clothes or recyclables, litter and improper disposal of personal trash is a blemish to base beautification.

It drags down our Area II community's image and is dismally contagious - nothing invites people to litter like a place that is already littered.

Most of us have contributed to the problem at one time or another, but fortunately, it is just as easy to be part of the solution:

- Keep small disposable bags handy, especially in your car. Use these to stash trash and recyclables until you find a trash or recycling bin.

- Set a civic-minded tone by refusing to litter, and occasionally pick up and properly discard some of the litter you come across every day.

And what better example to lead

with when living out in the local economy.

When Korean nationals see you, an American, doing your part, you set a positive image for all Americans!

- Know Area II's policy about refuse disposal. You can litter without knowing it.

The loose receipt that falls from your grasp is litter, and whether you intended it or not, it contributes to the degradation of your surroundings.

Your Area II support group spends more than \$2 million annually to contract an outside company to come onto U.S. facilities to collect and dispose our refuse. And the funds expended for the trash disposal services allow certain groups of community members to dispose their personal trash.

In accordance with Standing Operating Procedure No. 39, Refuse Disposal and Collection within Yongsan and Area II, the following individuals are authorized the use of installation trash receptacles:

- U.S. Military personnel
- SOFA members
- KATUSA personnel

But those who are not authorized the use of installation trash receptacles are Korean employees, contractors and local nationals visiting U.S. military installations.

Items not authorized to be disposed of into trash receptacles

The type of refuse that is not authorized to be disposed of into U.S. installation trash receptacles, in accordance with SOP No. 39, is:

- Explosive materials such as mines, hand grenades, bomb shells, igniters, bullets, gunpowder, TNT, weapons, parts of weapons, or any combat gear.

Unit commanders are responsible for disposing of these

items. Call 117, 911 or the Area II fire department immediately upon detection of explosive items dumped in trash can or dumpster.

- Animal carcasses. The 129th Medical Detachment, Yongsan Animal Hospital, is responsible for removing and disposing of animal carcasses.

- Unidentified chemicals, open cans containing oil, gasoline or unidentified liquid chemicals, gas containers containing any amount of propane gas, butane gas or any combustible item.

Call the Directorate of Public Works Environmental office upon detection of any unidentified chemicals found in trash cans or trash receptacles.

- Fluorescent light bulbs. DPW, BURTS Self Help Center and the DPW Electrical Shop are the disposal points for fluorescent light bulbs.

- The 121st Hospital Medical Waste office is responsible for medical waste generated in the hospital, medical clinics and dental offices.

- Any suspicious item for which disposal method is unclear. The DPW Sanitation Branch will assist in determining appropriate disposal method for such items.

- Call the DPW Sanitation Branch office for bulky items such as furniture, microwaves, crates, large boxes, etc., for curbside pickup.

- During the holiday season Christmas trees will be placed next to trash cans or dumpsters for collection.

Remember, U.S. military personnel, SOFA members and KATUSA personnel are the only groups authorized to dispose their refuse.

Always keep in mind that that you and I are responsible of keeping our Area II clean. Take pride of where you are stationed and leave it better for those who will replace you.

Remember, if you're not part of the solution, then you are part of the problem!

For more information about disposing of refuse, call 736-3503.

Education

Distance education offers more possibilities for interaction between students and teacher than the traditional classroom. The instructor has become a guide in the cyber-based classroom rather than simply being a purveyor of knowledge, and facilitates learning by monitoring student's progress online and making recommendations throughout the course to students in writing. Students can view and respond to the instructor or fellow student's online comments any time of the day regarding a specific topic of discussion.

When it comes to facilitating distance education, it looks like the federal government is catching up, too. Two initiatives passed in 1998 under the Higher Education Amendments will "significantly increase the number of students who can benefit from distance education," states a recent Department of Education press release. Because of the Distance Education

Demonstration Programs and the Learning Anytime Anywhere Partnerships program, distance education providers will be able to offer increased federal aid because the restrictions placed on them are being reviewed and changed.

There are caveats to online learning. But these can be overcome if the student has the desire to get their degree in non-traditional manner, officials said.

"The student must be motivated to self study, have good computer skills so they can correspond through e-mail and do research. If the student applies themselves, online learning can be just as beneficial as the classroom," said Hopkins.

Editors Note: Alex Harrington, Area II Public Affairs Office, contributed to this story.

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**Experience
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Cultural Events, Tours and Entertainment

USO Tours

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

■ Fishing Rod and Reel Store – 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

■ Panmunjon (DMZ) and Tunnel – 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday.

■ Olympic Museum Tour – 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Thursday.

■ Bomun Temple – 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. July 16.

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

Royal Asiatic Tour

■ Cholla-Do Tour: Pyonsan Bando National Park, Tamyang Bamboo Museum and Pagoda Valley. Saturday and Sunday.

■ Island Hopping Tour to Chawol-Do. July 17.

■ Island Hopping Tour to Tokchko-Do. July 18.

■ Kumosan and Palgongsan Provincial Park Tour. July 24 - 25.

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

Entertainment

■ Summer Night Jazz - Ronn Branton Jazz Quartet will perform 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Seoul Arts Center. For more information, call 02-888-2698.

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

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

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

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

■ 2004 World Ballet Star Gala Performance will be held 7:30 p.m. Aug. 7 - 8 at the Seoul Arts Center. For more information, call 02-2020-1620.

Distance education: questions to ask

Story by Petty Officer 2nd Class David McKee

U.S. Naval Forces Korea Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — Servicemembers need to ask some basic questions when considering to take a college level course: Do I have enough time? What current commitments do I have to drop? How do I enroll in distance education? Also, consider the following options:

■ Stop by and see an education counselor at the Yongsan Education Office and they will assist you with your questions and educational needs.

■ Most schools have distance learning programs. To find a list of those schools that offer distance learning programs, try the following websites:

- <http://www.petersons.com/about/>
- <http://www.collegejournal.com/>
- <http://www.dlrn.org/>

■ Be prepared to provide high school and previous college transcripts. The college will provide a transcript request form to send to attended high schools, colleges or universities. Transcripts usually arrive within three weeks.

■ Most schools require an application fee between \$30-50.

■ Check with respective branches about tuition assistance. The Navy gets 12 credit hours for each fiscal year, and up to \$250 per credit hour or \$750 for each class. Marines get \$2,500 per fiscal year.

At the Yongsan Education Center, there are digital learning programs from the University of Maryland, Central Texas College, University of Phoenix, Oklahoma University and Troy State University.

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Star-Spangled visitor at Yongsan

Miss USA Shandi Finessey (left) cuddles day-old Maximillian Kincaid Lindenberg during her visit to the 121st General Hospital Monday. Finessey visited with hospital patients and stopped by to see the July Fourth baby of Maj. Andreas Lindenberg (center) and Maj. Liza Lindenberg, both doctors in the 121st General Hospital. Finessey was among the USO entertainers traveling around Korea during the holiday.



PHOTO BY STEPHEN OERTWIG

Engineers pass command baton

Story by Gloria Stanley

Far East District Public Affairs Officer

YONGSAN — Col. Francis X. Kosich, commander, Far East District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will relinquish command to Col. Janice L. Dombi. The change of command ceremony will be held 1 p.m. today at the multipurpose training facility on Yongsan Garrison.

Dombi has had a variety of engineer assignments around the world. Assignments include Dombi's

previous assignments include engineer colonels assignment officer at Personnel Command, Alexandria, Va.; commander, 864th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy), Fort Lewis, Wa.; and as engineer plans officer and secretary of the Joint Staff, United States Southern Command, Republic of Panama and Miami.; She also was associate professor of history at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

Her military education includes the engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Facility Management Course, Command and General Staff

College, and the Armed Forces Staff College. Dombi holds a master's degree in history from North Carolina State University a master's degrees in both management and human resource development from Webster University, and a master's degree in strategic studies from Air University, Montgomery, Ala.

Kosich becomes deputy commander, North Atlantic Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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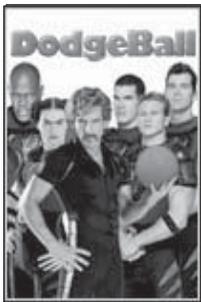
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July 9-15



Location Phone No.	July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13	July 14	July 15
Casey 730-7354	Man on Fire	Man on Fire	Dodgeball	Dodgeball	The Terminal	The Terminal	13 Going on 30
Essayons 732-9008	No Show	The Punisher	No Show	Envy	Garfield: The Movie	No Show	Ella Enchanted
Garry Owen 734-2509	No Show	Garfield: The Movie	Kill Bill Vol. 2	Kill Bill Vol. 2	Ella Enchanted	No Show	Ella Enchanted
Greaves 734-8388	Garfield: The Movie	Kill Bill Vol. 2	Garfield: The Movie	No Show	No Show	Ella Enchanted	Envy
Henry 768-7724	Kill Bill Vol. 2	Garfield: The Movie	Laws of Attraction	Man on Fire	No Show	No Show	No Show
Humphreys 753-7716	Dodgeball	Dodgeball	Dodgeball	Laws of Attraction	Laws of Attraction	Man on Fire	The Terminal
Hialeah 763-370	Garfield: The Movie	Johnson Family Vacation	Kill Bill Vol. 2	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
Hovey 730-5412	13 Going on 30	Dodgeball	The Terminal	Laws of Attraction	Dodgeball	Laws of Attraction	Man on Fire
Howze 734-5689	Johnson Family Vacation	The Punisher	Connie and Carla	No Show	No Show	No Show	Dodgeball

Dodgeball



When corporate workout center Globo Gym moves to town, locally owned fitness center Average Joe's loses business that its manager can't make the mortgage payment. Faced with

going under, the crew from Joe's enters a high-stakes dodgeball tournament in order to save their cherished local gym.

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The Terminal



An Eastern European immigrant is forced to live at Kennedy Airport when his former war-torn country's borders are erased, voiding his passport and leaving him with no political home. The refugee meets and falls in love with a flight attendant, which prompts a bold escape plan.

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Location Phone No.	July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13	July 14	July 15
Kunsan 782-4987	The Day After Tomorrow	The Day After Tomorrow	13 Going on 30	No Show	13 Going on 30	Laws of Attraction	Man on Fire
Long 721-3407	No Show	No Show	Johnson Family Vacation	The Punisher	No Show	No Show	No Show
Osan 784-4930	The Terminal	The Prince and Me	The Prince and Me	13 Going on 30	13 Going on 30	Laws of Attraction	Laws of Attraction
Page 721-5499	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
Red Cloud 732-6620	Dodgeball	The Terminal	Man on Fire	13 Going on 30	Laws of Attraction	No Show	The Note Book
Stanley 732-5565	Man on Fire	Man on Fire	Laws of Attraction	Laws of Attraction	No Show	The Note Book	13 Going on 30
Yongsan I 738-7389	The Note Book	The Note Book	The Note Book	Laws of Attraction	Laws of Attraction	13 Going on 30	13 Going on 30
Yongsan II 738-7389	The Prince and Me	The Prince and Me	The Prince and Me	Kill Bill Vol. 2			
Yongsan III 738-7389	Agent Cody Banks 2	Agent Cody Banks 2	Agent Cody Banks 2	Man on Fire	Man on Fire	Man on Fire	Man on Fire

Chaplain's corner: Shattered dreams a reminder to have faith

Chaplain (Maj.) Robert Warden

Korea Region Resources Officer, Religious Support Operations

YONGSAN — We called her Zora. She and the events that caused the intersection of our paths are forever welded to memory. And I suspect the Soldiers I was with have not forgotten. For this is their story, not mine.

Zora cleaned our uniforms at our Brcko, Bosnia base camp. More than a laundry worker, she was one of the many that formed the tapestry of community.

The laundry drop off point became part of our daily routine in our movements and schedules that changed routinely. Like a neighborhood or small town, Zora was one of the many we met as we moved from store to laundry

to restaurant, and although not necessarily close friend, a bond forms. If tragedy befalls them, we too experience grief. That's how it was with Zora.

Someone murdered Zora's husband, leaving her alone and lonely to raise two small boys: one 3 years-old, the other almost 2. Soldiers knew what to do. Word traveled; money flowed from the Infantry Task Force.

With the 2,135 German Marks and 800 Dinars we made our way to Zora's house. The money was insignificant when viewed simultaneously with friendship and care bestowed. My eyes felt moist as Zora wept, while each Soldier gave her a hug, and lifted a son to give a tender embrace.

Death ushers despair, with no visible

end. For Zora, a refugee, anguish was compounded. She came from another place. Even her best friend on the base camp could not come to her aid. Because she had different religious beliefs, she was restricted from traveling to Zora's home. I'm displaced because I chose the Army; war chose Zora's place.

Deployment brings difficult emotional times. When deployment or assignment separates us from friends and family and the familiar, distance exaggerates loneliness.

Maybe members of the armed forces instinctively reach out to others and quickly form community since loneliness has been a companion for many.

We are a model community. We

bring differences in color, race, religion, age, and sex, yet a community forms. I saw it clearly in 1996, and it continues today. Soldiers didn't care about Zora's ethnicity or religion, but they did for her.

As the 2nd Infantry Division prepares for deployment, and as others continue the mission in Korea, let us renew our commitment to those distraught and alone.

Honestly, I'm not sure I need to remind anyone. The reminder is for me. I know how much members of the armed forces give to others. I've seen you in action. So has Zora. And so will Zora in Iraq, Zora in Korea, Zora in the United States, and Zora wherever Soldiers, airmen, sailors, and Marines go.

Area II Worship Services

Protestant

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

Collective	Sunday	6 p.m.	South Post Chapel
		11 a.m.	Camp Colbern Chapel
Korean	Tuesday	6 p.m.	Camp Colbern Chapel
	Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Memorial Chapel

Catholic

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

Jewish

Friday 6 p.m. Memorial Chapel

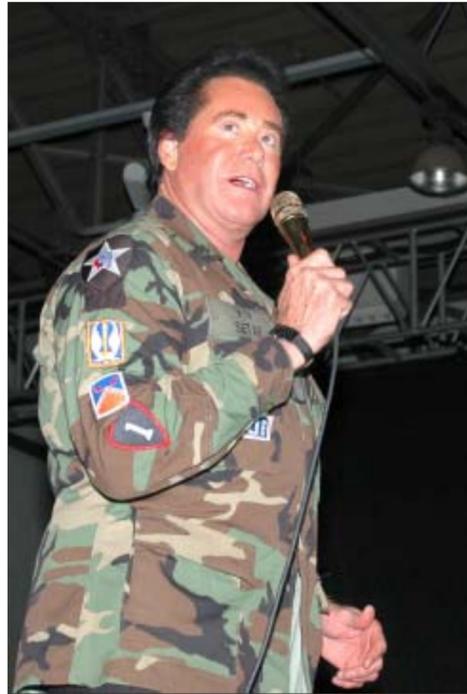
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Wayne Newton dazzles a Camp Casey audience Sunday. Photo by David McNally

HAPPY JULY FOURTH 2004 America

Korea Region Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — Across Korea Americans celebrated the July Fourth holiday with block parties, festivals, and USO entertainment.

“Without you we would not have the freedoms we have,” Wayne Newton told crowds at a Camp Casey show Sunday night.

The Wayne Newton Fourth of July Tour entertained Soldiers, civilians and family members from Camp Walker

to Warrior Country over the weekend.

Heavy rainfall forced many celebrations to move inside or be cancelled.

Camp Humphreys celebrated the holiday Monday with a block party and fireworks.

“We have a free country to live in,” Newton said. “It is an honor to come here and perform for you.”

The Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders sent a team to perform as part of the tour. The Cowboys have sent cheerleaders on 54 USO tours over the years.



Miss USA 2004 Shandi Finnessey waves to the crowds. Photo by David McNally



The Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders, Audrea Ulmer (left), Jenni Croft, Emily Kuchar and Laura Beke perform a dance during the Wayne Newton Show Sunday at Camp Casey. Photo by David McNally



Dallas Cowboy cheerleader Laura Beke talks to the troops in between energetic performances. Four cheerleaders came on the USO tour. Photo by David McNally



Korean American singer Jenevi Bakch performs “Hot Stuff” during the 2004 Wayne Newton Fourth of July Tour. Photo by David McNally



Boxers battle it out during the Liberty Fest boxing smoker at Camp Walker’s Kelly Fitness Center July 3. Photo by Galen Putnam



About 500 servicemembers and their families fill the Camp Casey Hanson Field House for two hours of song, dance and comedy. Heavy rains forced the cancellation of a block party and fireworks display Sunday. Photo by David McNally



Area III celebrates Independence Day with a fireworks display Monday. Camp Humphreys opened its gates to the Korean community for the festivities. Photo by Steve Davis

“It’s a pleasure to come to Korea and perform for you. We want to thank you for all you do.”

— Wayne Newton
Las Vegas entertainer



Festival-goers drop by the Headquarters, U.S. Support Activity, Area III booth for traditional holiday fare. Thirty-five unit booths offered everything from barbecue to snow cones. Photo by Steve Davis



Annie Juergens wins the youth hula-hoop competition at the Area III festival. A hula-hoop competition was held for youngsters and adults. Photo by Steve Davis



Pool Tournament

Yongsan will be having an eight-ball tournament at the Community Activities Building Saturday and Sunday. Call 725-6070 for more information.

Battle of the Bands Contest

Yongsan will be the site of a battle of the bands contest July 24. Call 723-8502 or 723-8510 for more information.

Weight Loss Support Group

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

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

Bowling Bucks

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

Yongsan Batting Cage Championships

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

Auto Show

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

New programs for children, adolescents to start at CDC

Yongsan Child Development Center

YONGSAN — SKIESUnlimited will hold the start of instructional programs Aug. 24 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the School-Age Services Building. The community is invited to attend.

SKIESUnlimited is an Armywide initiative to provide an organizational umbrella for all instructional programming within the Child and Youth Services System.

The name SKIESUnlimited combines the acronym for "Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration & Skills" with the word "Unlimited" for the unlimited learning possibilities this exciting new initiative offers to Army children and youth.

SKIESUnlimited provides instructional programs for children and youth from infancy to adolescence.

The programming is divided into four schools: school of arts, school of sports, school of life skills and school of academic skills.

SKIESUnlimited provides classes within a school framework, sufficient equipment, lasting skills development, and established curriculum implemented by highly qualified faculty members.

Instructional programs foster the development of critical life, leadership, and social skills, said program directors.

The latest educational research confirms that students' involvement in after-school instructional programs is beneficial on all levels. Instructional programs have been shown to

promote the intellectual development of children and youth.

In Yongsan, Morale, Welfare and Recreation will be launching SKIESUnlimited program opening the school of arts and the school of sports.

Students in the school of arts will be able to enroll in ballet, jazz, and piano instruction.

In the near future, this school will be expanded to offer classes in ballroom dancing, creative writing, drama and theatre, filmmaking, hula dancing, knitting, photography, puppetry, and sculpture.

The school of arts is currently looking for qualified faculty instructors. They may apply directly to Carolyn Dragseth, SKIESUnlimited instructional program specialist.

Students in the school of sports will be able to enroll in taekwon do, gymnastics and hap ki do.

Future plans for this school involve offering classes in kumdo, tennis, aerobics for kids, archery, bowling, fencing, jazzercise, jump rope and racquetball.

The school of sports is currently looking for qualified faculty instructors. Apply directly to the SKIESUnlimited Instructional Program Specialist.

For more information about SKIESUnlimited, available classes, and registration procedures, call Dragseth at 738-3051 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or the CYS Central Registration Office at 738-3001 or 738-5036.

Two Soldiers selected for U.S. Olympic pentathlon team

Story by Tim Hipps

USACFSC Public Affairs

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Two modern pentathletes from the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program have been selected to compete in the Olympic Games at Athens, Greece.

Chad Senior and Anita Allen are scheduled to compete Aug. 26 and 27 respectively for Team USA in the one-day, five-sport event that includes pistol shooting, fencing, swimming, equestrian riding and cross-country running.

Senior finished sixth in the 2000 Olympics at Sydney, Australia. He was leading after three events before a skittish horse refused two jumps in the equestrian event, ruining his golden moment.

"I don't think the same thing can happen now; I'm a much stronger rider than I was in 2000," said Senior, who returned to the sport after 18 months of soul searching following his heartbreaker in Australia. "I just hope I can have the same day I had in Sydney, aside from the ride. If I have the same fence, I'll feel pretty good about things.

"What sticks out most about Sydney was what might have been," he added. "I was just so close to winning, and then to lose it all so quickly. That will haunt me forever."

Senior won a silver medal in the 2003 Pan American Games and is ranked seventh in the world by the Union Internationale De Pentathlon Moderne. He recently finished 13th in the World Championships at Moscow, Russia, where he teamed with Sgt. Scott Christie and three-time Olympian Vakhtang "Vaho" Iagorashvili to win a silver medal in the men's relay.

Senior was an NCAA swimmer at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., where he set five

school records. He was named Atlantic 10 freshman swimmer of the year and became a two-time conference champion in the 1,650-yard freestyle before graduating in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in exercise physiology.

Allen qualified for the 2004 U.S. Olympic team with an August victory in the 2003 Pan American Games at Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

After taking a six-month break from competition to have surgery on her left ankle in November, she returned to competition March 13 in a World Cup event at Queretaro, Mexico, where she finished 20th and regained her focus on the Olympics.

"I would love to come home with a medal, but I'm going to take whatever comes my way," said Allen, adding that she has struggled through a slow recovery from surgery. "I'm just going to enjoy it and do the best I can."

Allen, ranked 19th in the world, ran cross country and track for the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., where she was named most valuable runner and team captain. A 2000 graduate, she joined WCAP in 2001 and began training for modern pentathlon.

"I always wanted to go to the Olympics, but I knew that in track and field and cross country I just wasn't going to cut it," Allen said. "I'm still pinching myself. I don't think it will hit me until I'm actually on the plane landing in Athens."

Iagorashvili and his wife, Mary Beth, also will compete for Team USA in Athens, where 32 men and 32 women are entered in modern pentathlon. The United States, Russia and Hungary are the only countries to earn four Olympic berths in the sport. Vaho won the men's bronze medal in the 1988 Olympics as a member of the Soviet Union. He represented his native Republic

of Georgia in the 1996 Atlanta Games and since has acquired U.S. citizenship.

After attending an equestrian riding camp in June, Allen and Senior will be in Poland July 4 through 19 for a fencing camp. They have two more trips to San Antonio for a USOC-mandated security briefing and the U.S. National Modern Pentathlon Championships, scheduled for June 28 and 29.

Senior and Allen are attempting to become the first U.S. Army representatives to win an Olympic medal in modern pentathlon. George S. Patton was the first Soldier to compete in the event during the 1912 Games at Stockholm, Sweden. Then a lieutenant, he encountered controversy in the shooting competition when one of his shots was ruled a miss — despite his contention the bullet passed through a previous hole in the target. No evidence supported his case, however, leaving him in fifth place instead of clutching a gold medal.

Fourteen Soldiers will join Allen and Senior to coach or compete in other Olympic sports: Oscar Wood, wrestling; Basheer Abdullah, boxing coach; Shon Lewis, Greco-Roman wrestling coach; Dave Johnson, rifle shooting coach; Michael Anti, 50-meter prone and 3-position rifle shooting; Elizabeth "Libby" Callahan, women's sport shooting; Jason Parker, air rifle; Shawn Duloher, skeet; James "Todd" Graves, skeet; Bret Erickson, trap and double-trap; Daryl Szarenski, air rifle; Hattie Johnson, women's air rifle; Charles Gartland, gunsmith; and Dan Brown, marathon.

Keith Sieracki may also compete in wrestling if Team USA receives a wildcard berth in the Greco-Roman 74-kilogram/163-pound division, a weight class it failed to qualify for the Olympics.

Summer hire hopeful Matt Norton and his mother Mary talk to human resources specialist Andrienne M. Barber at the Area III Civilian Personnel Advisory Center at Camp Humphreys. Fourteen college and high school students are participating in the Area III summer hire program this year.



Summer hire

'Temps' find work at Humphreys

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS — When 18-year-old college student Matt Norton returned to Korea this summer, he had a couple of things in mind: hooking up with his pals and making a little loot.

A 2003 Osan American High School graduate who lives in Songtan with parents Steven and Mary Norton, he had attended Black Hawk College in Illinois, then moved to Seattle. He returned to Korea in May for the summer and reestablished old ties with this buddies. Now it was time to make some money.

So off he went to the Area III Civilian Personnel Advisory Center to apply for work as a summer hire.

Because he was applying after the cutoff date, Norton wasn't sure he'd land a job. But he was hoping to get work anywhere, especially at the Camp Humphreys Community Activities Center where he could readily practice guitar, drums and piano after work.

Like other areas in the Republic of Korea, Area III is hosting three summer hire sessions for college and high school students. The college session, which began in mid-May, runs through Aug. 7. The two high school sessions are split between mid-June and early August.

Fourteen students are enrolled in the program, making \$5 an hour doing all sorts of jobs. A college student can earn as much as \$800, minus taxes, during the summer session.

"Last year, I worked at the Directorate of Logistics shipping containers full of military clothing, equipment and other gear to issue points all over Korea," said Ronnie Pierpoint, 16, a student at the International Christian School in Pyeongtaek. He has been working at the Camp Humphreys Community Activities Center since early June, along with several other students.

"We've cleaned canopies over walkways, arranged storage rooms, moved clay molds in the craft shop and all sorts of things," said Pierpoint. "We had lots of help from Korean Soldiers also working at Camp Humphreys."

Community Activities Center Director Jim Hogrebe said summer hire students are a real asset.

"They saved Area III at least \$1,700 on the canopy cleaning along," said Hogrebe. "That's how much we paid a contractor last year."

Hogrebe also gave the students the more creative job of setting up a display of "Photo Fest" winners at the Fourth of July celebration.

"These kids are in charge," said Hogrebe.



PHOTOS BY STEVE DAVIS

Students in the Area III summer hire program arrange images for the "Photo Fest" display at the Camp Humphreys Fourth of July celebration. From left to right are Erin McCormick, Derek Jackson, Ronnie Pierpoint and Ryon Hays.

"I just look in occasionally to make sure things are on track."

Summer hire students are also working at the 6th Cavalry Brigade, the Directorate of Community Activities and the Directorate of Resource Management.

Eighteen-year-old Erin McCormick, a recent graduation of Osan American High School who will attend Texas Christian University in August, said she is glad to be working.

"I hope supervisors will take real interest in us and teach us skills we can use later on," said McCormick. "We can handle a lot more than just menial jobs. We just need an opportunity."



Debra Cheek-Livingston sits in the director's chair at the Area III Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. She said she began her career as a 14-year-old summer hire in Germany.

Director began as summer hire

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS — If you ever ask Debra Cheek-Livingston about life as a summer hire, you're likely to get a great big smile. She said her summer hire experiences were first steps in a journey that has made her the human resources director she is today.

"I began my career as a 14-year-old summer hire making \$1.25 an hour in Germany," said Cheek-Livingston. She lived with her family in Bindlock, Germany, in the late 1970s.

Cheek-Livingston said she

worked two summers in Germany, moved to Fort Benning, Ga., with her family and then worked another summer. She eventually landed a job as a personnel clerk, the job that tweaked her interest in human resources.

"The summer hire program is a great way to learn diligence and discipline," she said. "Students can learn a lot if they just stick with it and don't get discouraged."

"There are supervisors out there who will take them under their wings and teach them skills that will prove valuable for the rest of their lives," Cheek-Livingston said.

Summer hire eye-openers

When students sign up for summer hire jobs, they quickly learn about the rules, regulations and requirements of the work-a-day world. Here are a few:

■ **Paper drills:** The 12-page application packet includes instructions, a family member youth employment application form, certification that males have registered with the Selective Service System, tax and pay forms and more.

■ **Handbooks:** The 2004 Summer Hire Handbook for Students and Managers outlines lots of issues, including pay; work hours; tardiness, lunch periods and breaks; calling in sick; dress code and standards of conduct; safety and reporting of injuries; sexual harassment and more.

■ **Work:** The work, students say, ranges from menial to meaningful. The trick is learning to adapt and make work a good experience.

NEWS & NOTES

CPX Gate Closure

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

Volunteer nominations

Nominate the Area III Outstanding Volunteer of The Quarter. Deadline is July 9. Pick up a nomination form at Camp Humphreys Army Community Service, building 311. For more information, call Volunteer Coordinator Aggie Rodriguez at 753-8294 or e-mail rodriguezam@korea.army.mil

Welcome Briefing

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

Spouse Orientation about the Republic

A two-day Spouse Orientation to the Republic workshop will be held from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. July 26-27 at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation conference room in Building 252 at Camp Humphreys. The workshop covers community resources and Korean customs, culture and language. For more information, call 753-8782.

Lotte World Shopping Tour

A Lotte World shopping tour will leave from the Camp Humphreys walk-through gate 8:30 a.m. July 17. An experienced guide will teach participants to use the public transportation system to get to Lotte World, a popular Seoul shopping area. For more information, call Young Hui Straughan at 753-8782.

Red Cross Classes

■ The American Red Cross will conduct a basic aid training class 9 a.m.-noon July 13-16 for 8 to 10-year-old youth. The class introduces children to "check-call-care" emergency action steps, as well as first aid, water safety, prevention, personal safety and avoiding drugs. Cost is \$5. Preregistration is required. For more information, call 753-7172.

■ A babysitting class will be held 9 a.m.-noon July 21-22. Cost is \$20. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call 753-7172.

ACS Birthday Celebration

Games, music and food will be part of the festivities 11 a.m.-3 p.m. July 23 as Camp Humphreys' Army Community Services celebrate its 39th birthday. Area III Volunteer of the Quarter winners will also be announced. Join the fun in front of ACS, Building 311. For more information, call Aggie Rodriguez at 753-8294.

Resume Writing Class

A Resume Writing and RESUMIX Assistance classes will be conducted Aug. 3 in the Digital Learning Center, Building 302, at Camp Humphreys. Learn the basics of resume writing and RESUMIX preparation for federal jobs. Pre-registration is required. Space is limited to 16. Call 753-8321 or 8401.

Airport Shuttle

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

Camp Humphreys opens gates for July 4 celebration

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS — Camp Humphreys opened its gates this year for the first time so the Korean community could help celebrate America's birthday.

"We had more than 4,000 U.S. and Korean visitors at the Fourth of July Festival," said Mike Mooney, MWR marketing chief. "Everyone seemed to have a great time."

The festival included games, food, entertainment and a half-hour fireworks show.

Mooney said 35 unit booths sold food and beverages or offered games to raise money for Soldier programs. Games ranged from a "sticky wall" to a bungee run and other events.

There were also hula-hoop, hot dog eating, limbo and "Fear Factor" contests, among others.

Before the fireworks, a reception was hosted in the Nitewatch Cafe by Area III

Command Col. Michael J. Taliento Jr. for Korean and American guests.

As the breeze subsided and night fell, crowds gathered for the fireworks spectacular.

Some Soldiers said they were spending the Fourth of July in Korea pretty much as they would have in the States.

"I've been here almost a year and this is what I'd have been doing

back in Augusta, Ga.," said Sgt. 1st Class Walter Crockett from Company C, 52nd Aviation Regiment, as he splashed barbecue sauce on a slab of sizzling ribs.

Two Soldiers won round-trip airlines tickets at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation "Fish Bowl" booth, compliments of the Airline Alliance. The

winners were Pfc. Khristina Ladd from the 46th Transportation Company and Master Sgt. Ornan Savery from the 23rd Area Support Group.

Many other prizes were awarded, said Mooney, including leather jackets won by three brave individuals in the wildly popular "Fear Factor" competition.



Korean and American guests jump on the "Sticky Wall" run by Company C, 52nd Aviation Regiment at the July Fourth celebration.



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Sgt. Vera Norskog, left, and Pfc. Amanada Grimes each balance a bowl of water with fish heads and other smelly things during a Fear Factor race. Norskog, from Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 6th Cavalry Brigade was one of three Fear Factor winners.



Contestants munch silkworms during Fear Factor competition at Camp Humphreys.



Pvt. Sam Trujillo grabs an eel with his teeth during a contest to transfer the most quirming eels from one tank to another.

Contestants prove that

Fear is not a factor

Story, photos by Steve Davis

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS — Fear was not a factor for winners of the "Fear Factor" competition at the Area III and Camp Humphreys Fourth of July Festival.

Members of the crowd gasped, groaned and generally felt sick as contestants in the smelly fishbowl race spilled fish heads and entrails all over themselves or choked down silkworms or bit into eels to transfer them from one tub to another in the "bobbing for eels" portion of the contest.

Of 12 competitors, three survived the ordeal. Each won a motorcycle jacket and a lifetime's worth of bragging rights. Winners were: Pvt. Tim Hash of Headquarters and Headquarters, U.S. Army Support Activity Area III; Sgt. Vera Norskog of Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade; and Pvt. Sam Trujillo of the 62nd Chemical Company.

Why did they do it? "It's fun," said Norskog, who transferred seven eels with her teeth.



Crowd members watch in awe or cheer from a distance during smelly Fear Factor competition.



Lt. Col. Bernard B. Banks, left, receives the 3rd Squadron colors from 6th Cavalry Brigade Commander Col. Peter W. Foreman during a change of command ceremony Tuesday at Camp Humphreys.

Soldiers from the 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry stand at attention as their past and present commanders review the troops during the 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade change of command.



New commander takes charge of 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry

Story, photos by Steve Davis

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS— Lt. Col. Bernard B. Banks assumed command of the 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade Tuesday during a ceremony at Camp Humphreys.

Banks received the unit colors from 6th Cavalry Brigade Commander Col. Peter W. Foreman as Soldiers, civilians and family members watched in the 3rd Squadron hanger. Banks comes to the AH-64D Apache Longbow “Heavy Cav” unit from an assignment on the rotating faculty at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where he taught in the Department of Behavioral Science and Leadership and served as the department’s executive officer. He replaces Lt. Col. Jeffery D. Brown, who has been assigned as commander of the U.S. Army’s National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.

In a speech following the passing of the unit colors, Foreman commended Brown’s leadership of the 3rd Squadron, including 10,400 accident-free flight hours, 200,000 accident-free miles driven, 24 months of an aircraft and vehicle readiness rate that exceeded Department of the Army standards, and numerous overwater, gunnery and squadron missions and battle drills.

“Under Jeff’s watch, this unit reactivated at Fort Hood, Texas, starting from ground-zero with all new personnel and equipment,” said Foreman. “They received 21 Longbow Apaches straight from the factory, quickly set the command environment that cultivated teamwork, established policies, standard operating procedures and began a rigorous training cycle.”

Brown thanked the squadron’s Soldiers, aviators, civilian employees and contractor maintenance technicians for their commitment and challenged them to “take it to new heights under the leadership of Lieutenant Colonel Banks.”

Banks congratulated Brown on “an outstanding command tenure” and turned his attention to the unit.

“Heavy Cav, the mere mention of that name evokes tremendous pride in the chest of all who have served in its ranks,” said Banks. “It is my sincere hope that together we can add to that fine legacy over the next two years.”



'Doggie day care' debuts in Daegu

5-star hotel for 4-legged friends is thought to be one-of-a-kind

Story, Photo by Galen Putnam

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP WALKER — The trip from the United States to Korea is long and tiring, especially if you are locked up in a cage. Now, thanks to a new "doggie day care," pets have a comfortable place to stay nearby while their owners are getting settled in.

The new Self-Service Pet Kennel is next to the Walker Army Lodge. Although it is expected that a majority of users will either be in or out-processing, the \$52,000 self serve facility is open to all community members on a first-come, first-served basis. The facility was paid for with a portion of the \$500,000 Area IV received as the Department of the Army Communities of Excellence 2003 silver finalist.

"When we arrived we brought a dog and a cat from Virginia. We were told you can't keep pets in Army Lodging so that creates a dilemma," said Col. James M. Joyner, Area IV Support Activity and 20th Support Group commander. "When your pets are part of the family what do you do with them in a situation like that?"

The command examined several options such as a pet care center that would charge for services but opted to go with a free, self-serve concept.

"We looked at different ideas and decided on a self-help pet care center near the lodge where people can



Col. James M. Joyner, Area IV Support Activity and 20th Support Group commander, and "J.J." check out of the new self-service pet care center following the ribbon-cutting ceremony July 1. The center is next to the Walker Army Lodge.

be nearby to walk, feed, water and wash their pets," Joyner said. "It will be much more convenient than having to go downtown when you have transportation and language barriers, not to mention the expense of kenneling a pet."

The facility includes three 25-foot kennels for large dogs and six cages for smaller dogs and cats. A large tub and smaller sink are available for bathing. The building also features a sewer connection for spray-down cleaning convenience, year-round climate control and a ventilation system to reduce pet odors. The building has room enough to add more cages should demand dictate said James Hamilton, Area IV interim director of public works.

"The building is designed for ease of cleaning and has room to grow if usage warrants," he said. "All pet owners need to do is bring their own pet food and shampoo. Since it is self-help, people will have to make sure to keep the facility clean."

Hamilton also suggested that sponsors might want to purchase pet food and other necessities for incoming personnel who might be arriving late at night when the post exchange and commissary are closed.

People wanting to use the facility can pick up keys at the Walker Army Lodge. Pet owners receive both building and individual cage keys to ensure the security and safety of their pets.

"This is a first-come, first-served facility, primarily intended for incoming and outgoing personnel," said Donald Cannata, Area IV director of community activities. "This should be very useful, a real convenience for families with pets."

"In all of my travels, I've never seen a place where self-help pet care was available," Joyner said. "This should provide a great service to the community."

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Commissary special for students: Scholarships

Story by Pfc. Oh Dong-keun

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP HENRY — Grocery stores, including military commissaries, often have daily or weekly specials to lessen the burden on the family budget. Around this time of the year, as parents send their sons and daughters to college, the Defense Commissary Agency offers an annual special to help ease the financial burden.

Four Area IV high school seniors are

recipients of DeCA Scholarships for Military Children this year, along with 500 other outstanding college-bound students throughout the world.

John Chung, a Taegu American School student representing the Camp Carroll Commissary, Melissa Lee, a Taegu American School student representing the Daegu Commissary, Erica Moreno, a Pusan American School student representing Pusan Commissary and Andrew Smith, a Taegu American School student

representing the Chinhae Commissary are this year's Area IV scholarship winners. Each student will receive a \$1,500 scholarship to apply toward college tuition this fall.

"I think (this program) is a wonderful thing," said Sidney B. Conner, Sr., Pusan Commissary store director. "I think (this year's winners) are great students as well as great people. (Winning the scholarship) is a good reflection on how hard they have worked in school to prepare themselves

for the next level."

The program has awarded more than \$3 million to nearly 2,000 students since its inception in 2001, and it has been enormously successful in helping military families defray the costs of education, said Maj. Gen. Michael P. Wiedemer, Defense Commissary Agency director in a news release.

The winners agreed.

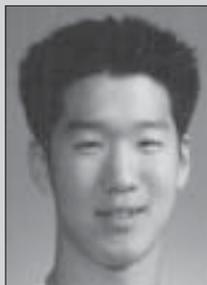
"I decided to apply for the scholarship because it would help reduce costs of

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Camp Carroll Commissary

Name: John Chung

School: Taegu American School
College choice: Cal - Riverside
Favorite class: literature
Activities: student council, cross country, basketball



Chinhae Commissary

Name: Andrew Smith

School: Taegu American School
College choice: Texas A&M University
Favorite class: robotics, computer service and support
Activities: Boy Scouts, chapel youth group



Daegu Commissary

Name: Melissa Lee

School: Taegu American School
College choice: University of Washington
Favorite class: English
Activities: volleyball, softball, yearbook, law day, JROTC.



Pusan Commissary

Name: Erica Moreno

School: Pusan American School
College choice: University of Texas
Favorite class: career work education
Activities: volleyball, cheerleading, softball, yearbook, JROTC



NEWS & NOTES

Area IV Retiree Council

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

Offsite Consular and Immigration Services

U.S. Embassy officers will be in Daegu at the Hotel Inter-Burgo 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 19 to provide consular services. American citizens who wish to file applications or get more information about passports, Consular Reports of Birth Abroad, federal benefits, voting information and notary services may come in during this time. For more information, check out their website at www.asktheconsul.org.

Force Protection Training Alert

The 188th Military Police Company will be conducting force protection training and operations at Camps Walker, Henry and George July 19-23 and July 26-30. During this period, military police will be carrying weapons and sounding alarms. Do not be alarmed. For more information, call the Military Police desk at 764-5408.

Daegu Commissary Early Bird Shopping

The Daegu Commissary will be conducting a test on early bird shopping July 20-Sept. 21. Early bird shopping will be 9-11 a.m. Tuesdays only. Shopping will be limited to 10 items or fewer during those times. For more information, call Celine Ruiz at 764-5311.

Cyber Cafe Closure

The Camp Walker Cyber Café will be closed while the Community Activity Center is renovated. For more information, call Chong Chu-yung at 768-7383.

Tour and Travel Service and Car Rental Shop Relocation

The Camp Walker Tour and Travel Service and Car Rental Shop will be moved to the container located next to the Camp Walker Post Exchange. For more information, call Chong Chu-yung at 768-7383.

Korea Theater Support Center Hotline

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

Daegu American Red Cross Station Reopened

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

Activities center undergoes face-lift

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CAMP WALKER— The Camp Walker Community Activities Center will be closed until April 2005 for major renovation to improve its condition and appearance.

"The renovation was initiated by the former Area IV commander, Col. Russell A. Bucy, four years ago," Donald Cannata, Area IV director of community activities, said. "When the renovation is over, the place will be a lot nicer looking and be able to accommodate more activities."

The renovation began July 1 with a groundbreaking ceremony. All facilities currently housed in the building except for the community library and two Army and Air Force Exchange Service shops will be moved to Fellowship Hall, up the street from the center next to the gas station, for continued service beginning July 19.

The community library will stay in the building to minimize the inconvenience customers may experience, according to Cannata.



PHOTO BY GALEN PUTNAM

The Camp Walker Community Activities Center is about to go through a major renovation.

"We are trying to avoid closures for long periods of time during the renovation," Cannata said. "However, it is possible that we may need to close the library for as long as one month."

The two Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities, the Tour and Travel Service and car rental shop, and the Cyber Café will go separate ways. The Tour and Travel Service and car rental shop will be moved to a container building in the Camp Walker Post Exchange complex and the Cyber Café will be closed until the renovation is completed.

"This move may bring some

inconvenience to our customers because they are used to our old location," said Chester Hires, Army and Air Force Exchange Service Southern Exchange business manager. "But the new location will be easier to find since it is right next to the post exchange."

The Camp Walker Youth Services gymnasium is also undergoing renovation at the same time, although there is no connection between the two projects except the same contractor is in charge of both projects.

"This project is to construct an addition to the existing Youth Center in order to provide activity and storage space to the Middle School and Teen Activity Programs," said Victor Taitano, Camp Walker Youth Service team director. "This project will include separate facilities for sixth through eighth grades and ninth through 12th grades. Each facility will consist of multipurpose space to accommodate a reading area, TV lounge, table tennis, billiard table and space for computer labs and music room."

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Chef surprise

Master Chef Christian Meilinger, a professor for the Culinary Art Department, Woosong University, explains the ingredients of Koefte Baharatti, a spicy meatball-type dish, to food service specialists from the 20th Area Support Group, 516th Personnel Service Battalion, Combat Support Coordination Team 2 and Korea Regional Office June 30. Meilinger visited Camp Henry and Camp Walker dining facilities for two days as a part of the U.S. Army Culinary Arts Training Program to enhance the skill level of food service specialists. He also gave demonstrations and tasting sessions on cream of tomato soup, chocolate mousse and mushroom cream sauce. Soldiers learned the fundamentals of basic food preparation to produce tasty, high-quality food.



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Scholarships

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college," said Smith, who will be attending Texas A&M University to study computer science and networking. "That way I could save some money, so I wouldn't have to start from nothing when I leave college."

Scholarship Managers, a professional scholarship firm, selects the winners for the program based on academic achievements, participation in extracurricular and volunteer activities, and the quality of their essays.

"I participated in volleyball, cheerleading, softball, yearbook and Junior Reserve Officers Training

Corps," said Moreno, who will be attending the University of Texas – Austin this fall. "I also did a lot of volunteer work around the community."

According to Edna Hoogewind, Defense Commissary Agency'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.

The Scholarships for Military Children program is funded by the manufacturers and suppliers that support commissaries worldwide and is administered by Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization that builds 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 can also donate to the program through the military scholar Web site at www.militaryscholar.org.

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Roach takes charge at CEB-NEA change of command

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CAMP HENRY — Lt. Col. Andre Q. Fletcher turned over control of the Combat Equipment Battalion–Northeast Asia to Lt. Col. Franklin “Jobie” Roach in a change of command ceremony held June 23 at Camp Carroll’s Warehouse 15.

Roach was assigned to Special Operations Command Central Command where he served as chief of logistics and plans in the J-4 Directorate. During the assignment he participated in Operations Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Fletcher is being assigned to the Defense Logistics Agency Special Programs Directorate at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Roach was commissioned a second

lieutenant in to the United States Army Infantry upon completion of Reserve Officer Training Corps training and graduation from the University of Delaware in 1985.

Roach has served an a variety of command and staff positions including platoon leader and company executive officer assigned to the 1st Infantry Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga., and 1st Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Republic of Korea, where he served as the brigade logistics officer, and as a company



Roach

commander for Bravo Company, 3rd Forward Support Battalion. He also was assigned to 1st Corps Support Command general staff, 18th Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, N.C., where he served as chief of maintenance and supply operations for the 1st COSCOM, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart Ga., where he served on the 3rd Infantry Division commander’s staff as the logistics plans officer and as a battalion executive officer for the 3rd Forward Support Battalion, and other assignments.

His awards and decorations include the Joint Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (2nd award), Army Commendation Medal (3rd award), National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2nd

award), Ranger Tab, the U.S Army Parachutist Badge, British Parachutist Badge and the Polish Parachutist Badge.

His civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Delaware, and a Master’s of Military Arts and Sciences from University of Kansas. His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, U.S Army Ranger School, Bradley Fighting Vehicle Commanders Course, Ordnance Officer Advance Course, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the United States School of Advanced Military Studies Course.

Combat Equipment Battalion–Northeast Asia’s mission is the combat readiness and accountability for all Army prepositioned stocks in the Pacific Theater.

Defense Energy Support Center - Korea welcomes new commander

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP HENRY — The Defense Energy Support Center–Korea welcomed a new leader as Lt. Col. Brett Weigle assumed command from Lt. Col. Heidi H. Graham in a change of command ceremony June 18 at Camp Walker.

Weigle came from the Pentagon where he served in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4. Graham’s next assignment is with the Department of the Army G-4 as a

member of the Strategic Planning and Communications Team.

Weigle was commissioned through ROTC at the University of Idaho into the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps in 1984. He has held a variety of Army, joint, and



Weigle

multinational petroleum and multifunctional logistics assignments in the: 260th Quartermaster Battalion, Defense Fuel Region Middle East, 1st Armored Division, 49th Quartermaster Group, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and the Army Staff.

His overseas postings include Bahrain, Germany, Turkey, and Spain, with operational deployments to Somalia, Bosnia and Macedonia. Weigle earned a bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering from the University of Idaho and a master’s degree in

petroleum and natural gas engineering from Penn State.

The Defense Energy Support Center mission provides the Department of Defense and other government agencies with comprehensive energy support in the most effective and economical manner possible.

The Defense Energy Support Center–Korea is a Defense Logistics Agency field activity representing the Defense Energy Support Center Pacific and the Defense Energy Support Center.

G.I. Bill benefits help veterans, society, economy

Story by Rudi Williams

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WASHINGTON — Times were tough. The nation was slowly emerging from the Great Depression when World War II flared up in 1941.

Before the war, the unemployment rate hovered at 15 percent, more than 11 million homes didn't have running water or electricity, and fewer than 50,000 taxpayers earned more than \$2,500 a year, according to Census Bureau statistics.

After the war, thousands of Americans were flocking to colleges and vocational schools, buying homes, farms and businesses — all thanks to the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, which became known simply as the GI Bill. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the bill into law 30 years ago today.

Passing the GI Bill brought more than 16 million veterans into a peacetime economy. Since it provided education and home ownership opportunities to millions, some dubbed the bill the "Magic Carpet to the Middle Class."

Historians say the GI Bill contributed more than any other program in history to the welfare of veterans and their families and to the growth of the nation's economy. The bill is credited with preventing a post-war relapse into the pre-war Depression.

Its social impact is still felt today, noted retired Navy Vice Adm. Daniel L. Cooper, undersecretary of veterans affairs for benefits. "Several bills were proposed between 1942 and 1944 that were debated and held up," Cooper said.

"But finally, the American Legion jumped in, sat down and wrote the first draft in a hotel room. The American Legion pushed very hard to ensure that a

bill did get written and passed. After going through a lot of debate, it passed with a large majority."

Cooper said one primary reason for the bill was to help millions of young veterans readjust to civilian life. "Another reason was to ensure that the entire nation's economy wasn't hurt by the large influx of kids coming back from overseas," he noted, "and to ensure that veterans were not held back because of their military service and that they were recognized for the serve they'd given to the country."

He said today's GI Bill benefits are built upon what was done in 1944 — and improved and increased over the years. "The benefits then had to do with education and home and business loans, as well as unemployment payments for the first year they came back," Cooper noted. "Today, we cover a wider range of benefits for the same purposes."

During the past six decades, the GI Bill has made possible the investment of billions of dollars in education and training for millions of veterans. The nation has in return earned many times investment in increased taxes and a dramatically changed society, according to Cooper.

He also pointed out that the bill also made possible the loan of billions of dollars to purchases homes for millions of veterans and helped transform America from a nation of renters to a nation of homeowners.

"All the writings that I've seen about the GI Bill say it had a very strong social effect in establishing a strong middle class within the country," Cooper said.

The first GI Bill provided six benefits, three of which the VA administered: education and training; loan guarantee for a home, farm or business; and unemployment pay of \$20 a week for up to 52 weeks.

The other benefits were job-finding assistance, top priority for building materials for VA hospitals, and military review of dishonorable discharges, the undersecretary noted.

Cooper said the GI Bill is still a huge benefit to American society. "Last year, we had over 400,000 men and women in college getting an advanced education as a result of our educational benefit," he said. "Similarly, last year we processed more than 450,000 loans, the third largest number of loans we

have in the history of the GI Bill. Many of those loans were refinances because of lower interest rates.

The amount paid to veterans per month has increased "quite a bit," Cooper said.

The 1986 Montgomery GI Bill required service members to pay in about \$100 per month for 12 months. "However, three years ago," he noted, "the benefit they got was \$600 per month for 36 months. As of Oct. 1, 2003, that (monthly) benefit increased to \$985, ... up \$385 in the last three years."

Unfortunately, a large number of veterans who paid into the Montgomery GI Bill don't use it. Cooper said it's "not something you can generally attribute to a single factor."

"Our job is to ensure that they understand that they've paid into the bill," he said. "We even send them letters about it while they're still in the service."

The importance of today's GI Bill to American society is probably more important to individuals because a college education is so important, Cooper said. "As far as the total effect on our economy, the first one (in 1944) was of major importance," he continued. "So I wouldn't want to try to compare the two. But the importance to the veteran is beyond question."