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Signal Soldiers do part during RSOI

Story by Alex Harrington

1st Signal Brigade Public Affairs Office

YONGIN — At the break of dawn, Soldiers from Company B, 304th Signal Battalion, 1st Signal Brigade departed to Hill 448, near Yongin, to setup and maintain a tactical communications site in support of Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration exercise, referred to as RSO and I.

From their home station at Camp Long, located near Yongin, the convoy drove more than 70 kilometers, approximately 43 miles, to the Korean hilltop without incident.

Once the company arrived, they hastily initiated the setting up phase at their signal site in preparation for RSO and I 2004.

Soldiers pulled tarps over tent frames, fastened ropes and drove in stakes to secure the general purpose tent that the 304th Signal Battalion used for its temporary

home. The tents themselves were in good condition despite the faded olive drab color affected by many years of use, added by Korea's harsh weather that constantly tested their durability against hot summers, torrential rains, gushing winds and below-freezing winters.

But all that didn't matter to the new occupants who considered their new home adequate for their mission on Hill 448.

One could agree why Company B picked Hill 448 to be their site for RSO and I '04. The hilltop site had an open area surrounded by trees, which overlooked Yongin Pine Resort, a favorite ski haven for many Koreans.

The team members pulled their own weight to ensure they were ready to go within a few hours to receive and relay signal shots to adjacent units.

"I have never seen such a quick setup at any exercise during my time, especially on this hilltop," said Staff

Sgt. Scott Vinger, platoon sergeant, Company B. "We raised the radio antennas in an hour and a half, and it took only three hours to set up the sleeping and mess tents."

Vinger accredited the speedy camp set up to the Soldier's high morale and their anticipation to deploy out to the field.

"When you have Soldiers who are excited about going out to the field they tend to function above normal standards, compared to those individuals who are not too keen to going out to the field, which is evident by their slow pace and lack of enthusiasm to get the job done," said the 33-year-old from San Antonio.

During the exercise, the Soldiers enjoyed the opportunity to use the training they received back in garrison to further hone each one's skills in his

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MPs work with South Koreans during RSO and I

Story, photos by Pfc. Alex Licea

8th Military Police Brigade Public Affairs Office

YONGCHON — Soldiers assigned to the 57th Military Police, 728th Military Police Battalion operated an international transfer point on the Republic of Korea's 1117th Military Engineering unit compound, east of Daegu, as part of this year's Foal Eagle and Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration exercise.

The annual exercise is a Combined Forces Command event with focuses in all aspects of the CFC's mission and involves participation from both U.S. and South Korean forces.

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Pvt. Brian McCoy, (left) 57th Military Police Company, 728th MP Battalion military policeman, searches a role-playing enemy prisoner of war during this year's Foal Eagle and Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Intergration exercise near Daegu.

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Optional program gives Soldiers alternative

175th Finance Command

Soldiers residing off post have typically spent hours each month paying their rent. The majority of Soldiers obtained dollars from the bank, credit union or automatic teller machines, made a conversion to won at a currency dealer, and paid their rent to either their landlord or realtor.

The Automatic Rent Collection program is an optional program available to Army Soldiers living off post that offers a convenient method of paying their monthly rent during their tour of duty in Korea. Under ARC, the finance office collects exactly enough dollars from the Soldier's pay account to pay the rent by converting dollars to won at a favorable exchange rate. In most cases the exchange

rate that is offered is equal to currency dealers at off post money exchanges. The Korean won is then electronically paid to the landlord's bank account, or to the landlord's agent if designated. Under the ARC program, rent is always paid on time whether the Soldier is home or away for his or her duty station.

This program is open to newly assigned Soldiers who will reside off base and those already in existing leases. To participate, the Soldier completes Finance Command Form 2 along with the optional assignment of payment form when payment is to be made to the landlord's agent. A 30 day window for processing must be allowed to ensure time to start or stop payments.

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Personnel Points: College Transcripts must be recognized by DoE

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Starting this month, Soldiers appearing before the promotion board are authorized to receive promotion points using only one civilian education transcript. Grade slips and student generated online reports may also be used to award promotion points for additional courses.

All civilian education documents must be from an U.S. Department of Education recognized nationally or regionally accredited institution. Student generated online reports must include the valid education institution URL. An example is <http://www.cis.ctc.edu>. Soldiers on the recommended list before April 2004 who are not in compliance with the new civilian education requirement must have been notified by the promotion work center no later than March 19 by

using the example memorandum located with the implementation guidance at <https://www.perscomonline.army.mil/select/CivEdProcedure.htm>.

Soldiers on the recommended list must comply no later than April 26 with the one civilian education transcript policy and provide the appropriate document to the promotion work center by doing one of the following:

- Consolidate all college credits onto one transcript.
- Submit a transcript and grade slips or a student generated online reports for additional courses not posted on the transcript.
- Soldiers who have multiple transcripts and are not currently enrolled with a college or university may submit their transcripts to the education center for assessment.

Promotion work centers are authorized to use the validated education assessment to compute and award promotion points in accordance with Army Regulation 600-8-19.

Deployed Soldiers whose promotion packets contain multiple civilian education transcripts are promotion eligible with their current promotion score until the 61st day after redeployment.

However, promotion work centers must notify the soldiers in writing, immediately, of the requirement by using the example notification memorandum located with the implementation guidance at <https://www.perscomonline.army.mil/select/CivEdProcedure.htm>.

The updated MILPER message 04-076 can be accessed at <http://perscomnd04.army.mil/milpermsgs.nsf>.

Courts-Martial

United States v. Williams

On Feb. 25, an Army general court-martial held at Camp Humphreys found Pvt. Bobby T. Williams, Headquarter and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, guilty of 17 specifications of larceny and three specifications of forgery.

In late November 2003, Williams committed the offenses of larceny when he stole the automatic teller machine and credit cards from three Soldiers at Suwon Air Base, including that of his roommate. He used the ATM credit cards to withdraw cash from an ATM machine and make numerous purchases from the base exchange and Korean retailers in Songtan, outside of Osan Air Base. In this way, Williams stole more than \$1,000 worth of cash and merchandise. The military judge sentenced Williams to be confined for three years, reduced in grade to E-1, and to receive a bad conduct discharge. As a result of a pretrial agreement, Williams will serve no more than 18 months of the three-year sentence.

The case must now go to the convening authority for review and action. The convening authority can never increase the punishment adjudged by the court. Before taking action, the convening authority receives legal

advice, reviews the case and considers matters submitted by the accused and his counsel. Neither the findings nor sentence is final until the convening authority takes action.

United States v. Reyes

An Army general court-martial held at Camp Humphreys March 23 found Pvt. James Reyes, 568th Medical Company, 52nd Medical Battalion, guilty of two specifications of indecent assault. Reyes was found not guilty of an additional specification of sodomy by force and without consent.

Reyes committed the first specification of indecent assault in September 2003 when he touched one of his fellow soldiers who was sleeping in the barracks. He committed the second specification of indecent assault in November 2003 when he fondled the genitals of another soldier while that soldier was sleeping in the barracks. Both crimes occurred at Camp Humphreys. The court found that Reyes committed both of these acts with the intent to gratify his lust and was thus guilty of indecent assault. The military judge sentenced Reyes to be confined for two years, reduced in grade to E-1 and to receive a Bad Conduct Discharge.

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

United States v. Edwards

On March 23, at an Army general court-martial held at Camp Humphreys, Staff Sgt. Charles A. Edwards, 348th Quartermaster Company, pled guilty to committing \$21,000 in basic allowance for housing fraud against the United States and one specification of absent without leave ended by apprehension. Edwards committed the larceny of government funds when he provided a falsified Department of Defense Form 5960 to finance when he inprocessed into Korea in March 2003.

In the document, he fraudulently claimed that his wife and children were living in San Francisco. Edwards was not entitled to receive such BAH because he and his ex-wife had divorced in 2000 and he was not providing any child support for his children. In addition, his ex-wife and children were still residing in Savannah, Ga. When confronted with evidence of BAH fraud in November

2003, Edwards went absent without leave from his unit, fled Korea, and returned to the Fort Stewart, Ga., area where he got a job as a stock manager at a local grocery store. He was doing this job when the Fort Stewart Criminal Investigative Division apprehended him.

A military judge, sitting as a general court-martial, sentenced Edwards to be reduced in grade to E-1, 15 months confinement and a bad conduct discharge. Edwards had already served 70 days in pretrial confinement that time will be credited against the final approved sentence. The military judge also granted 10 days Article 13 credit for the conditions of confinement while Edwards was held in pretrial confinement in a local county jail at the behest of military authorities. This time will be credit to the approved sentence.

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

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NEWS & NOTES

AFCEA Scholarships

High school seniors majoring in engineering, information technology, computer sciences and other related fields are eligible for five \$1,000 scholarships from the Seoul Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Chapter. Seniors from any Department of Defense Dependent Schools in South Korea are eligible.

School counselor offices have application packets, or students may contact Easter Bruce, AFCEA director of scholarships, at 011-9671-0148 or e-mail Bruceev@usfk.korea.army.mil. Scholarship applications and supporting documents are due by noon April 15. Students will be notified by April 20.

Three on Three Basketball Jam

The Pi Eta Zeta Chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. and the Alpha Omega Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. are sponsoring their first Blue and White Three on Three Basketball Jam April 17 at the Camp Casey Carey Fitness Center.

Registration will be held 10-11 a.m. The entry fee is \$12 per team (minimum of three persons).

Proceeds will go toward their annual scholarship fund. For more information call, Amy Barnes at 016-891-5945 or Olivia Taplin at 011-9671-2515.

Band Seeks Vocalists

The 8th United States Army Band is looking for vocalists.

Performance areas include:

- High profile command social events
- Classical or popular music with the Concert Band
- Lead vocals in the Pop/Rock/Country Show Band
- Lead vocals while fronting the Jazz Ensemble

Qualifications

- Soldiers interested must be:
 - In the rank of private first class through sergeant first class
 - Not be a bonus military occupational speciality recipient
 - Have six or more months remaining in Korea or be willing to extend
 - Look good in uniform and meet height weight standards
 - No adverse administrative or Uniform Code of Military Justice actions pending.
- For more information or to apply, call Sgt. Maj. David Doyon at 725-7135 or e-mail: doyond@usfk.korea.army.mil.

Sexual Assault Victimss Hotline

■ The Department of Defense Task Force on Care for Victims of Sexual Assault is opening a 24-hour hotline as a means for active duty military victims of sexual assault and any uniformed members to provide input (anonymously if desired) to the task force. This hotline is to gather information and provide a venue for military victims of sexual assault beginning at 11 pm Today - 11 pm April 3. The DSN phone number is 312-761-1659 or toll-free in the U.S. 1-800-497-6261. This information is needed to ensure the proper care for victims is in place for those that have been victims. Once this initial 24-hour period is over, the toll-free telephone number will be available from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Eastern Standard Time daily.

Why Korea is becoming the Duty Assignment of Choice



Soldiers of the 527th Military Intelligence Battalion at Zoeckler Station, Camp Humphreys, use one of the new Army Knowledge Online computer labs being established across the South Korea. Many of the labs will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week to accommodate shift workers, officials said.

COURTESY PHOTO

AKO lab construction nears completion

Spc. Nicole M. Robus

IMA-Korea Region Public Affairs Office

Construction of Army Knowledge Online labs across South Korea is nearing completion.

First Signal Brigade will install 115 labs in Installation Management Agency-Korea Region areas. Area I will get 49 AKO labs, with 441 computers and 49 printers. Area II will see 24 labs with 252 computers and 28 printers. Area III will get 18 labs with 162 computers and 18 printers. Area IV will have 24 AKO labs with 216 computers and 24 printers. As of Wednesday, Area I had 32 labs completed, Area II had 17 labs completed, Area III had all 18 labs completed and Area IV had 23 out of 24 labs completed, said Bob Radtke, Regional Chief Information Office, 1st Signal Brigade.

Each lab will consist of about of nine computers, a printer, network equipment and furniture for each computer, said officials.

Labs will be established in barracks dayrooms and other areas, depending on where facility commanders want the

computers. Hours of operation will be determined by the units responsible for their AKO labs. AKO lab monitors will be designated by their units for each AKO lab to cover all hours of operation, officials said.

Many different offices came together to make the Army Knowledge Online labs a reality for soldiers in the Korean theater of operations.

"The Regional Chief Information Office, 1st Signal Brigade, Regional Engineer Support Center, Installation Management Agency-Korea Region Public Works Division and Public Works Division, housing branch, four Area Installation Property Book Offices and four area local area network and wide area network teams are working together to complete the labs by the end of April," said Radtke. "The four area command sergeants major along with IMA-Korea Region Command Sgt. Maj. John Sanders are also an integral part towards the completion of the labs."

The AKO labs will be available to U.S. military personnel and Korean Augmentation to the United States Army Soldiers having

U.S. Forces Korea network accounts.

AKO lab users will log on using their assigned U.S. Forces Korea network account user name and password and domain. AKO lab users will not share user names, passwords or domains with others. Users newly assigned or that do not currently have an USFK network account may contact their unit information management officers, officials stated.

The AKO labs initiative will allow Soldiers to access financial, medical, educational, personnel, training and dental information. Soldiers can verify information with Personnel Command, take distance learning courses and view their leave and earnings statements three to five days before getting paid through their official AKO e-mail accounts. With the built-in instant messenger Soldiers can easily chat with their branch representatives online.

The intent is to put computers on each installation at the brigade and battalion level for Soldiers to use at no individual cost for the purpose of accessing their AKO e-mail and Army records, officials said.

Army to celebrate Earth Day

Installation Management Agency-Korea Region Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN – Earth Day is April 22, and Army installations in South Korea will join others around the globe in celebrating Army Earth Day.

"Preserving the Environment While Protecting Our Freedom" is the theme for Army Earth Day. The theme recognizes the value of the environment and reminds members of the U.S. Army they are guardians of the future, said R.L. Brownlee, acting secretary of the Army, and Gen. Peter J. Schoemaker, Army chief of staff, in an Earth Day message.

Installation Management Agency-Korea Region environmental officials say Earth Day helps increase environmental awareness.

"U.S. Sen. Gaylord Nelson helped organize and rally 20 million Americans on the first Earth Day in 1970,"

said Bill Donnelly, Chief of the IMA-Korea Region Environmental Branch "Today the underlying principles for celebrating Earth Day are that it is a day of awareness and education. The Earth is our home. It sustains us and all other species. Care for the Earth is as important as a healthy diet and good hygiene. We are not masters of the Earth; we are dependent on her bounty to survive."

Installations are planning different events for Earth Day. Yongsan will hold a 10-kilometer Earth Day run 9:30 a.m. April 17 at Collier Field House. Camp Page also plans a 10-kilometer run April 17.

Camp Page will sponsor a tour of the Chuncheon water treatment plant on April 22. Camp Red Cloud's Better Opportunity for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers will host a tree planting of a tree on Earth Day at the new pavilion.

More information on Earth Day is available on the U.S. Army Environmental Center Web site at <http://aec.army.mil/usaec/publicaffairs/earthday00.html>.

Signal

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"It's definitely better than being in the barracks," said Pfc. Robert Carlson, a 22-year-old from Hartford, Conn. "You get to go out to learn your job better. The first few days we are working hard to set up the site, but afterwards we monitor the communications shelter."

Sgt. Ceasar Esparza, team chief for Company B, did his best to continually train his Soldiers in various basic individual and group tasks while deployed on Hill 448.

"I have to make sure the mission is carried out and ensure all shots are going out," said Esparza, a 23-year-old from San Diego. "And make sure all Soldiers receive concurrent training while deployed out in the field."

Most of the Soldiers who deployed to Hill 448 during RSO and I are quite familiar with the site since many have already trained on it during previous exercises like Warrior Storm, a brigade-level field training exercise that installed a voice and data network in preparation for RSO and I.

"As a result of high turnover, we needed to train Soldiers for the upcoming

RSO and I '04 and being on Hill 448 allowed them to get familiar with the equipment and with this communications site," said 2nd Lt. Aaron Young III, Company B platoon leader.

The overall mission for these signal troopers was to act as a relay, receiving encrypted messages from the 3rd Republic of Korea Army and relay them to Company C, 304th Signal Battalion.

Both voice and data are received through a cable and sent to a patch panel or "switch board" according to Young. "This switch board, or basically a mother board on a computer, takes incoming information, patches it through, and relays it out via high frequency."

The 1st Signal Brigade is the only long-standing forward-deployed unit in the U.S. Army.

With more than 2,000 soldiers, civilians and Korean soldiers deployed throughout the Republic of Korea, the brigade provided integrated voice and data strategic and tactical communications in support of RSO and I 2004.

Rent

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Under the ARC program, Soldiers who participate in the program will have the money collected for the rent payment at the same time that the rent is paid. For example, if a Soldier's landlord is paid \$1,400 for rent on May 1, the Soldier will see \$1,400 collected for rent on his April 30 (May 1) Leave and

Earnings Statement. If the Soldier has both mid-month and end-of-month pay options, the Soldier will see the \$1,400 collection split between both their April 15 and April 30 pay.

For more information or if there are any questions, please contact a local Finance Office or the Housing Office.

Police

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"We have approximately 68 Soldiers from the 57th on the ground," said Master Sgt. Mario Sandoval, 57th MP Company operations sergeant. "We also have several Soldiers from the military intelligence and special operations units participating in this exercise."

The ITP is a site set up to hold enemy prisoners of war for up to a 72-hour period before combined forces release them over to the host nation.

Before the EPWs are processed, they are first thoroughly searched on the outside of the ITP site for weapons and explosives.

Once the prisoner is searched, a Soldier will escort each EPW to the first processing stage.

Each prisoner's personal data is first input using the National Detainee Reporting System.

The NDRS is a networked database that maintains prisoner information and is available to both Department of Defense and other U.S. agencies worldwide.

After the initial inprocessing, prisoners are escorted through several different stages such as photographing and gathering intelligence from each individual.

"These steps are necessary because we need to identify each Soldier, and we need to know if they are officers

or enlisted," said 2nd Lt. Jamie Helle, ITP operations officer. "It is crucial for us to know who everyone is because we may be able to learn about the enemy's future movements."

During the processing phase EPWs are provided basic services such as medical aid, food, water, and access to chemical protective equipment.

"Prisoners are treated with respect and dignity," she said. "We treat the EPWs like we would like to be treated."

Soldiers from ROK's 1117th unit simulated most of the EPWs throughout the exercise.

For both U.S. and ROK units, the exercise continued to display the strong alliance that began half a century ago.

"This has been a great experience for our Soldiers," said one ROK Army official. "Getting to work with American Soldiers is something we always look forward to."

For the 57th Military Police Company the exercise is just a consistent reminder of their mission while serving in the Republic of Korea.

"I couldn't be prouder of my Soldiers," said Capt. Nile Clifton, 57th Military Police Company commander. "They have displayed and executed every mission during the exercise with a high level of motivation."

U.S. Air Force forecasters

A drop of blue in a sea of green

Camp Page aviators depend on weather information

Story, photos by David McNally
Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMPAGE — The airman stands on a circle painted on the airfield. With a photograph in hand, he looks to the horizon and visually compares landmarks with the photograph. On this hazy morning, what he sees will translate into bad news for Camp Page aviators. The mountain ridge in the distance is hard to see.

“Visibility is about a mile and a half,” said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Robert Clark, the noncommissioned officer in charge of Detachment 1, 607th Weather Squadron, Operating Location Bravo. “They can’t fly until the visibility is at least two miles.”

Clark is one of three “blue suit” forecasters providing vital information for Camp Page aviators every day.

He said the weather conditions at Camp Page Airfield present a forecast challenge, but in the end it makes them better at their jobs.

“What this assignment teaches forecasters over time is you have to act quick, act tough and be ready for a huge operations tempo,” Clark said. “We have a lot of take offs over here

and it’s not the easiest weather around to do so.”

“Camp Page sits within a bowl of mountainous terrain,” said Chief Warrant Officer Gale Dingwell, the Camp Page airfield commander. “This causes a microclimate, or weather peculiar to our local vicinity.”

Dingwell said without observers to record and report conditions as they develop, aircrews could potentially encounter dangerous weather without warning.

“Having weather forecasters on the field is so important that regulations won’t allow us to even control aircraft from the control tower without the data they provide,” Dingwell said.

Clark and his team make hourly weather observations and enter them into an online database.

“Our observations are available on www.weather.com and many other weather sites on the web,” Clark said. “It lets other forecasters and aviators know the conditions here.”

Before the helicopter pilots take off, they receive a personal weather briefing from one of the airmen.

“We are the last stop before the aircraft takes off,” Clark said.

Clark is proud of the rapport between his forecasters and the flight crews.

“We do a face-to-face and make sure they know exactly where the trouble spots are,” Clark said. “We



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Robert Clark, the noncommissioned officer in charge of Detachment 1, 607th Weather Squadron, Operating Location Bravo, takes a weather observation at Camp Page Army Airfield March 25.

don’t sugarcoat anything. If it doesn’t look good, we let them know.”

“The relationship between forecaster and pilot is unique,” Dingwell said. “The weather brief is a description of in-flight conditions that may have life-or-death consequences attached to it. Trust and communication between pilot and forecaster are vital.”

Clark said he has gotten to know pilots so well he can anticipate how they want their forecast presented.

For Camp Page aviators, like Chief Warrant Officer Carlos Acevedo, the forecasts are invaluable.

“We rely heavily on them,” Acevedo said. “The weather changes quickly in this area.”

Acevedo pilots a helicopter for the 542nd Medical Company. He and his fellow air ambulance aviators get special treatment from the weather detachment.

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AH-64 Apache aircrews prepare to launch a mission at Camp Page Army Airfield March 25. Pilots said they depend heavily on the face-to-face weather forecasts the U.S. Air Force provides.

NEWS & NOTES

Officials seek nominees

The Department of Defense is seeking nominations for the Distinguished Civilian Service Award. The Secretary of Defense presents this annual award to a small number of DoD civilian employees whose careers reflect exceptional devotion to duty and extremely significant contributions of broad scope to the efficiency, economy, or other improvement in the operations of DoD. Army employees who have been awarded the Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service may be nominated for this award.

Nominations will be forwarded through command channels to the Executive Secretary, Army Incentive Awards Board in Washington, D.C.

'Road Crew' comes to Warrior Country

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Offshore Entertainment variety group Road Crew will perform at Camp Garry Owen's Saber Club today 7 p.m. and at the Warrior Club at Camp Casey Saturday at 7 p.m. They will play at Camp Hovey's Borderline Cafe 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Camp Giant's Gator Club Thursday at 8 p.m., Camp Casey's Reggie's April 9 at 7 p.m., and Camp Sears' Dragon Slayer's Club Saturday at 7 p.m.

USA Express tours Area I

The Armed Forces Entertainment show USA Express will play several nights in Area I this week. They will be at Camp Edwards' Wolverine's Den Tuesday, Camp Stanton's Fiddler's Green Wednesday, Camp Castle's Hard ROK Cafe Thursday, Camp Kyle's Edeewa Club April 9 and Camp Casey's Warrior's Club April 10. Shows start at 8 p.m.

Vocalist needed for 8th Army Band

The Eighth Army Band is looking for vocalists to perform with the Concert Band, in the Pop/Rock/Country Show Band, and as lead vocals for the Jazz Ensemble. Interested Soldiers must have at least six months left in Korea (or be willing to extend), have no adverse administrative or UCMJ actions pending, and meet Army height and weight standards. For more details, call 725-7135 or e-mail maildoyond@usfk.korea.army.mil.

Equal Opportunity Representative Course

The Equal Opportunity Representative Course will be held from 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. April 5 – 16 at the Camp Red Cloud education center.

10K Run

A 10-kilometer run will start at the Hanson Field House on Camp Casey 9 a.m. Saturday. Registration will be from 8 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Camp Casey USO, Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers, and Outreach Coordinators will host an Easter egg hunt at the USO April 11 from 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Snacks, games and prizes will be provided.

Estate Claim

Anyone with a claim against the estate of Sgt. Esau A. Zakka, of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery attached to 1st Battalion 506th Infantry Regiment at Camp Greaves, should contact 1st Lt. Sun Koh at 730-5101.

Camp Stanley Soldiers voice concerns

By Pvt. Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMPSTANLEY — Soldiers voiced concern over being refused taxi service because drivers do not want to go to the Soldier's destination; not having enough taxis at Camp Stanley, especially around pay days; and non-standardized fares.

"There is a lot of frustration about the taxis," said Lt. Col. Brian Vines, garrison commander. "Do we have a fair and equitable policy of spreading taxis throughout the enclave? Are the taxis responding to our Soldiers' needs? I think this is probably the No. 1 issue brought up."

Vines also said Soldiers wanted more variety or quantity of meats at the commissary, particularly now that the weather is getting warmer and more people are cooking out.

Other concerns brought up at the

meeting were: the desire to have another automatic teller machine, bus schedules, the quality of food at dining facilities and post exchange hours of operation. Vines said he is confident these issues can be resolved.

"I think the first step is just getting the issue out in the open," he said. "Fixing the issues improves the overall quality of life for our Soldiers."

Vines encouraged all Soldiers, airmen and civilians living and working on Camp Stanley to help improve the post.

"As they come up with good ideas or have questions, I hope they will address them," he said, "rather than staying silent and becoming a victim."

Vines said he feels they were able to do that at this meeting.

"The dynamics of the town hall meeting tonight kind of changed from the previous meetings," he said. "I noticed there were not a lot of empty chairs –

this tells me the participation has increased. I don't know if it's because the word is getting out that there are results from our town hall meetings, or maybe because this one was better advertised. Either way, we had more junior enlisted here tonight, and because of that we got more pointed, raw questions asked of us. Those are the kind of questions we're looking for," Vines explained.

"The desired end state is to give the Soldiers a voice," he said. "It's to give them some ownership of their destiny while they're stationed here, and to help make Korea an assignment of choice."

(Editor's note: Last week's report looked at what the leadership had to say at the March 17 Camp Stanley town hall meeting. In part two, Area I looked at questions brought up by the Soldiers.)

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Red Cross breathes new life into course

Story, photo by Pvt. Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP CASEY — The Camp Casey chapter of the American Red Cross held a cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification class at the Army Community Service classroom Saturday.

The Red Cross hosts the CPR course once a month and usually has between five and 10 attendees, said Kelly Clark, a Red Cross volunteer and CPR instructor. Four people took the course this time.

"It's a mix of people who take the class," Clark said, "parents, folks who volunteer, and active-duty servicemembers. We even had some Korean nationals take the class last time," Clark added.

The class teaches how to respond to an emergency; adult, infant and child CPR; and basic first aid, said Clark.

"The classes are written by the Red Cross and include a training video segment, then instructor-led skills practice. There is also a student manual that includes all of the information in written word and pictures," Clark explained.

"The students must demonstrate their skills through oral participation in class and tests on each section, and demonstrate all skills during hands-on practice with classmates and manikins," Clark said.

Clark further explained that certification is presented upon completion of the course.

The CPR certification is valid for one year, and the first-aid certification is good for three years. Participants who want to recertify after the initial time period do not have to take the full eight-hour course again, she said.

"There's a recertification process you can go through," Clark explained. "Hopefully, people will choose to recertify when their certifications run out, or even choose to become an instructor if it's something they find they enjoy and want to pass on to other people."

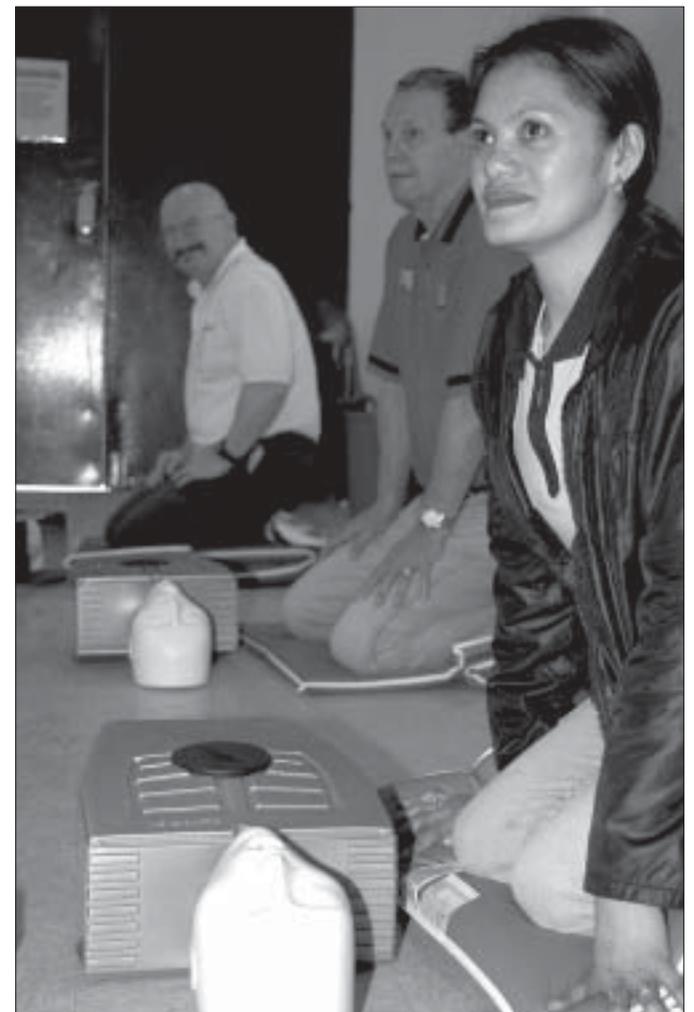
The Camp Casey Red Cross is currently looking for CPR instructors, Clark said. If anyone is interested in taking or teaching the class, they should contact their local Red Cross.

"Everyone should take the class," she said, "because it is a skill that truly saves lives."

Clark has been volunteering with the Red Cross for three years and a CPR instructor for two. She has been certified in CPR for 16 years, and has had to use her knowledge seven times.

"I've seen how valuable it is, and how much more at ease it makes me in situations, knowing I have the skills. I just want to be able to share that with other people," she said.

Clark hopes people leave her class feeling more competent. "Hopefully they'll be able to perform the CPR and first-



Alvia Hurst, a Red Cross volunteer (right), prepares to practice cardiopulmonary resuscitation techniques on a Manikin at the Red Cross CPR class at Camp Casey Saturday.

aid skills," she said, "but remembering the ratio of breaths to compressions isn't the most important part. It is knowing there is something you can do to help."

"Just having an overall awareness of it is something most of us don't think about until something tragic happens," Clark added. "Then they say 'I wish I had known, I could have done these things or taken these steps to improve the situation or someone's chance of survival.'"

"I hope people take advantage of the class," Clark said. "Everyone should take it, even if they don't choose to recertify. It's a great skill to know you have, and it could really save someone you when you least expect it."

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Tourney challenges warrior athletes

Story, photo by Pvt. Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP STANLEY — As the horn sounded, the two opponents began circling each other warily in the ring, each one waiting for the other to make his first move.

The fighter in blue feigned a kick, then moved in for a punch. His opponent blocked and countered with his own attack.

In a matter of minutes, in a flurry of arms and legs punctuated by yells and grunts, the match came to an end.

Twenty-three warriors met at the Camp Stanley Physical Fitness Center Saturday for a tae kwon do open invitational tournament.

The tournament was broken down into four belt categories: yellow, blue, red and black, with black belts being the most advanced fighters. Each belt class was further broken down into four weight categories: flyweight, lightweight, middleweight and heavyweight.

The tournament used Olympic freestyle tae kwon do rules. In Olympic freestyle fighting, the athletes wear a chest protector, headgear, a protective cup, and shin and arm guards, said Thomas Wakefield, a fighter on the 2nd Infantry Division Tae Kwon Do Team.

“One clean kick or one clean punch to the body scores 1 point, and one

clean kick to the head is worth two points,” Wakefield explained. “This is not like point sparring, where you just tap your opponent and [the referees] stop the match and say ‘point for blue’ or ‘point for red.’ This is full-contact, and there’s a possibility you can get knocked out or injured. It’s like comparing flag football and the NFL.”

Each match consists of three two-minute rounds, and whoever has the most points at the end wins.

“You have to be in good shape to do this,” Wakefield said.

Wakefield said this was his first competition in eight years.

“Stuff goes through your head sometimes,” he said. “When you’re up against somebody you don’t know anything about, you think, ‘Is this guy better than me? Are the moves that I like to use going to work?’ You get in there, you just don’t ever know. Everybody’s scary in the ring, because all it takes is one slip, one hit and you could get knocked out. You’ve just always got to be on your toes, and hope you don’t make any mistakes.”

Wakefield didn’t need to worry, because he won his two matches and walked away from the tournament with



Pfc. Jason Cornell, 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment (left), reacts to a kick from Sgt. Thomas Wakefield, 2nd Infantry Division Tae Kwon Do Team, as the two fight in the black-belt heavyweight semi finals of the Warrior Invitational Tae Kwon Do tournament Saturday.

the black-belt heavyweight championship.

The next tournament in Area I is an annual qualifications tournament Sept. 11 at Camp Casey, where up to 48 fighters will be selected to compete in the 8th Army Championship tournament Oct. 2.

The tournament will feature U.S. Army fighters from all over South Korea.

Wakefield said he is looking forward to fighting again.

“I had a lot of fun,” he said. “It feels good to be back in the ring.”

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PHOTO BY DAVID McNALLY
Yi Chang-sok stocks the Camp Page Commissary shelves March 25. The facility is a contender for the title of best small commissary in the Defense Commissary Agency.

Workers prepare for competition

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP PAGE — A team of evaluators from the Defense Commissary Agency is set to visit the Camp Page Commissary Tuesday.

The facility is in the running for best small commissary in an annual DeCA competition.

“It takes teamwork to prepare for this type of evaluation,” said Ruby Ervin, the Camp Page commissary manager.

The Camp Page commissary was nominated at a regional conference in August 2003.

Ervin explained they are competing against two other nominated commissaries in Cairo, Egypt and Keflavik, Iceland.

“This annex is very small compared to all the other commissaries as far as square footage,” Ervin said. “We’re one department, and that’s groceries. Most stores have three departments, grocery, meat and produce.”

Ervin said just about everything in the store will be reviewed, to include mentorship of employees.

“We get a lot of support from the community and we appreciate it,” Ervin said. “Our motto is ‘working together is winning together.’”

The title of “best small commissary” will be announced at a DeCA conference in early May, said Ervin.

Employees embrace new philosophy

By David McNally

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP PAGE — Korean employees from Camp Page began a journey towards professional development after attending seminars March 22-23.

Ninety-nine employees attended the first level of Six Sigma training, while 33 supervisors attended more advanced training.

Six Sigma is a corporate management philosophy embraced by U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud. Camp Page, although geographically separated, is part of that community.

“The program teaches how to seek out efficiencies in how we conduct business,” said Joe Bell, Camp Page installation manager. “We find a lot of cost savings and improvement in customer service through productivity improvement reviews.”

These reviews, known as PIRs, suggest a change in operations based on a study.

The most recent approved PIR at Camp Page involved a three-month study of operating hours at the base library.

“It was our first PIR from a Korean employee,” Bell said. “This one made hours more convenient to the Soldiers.”

Bell also explained how Camp Page had saved thousands of dollars by not using city water, but rather water from a well at the camp’s wash racks.

Bell said he challenged his employees to come up with three to five new PIRs a month.

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“Medevac missions go first and foremost,” Clark said. “It could be a life-and-death situation, so we’ve got to act fast to provide the pilots with all the weather information they will need.”

Staff Sgt. Shannon Byers, an Air Force forecaster, said he likes working with the Army.

As one of three airmen on an Army camp, Byers gets his fair share of comments about uniform differences.

“There is a difference in Army and Air Force cultures,” Byers said. “I look at it as same military, different rules.”

The days are long for the weather forecasters. They open shop at 6:45 a.m. and close when the last aircraft lands.

“That’s usually between 10 p.m. and midnight,” Byers said. “Our operations tempo is high for only three people, but I like it.”

“Lots of missions are planned around our forecasts,” Clark said. “Missions are either delayed or advanced because of our forecasts.”

Clark said this provides a lot of incentive to get the forecast right.

“That is the payoff,” Clark said.

The youngest member of the forecasting team, 20-year old Senior Airman Brian Thompkins, said taking observations is his favorite part of the job.

“You can actually see the weather developing,” Thompkins said. “I have no regrets about becoming a weather forecaster. It’s not a bad job.”

“I’ve been in aviation for nearly 26 years,” Dingwell said. “I’ve never seen a weather team more technically proficient or with a better work ethic than Staff Sgt. Clark and his team.”

Clark said his team takes comments like that to heart.

“Weather is a difficult field to build trust in,” Clark said. “If you’re wrong once, they’ll remember it. If you’re right five times, they may remember it.”

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Staff Sgt. Shannon Byers, a U.S. Air Force forecaster (right) gives a weather brief March 26 to Chief Warrant Officer Buckley Burkhardt, a helicopter pilot with Company A, 1st Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment at Camp Page Army Airfield.

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“I would venture to say after this training, based on how the Korean employees reacted to it, I think we are going to double their number of PIRs,” Bell said. “There are so many great ideas out there, and let’s face it, our Korean employees work here 20 to 30 years.”

Bell said his employees have a lot of knowledge on systems and processes. He said he feels confident they can make improvements.

The motivation for employees is, they no longer compete for performance awards. Bell explained he hopes to motivate them in other ways.

“I told them, ‘if you can show me your productivity has increased based on a measurement, then I will look at giving you an award,’” Bell said.

Bell also offered another way for an employee to get an award: to offer successful PIR.

“If they save money or improve customer capability or service, then I will reward them for it,” Bell said.

The garrison has implemented Sixth Sigma training for all employees over the past three months.

The Installation Management Agency-Korea Region contractor, Daniel Myung, has been the primary instructor for Six Sigma training in the garrison.

“I think they were surprised that this type of training was available to them,” Myung said.

Rather than just talking about saving money, Myung said they were given the tools and know-how to get the job done.

“They realize change is coming,” Myung said. “This was to tell them how to manage that change.”

The PIR process was mandated by Maj. Gen. Anders B. Aadland, director of the Installation Management Agency.

“Most of my training to date has been in Area I,” Myung said. “But soon this type of training will be presented throughout the other areas.”

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Korean-American women gather to worship

Photo, story by Linus Lee

Area II Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — The 10th Women's Bilingual Tres Dias took place March 25-28 at the Yongsan Installation Management Agency-Korea Region Religious Retreat Center.

Tres Dias, which means three days in Spanish, is an interdenominational Christian renewal movement. It encourages people to be in small groups to support each other in their lives as Christians. Tres Dias is very similar to

the Catholic Cursillo movements. The word Cursillo is Spanish, meaning short course, and is often associated with a three-day weekend.

According to the Tres Dias official website, Tres Dias is a group of Christians who are attempting to "walk the walk" and live their life as Jesus would have wanted them to. It is a "lay" led organization that conducts separate men's (two) and women's (three) weekends at the retreat center, each year. Their goals are to demonstrate that a "personal" relationship with Christ can be a reality,

promote a "heart" knowledge rather than "head" knowledge and encourage people to become spiritual leaders in their church and at home. They also assist and encourage one another in leading others to Christ.

Tres Dias evolved out of the Cursillo movements and has been active in the Seoul area since 1982. Each Tres Dias weekend is packed with many activities to include 15 talks given by lay people and clergy, group discussions, meditations, singing, fellowship, worship and wonderful surprises. There are over 50 Tres Dias communities around the world, according to the Area II Chaplain's office.

During the eight week preparation, members of the Tres Dias shepherds and angels made prayer palankas and table leaders gave devotions, lectures and sermons. The head rectora or director for the 10th Women's Bilingual Tres Dias was Myong Cha Bilbray. The vice rector was Sue Jin Chang. The head angel and shepherd were Lota Early and Bill Baker, respectively. Head music coordinator was Young Yi Boronowski.

"This retreat is wonderful, and it brings everyone closer to God. Some refresh their faith, while others meet Christ for the first time," said Bilbray. "There are activities that bring us (team members and candidates) closer to God. This is a Christian environment where it welcomes all people. We come into the

joy of our Lord. There are no strangers here, just friends we haven't met."

This time 29 candidates attended, from all across the peninsula, including Seoul, Osan, Daegu and Busan. The special guest speakers were Pastor Bae Dong-han of Nara Church in Bangbae-dong, Pastor Jee Il-hwan of Korean-Chinese Missionary Church in Bongchun-dong and Pastor Lee Sung-jae.

"Many people consider Tres Dias to be a cult, people always tend to assume or are misinformed. I enjoyed working as the head shepherd, because I know the Lord wanted me too. Now I will just wait for my son, Chris, to be the head shepherd," said Baker.

"There are a lot of surprises and we give away too much information to the general public," said shepherd Tom De Rousse. "You have to experience this in order to describe it. Rank and reputation does not matter during the three days. "People who attend need to block everything out that's going on outside of the retreat center and just concentrate on God," said De Rousse.

Men or women interested in attending Tres Dias can contact Robert W. Boling, lay director, bolingr@usfk.korea.army.mil by email in Area II or contact Troy Stone, Lay Director, taeutroy@yahoo.com by email for persons in Area IV.



Tres Dias participants enjoy barbeque lunch Saturday. The 10th Bilingual Women's Tres Dias was held March 26-28 at the Installation Management Agency- Korea Region Religious Retreat Center.

American Forces Spouses Club offers charity to orphans

Story, photo by Pvt. Park Jin-woo

Area II Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — The American Forces Spouses Club visited the Holy Family Child

Adoption center in Sung Book 2-Dong March 26.

Members of the AFSC, Judy LaPorte, honorary president, Mary Ring, second vice president, Haing J. Choi, Korea social

welfare project chair person and Marcia Bouchard, Chosun Gift shop president, visited the orphanage as a part of the AFSC's Korean social welfare projects activity.

The visit included a donation of 2.1 millia Korean won as a fund for diapers, milk fees and to enhance the quality of life of the babies.

The money was raised by the Chosun Gift Shop, which is a part of the AFSC and the main fund raising sources for the AFSC.

All the sales and profits made by the Chosun Gift Shop aside from the operating costs are all donated to various charities.

Last year \$200,000 was raised and half of it was donated to charities in Korea and the other half goes to support various organizations and activities to promote Soldiers and their family members' quality of life in the military community.

The Holy Family Child Adoption Center was founded in 1989 and provides a temporary home for babies as young as new-born three-day-old babies to three-

year-old babies.

Most of the babies are left at the adoption center with just their name and birthday by their parent. Many of the parents are single mothers.

There are over 40 babies in this orphanage and 10 of them are disabled.

The center is currently building a shelter for the disabled children who rarely get adopted.

After the visitors handed the donation and the gifts to the orphanage head nun, they spent some time with the babies who had gathered for their bath time.

After the visit to the orphanage Laporte said "We are very touched to see so many young babies who need mothers and fathers. We are praying and keeping them in our heart hoping there will be a special family out there, who would want to go adopt these children, because they need parents. They need parents very much. We were glad to pick up a child and give them a mother's love."



Judy LaPorte, honorary president of American Forces Spouses Club, tends to the babies during a visit to an orphanage March 26.

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Chaplains to Answer Questions

Chaplain (Col.) Sam Boone, U.S. Forces Korea command chaplain, will moderate a forum 6:30 p.m. Sunday in Memorial Chapel, Building 1597 on Yongsan Main Post, to answer questions arising from the viewing of "The Passion Of The Christ" movie shown in Area II.

Several chaplains will be there to assist and address issues that arise. It is open to the community and all are welcome attend.

Chosun Gift Shop

The Chosun Gift Shop will be closed Wednesday and April 10. For more information, call 738-5058.

Black and Gold Ball

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will host its annual Black and Gold Ball April 17 at the Dragon Hill Lodge. College scholarships will be awarded to peninsula-wide high school seniors during the event. The ball is open to all U.S. Forces Korea personnel. For reservations and more information, call 738-3037.

Area II Volunteer of the Quarter/Year nomination

Volunteer of the quarter and year nomination forms are now available. Deadline for applications is April 13. For more information, call Faithleen Henderson at 738-7510.

Force and Family Protection Initiative Training

Protect yourself and your family by attending Force and Family Protection Initiative training at 38th Chemical Detachment on Yongsan South Post. Classes will be held April 12, 13 and May 26 and 27. For more information, call Spc. An at 738-3658.

Spirit Warrior

A Christian men's conference will be held at the South Post Chapel April 30 and May 1. For more information, call 738-4043.

Easter Egg Hunt

Yongsan Commissary is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on the Commissary side lawn 1 p.m. April 10. Two age groups for kids, infant - 3 years and 4 - 7 years.

Newcomers Orientation

Newcomers Orientation will be at building 4106, room 118, 20 - 21 April. For more information, call Elizabeth Cotton at 738-7186.

Language Classes

English as a second language class meets every Monday and Wednesday 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at building 4106, room 124. This class is open to all ID card holders. To register call 738-7505.

Korean language class meets 10 - 11 a.m., 11 a.m. - noon, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at building 4106, room 124. This class is open to all ID card holders, to register please call 738-7505.

Days of Remembrance

Days of Remembrance Holocaust Commemoration ceremony will be held at the South Post Chapel 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., April 20. For more information, call 738-5950.

ROK and U.S. Provost Marshals gather for combined talks

By Pfc. Alex Licea
8th MP Brigade Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — The newly established Combined Forces Command Provost Marshal Office hosted the two military police counterparts was to

Army provost marshals and staff from the Office of the Provost Marshal General at the Combined Forces Command Provost Marshal Headquarters, March 16.

The meeting between the two military police counterparts was to

establish a new level of cooperative team building while ensuring that military police support within the ROK continues to expand, remain flexible, and provides world class support to both ROK and U.S. forces in South Korea.

"With the newly founded CFC PMO we have to make sure all of the provost marshals are on the same page," said Lt. Col. Chad McRee, chief of operations, CFC and U.S. Forces Korea Provost Marshal Office.

"The combined military police concept is pretty new to both U.S. and ROK MP Forces," said McRee.

"We have mutual goals: we both must provide first class military police combat support here in theater, while remaining focused on our respective national interests and mandates," said McRee.

"We also wanted to make it very clear that the CFC provost marshal is not trying to take over ROK provost marshal operations, but rather is seeking ways that we can enhance our capabilities for both nations," he added.

Since the creation of the Combined Forces Command Provost Marshals Office last year, the office has begun

breaking old paradigms, and has taken a look at new doctrine, new capabilities and enhancements.

The combined provost marshal is examining concepts on behalf of both U.S. and ROK military police forces in preparation for wartime operations and daily armistice requirements.

"Col. Peter M. Champagne, the combined provost marshal, has an enormous responsibility that will require a cooperative effort from both ROK and U.S. military police forces working together," said McRee.

"Therefore all MPs need to have a clear vision of the future requirements for our respective corps here in Korea," added McRee.

Col. Kim Hong-bae, ROK provost marshal general, along with chiefs of operations from 1st ROK Army, 2nd ROK Army, 3rd ROK Army, The ROK Military Police School and Capital Defense Command Provost Marshal Offices joined the morning session.

A number of different subjects were discussed

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PHOTO BY CPL. MIN KYUNG-NAM
Lt. Col. Chad McRee, CFC and USFK Provost Marshals chief of operations office speaks during combined talks between U.S. and ROK military police.

Civilian passes after 47 years with U.S. Army

YONGSAN — Raymond T. Ueno, a Department of the Army civilian and a renowned award-winning photographer and teacher of photography and calligraphy, died Saturday in Yongsan. He was 68.

Ueno suffered massive head injuries after being struck by an automobile while riding his moped March 24 on South Post.

The Pacific Stars & Stripes reported that the cause of the crash is still under investigation by local officials.

Ueno received many awards for his photographs capturing dramatic series of South Korea. He is also highly regarded for his commitment to fill in as a photojournalist for special activities and events in and around Yongsan.

A Vietnam veteran, Ueno has worked

for the U.S. Army for more than 47 years, of which more than 29 years have been with 1st Signal Brigade.

He became a member of the 1st Signal Brigade family on April 17, 1983, serving as a telecommunications manager with various elements of the 1st Signal Brigade since that time. In addition, Ueno was assigned as chief of drafting for the 251st Signal Detachment when it was activated on Oct. 16, 2003, until his passing.

Col. Ronald M. Bouchard, commander, 1st Signal Brigade said, "Ray Ueno has been an integral member of the Army, the 1st Signal Brigade, and the Yongsan and Seoul community. On behalf of the Soldiers, DA civilians and Korean nationals of the 1st Signal Brigade, I offer our heart felt condolences to his family

and friends."

Ueno is survived by his wife, Sachiko Ueno, and his son, Chad Yukio Ueno, both living in the Yongsan area.

A memorial service was on Tuesday, at South Post Chapel, Yongsan Garrison.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking donations be made to the Army Emergency Relief fund in Memory of Raymond T. Ueno, 1st Signal Brigade.

Checks should be made payable to: Army Emergency Relief fund "In Memory of Raymond T. Ueno". Contributions should be mailed to: Department of the Army, Headquarters, 1st Signal Brigade (NETCOM/9th ASC), Unit # 15271, Attn: Protocol Office: AER, APO AP 96205-5271.

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

**Royal Asiatic Society Free
Lecture**

■ “For Internalization of the

Korean Literature” – 7:30 p.m. April 14 at The Auditorium of Daewoo Foundation building, eighth floor.

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■ South Sea Island Extravaganza (Namhae-do) and Cherry Blossom Tour (Chinhae) – Saturday and Sunday

■ Kyonggi-do Cherry Blossom Tour to Yoido, Kwachan City and Namhan Sansong – 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. April 10

■ The Kingdom of Paekche Tour to Puyo and Kongju – 8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. April 11

■ Maisan and Muju Kuchon-dong Vally Tour – April 17 - 18

■ Chollipo and Mallipo Arboretum

Tour – 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. April 24

■ Museum Tour – 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. April 29.

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

Exhibitions

■ Visit the Korean Gugak Record Museum located at the Bukhangang River Cafe town of Serjong-myeon, Yangpyeong-gun. Visit <http://www.hearkorea.com> for more information.

■ IT Korea-KIECO 2004 will run from Thursday through April 11 at the COEX Mall.

For more information, call 02-6000-5164.

Entertainment

■ An evening with Dream Theater Train of Thought 2004 Seoul Tour will be at the Olympic Stadium April 28. For more information, call 02-3141-3488.

■ Maksim 2004 concert in Seoul will be at the Olympic stadium April 15. For more information Call 031-607-3981.

■ Dance of Desire Musical will be at the Dome Art Hall today through April 25. For more information call 02-1544-1555.

■ The Opera Carmen will be held at the Jamsil Stadium May 15 - 19. Call 02-1544-1555 for more information.

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throughout the meeting including the importance of combined live-fire exercises and physical fitness.

“For our Soldiers to be trained and proficient in their Warrior Tasks in combat, they must be comfortable with their

weapons systems and proficient with them, said McRee.

“Survivability will depend on training and physical stamina, which is directly related to realistic training and high standards of physical fitness,” added

McRee.

Additionally, discussions about future operations included a briefing about integrating ROK MP support into future convoy escort security support requirements and assisting in support for future Non

Combatant Evacuation Operations and exercises.

The meeting was concluded with a lively and cheerful lunch at the Hartell House.

“This event was the first step to break new ground for the Provost Marshal

Office,” added McRee.

Another scheduled meeting between ROK and U.S. provost marshals from across the peninsula is scheduled for an April or May time frame.

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Commentary ... Voting a privilege and responsibility

As the men and women of our uniformed services serve around the world defending democracy and freedom, we are reminded of our precious right as Americans to choose our national leaders. Today, more people around the world than ever before hold this most fundamental democratic right – and the right to vote.

This year, Americans at home and abroad will vote in elections to fill federal, state and local offices.

We will be voting to elect the president and vice president, 34 U.S. senators, the entire U.S. House of Representatives, 13 state governors and hundreds of local officials.

The outcome of these elections will shape the nation's future.

For the men and women of our uniformed services, the opportunity to register and cast their ballots in the 2004 elections will depend significantly on the assistance and support they receive Service and command voting programs and from the Voting Assistance Officers assigned to their units.

Those serving overseas, especially in Iraq

and Afghanistan, and mobilized National Guard and Reserve units, will face the additional challenges of the availability of election information and materials and the lengthened time it takes to receive and return their absentee ballots through the mails. I want your support for the following:

■ Ensure command support of the voting program at all levels of command. Personal involvement of commanders is crucial to effective implementation of the voting program. Assign quality officers the duty of Voting Assistance Officers and comment on their performance as a Voting Assistance Officer on their evaluation reports. Voting Assistance Officers must be given the time and resources needed for them to perform their duties effectively, including the opportunity to complete a Federal Voting Assistance Program Training Workshop.

■ Publicize the identity and location of voting assistance officers within each major command, on each installation, and within each unit. Service, command, installation and unit websites should maintain prominent voting

information links for the benefit of servicemembers.

■ Service voting assistance officers must establish and maintain a directory of major command and installation voting assistance officers and have the means by which to effectively and rapidly communicate with them and their subordinates. I will be asking Dr. David Chu to meet with the senior service voting representatives regularly between now and election day to get updates and act quickly to resolve any problems.

■ Voting materials, including the Federal Post Card Application and the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot must be distributed to all units, and unit Voting Assistance Officers must be aware of the availability of such materials. These materials are available in book form, on CD and on the internet at <http://www.fvap.gov>. I want to ensure each servicemember is handed the Federal Post Card Application and is offered assistance in completing the form if needed.

■ Use your command and public information capabilities to support the September 2004 Armed Forces Voter's Week

and designate other special days to inform members and their families of absentee voter registration and voting procedures ensuring that all voters are registered to vote by the end of September. I want each of you to designate the week of Oct. 11-15 as Absentee Voting Week.

If overseas voters complete and mail their ballots by Oct. 15, their votes will reach any precinct in time to be counted.

We will not recommend any party or candidate. Our mission is to ensure every servicemember and their families have the opportunity to vote in the appropriate Primary, Special, Runoff and General Elections and to ensure that their votes are counted.

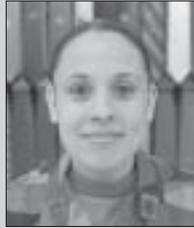
Voting is both a privilege and a responsibility of citizens in a democracy. It is our responsibility, as leaders of the Armed Services to do everything we can to ensure that our servicemembers and their families exercise their right to vote.

Donald Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense

Morning Calm Weekly Question of the Week: *What do you think of the Advanced Incentive Pay?*



"That would make me extend." — Pfc. Matthew Keen, 142nd Military Police Company, Yongsan



"It's a great incentive where units benefit as well as Soldiers." — Capt. Rosa Sanchez, 275th Signal Company, Yongsan



"It's a good opportunity for Soldiers to save money." — Pfc. Steve Simmons, 595th Maintenance Company, Yongsan



"I think the AIP is OK for single Soldiers." — Pfc. Teresa Pagano, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 34th Support Group, Yongsan

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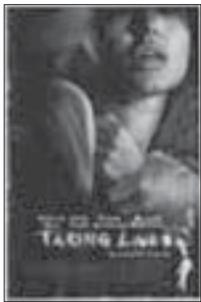
**AT THE
MOVIES**



April 2 - April 8

Location Phone No.	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7	April 8
Casey 730-7354	The Big Bounce	The Big Bounce	Spartan	Spartan	The Perfect Score	The Perfect Score	Calendar Girls
Essayons 732-9008	No Show	The Butterfly Effect	No Show	Cold Mountain	Starsky and Hutch	No Show	Hidalgo
Garry Owen 734-2509	No Show	Hidalgo	Starsky and Hutch	Cold Mountain	Cold Mountain	No Show	My Baby's Daddy
Greaves 734-8388	Starsky and Hutch	Cold Mountain	Hidalgo	No Show	No Show	Cold Mountain	My Baby's Daddy
Henry 768-7724	My Baby's Daddy	Hidalgo	Hidalgo	Calendar Girls	No Show	No Show	No Show
Humphreys 753-7716	Spartan	Spartan	Spartan	The Big Bounce	My Baby's Daddy	The Perfect Score	The Passion of the Christ
Hialeah 763-370	Spartan	Peter Pan	Cold Mountain	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
Hovey 730-5412	The Perfect Score	Spartan	The Big Bounce	The Big Bounce	Spartan	Barbershop 2	Barbershop 2
Howze 734-5689	Hidalgo	My Baby's Daddy	Cold Mountain	No Show	No Show	No Show	Spartan

Taking Lives



A top FBI profiler, Special Agent Illeana Scott doesn't rely on traditional crime-solving techniques to unravel the mysteries of a murderous mind. Her intuitive, unconventional approach often makes

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Spartan



Special ops officer, Robert Scott, and his protégé, Curtis, are assigned to find the missing daughter of a high-ranking government official. But then their mission seems to come to an abrupt halt when the

girl's death is reported in the media. Curtis believes the girl is in fact alive. If she is, there's a dangerous conspiracy at the highest level covering up the fact that she's still alive.

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Location Phone No.	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7	April 8
Kunsan 782-4987	Twisted	Twisted	The Passion of the Christ	No Show	The Perfect Score	Starsky and Hutch	Starsky and Hutch
Long 721-3407	50 First Dates	No Show	Torque	The Butterfly Effect	No Show	No Show	No Show
Osan 784-4930	The Passion of the Christ	The Passion of the Christ	Taking Lives	Taking Lives	My Babby's Daddy	The Perfect Score	Calendar Girls
Page 721-5499	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
Red Cloud 732-6620	Spartan	My Baby's Daddy	The Big Bounce	The Perfect Score	Calendar Girls	No Show	Taking Lives
Stanley 732-5565	The Big Bounce	The Perfect Score	The Perfect Score	Calendar Girls	No Show	Taking Lives	Calendar Girls
Yongsan I 738-7389	The Passion of the Christ	The Passion of the Christ	The Passion of the Christ	The Passion of the Christ	The Passion of the Christ	Calendar Girls	Calendar Girls
Yongsan II 738-7389	Taking Lives	Taking Lives	Taking Lives	The Last Samurai	The Last Samurai	The Perfect Score	The Perfect Score
Yongsan III 738-7389	Along Came Polly	Along Came Polly	Looney Tunes: Back in Action	Looney Tunes: Back in Action	Lord of the Rings: Return of the Kings	Lord of the Rings: Return of the Kings	Lord of the Rings: Return of the Kings

Passover celebrates redemption and freedom

**By Air Force
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Brett Oxman**
U.S. Forces Korea Chaplain's Office

On Monday evening, Jews all over the world will begin celebrating the eight day festival of Passover, which marks the birth of the Jewish people as a free nation under the leadership of its greatest teacher and prophet, Moses.

The Israelite community in Egypt had been enslaved for more than two centuries under the Pharaohs. Moses, a Jew raised as a prince of Egypt, was

forced to leave the palace and flee to the desert after saving the life of a Jewish slave by killing an Egyptian taskmaster. While wondering in a place called Midian, Moses received a Divine "call" at the burning bush to deliver the Jewish from bondage to freedom.

The quintessential aspect of Passover observance is the "Seder" meal. It is a family event featuring "Matzah" or the "Bread of Affliction" — unleavened bread that symbolizes poverty, bitter herbs that symbolize the harshness of slavery, and four cups of wine or grape

juice symbolizing the joy of being redeemed.

Passover as a symbol of freedom, deliverance and defiance of oppressive regimes has always captured the American imagination. The story of Passover inspired Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams when they proposed "Rebellion against tyrants is obedience to God" as the motto for the United States seal. Almost a century later, the refrain of the spiritual calling for freedom from slavery began with "Go down, Moses," and ended

with "Let my people go."

One last feature of Passover is the "Cup of Elijah," a goblet filled with wine and kept of the Seder Table throughout the meal in the hope that the Prophet Elijah may appear as a messenger of God and announce the coming of the Messiah. Thus, in the midst of their memories of the past, Jewish people look forward to the day of universal peace, love, and brotherhood.

For additional information on the Area II Passover observance please E-mail sanlando@yahoo.com.

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)
		10 a.m.	South Post Chapel
		11 a.m.	Hannam Village Chapel
	Noon	South Post Chapel	
	1 p.m.	K-16 Community Chapel	

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

Mass		5 p.m.	Memorial Chapel
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Jewish

	Friday	6 p.m.	Memorial Chapel
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Catholic

Mass	Sunday	8 a.m.	South Post Chapel
		11:30 a.m.	Memorial Chapel
	Tuesday	12:05 p.m.	121 Hospital Chapel
		7 p.m.	South Post Chapel
	Mon/Wed/Thur/Fri	12:05 p.m.	Memorial Chapel
	Saturday	5 p.m.	Memorial Chapel



A UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter lands on the deck of HSV Joint Venture in the Yellow Sea.

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY SGT. ANDREW KOSTERMAN

RSO&I '04

Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration is an annual exercise between Republic of Korea and U.S. Forces Korea personnel. The annual exercise is held throughout South Korea.



PHOTO BY ALEX HARRINGTON

Left — Soldiers from Company B, 1st Signal Brigade secure a tarp over one of the support frames for a general purpose tent, their temporary home for the Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration.

Left, below — Sgt. Mack A. Belton Jr. Company B, 304th Signal Battalion, 1st Signal Brigade, cleans up extra debris after setting up his unit's tactical satellite dish during RSO and I.

Right, below — Staff Sgt. Kenneth Register from Camp Page (left) and Spc. Paul Garcia from Camp Red Cloud review actions completed the previous night at a command post at Camp Henry.



PHOTO BY ALEX HARRINGTON



PHOTO BY PFC. ALEX LICEA

Left — A 57th Military Police Company military policeman searches an Enemy Prisoner of War during RSO and I.



PHOTO BY STEPHEN OERTWIG



Camp Carroll CDC to offer child care

By Glenn Groome
Camp Carroll Community Life

for full-day care, and pick up their school-aged children in the afternoon.”

The center’s director, Lloyd Buster, is presently recruiting additional staff and putting the final touches into the combined CYS facility. Services will not only include the same quality part-day and pre-school care parents are accustomed to, but also a school aged services after school program and a small teen center. Additional programs will be developed and added based on the needs of the community.

Interested families are encouraged to tour the new facility, meet the staff and enjoy refreshments 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 3, during the open house celebration. Army Community Services, Central Texas College and other community activity organizations will be on hand to provide information and assistance.

For more information, call 765-8824 or stop by building S-998 on how to enroll a child in the new Camp Carroll CDC.

April Training Schedule

April is Alcohol Awareness Month and the Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month.

In support of these events, Yongsan’s Community Counseling Center, Army Community Services and Family Life Center have combined to offer classes at the Yongsan South Post Multipurpose Training Facility each Thursday in April.

Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Training is planned 8-8:50 a.m., Domestic Violence Prevention Training will be 9-9:50 a.m., Suicide Prevention Training will be 10-10:50 a.m. and Stress Management is scheduled 11-11:50 a.m.

Yongsan Youth Volleyball

Yongsan Child and Youth Services volleyball registration for youth 11-18 years old and coaches will be conducted through today. Registration is in building 4211, Central Registration Office.

For more information, call 738-8117 or 738-5567.

Coaches Needed

Volunteer coaches are needed for youth base swim teams in the Daegu area. Coaches for swim season are needed before the beginning the season starts in May. For more information, call Neil Fletcher at 764-4859.

Stanley Bowling League

Camp Stanley Bowling Center is forming a spring and summer league. League play starts on April 6. To register stop by the Camp Stanley Bowling Center or call 732-5370.

Camp Red Cloud Fitness Center offers classes

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

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

Ceramics Classes to be held at Camp Edwards

Ceramics classes will be held at the Camp Edwards Arts and Crafts Center at 2 p.m. Saturday through April 10. The class is free. Anyone interested in ceramics can participate in the class.

Elliot Sloan to perform at U.S. installations

Eliot Sloan is the lead singer and songwriter for the pop group Blessid Union of Souls. Experience the sounds of Eliot Sloan at one of his upcoming performances.

Today Kunsan AB, Loring Club 7 p.m.
Saturday K-2/Taegu Air Base, Jackes Club, 7 p.m.
Sunday Camp Carroll, Hideaway Club, 7 p.m.

CAMP CARROLL — Soldiers and civilians working at Camp Carroll in the Waegan area will soon have a new alternative for child care.

The Carroll Child Development Center, a 1.8 million dollar project, originally began construction in 2001 as part of a new housing project for the community. Although the housing project was delayed, it was determined there was still a vital need for local child care and the construction continued as planned. Three years later, the project has nearly reached completion and the center is expected to open its doors to Area IV families in the early spring.

“What will make this center unique is that all (Child and Youth Services) programs will be housed in one facility,” says Glenn Groome, Camp Carroll Community Life Officer. “Parents will be able to drop off their infant or pre-schooler

‘The Passion’ comes to area movie theaters

Mel Gibson’s controversial film debuts in AAFES theaters after being acquired March 25

Army and Air Force Exchange Service

DALLAS — The Army & Air Force Exchange Service received copies of “The Passion of the Christ” earmarked for troops stationed outside of the Continental United States. The film prints were rushed overseas by AAFES to theaters March 25.

AAFES plans to add The Passion of the Christ to the first run circuit as soon

as possible.

Once the prints are received by overseas theaters, The Passion of the Christ will be circuited to 60 theaters throughout Europe and the Pacific, including Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom locations (check local listings).

“It was only through the cooperation of Icon Productions, Terry Steiner International and Newmarket Films that AAFES was able to procure this film for troops stationed overseas,” said AAFES Vice President of Food and Theater Richard Sheff. “We will continue to work with these and other

partners to acquire The Passion of the Christ for military audiences in CONUS.”

Since The Passion of the Christ opened, AAFES has been actively pursuing acquisition of the movie. Unfortunately, due to the film’s commercial success, which has grossed \$300 million in ticket sales, AAFES had been unable to acquire prints for military audiences. As prints of the movie are being shipped overseas, AAFES continues to actively pursue additional copies of The Passion of the Christ for CONUS theaters.

USA Express tours Korea

Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marketing Office

YONGSAN — USA Express isn’t your typical band ... the group is comprised of nine active duty soldiers hand picked from the All-Army Battle of the Bands and Stars of Tomorrow competitions.

Their music set consists of everything from classical hits to rap and is worth seeing. Enjoy an evening of entertainment.

The group is currently touring through South Korea.

Check out USA Express on tour through April.

USA Express performance schedule:

- Today Camp Hialeah Pusan Pub
- Saturday Camp Walker Evergreen Club
- Monday Camp Long Longshot Club
- Tuesday Camp Kyle Edeewa Club
- Wednesday Camp Castle Hard ROK Cafe
- Thursday Camp Stanton Fiddler’s Green Club
- April 9 Camp Edwards Wolverine’s Den Club
- April 10 Camp Casey Warrior’s Club



PHOTO BY SGT. ANDREW KOSTERMAN

Chong Kwang ki, a projectionist at the Yongsan movie theater, checks a film reel during the showing of a lunchtime movie. The movie schedules for all installations in South Korea are listed on page 14.



Workers from the 22nd Korean Service Corps build tents at the life support area on Freedom Field at Camp Humphreys.



Lance Cpl. Aaron Sansaricq and Pvt. Thomas Hundley wrap sandwiches.



Marines from Okinawa arrive at Desiderio Army Airfield at Camp Humphreys for the annual Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration exercise. About 2,000 Marines were based at life support areas established at Area III for the exercise.



Marines walk by tents at the Palan life support area maintained by Area III Soldiers.



Pfc. Antonio Menchaca grabs a nozzle at the Palan refuel point. Menchaca is a petroleum supply specialist assigned to the 348th Quartermaster Company.

Area III supports annual exercise

Story, photos by Steve Davis

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS – Marine Gunnery Sgt. Bernard McLeish squinted as he watched the grey C-130 Hercules aircraft from Okinawa drop into its final approach to the airfield here. Aboard the plane were Okinawa-based U.S. Marines and equipment deploying to Korea for the 2004 Reception, Staging, Onward movement and Integration exercise, commonly known as RSO and I.

McLeish, logistics chief for Marine Air Control Group 18, was responsible for off-loading and moving Marine equipment and personnel. At his disposal were trucks, forklifts, passenger vans and anything else he might need to get passengers and cargo to their destination.

“We are deploying Marines, radar, generators, communications equipment, vehicles . . . everything we need during the exercise,” said McLeish. The equipment came on planes and high-speed vessels that docked at Pyongtaek port to off-load their cargo.

More than 2,000 Marines operated in Area III during the joint service, combined forces exercise that annually tests the ability to receive, stage, move and

integrate reinforcements in the event of hostilities on the Korean peninsula. About 800 Marines operated out of Camp Humphreys. Another 1,200 deployed to life support areas established by the U.S. Army Support Activity, Area III, at Zoeckler Station, Palan, Yongin, Camp Long and Suwon Air Base.

Support for the exercise is a collaborative effort between the Area III command group, directorates and tenant units.

“We beginning planning for the exercise right after the last one ends,” said Roosevelt Daymon, who heads the Area III Directorate of Logistics here.

Daymon said logistical planning “really gets serious” around October, when all the numbers of Soldiers and supplies start to firm up.

“That’s when we start energizing our contracts and getting our tents cleaned to go places,” said Daymon. “We start inspecting environmental control units or getting new ones and begin to prepare life support areas.”

The directorate of logistics coordinated with the directorate of plans, training, mobilization and security, the Area III provost marshal, Directorate of Public Works, the 22nd Korean Service Corps

and others to establish and equip all of the life support areas.

“Although we provide the supplies, without the Korea Service Corps and its mobile labor pool, electricians from the Directorate of Public Works, inspectors from the safety office and the fire department and many others, we’d have a tough time getting the job done,” he said.

Sustaining life support areas was as important as setting them up. Rations, fuel, water and other supplies were “pushed” from Camp Humphreys to outlying life support areas.

At Camp Humphreys, all dining facilities geared up for the influx of personnel.

Most of the Marine “guests” were fed at the Pegasus Grill or at the 6th Cavalry Brigade Blackhorse or 527th Military Intelligence Battalion dining facilities, said Area III and Camp Humphreys Food Advisor Timothy A Chavez. Fourteen additional cooks were contracted during the exercise to handle the work load.

“At the Yongin and Palan LSAs, we also operated mobile kitchen trailers borrowed from the 23rd Area Support Group,” said Chavez.

NEWS & NOTES

Alcohol Screening

An alcohol screening and information booth will be at the Camp Humphreys post exchange 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. today and Thursday as part of Area III Alcohol Awareness Month activities. For more information, call 753-7361.

23rd ASG Spring Ball

The 23rd Area Support Group "Warrior Ethos" Spring Ball will be held 5:30 p.m.-midnight April 16 at the Camp Humphreys Community Activities Center. All 23rd ASG Soldiers are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, call 753-7136.

Retiree Appreciation Day

Retiree Appreciation Day will be celebrated at noon April 24 at the Nitewatch at Camp Humphreys. The event, hosted by the newly formed Area III Retiree Council, will be an opportunity to recognize the contributions of military veterans. Free finger food and door prizes will be available. The public is invited. Military retirees who plan to attend are encouraged to call Bill Spearman at 753-8401 or A.C. Scott 753-7337.

Days of Remembrance

"Days of Remembrance" will be hosted at 3 p.m. April 21 at the Camp Humphreys post theater. The event is sponsored by Area III Equal Opportunity to remember those who survived the mass slaughter of European civilians and especially Jews by the Nazis during World War II. Guest speaker is Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Brett C. Oxman, deputy command chaplain, USFK. The public is invited.

United Club Scholarships

The Camp Humphreys United Club will soon award scholarships to Area III high school seniors and continuing education students. Applications are available at the Osan High School guidance counselor's office and the Camp Humphreys Education Center. Submission deadline is April 30.

Volunteer of the Quarter Nominations

Nominate your favorite volunteer to be the Area III Volunteer of the Quarter, Volunteer of the Year or Outstanding Youth Volunteer. Nomination forms are available at the Army Community Service, building 311. The deadline for nominations is April 12. For more information, call 753-8294.

Free Korean Culture and Language Class

■ Read and write in Korean. Learn basic sentences. Army Community Service offers free beginner Korean language classes noon-1p.m. every Wednesday at the Camp Humphreys Army Community Service in building 311.

■ Free culture and conversational Korean classes are also taught 5:30-6:30 p.m. each Wednesday, also at ACS. For more information, call 8782.

Area III Tax Center

The Area III Tax Center at Camp Humphreys is open and ready to assist Soldiers with their tax filing needs. Tax assistance is also available at Camps Eagle and Long and Suwon Air Base. Soldiers must see their unit tax advisor before visiting the Tax Center, building 734 on Camp Humphreys. For more information, call 753-3170.

News & Notes Deadline

The deadline for submitting items for Area III News & Notes is Friday each week for publication the following Friday. For more information, call 753-8847.



U.S. Marines unload from helicopters March 23 at Camp Humphreys' Desiderio Army Airfield, one of the busiest outside the U.S..

Exercise

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Extra kitchen help also came from the U.S. Marine units using the dining facilities.

Lance Cpl. Aaron Sansaricq, of the 172nd Marine Wing Support Squadron from Camp Fatima, Okinawa, was one of several Marines helping out.

"There's no rivalry. We're all getting along," said Sansaricq as he teamed up to make sandwiches with Pvt. Thomas Hundley, one of the regular cooks at the "Pegasus," operated by the 194th Maintenance Battalion with cooks from several Camp Humphreys units.

Sgt. 1st Class Darryl Johnson, from Company A, 2nd Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment, said he was supervising five soldiers in the ration breakdown area.

"It's a little more difficult during the exercise because we have a lot more rations to manage in the same area," he said. "It just takes a little readjustment."

Chavez said Marines participating in the exercise are getting "A-C-A" rations, meaning hot meals in the morning and evening with meals-ready-to-eat for lunch.

Morale Boosters

Area III Morale, Welfare and Recreation developed what MWR Marketing Chief Mike Mooney calls a "two-prong attack" to get ready for the Marines and additional Army Soldiers arriving for the exercise.

"We were proactive and scheduled additional programs and activities even before they got here," he said. "We were also reactive to their special needs after they arrived."

The proactive portion of the "attack" included a special "Welcome" brochure with an installation map, a schedule of recreational events, facility hours of operation and other information.

"We also had a sheet of money-saving coupons for all Area III MWR programs that charge a fee and special 'super flyers'

for each of the clubs, the Community Activities Center and the Camp Humphreys sports program," said Mooney.

A 5 kilometer run and a three-on-three basketball tournament were scheduled during the exercise timeframe, said Area III Sports Director Jim Howell.

Community Activities Director Jim Hogrebe said several tours were organized for the Marines to visit the Joint Security Area in Korea's Demilitarized Zone, along with trips to popular shopping areas.

Mike Ross, MWR business operations chief, said Area III clubs were "geared



Marine aircraft sit on the ramp at the Desiderio Army Airfield March 23 at Camp Humphreys. In addition to its daily mission, airfield operations supported the week-long RSO and I exercise.

up" to handle larger than normal numbers of customers.

"We wanted to make our guests feel like full-fledged members of the Camp Humphreys community, even if it is a temporary residency," said Ross.

Director of Community Activities Dave Watson echoed Ross's sentiment.

"During the time they are living in our tent cities or in our exercise housing, they belong to us. We're going to take good care of them," said Watson.

Area-wide involvement

Many U.S. Army Support Activity, Area III, tenant units played a vital role in the success of the annual RSO and I exercise.

The 194th Maintenance Battalion, part of the 23rd Area Support Activity

headquartered at Camp Humphreys, provided fuel and water support for the Palan and Yongin life support areas.

"We are also providing forklift and maintenance support for generators and heaters at both LSAs and a mobile kitchen trailer at Yongin," said Maj. Craig Simonsgaard, battalion support operations officer. "It is not a huge mission, but for the Soldiers and Marines involved, it's a big deal. The exercise itself is a big deal. Without our support, it would not go very well."

Maj. Scott Smith, 23rd Area Support Group personnel officer, said the group was a "player" in RSO and I, a computer simulation exercise.

"We occupied a field site, performed our wartime mission of command and control and helped train the 19th Theater Support Command staff by providing required reports and information," said Smith.

He said the 194th Maintenance Battalion provided more than 90 personnel to serve as "gamer cell" personnel at Yongsan and Daegu, baggage handlers at Osan Air Base and LSA support workers at Palan, Yongin, Camp Humphreys, Daegu and Yongsan.

Smith said the 343rd (Army Reserve) Rear Operations Center, part of the 23rd Area Support Group, actively fulfilled its wartime mission by providing 13 Soldiers to coordinate rear operations in Area III. He said two other Army Reserve units also participated. The 909th Chemical Detachment provided eight people to "work" issues during the exercise and the 322nd Ordnance Battalion provided five Soldiers to work with the 6th Ordnance Battalion on ammunition issues throughout the computer-simulated exercise.

The Area III provost marshal, the 557th Military Police Company and the 549th Military Police Detachment also provided convoy escort support during the annual exercise.

Around Area III



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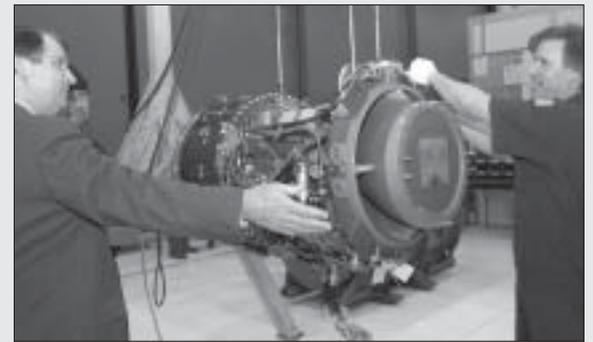
Mom Chris Fox watches as son Thorne Fox, 2, and Dorothy Isom, 3, decorate cupcakes at the Army Community Service National Family Day open house March 25 at Camp Humphreys. Area III will observe Child Abuse Prevention Month and Month of the Military Child throughout April.



Firefighters extinguish a dumpster fire March 19 at Camp Humphreys. The fire may have been set by hot charcoal or a discarded cigarette, according to fire officials.



Directorate of Logistics Food Service Manager Tim Chavez helps troops at the Palan Life Support Area assemble immersion heater exhaust pipes during an Area III assistance visit by Directorate of Logistics managers.



The Army's Integrated Materiel and Management Center Executive Director John R. Chapman talks with DynCorps employees Michael Girard and Bill Taber during a March 24 visit to Camp Humphreys aircraft maintenance facilities.

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS — “Around Area III” is a new section devoted to spot news photography of events of interest throughout Area III and Camp Humphreys.

Photojournalists from the Area III public affairs office will be visiting camps and facilities to capture Soldiers, Department of Defense civilians, contractors and Korean national employees at work.

Photographers from all Area III tenant units are also invited to submit images of unit activities. Submit images or questions to Steve Davis at davisst@usfk.korea.army.mil or call 753-8847.



Civilians don BDUs, join the 'battle'

By Galen Putnam
Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP HENRY – Emergency-essential American and mission-essential Korean civilians from the Area IV Enclave suited up along with thousands of soldiers to participate in the theaterwide Reception, Staging, Onward movement, and Integration and Foal Eagle exercises held March 21-Sunday.

RSO and I is an annual Republic of Korea and U.S. Combined Forces Command, Republic of Korea government, simulation driven, operations plan-oriented command post exercise. The joint and combined exercise focuses on the reception, staging, onward movement, and integration of strategic deployment forces; rear operations command and control; force protection; force tracking and sustainment.

Foal Eagle is the Combined Forces Command's primary field training exercise. Its primary training audience are tactical units and functions. It is a multifaceted joint and combined

exercise that trains in all aspects of CFC's mission: rear battle area protection, RSO and I, special operations, and conventional multiservice force-on-force engagements. Selected continental United States-based units come to Korea to participate in this exercise.

For the exercise and in a wartime situation, the 20th Support Group headquartered at Camp Henry pulls up stakes and heads to Camp Hialeah in Busan where the unit's primary function is to evacuate noncombatants from the peninsula and in-process soldiers arriving for the fight.

"The 20th would deploy to Busan which is their combat rear mission area and Area IV would stay here to provide base defense and base operations support," said Douglas L. Burk, Area IV Support Activity deputy commander. "We are responsible for providing daily base operations, such as providing water, fuel, transportation, housing and other necessities and still run other

programs as needed such as recreation and support for the general community."

When the 20th Support Group soldiers leave, Area IV Department of the Army civilians step in to fill the void.

Although the thought of civilians taking over for soldiers might seem odd,

it makes quite a bit of sense according to Burk, who led the civilians during the exercise.

"The civilians are pretty much doing their regular jobs so there is good

continuity. Also, most of the civilians are retired or have many years of active duty so they are no strangers to working in that kind of environment," he said.

Working 13-hour shifts, the civilians staffed emergency operations centers at Camps Henry, Carroll and Hialeah 24 hours-a-day.

"This is the first time we've actually done an almost 100 percent emergency-essential civilian exercise so we're pretty proud of that," Burk said.

Fifty-one emergency-essential American

civilians and 310 mission-essential Korean civilians from throughout Area IV participated in the exercise. A majority of the civilians, who came from virtually all of Area IV's directorates and staff agencies, served at the primary emergency operations center at Camp Henry.

"Overall things went very well," said Don Hiles, Area IV force protection officer, who served as the Camp Henry emergency operations center night shift battle captain. "Initially there was a high learning curve for the civilians with little operations experience but once everyone figured out the battle rhythm everything went smoothly. It was a run-of-the-mill operations center even though civilians staffed it. Everyone did a professional job."

Others agreed.

"The motivation and will to participate was very high and cohesion was very good," said Rodney S. Sanders, Area IV plans and operations specialist who served as the day shift battle captain. "There was a lot of experience in the room and a lot of creative solutions came from that experience.

"They (civilians) are no strangers to working in that kind of environment."

- Douglas L. Burk

Smorgasbord of books

Sgt. Maj. Dean Motoyama, 19th Theater Support Command Legal Office, and son Jason, a first-grader at Taegu American School, check out the selection of books and other items at the Parent-Teacher Organization's Spring Book Fair that opened Monday. The fair ran through Thursday in the school's Information Center with proceeds from purchases going to help supply new books for the center. The PTO holds book fairs every fall and spring to help make books accessible to students, raise funds and provide books to the school.



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Area IV forming retiree council

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP HENRY – The initial meeting to form an Area IV Retiree Council will be 1 p.m. April 10 in the Area IV Support Activity Community Conference Room, building 1211, on Camp Henry.

All military retirees regardless of branch, their spouses, and widows and widowers of retirees who live in Area IV are invited to attend this organizational meeting.

The council will provide retirees a communications link to the active military, influence policies and regulations that affect retirees, take part in programs concerning the well-being of retirees and enhance the support of Area IV Support Activity programs by retirees.

"This gives a voice to the retiree community," said Lt. Col. Wilfred J. Plumley, Jr., former deputy commander of the 20th Support Group who is helping organize the council. "It will also improve support to the community from retirees."

For more information about the Area IV Retiree Council, contact Plumley at 768-8021 or Wilfred.Plumley@us.army.mil

NEWS & NOTES

Tax Center Closing

The Area IV Tax Center will be closing April 15. It is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. except for Thursday when it is open 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. until its closure. It is located in building 1805 on Camp Henry. For more information or to make an appointment call Staff Sgt. Derrick Butler 768-6680.

Yeong-am Overnight Culture Tour

The Area IV Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Community Relations Offices are hosting an overnight culture tour to Yeong-am April 10 - 11. The tour is open to all U.S. identification card holders. Sign up at the Camp Walker Community Activity Center. A \$10 refundable deposit is required at the time of registration. For more information, call Luis Rios at 768-7418.

Kelly Field Closed

Kelly Field on Camp Walker is closed until April 11. However, the running track remains open. For more information, call Darryl Chandler at 764-4800.

Easter Sunrise Service

The Camp Walker Community is having an Easter Sunrise Service 7 a.m. April 11 at the Evergreen Community Club. The speaker will be Chaplain (Col.) Richard Garrison, command chaplain, 19th Theater Support Command. Special music will be provided by "Men of Trinity" and the Camp Walker Multicultural Gospel Choir. Breakfast will be provided.

Holocaust Victims Commemoration

Area IV, 20th Support Group and the 168th Medical Battalion are sponsoring a day of remembrance for victims of the holocaust 11:30 a.m. April 19 at Evergreen Community Club, Camp Walker. The guest speaker will be Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Brett Oxman, deputy command chaplain, USFK. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Sharon Bryant at 768-8972.

Holocaust Victims Commemoration

Area IV, 20th Support Group, 16th Medical Logistics Battalion and 23rd Chemical Battalion are sponsoring a day of remembrance for victims of holocaust 3 p.m. April 19 at the Camp Carroll Community Activity Center. The guest speaker will be Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Brett Oxman, deputy command chaplain, USFK. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Sharon Bryant at 768-8972.

Boxing Coaches Needed

Daegu Sports and Fitness is looking for boxing coaches. For more information, call Darryl Chandler at 764-4225.

Camp Carroll Softball Coaches Needed

The Crown Jewel sports and fitness program is looking for men's and women's softball coaches. Resumes with a coaching history must be turned in at the Camp Carroll Sports Office, located at the new Sports and Fitness complex, by April 9. For more information, contact Kim Su Yop, acting sports director, at 765-8287 or KimSuYop@usfk.korea.army.mil

Runners, walkers catch spring fever



PHOTO BY GALEN PUTNAM

Runners pass some of Camp Walker's blossoming cherry trees during the 2004 Spring Fever/Women's History Month five-kilometer fun run/two-mile walk here Saturday.

By Pfc. Oh Dong-keun

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP WALKER – A total of 61 runners and walkers participated in the 2004 Spring Fever/Women's History Month five-kilometer fun run/two-mile walk sponsored by the Area IV Equal Opportunity Office and Area IV Morale, Welfare and Recreation here Saturday.

Chad Berket took the first place for men's 29 and under category, Michael Aponte came in second. In women's 29 and under category, Lorelei Mann and Amanda Lawrence came in first and second, respectively. In men's 30-39, Jake Witte took first and Clifford Atkinson came in second. Jacqueline James came in first and Choe Un-chin took second place in women's 30-39 category. In men's 40-49, Patrick Noble took the first place and Lee Sung-chik took the second. In women's 40-49, Sachiko Wise and Jeong Hyung-suk came in first and second. In men's over 50 category, Bae Kang-si took first and Park Myong-su came in second. In women's over 50, Park soon-hee and Cannata Kum came in first and second.

In the youth five-kilometer run, Greg Falkawski was the winner. Dollie Johnson was the two-mile walk winner in the adult division (men and women) and Angela Putnam won the youth and teen division.

Daegu women's basketball team wins league title

Story By Staff Sgt. Jonathan Crane

304th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

CAMP WALKER – Final four competition among the post-level women's basketball teams culminated in a shootout March 14 in Yongsan that left Daegu the last team standing.

Seeded last of the final four teams, Daegu surprised their competition with a win in the first game against the top-seeded Air Force team from Osan. "We were determined not to let the Air Force take the title," said Standard Jones, the coach of the Daegu women's team. The Daegu players continued winning and swept the brackets by defeating Camp Red Cloud twice.

Post-level teams from eight military communities across the Korean

peninsula travel Korea-wide during their five-month season, playing an opponent twice each game weekend.

"Post-Level teams are the elite level," said Tom Corcoran, sports director for Area IV. There are six Army teams and two Air Force teams that play approximately 30 games during the five-month season.

"Losing Soldiers due to their one-year tours is always a problem. But from December on we didn't lose a single player," Jones said. He identified this stability as the key factor in determining the Daegu team's success. "The team stayed together and we made a cohesive team."

Jones also found competitive advantage in the veterans who stiffened the ranks of his team. Three players

have previous experience in college basketball and another has solid high school experience. One player is in her third year with the team.

Tournament-winning players representing Daegu are: Nakita Camps, 19th Theater Support Command; Clarice Davis, 728th Military Police Battalion; Alvida Jackson, 516th Personnel Support Battalion; Rhonda Kramer, 19th Theater Support Command; Jahmia Mackerl, 36th Signal Battalion; Michelle Onwvdiwe, 168th Medical Battalion; Charlene Reilly, 728th Medical Battalion; Anna Sanders, 665th Movement Control Team, 25th Transportation Battalion; and Cassandra "CJ" Summons, 36th Signal Battalion. Clifford Atkins of the 36th Signal Battalion serves as the assistant coach.

Input sought for 18th Medical Command accreditation survey

18th Medical Command Release

YONGSAN – The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey April 19-23 of the 18th Medical Command, which includes the 121st General Hospital and outlying clinics.

The survey will be to evaluate the 18th Medical Command's compliance with nationally established joint commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which, accreditation

should be awarded.

Joint commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Individuals believing they have pertinent and valid information about such matters may request public information interviews with the joint commission's field representatives at the time of survey. Information presented at the interview will be evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process.

Requests for public information interviews must be made in writing and

should be sent to the joint commission at least five working days before the survey begins. Requests must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Requests should be faxed to 630-792-5636 or e-mailed to complaint@jcaho.org

The joint commission will acknowledge requests in writing or by telephone and will inform the 18th Medical Command of requests for interviews. The 18th Medical Command will notify interviewees of the dates, times and places of meetings.

'Bikebot' helps kids stay away from smoking, drugs

By Pfc. Oh Dong-keun

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP GEORGE – “Stay away from drugs and smoking. They are bad for you!” was the message Sgt. Smart said had for the kids of Paul Kerr’s sixth grade class at Taegu American School.

No, Sgt. Smart isn’t some busybody non-commissioned officer but rather a remote-controlled, anti-substance abuse animated puppet, or bikebot. Riding his tricycle, Sgt. Smart visited the school March 22-26 to deliver substance abuse awareness presentations to the students stopping by Kerr’s class March 24.

“I think it was a wonderful presentation,” Kerr said. “I have never seen a demonstration with this type of a prop before. It was interesting to me. I am sure it was to my students, too.”

Nine eighth-and-11th-grade students participated in the presentation, which was made up of three short skits telling the young audience about the dangers of smoking and how to avoid cigarettes.

The teenagers came up with the scripts for each skit and took parts in the performance, some of them even as the voice and the operator for the bikebot. The bikebot, Sgt. Smart, is equipped with a wireless microphone and a built-in speaker to give him the ability to speak.

“(The presentation) informs the kids



(From left) Daniel Roach, Logan Chester, Tommy Thomson and Thomas Herrmann, all juniors at Taegu American School, field questions from students during their presentation. Sgt. Smart peddles his tricycle in the foreground.

about smoking, and the fact that we have the chance to that, it’s just overwhelming,” said Daniel Roach, an 11th grade student who participated in the presentation. “Having the robot with us (for the presentation) really helps us, because it actually gets the kids attention. It works better that way.”

The puppet, which made its first appearance at the school March 23, is

part of the Area IV Community Counseling Center’s arsenal of training aids to help with substance abuse awareness presentations. The attention drawn by the robotic puppet makes presentations more effective, especially to younger audiences.

“I brought the idea (of having a bikebot) from my last installation,” said Ken Welch, director of Daegu Community Counseling Center. “Four years ago, I was at a speaking engagement in Florida, and I saw a robot like this. I asked the person who had it where he had got it, he said ‘I built it’ so I asked him to build me one, and he did. I used it at Fort Polk, La., where I was in charge of the substance abuse program. When I got over here (in Korea), I called him again and asked him to build another one, and here we have it today. One of the things I have learned over the years is that kids won’t listen to me. I am an old man. But they will listen to everything that the robot tells them.”

The presentations were directed and supervised by Heather Robinson, Area IV adolescent substance abuse counselor, who is excited to have a new resource to help make her and her students’ work more fun and interesting.

“I love it. It’s very interactive. The kids are excited about (having the puppet) for our performances,” said

Robinson. “I love working with the students. They are a bunch of talented boys who have a lot of creativity, and they are willing to work hard.”

“This kind of presentation always works better with teenagers in it,” said Welch. “Because they are role models for the little children. They can put together some things that we grown-ups never think of that are really good for the young ones, and it’s good for the teenagers to be doing the prevention work also.”

Both Welch and Robinson agreed that the talents of the teenagers in conjunction with the attention the bikebot draws creates an effective combination. They plan to use their new resource extensively.

“It’s the best thing going (for us),” said Welch. “Whenever you have teenagers helping little ones stay away from cigarettes, alcohol and other drugs, you’ve got a great program going.”

“Our next project will be on alcohol and other drugs and we have one on bullying that we are going to work on,” said Robinson. “We are also trying to work out the logistics as far as transporting the kids and the robot for performing off-post as well as other U.S. military installations in Korea such as Yongsan and Osan.”

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Foundation donates software to soldiers

Corporation president wants to share Korean language, heritage

By Pfc. Oh Dong-keun

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP HENRY – In an effort to enhance Korean-American relations, a Korean non-profit scholarship foundation donated 16 sets of CD-ROM-based Korean language instruction software to the 20th Support Group March 10.

Two representatives from The Youlchon Foundation, an affiliate of Nongshim Corporation, a Korean food giant, traveled from corporate headquarters in Seoul to meet with Lt. Col. Brian Imiola, deputy commander, 20th Support Group, and Capt. Kwon Kang-min, officer in charge, Republic of Korea Army Staff Office, 20th Support Group, to deliver the CD-ROMs.

The software program sets are comprised of CD-ROMs offering language instruction at the primary, secondary, and advanced skill levels.

The intent of the software donation is to foster positive relations and to help foreigners who live the peninsula in learning the Korean language step-by-step.

“The foundation has been working on this (CD-ROM development) project for 10 years,” said Kim Yoon-hong, foundation representative. “President Shin Choon-ho of the foundation, as well as of the

corporation, has contributed approximately 8 billion won toward this project, which, as we hope, can help all the foreigners in the country who are interested in learning (Korean), including United States Forces Korea personnel.”

The relationship between the foundation and the 20th Support Group was initiated when Kwon was searching for a ROKA Staff Office-sponsored activity for Korean Augmentation To the U.S. Army and U.S. Soldier Friendship Week, otherwise known as KATUSA week. The week-long celebration, usually in late April, is devoted to activities and events to establish stronger relations between KATUSA and U.S. Soldiers.

“I had a few possible activities lined up in my mind, and I searched on the Web to find out which one would be the best fit (KATUSA week),” said Kwon. “One of the ideas was a tour of Nongshim’s manufacturing plant in Gumi, so I went to its Web site to do some research and came across the fact that the company had a free language education program for the foreigners in Korea. So I had my non-commissioned officer in charge contact the company to make an arrangement for the tour and to inquire about the (language education) program.”

“I first sent in a request for a tour of the facility to Nongshim’s headquarters,” said Sgt. Kim Tae-hee, non-commissioned officer in charge, ROKA Staff Office, 20th Support Group. “The request apparently drew special attention from the president of the company, since it was from U.S. military installation, and through his staff, he offered to donate the CD-ROMs for USFK Soldiers in Daegu.”

To express the community’s gratitude for the donation, Imiola presented the representatives with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of 20th Support Group and Area IV.

“These CDs will be good teaching material for Hangul classes that we offer to interested Soldiers and family members in the area,” said Imiola. “I think this is a fine relationship that we have established, because it shows that our Good Neighbor Program is working both ways.”

According to a statement posted on the company’s Web site, the company also feels that it was a meaningful exchange.

“We believe it was a significant occasion that we could contribute to the cultural exchange between

Korea and U.S., beyond the fact that our CDs will be used for Korean language education for USFK,” said the statement.

Company representatives pointed out the foundation is working on the next version of the language instruction program and will ensure the 20th Support Group receives updated sets when released.

Three tours of the company’s manufacturing plant in Gumi are slated for KATUSA Week. Tours will be conducted from 1-5 p.m. April 26, 27, and 29. The tours will depart from Camp Henry and are open to all KATUSA and U.S. Soldiers, DoD civilians and family members. For more information regarding the tours, call Sgt. Kim Tae-hee at 768-8156.

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