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Search begins for U.S. MIAs in North Korea

Department of Defense

WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense announced that U.S. and North Korean specialists began preliminary work Tuesday in North Korea to prepare to recover the remains of Americans missing in action from the Korean War.

For the first time since these operations began in 1996, supplies and equipment were transported across the demilitarized zone to U.S. recovery teams. This arrangement was made through negotiations led by the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office in February. And, for the first time since 1999, U.S. remains, accompanied by recovery team members, will return across the demilitarized zone at the end of each operation.

In late 2003, U.S. and North Korean negotiators scheduled five operations for 2004 in Unsan County and near the Chosin Reservoir, both sites of major battles and heavy losses of U.S. servicemen.

This marks the ninth consecutive year that U.S. teams have operated inside North Korea, bringing home some remains of the more than 8,100 soldiers missing in action from the war. Specialists from the Joint POW/Missing Personnel Command have recovered more than 180 remains since 1996 in 27 separate operations.

This year, the recovery work will be split between the two sites for a schedule that will extend between April and October. Twenty-eight U.S. team members will join with their North Korean counterparts for each of these approximately 30-day operations.

One joint team will operate near the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea hoping to recover remains believed to be those of U.S. Army Soldiers from the 7th Infantry Division who fought against Chinese forces in November and December 1950. About 1,100 Americans are unaccounted for from battles of the Chosin campaign.

A second team will conduct recovery operations in Unsan County, about 60 miles north of Pyongyang. This area is the site of battles between communist forces and the U.S. Army's 1st Cavalry and 25th Infantry Division's in November 1950.

This is the 32nd Joint Recovery Operation in North Korea. More than 88,000 Americans are missing in action from World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, the Vietnam War and Desert Storm.

Sea Slug Sighting



PHOTO BY GALEN PUTNAM

Mairim Martinez, a senior at Taegu American School, reacts as she holds a sea slug from a tidal pool on Jeju Island's Hwasun Beach April 6. Martinez was attending a leadership forum held April 4-9 at the Cheju-Do Recreation Center (See page 25 for story and additional photos. Also, see related story on Page 26.).

U.S. signal Soldiers get 'reception' from Koreans

Story by Pfc. Shin Hyung bum

1st Signal Brigade Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — Soldiers, civilians and senior Korean national technicians of the 41st Signal Battalion recently toured the communication facilities of the Republic of Korea 60th Signal Battalion to promote better understanding and build positive relations the ROK Army and the U.S. Army

"I couldn't forget the friendly reception and the invaluable time we had when we visited the 41st last year. Since then I looked forward to inviting you to our battalion," said Lt. Col. Kim Young-shik, commander of the 60th Signal Battalion.

While the visit availed both the Republic of Korea and the United States to better promote understanding and friendship between the two allies, the visit allowed them to exchange technology and ideas.

The 41st arrived at the ROK 60th Signal Battalion base and received a reception from the ROK Army and soon afterwards received a brief

about the history of the 60th Signal Battalion, its mission and area of operations in the ROK.

In spite of the differences in operations between the Republic of Korea and United States, there remained one common thread that allowed the two battalions to maintain a great relationship.

"The 60th ROK Signal Battalion is our counterpart in the ROK military," said Maj. Nora Marcos, 41st Signal Battalion executive officer. "They are a joint communications element that supports their major command, similar to what we do for 1st Signal Brigade."

Members from the 41st visited eight telecommunications facilities and then afterwards shared lunch with their ROK counterparts.

"Thank you for inviting us today. It has been a wonderful and impressive tour and I appreciate your gracious hospitality. Regardless of what happens, we are going to be partners for a very long time. I look forward to meeting again," said Lt. Col. Darin Talkington, commander, 41st Signal Battalion.

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MP Blotter

The following entry was extracted from the past several week's military police blotters. This entry may be incomplete and does not determine the guilt or innocence of any person.

An investigation revealed that a Department of Defense employee was driving his 2002 Lexus on a U.S. installation when it was apparently struck by a golf ball. Damage to the vehicle consisted of a dent about two inches in diameter on the driver side door panel. The individual rendered a written sworn statement attesting to the incident and subsequently conducted a search of the area for the golf ball, which met with negative results. Estimated cost of damages is unknown.

Courts-Martial

United States v. PFC Matthew Mellott
United States v. PVT Brandon Wilkinson

On March 24 at an Army general court-martial held at Camp Humphreys, Pfc. Matthew B. Mellott, Company G, 52nd Aviation Regiment, pleaded guilty to and was convicted of one specification of unlawful entry and one specification of larceny in violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

On April 1, at an Army general court-martial held at Camp Humphreys, Pvt. Brandon Wilkinson, also of Company G, 52nd Aviation Regiment, pleaded guilty and was convicted of two specifications of unlawful entry and two specifications of larceny in violation of the UCMJ.

On Feb. 10, while at the rear detachment at Camp Eagle, Mellott and Wilkinson unlawfully entered the barracks room of two other Soldiers. While one Soldier kept watch outside, the other went into the room and stole more than \$500 worth of personal property from the victims. Reversing places the two committed a second larceny to the same Soldiers about one half hour later.

Subsequently, on Feb. 11, Wilkinson entered the room of another Soldier and stole another laptop computer valued at more than \$1,000.

A military judge, sitting as a general court-martial, sentenced Mellott to 18 months in confinement, reduction in grade to E-1 and a bad conduct discharge. A military judge, sitting as a general court-martial, convicted Wilkinson to 15 months confinement and a bad conduct discharge.

The cases 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.

Commentary

Taking care of environment an extension of professionalism, contributes to readiness

Our Army is serving a nation at war. As part of the joint force our Army is committed to providing relevant and ready land power capabilities to the combatant commanders.

Soldiers and their leaders will always be the key components of successful land combat power. We train Soldiers, grow leaders, and forge them into cohesive units through hard, realistic training.

Our installations provide the quality facilities, realistic ranges, challenging training, materiel support, and advanced technologies that prepare our Soldiers for the stark realities of the battlefield.

Our installations' capability to provide these resources is an indispensable contribution to the war effort. These resources include the environment—the land, air and water of our installations and the neighboring communities. Installation resources enhance our ability to train, project power, and support our families.

Sound environmental stewardship contributes in many ways to mission accomplishment, and helps preserve our heritage as Americans. As part of Soldier readiness, we must sustain our environmental resources and use them wisely.

The war mandates that we perform our duties with seriousness and a sense of urgency; our future mandates that we have the foresight to respect and

protect our environmental resources.

Every April 22, our nation celebrates Earth Day. Our Army Earth Day theme this year is "Preserving the Environment While Protecting Our Freedom." This twofold message recognizes the value of our environment and reminds us that we are the guardians of freedom.

The Soldiers Creed exhorts Soldiers' dedication to maintaining their arms, equipment, and themselves.

Similarly, each of us must dedicate ourselves to maintaining the environment; it is an extension of our professionalism. Sound environmental stewardship helps keep the Army relevant and ready.

May God bless our Soldiers, families, civilians and veterans. And may God bless America.

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**Morning Calm Weekly Soundoff:
What can be done to preserve the environment?**



"Recycle" — Cpl. Sohn Sung-yul, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 8th U.S. Army, Yongsan



"Decrease regulations on alternate fuel-source vehicles" — Pfc. Derrick Wang, 102nd Military Intelligence Battalion, Camp Red Cloud



"Not Litter" — 2nd Lt. Cortney Boyce, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 176th Finance Battalion, Yongsan



"Save supplies instead of wasting them" — U yang Wagner, 175th Finance Battalion, Yongsan

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Support and Defend

NEWS & NOTES

8th Army Half and Full Marathon

The 2004 8th U.S. Army half and full marathon will begin at Camp Casey's Hanson Field House 8 a.m. April 24.

Race-day registration will be 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m., followed by a course briefing at 7:45 a.m. For more information, contact Jim Williams at 730-2322.

Army Birthday Ball Tickets

This year's Army birthday ball will be June 18 at the Seoul Grand Hyatt Hotel.

Tickets are now on sale for \$40 each and are available from command representatives in Korea. Call Maj. Olivia Bierman at 723-8265 or Maj. David McConnell at 723-9040 for information on ticket availability.

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 and Country Show Band
- Lead vocals while fronting the Jazz Ensemble

Qualifications

Soldiers interested must be:

- 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 Victims Hotline

The Department of Defense has formed a task force on care for active-duty servicemembers who are victims of sexual assault.

Victims may call DSN 312-761-1659 or toll-free 1-800-497-6261 between 10 p.m. and 10 a.m. to report assaults

ACAP to host Job Fair

Army Career and Alumni Program will host job fairs this month at camps around South Korea. Call local ACAP centers for more information.

Wednesday	Camp Mobile, ACAP Center	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Thursday	Camp Humphreys, Freedom Inn	9 - 11 a.m.
	Osan Air Base Officer's Club 1	4 p.m.
April 23	Camp Henry, Henry's Place	12 - 3 p.m.
April 24	Yongsan, Embassy Club	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
April 25	Yongsan, Embassy Club	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Why Korea is becoming the Duty Assignment of Choice



Dancers at the Korean Folk Village perform traditional farmers' dance and other folk music in celebration of a good harvest. U.S. Forces Korea recently got to see the performance during a one-day tour sponsored by the South Korean Ministry of Defense. More tours are scheduled for the future.

PHOTO BY PVT. MICHAEL R. NOGGLE

Fifty years later, Army authorizes medal for Korean peninsula service

8th Personnel Services Command

YONGSAN — The Korean Defense Service Medal was created to provide special recognition for the sacrifices and contributions made by members of the U.S. armed forces who have served or are serving in the Republic of Korea from July 28, 1954, to a date to be determined.

The Army Human Resource Command issued implementing instructions on Feb. 9 governing policy regarding processing, award and wear of the KDSM. Key points are:

- Soldiers who complete 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days in Republic of Korea-designated areas after July 28, 1954, will be awarded the KDSM. The KDSM may be awarded posthumously to Soldiers who lost their lives without regard to the length of tour. Only one award is authorized for any individual.

- The KDSM does not require publication of award orders and does not require action by Soldiers or commanders.

- The Army HRC has posted award of the KDSM

to active-duty personnel records for Soldier's currently assigned in Korea who have completed 30 consecutive days in the designated area on or before Feb. 9. Local personnel services detachments will post the KDSM to the records for Soldiers' who arrived in Korea after Feb. 9 and have completed 30 days in the theater.

- Effective Feb. 3, the Overseas Service Ribbon is no longer authorized for overseas tours in the Republic of Korea. Soldiers who received an OSR for previous tours Korea will retain the award. HRC will provide additional guidance on this via separate message.

In order of precedence the KDSM will be worn below the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and above the Armed Forces Service Medal.

The ribbon is currently available in military clothing sales stores. The medal will be available through normal supply channels by May. Additional information can be found at https://www.perscomonline.army.mil/tagd/awards/KDSM_feb04.doc



Servicemembers, civilians may benefit from TSP

175th Finance Command

YONGSAN — The next Thrift Saving Plan open season is Thursday through June 30. Servicemembers who enroll now could enjoy the benefits for a lifetime.

Servicemembers may contribute up to 9 percent of base pay and up to 100 percent of incentive or special pay into the Thrift Savings Plan. In 2005, servicemembers may contribute up to 10 percent of base pay. The maximum tax deferred amount for Soldiers contributions in 2004 is \$13,000.

Department of Defense civilians who are enrolled in the Federal Employees Retirement System retirement plan are

entitled to receive agency contributions. Civilians in this category will automatically receive a TSP contribution of one percent of base pay regardless of self-contribution status.

Matching Funds

When a DOD civilian elects to contribute to TSP, a matching contribution is provided, dollar for dollar, up to three percent of base pay and 50 cents to the dollar for the next two percent of base pay. A matching self contribution must be made to qualify. The maximum amount FERS employees can contribute in 2004 is 14 percent of base pay.

Department of Defense civilians

enrolled in the Civil Service Retirement System retirement plan are encouraged to invest in their future by contributing to TSP. However, matching contributions are not authorized. The maximum amount CSRS employees can contribute during 2004 is nine percent of base pay.

Thrift Savings Plan changes

Effective July 1, TSP is scheduled to make three changes to the loan program.

- A \$50 fee will be charged for each new loan. This will be automatically deducted from the amount of each new loan.

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Military food inspectors coming to talk with commissary shoppers

Story by Nancy O'Neil

Defense Commissary Agency

MCCLELLAN, CALIF. — Military medical food inspectors work in commissaries daily to ensure your food is safe and wholesome. There are no such parallels to this inspection in commercial supermarkets.

Medical inspectors from the U.S. Army Veterinary Command and the U.S. Air Force Public Health work cooperatively with the Defense Commissary Agency to keep groceries safe, sanitary, wholesome and secure.

During April, military medical food inspectors will be in commissaries in Korea on selected Saturdays to talk with customers about Defense Commissary Agency's multitiered inspection process.

They will also have information on safe

food handling and cooking procedures.

It takes only a few minutes to learn how to reduce the risk of food-borne illness and avoid symptoms such as a stomachache that can sideline a person for a day or longer.

Military food inspectors will be in stores on the following dates:

- Camp Carroll – Saturday
- Camp Casey – Saturday
- Camp Howze – Saturday
- Osan – Saturday
- Yongsan – 24 April
- Hannam Village – 26 April
- Chinhae – 28 April
- Camp Page – 30 April

The date of Camp Red Cloud's event was not available at press time. Check with the store at 732-7649.

Brick by brick



PHOTO BY SGT. ANDREW KOSTERMAN

Choe Pyong Chol, cement finisher, lays in bricks Monday at Memorial Park, Yongsan.

Post allowances increases

U.S. State Department

YONGSAN — Post allowance for U.S. civilian employees in Korea increased to 10 percent effective April 4.

The post allowance change is based on the currency exchange rate information reported to the Department of State Office of Allowances on March 23. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service will automatically increase post allowance from

5 to 10 percent for employees who are already authorized and receiving post allowance.

Post allowance is a cost of living allowance that reimburses employees for certain living costs incurred while stationed in overseas areas where the cost of living, other than quarters, is much higher than in Washington, D.C. It is designed to enable employees to have purchasing power similar to federal employees of the same salary level in Washington, D.C.

Savings

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■ Members will no longer be able to have two general-purpose loans at the same time.

Members will be allowed to have one general-purpose loan and one residential loan at the same time.

■ Eligibility to apply for another loan will not occur until the 61st day after the original loan is paid off.

The \$50 fee will be used to cover administrative costs due to the high volume of loans.

TSP loan facts are: There was an approximate increase of 50 percent in approved loans during 2003 compared to

loans approved in 2002.

There were more than 300,000 loans approved during 2003. At the present time, more than 500,000 members have outstanding loans.

More than 40 percent of the 500,000 members with loans have two loans outstanding.

About 25 percent of members with loans request a new loan within 60 days after paying off the original loan.

For more information on TSP, log on to the 175th FINCOM Web site at: <http://175fincom.korea.army.mil>.

Burger King staff prepares for opening day

Story, photo by David McNally
Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP STANLEY — Workers continue to put the finishing touches this week on the new Army and Air Force Exchange Service shopping center complex.

Fourteen Burger King employees spent their first day on the job in a classroom, learning how to prepare the renowned “flame-broiled” burgers.

“I think the Soldiers will be happy,” said Cho Sun-cha, the Camp Stanley Burger King manager. “They will have a lot of choice.”

Besides featuring the only Burger King in the Uijeongbu Enclave, the AAFES food court will have an Anthony’s Pizza, a Robin Hood and a Baskin-Robbins.

Officials said they are on schedule for a May 1 soft opening.

“We usually go with a soft opening as quickly as we can,” said Ronald Daugherty, AAFES Northern Exchange general manager. “That’s where we start running the operation to work out the kinks, as it were.”

Cho’s training calendar meticulously outlines each class leading up to the planned soft opening day.

“We are going to travel to Camp



Cho Sun-cha, the new Burger King manager (right) explains the restaurant operations to her new employees in a class at Camp Stanley Monday.

Casey for four days of hands-on training,” Cho explained. “We will have three days of practice before May 1.”

Each day, the new employees will watch video presentations on topics from how to prepare the food to customer service.

Cho recently returned from almost two months of intense Burger King

management training in the United States.

Cho has worked at Camp Stanley for 23 years. “When I started, we had real plates, busboys and a special menu,” she said. “Now, we have fast food.”

The food court will have enough room for over 200 customers, with some seating on the outside balcony.

“At least we will finally get some

variety,” said Pvt. Eugene Lago, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery. “You get tired of just going to the Burger Bar.”

AAFES officials are counting on the community embracing the new facilities.

“We project a sales increase of 15 to

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Drivers take a shine to new automated car wash



Camp Red Cloud transportation employees look on Tuesday as a nontactical government vehicle gets an automated wash at the installation’s new cleaning facility.

Story, photo by Pfc. Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP RED CLOUD — It washes, it waxes, it dries; but it won’t drive your car off the lot for you.

“It can’t drive it out yet,” laughed Joseph Joyner, Camp Red Cloud installation maintenance supervisor. “We’re still working on that part.”

The CRC Transportation Motor Pool’s new automated car wash helps drivers keep government-owned vehicles clean.

“The intent was to make it easier for our Soldiers to have clean nontactical vehicles, which will instill driver pride,” said William Kapaku, civilian executive assistant for U.S. Army Garrison, CRC.

The free car wash is open to drivers of TMP-owned, nontactical government vehicles, said Eugene Thomas, installation transportation officer.

“Buses and big trucks are too large for the car wash, but it will wash most passenger-carrying vehicles,” Thomas said. “That’s around 70 percent of what we’ve got assigned to the TMP, or about 270 vehicles.”

Thomas said he has been trying to get a car wash in the motor pool for four years, and finally got his wish when the car wash opened for business in mid-February.

“It’s very easy, and only takes about 5 minutes,” Joyner said. “All the Soldiers have to do is drive the vehicle in, sit in

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NEWS & NOTES

CID Offers Reward

Sometime between 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., Jan. 15, person(s) unknown stole a Sony Vaio laptop computer, 00043-471-262-595; a JVC digital video camera, 108U1153; a Casio video camera, 250501913; a Sony Walkman mini-disk player, 3-234-876-01; a computer modem; a set of miniature cologne bottles; a cell phone; a Game Boy Advance; and about 33 assorted digital video discs and compact discs from building 3688, rooms 402 and 403, at Camp Hovey. If anyone has any information regarding the whereabouts of the stolen items and/or the individual(s) responsible for the theft, contact Special Agent Stacey Ferrier at 730-4240. A \$500 reward is payable upon the successful apprehension and prosecution of the perpetrator(s). This reward offer expires on Jan. 28, 2005.

Holocaust Remembrance Lunch

The Camp Red Cloud Equal Opportunity office will host a Holocaust Days of Remembrance lunch at Mitchell's 11:30 a.m. Tuesday. The lunch is open to all.

National Library Week

Area I libraries will honor National Library Week Sunday - April 24. All week, the Camp Red Cloud Library will offer snacks and refreshments, gifts, door prizes, and a "candy jar" contest. The Camp Casey Library will host an open house on the Sunday and have refreshments and door prizes the rest of the week. Everyone is invited to stop by.

Spiritual Fitness Training

The Camp Red Cloud Catholic chaplain will host a Spiritual Fitness Training tour April 23. The tour will visit Choltusan Martyrs' Shrine, Saenamto Church and Shrine, and Myongdong Cathedral and grounds. The bus will depart CRC 7:20 a.m. and Camp Stanley 8 a.m. To sign up, call 732-8854. Seating is limited.

BOSS Block Party

The Camp Red Cloud Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers will host a block party April 24 on the road in front of the CRC gym. The block party will kick off at noon, and will feature a cookout, games, a volleyball tournament, a home-run derby and various company fundraisers. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, contact BOSS representatives.

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Red Cross Offers Course

The Camp Red Cloud American Red Cross will hold an adult, child and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation and basic first aid course 8 a.m. April 24 and 9 a.m. May 1 in the Red Cross office. The course costs \$35 and will certify students in CPR and first aid for one year. Call 732-6160 to sign up.

Army Emergency Relief Campaign

The Army Emergency Relief Campaign is on-going and will continue until May 15. Contact unit representatives to make a donation or for more information.

Korean employee retirees after 45 years

Story, photo by David McNally

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP GIANT—Work in Korea was scarce in the late 1950s. Although the Korean people were still recovering from three years of war, they had hope.

An 18-year old man from Bongilcheon, a small village near Paju, looked to the U.S. Army for a job, and found a future.

In March 1959, Yi Song-kun, began work as a laborer at a camp in the Western Corridor, long since closed.

In the early 1970s, Yi transferred to another camp in the Dongducheon area, and was promoted to baking bread and pastries.

After a 1972 reduction in force, Yi again moved to the Western Corridor. He became a Camp Giant supply clerk in

1976, where he served until his retirement last week.

In a formation of civilian employees April 9 at the Camp Giant flag poles, Yi officially capped 45 years of service to the U.S. Army.

"I had a very good relationship with my co-workers and U.S. Forces Korea," Yi said. "When customers came to pick up their supplies, I was happy to supply them without mistakes."

Lt. Col. Stephen Murray, the commander of U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Casey, presented Yi with a certificate and unit coin at a retirement ceremony and luncheon.

"It would be interesting to hear how much or how little things have changed during his career," Murray said.

"He was a very good worker," said Fidel Diaz, the accountable officer for the Western Corridor. "We lost a big asset."

Diaz said Yi provided senior leadership for the supply section. He said he mentored the new Korean employees on the warehouse system.

"A lot of buildings in the Western Corridor are very old," Diaz said. "Mr. Yi kept track of all the old parts for those buildings."

"We all take our hats off to you," Michael Laurenceau, the director of public works for the Western Corridor, told Yi at the retirement ceremony.

Yi is the father of five children: one son and four daughters. He as a rice paddy in the Paju area and his hobby is fishing.

"In my retirement," Yi said, "I hope to do a lot of fishing. I will also work my land."

Yi will now have a lot of time to do just that.

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Yi Song-kun (left) stands to be recognized at his retirement ceremony April 9 at Camp Giant. Yi served the U.S. Army for 45 years.

Camp Stanley troops bide time during construction

Story, photo by David McNally

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP STANLEY—The community activities center is now an empty shell. Construction workers continue to ready the building for a \$239,000 face-lift.

"We are trying to keep the disruption of our programs to a minimum," said Jimmie Dobbs, Camp Stanley community activities director. "We are still running the programs we normally run."

Dobbs said the only difference, other than the temporary facilities, is Soldiers have fewer options for shooting pool and watching television.

"The project includes a new kitchen and restrooms, an expansion of the arts and crafts center and cyber café, plus the addition of a music room and patio."

Dobbs said the cyber café is now located in a temporary building in the CAC rear parking lot, along with the center's administrative staff.

"The Internet sign-up, telephone and cable offices are operating out of building S-2375," Dobbs said. "The arts and crafts resale operation is in a temporary building in the parking lot of that building."

Dobbs said the center has boosted its tour and travel program.

"We've got some great programs planned during the

renovation," Dobbs said. "We're offering more trips on the weekends."

The center will sponsor events like a reggae and hip hop festival tomorrow night at Reggie's.

"We're also sponsoring a pool party in May," he said.

Dobbs said they hope to have a grand opening ceremony during the July 4 community celebrations.

"We hope to have a big party in conjunction with the grand opening," Dobbs said.

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Jimmie Dobbs, Camp Stanley community activities director, shows off part of the temporary facilities for use during his facility's renovation.

Soldiers aim to increase test scores

Story, photos by David McNally
Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP RED CLOUD — A group of 19 Soldiers from Areas I and II completed a week of intense education training April 9 at Camp Red Cloud.

Education officials try to offer FAST classes, or functional academic skills training, at least once a month at various education centers in Korea.

"It helps them improve their math and English," said Stanley Schultz, CRC education services specialist. "Many career fields require a higher GT score."

The GT, or general technical, score is what Army officials use as an entrance requirement for certain career fields. For example, to qualify for a commission, Soldiers must achieve a 110 or higher GT score.

"Many, if not most, career fields require a minimum GT score to re-enlist," Schultz said.

"The students are at various levels in this class," said Cathy Lee, a FAST instructor with Central Texas College. "I try to help them individually."

Lee said she has the students for 40 hours of instruction.

"It's not difficult at all," said Pfc. Felisha McCurtis, 61st Maintenance Company. "We're going at our own pace."



Pfc. Felisha McCurtis works out a math word problem during a week of functional academic skills training.

McCurtis has a personal goal of raising her GT score so she can move to a job in the medical field. Currently, McCurtis works in a warehouse as a supply specialist.

"Before I joined the Army, I was working towards my associate's degree," she said. "I want to be a registered nurse."



Cathy Lee, an instructor with Central Texas College (right) reviews a mathematics formula with a student during functional academic skills training at the Camp Red Cloud Education Center April 8.

McCurtis sounded confident in her chances of raising her test scores after the FAST class.

"I know I will raise my score," she said. "It's very helpful to get one-on-one help and go at your own pace, you can focus on what you need."

Schultz explained how the pretest breaks down math and English so instructors have an idea what areas they need to emphasize.

"Usually, I focus on math for two to three days," Lee said. "I check their pretests and tailor the training to their needs."

Lee has taught the FAST class for about two

years. She said she has seen a lot of accomplishments from her FAST graduates.

"I'm going to be changing jobs," said Pvt. Michael Krueger, a mechanic with Company A, 168th Medical Battalion. "I want to reclassify to a job in explosive ordnance disposal."

Krueger said Lee instructed math in terms he could easily understand.

"I've learned more about math than probably what I learned in all my four years in high school," Krueger

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Seoul stage show cooks up fine entertainment

Story, photo by Sgt. Brandon Krahmer
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SEOUL — A stage show called "Cookin' Nanta" is a flavor of entertainment available to Soldiers in Warrior Country through community activity centers.

Under the watchful eye and meddlesome presence of a hefty maitre d', three cooks and an assistant chop, grate, slice and peel to the beat, and prepare a huge wedding feast in under an hour.

The show follows the story of a kitchen crew as it struggles to meet heavy demands put on them by the restaurant owner.

Performers pound on pots, pans and cutting boards with everyday kitchen utensils. They set their story to the beat of a different drum.

Cookin' Nanta relies heavily on slapstick comedy and exaggerated gestures to tell the story. One does not have to speak Korean to understand the show, although inviting a Korean friend along would make transportation and ticketing arrangements much easier.

Audience interaction is a big part of the show. The cooks and the maitre d' cannot agree on whether or not the soup is up to par, so they call for two audience members to come up to give the final decision. One audience member is distracted by one of the cooks, while the other chases a fly that eventually ends up in the soup he is about to taste.

There is also a fight scene between the head cook and his assistant that rivals those in "The Matrix." A food fight among the cooks covers the stage, and some of the audience members, in onion, cucumber, carrot and cabbage slices.

As the cooks neared their deadline, they finally managed to find a healthy balance of making the meal and keeping the beat.

To get to the theater, travel to the nearest subway station: Uijeongbu Station for residents of the Uijeongbu and Dongducheon Enclaves, and Bulgwang Station for residents of the Western Corridor. A ticket to Seoul City Hall Station costs about 850 won.

Get off the subway at Seoul City Hall Station, and depart the station from exit No. 2. Gyeongbok Palace should be to the front. Directly past the front gate of the palace, take a right and follow the palace wall all the way to the Cookin' Nanta Theater on the right. It takes approximately 10 minutes to make the

walk from the subway station to the theater.

Seats for the show range from 30,000 to 50,000 Korean won, depending on how close the seating is to the stage. Community activity centers have more information.

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During the grand finale of the Cookin' Nanta performance, actors bring out drums and beat out a rhythm to the delight of the crowd. The audience claps along as performers strike the drums.

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20 percent," said Lee Kyong-su, the food court manager. "There will be a lot more choice."

Presently, the Camp Stanley food court operation consists of an Anthony's Pizza and an American Eatery.

Daugherty said the current food court, a 50-year old Quonset hut, is in the footprint of the construction area. "We plan to remove it prior to the grand opening," he said.

Workers were hanging the signs for the concessions in the mall Monday. The rest of the shopping center complex is still under construction.

"We plan to have a soft opening in June for the retail store," Daugherty said.

Contractors continue to place shelving units in the new store, lay concrete for the outside sidewalk, and tweak electrical outlet installations.

The multi-million dollar project will bring a state of the art shopping center complex to almost 8,000 authorized shoppers in the Uijeongbu Enclave, officials said.

"I think Soldiers will greatly appreciate the variety it will provide," said Col. Ross Ridge, commander of the 2nd Infantry Division Artillery. "People here have been very patiently waiting for the grand opening."

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said. "You learn so much, and it'll help you in the long run."

Before and after the FAST class, Soldiers take a test of adult basic education.

"A lot of times, if there isn't a significant amount of improvement," Schultz said. "I'll ask them if they want to go through another FAST class."

However, Schultz said overwhelmingly Soldiers do better on tests after attending a FAST class.

Schultz said once the Soldier is ready to take the Armed Forces Classification Test, an examination similar to what the

Soldier took before joining the military, outcome determines the Soldier's new GT score.

"If they are pressured to take the class, they may come in and just go through the motions," Schultz said. "But if they really want to learn, the class can make a significant difference."

Officials encouraged prospective students to speak to their chain of command and local education office for details on upcoming classes.

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the vehicle, and drive out when the attendant tells them."

The car wash is open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., but there is no full-time operator.

Thomas explained that if someone wants to wash their vehicle during those hours, they should tell the vehicle dispatcher.

"He'll have someone go out there, open it up and run the vehicle through," Thomas explained.

Thomas said right now they only have four or five people use the car wash each day, but he hopes more people will come when they realize it's there.

"I think it's a morale builder," Thomas

said. "The Soldiers don't have to go downtown and spend their money, and it improves the appearance of our vehicles out on the road."

The \$65,000 facility was funded through the garrison's productivity improvement review program, Kapaku said.

Thomas believes it was money well spent.

"Our job is to take care of Soldiers, period," Thomas explained. "So if we can make things easier for them, well, that's what we're here to do."

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Children find Easter eggs at hunt



Jared Hazelett, 4, enjoys finding Easter eggs during a Camp Red Cloud Commissary event Saturday. About 75 children participated in the hunt for 240 candy-filled eggs. Five children received Easter baskets and four received \$25 gift certificates from the commissary. The Camp Red Cloud Pear Blossom Cottage organized the family member's participation in the annual Easter egg hunt.

PHOTO BY MARGARET BANISH-DONALDSON

Soldiers face the challenge

8th Military Police Brigade Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — On a cool, brisk morning a group of anxious Soldiers stood at the ready, waiting for the whistle to blow.

Seconds later, they were off, flying along a carefully designed route by bicycle as the first stage of the Headquarters and Headquarters



Pfc. Ma Dong-min, first-place winner of the Body Challenger is runs the five-gallon water can carry course.

Company Body Challenge Obstacle Course got underway – testing each Soldier’s endurance and mental toughness. The event would go on to include jumping rope, five-gallon water can carries and balance exercises, culminating in a final time check.

For these Soldiers, the obstacle course was itself only one part of a 16-week program of self-improvement and positive motivation designed to increase each participant’s level of mental and physical health.

The obstacle course marked the first physical test for the 20 volunteers. The challenge was more than simply a series of physical competitions.

Modeled off of the popular Discovery Channel program of the same name, Capt. Heather Stone, Headquarters and Headquarters Company commander, developed a similar program for the Soldiers in her command.

“The body challenge is geared toward improving each participant’s overall fitness and lifestyle through a

monitored physical training program, professional nutrition and diet instruction and positive reinforcement,” said Stone. “Participant’s blood pressure, lipid and cholesterol levels and EKG testing are taken and carefully recorded. Each Soldier is counseled and goals are established.”

The challenge is, after all, still a competition – and every competition needs a winner.

For the HHC Body Challenge, the winner will be determined by a combination of objective and subjective judging criteria, including a measure of overall improvement during the 16 weeks, graded performance on the physical events and an end-of-the-program interview. The overall winner will then walk away with an all-expenses paid trip to Jeju-Do Island for one weekend.

The challenge officially began March 29 and will conclude July 19. Each Friday the participants’ progress will be announced to the company.

In the end, the participants will have taken five Army physical fitness tests,

maintained a personal fitness journal, multiple weigh-ins and tape tests, and received several progress reviews. They will have also completed three scheduled “reward challenges” – specially developed physical events that offer prizes and various gifts for the top three finishers. The obstacle course was the first of these three special events.

Taking home the honors were Pfc. Ma, first place, Pfc. Iversan, second place, and Spc. Park, third place. Their “rewards” included protein bars, yoga mats, T-shirts, gym bags and a 30-day membership to the Point Fitness Club. The next reward challenge is scheduled May 9.

Everyone is still a winner in the end military police officials said. The participants represent every section within the HHC and every rank from lieutenant colonel to private.

The HHC Body Challenge is now underway and the stakes have been set. Self-improvement is the brigade commander’s number one priority of physical fitness.

Be aware of child car safety

Area II Safety Office

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children of all races ages 2-14. In 2002, motor vehicle crashes took the lives of 1,785 child passenger vehicle occupants from birth to age 15 and injured 227,000 more.

Fifty percent of the 1,785 children who died in crashes were not using a seatbelt. Tragically, nearly half of the children that were unbelted would be alive today if only they had been properly restrained.

Motor-vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for hispanics ages 1-44. They are the leading cause of death for African-American children ages 3-13 and the second leading cause of death for African-Americans ages 14-29.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for 15-34 year-olds.

In 2002, 4,530 teens ages 16-19, died and some 320,000 more were injured in traffic crashes. And while young drivers ages 15-20 account for just 6.6 percent of licensed drivers (12.6 million), they represented 14 percent of all drivers involved in fatal crashes and 16 percent of police reported crashes in 2001.

Strong seat belt laws saves kids

National and state data show that unbelted drivers have a dangerous impact on children. A crash study by the University of California, Irvine, published in the journal Pediatrics found: “Driver restraint use was the strongest predictor of child restraint use. A restrained driver was three times more likely to restrain a child.”

A national observational study by NHTSA found that when a driver is buckled, children are buckled 87 percent of the time. However, when a driver is unbuckled, children are restrained only 24 percent of the time.

Currently, only 20 states and the District of Columbia have primary seat belt laws – laws that allow law enforcement to stop and ticket a driver for not wearing a seat belt just like any routine traffic violation. Twenty-nine states have weak secondary belt laws. On average usage rates are 10-15 percentage points higher in states with primary seat belt laws. Every state has a child passenger safety law that includes primary enforcement provisions. The laws vary from state to state, with some laws covering only young children, some covering only the front seat and some exempting pick-up trucks and vans. Currently, only 34 jurisdictions require that

all children up to the age of 16 be restrained in every seating position in every passenger vehicle.

Child safety seats, seat belts make the difference

Child safety seats, when properly installed, reduce the risk of death by 71 percent for infants and 54 percent for toddlers. From 1975 through 2002, an estimated 6,567 lives were saved by the use of child safety seats or adult belts. In 2002, among children under five years old, an estimated 376 lives were saved by child restraint use.

Sadly, in 2002 there were 459 children age five and under who died as occupants

in motor vehicle crashes and of those 459, NHTSA estimates that 185 were totally unrestrained.

The U.S. Department of Transportation announced that, due to the Mobilizations and other enforcement efforts, more drivers are buckling up their children than ever before. Since the effort began, child restraint use for infants under age one has gone from 85 percent to 99 percent, and for children ages one to three, it has climbed from 60 percent to 94 percent. Restraint use for children age four to seven is 83 percent.

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Temperatures guide heating, cooling use

Area II Directorate of Public Works

Area II is currently monitoring conditions for ending the heating season where DPW turns off the heating systems to American family housing quarters and administrative areas.

DPW is now monitoring the temperatures and the heating season will end when any three days during a five-consecutive day period the low temperature above 55 degrees Fahrenheit for Army family housing and

60 degrees Fahrenheit for administrative areas.

Last year, directorate of public works turned off the heat on April 23. The air conditioning will be turned on in a similar manner when the high temperature surpasses 85 degrees Fahrenheit for three days. Last year the air conditioning was turned on May 21. The installation commander has the ability to direct such actions regardless of conditions.

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Black and Gold Ball

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will host its annual Black and Gold Ball Saturday 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.

Commissaries closure

Hannam Village Commissary will be closed Sunday due to formal inventory and will reopen on Monday and Tuesday. The Yongsan Commissary will be open normal hours Sunday, but will be closed Monday and Tuesday for its formal inventory.

Summer Hire Program

Area II Civilian Personnel Advisory Center is accepting applications from eligible teens for the 2004 Summer Hire Program. There are two sessions scheduled for high school students June 14 – July 10 and July 12 – Aug. 7, and one session for college students that begins May 17. Applications are available at the Seoul American High School, Army Community Service and Area II CPAC. Last day to turn in applications is April 30. For additional information, call 738-3603.

2004 Hawaiian Bash

The 2004 Hawaiian Bash will be 8:15 p.m. May 1. This event will take place at Dragon Hill Lodge. For more information, call 724-7781.

Health Fair and Fun Run

A community health fair and five-kilometer fun run will be held 9:30 a.m. April 24. This event will take place on the east parking lot and soccer field by Collier Field House on Yongsan South Post. For more information, call 738-5171.

Volunteers Needed

■ Volunteers are needed for the Exceptional Family Members Program June Jamboree being held June 6 at Yongsan. For more information, call 738-5311.

■ The Rho Nu Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. needs 50 volunteers to work alternate shifts Tuesday 2 – 8 p.m. Call Tiffany for more information at the following numbers 721-4477, 011-1726-2521 or E-mail to WesternTN@State.Gov to sign up.

Community Fun Fair

The community fun fair will be held at the Child Development Center, building 4280, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. tomorrow. Fun, game, give-a-ways and youth performance scheduled include:

Gymnastics: 11:35 a.m. - Noon
Taekwondo: 12:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Ballet: 2 - 2:30 p.m.

The Provost Marshal will conduct bicycle registration. Riders need to wear helmets and vests. The fair is open to the Public. For more information, call 738-5556.

Days of Remembrance

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

Women's basketball star teaches Area II youth

Story, photo by Linus Lee

Area II Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — She steals the ball from her opponent. She dribbles the ball down the court and shoots within the three point arc. She is Nakia Sanford, a player for the Washington Mystics of the Women's National Basketball Association.

A 1999 University of Kansas graduate, she stands six feet four



Washington Mystics center, Nakia Sanford, autographs a basketball during the basketball clinic at Yongsan's Collier Field House April 1.

inches, which is why she plays forward and center for the Mystics. She is ranked 18th in the WNBA in free throw attempts per 40 minutes. She scores 2.9 points per game, 1.5 rebounds per game and one assist per game.

Sanford and a Women's Korean Basketball League team, Kookmin Bank Sabers, came to Yongsan's Collier Field House April 1 to host a basketball clinic for the Youth Service's basketball players. Eighty youths participated in the clinic. This is the second time Youth Services has hosted this type of clinic.

The team set up six different stations to teach the techniques of dribbling, free throws, layups, rebounds, assisting and jumping. The children were split into six groups, and spent 20 minutes at each station.

"This is my fifth time in Korea. I always come to Korea during the off season to play in the WKBL," said Sanford. "I love to come to Yongsan, because it gives me an opportunity to reach out to military children. When I play during the off season, there is a language barrier, but I get along with my teammates," Sanford continued.

What is the association between Sanford and the youth of Area II, or

better yet, the youth of military children stationed in Korea? Camille Howard, spouse of Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Howard, 305th Quartermaster Company, became friends with Sanford last year during the first clinic. Howard talked with Sanford's agents and officials from the WNBA. Howard also spoke with Paul Robinson of the Directorate of Community Activities.

"I met Nakia last year through Tamika Catchings (Indiana Fevers), and we have been friends for the past year and a half," said Howard. "Last year only two WNBA players came, but this year a WKBL team came to teach the children. This is a great experience for the youth and the players."

After the clinic, a competition for free throw shots in different age groups was held. Sanford and the Sabers also gave out autographed basketballs to each participating youth.

"She played for Hyundai and I wanted her to play for my team the moment I saw her, and I enjoy her being on my team," said Sabers assistant coach Yoo Young-ju. This was a fun experience and hopefully the children had a great time. I may one day see a child that I taught play in college or for the NBA."

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Children and air bags do not mix

As of October 2003, 145 children – ages seven days to 11 years – have died from air bag related injuries in a crash. Of the 23 infants who were killed, four were riding in rear-facing child safety seats on the lap of a front seat passenger, seven were riding in rear-facing child safety seats either improperly secured to the vehicle or not secured to the vehicle at all, 11 were secured in rear-facing child safety seats, and restraint use for one infant is unknown. Infants should never ride in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger air bag.

Of the 122 older children who died from air bag related injuries, virtually all of them were totally unrestrained

or improperly restrained. Ninety-two were totally unrestrained – including 23 who were riding on the lap of a passenger or a driver. In one case, an 11-month old was standing on the lap of a driver. Twenty-five were improperly restrained – including 14 who were wearing lap belts only. In one case, a three-year old was sharing the lap belt with his father in the front passenger seat. In several cases, children were riding in forward facing car seats, but the child either was not restrained within the child safety seat or the child was restrained within the child safety seat, but the safety seat was not properly secured to the car.

There are two cases where five-year olds, weighing less than 40 pounds,

were wearing both lap and shoulder belts. The correct restraint for children of this size is a child safety seat in a back seat. Two 11-year-old children and one 7-year old boy were wearing a lap and shoulder belt.

Children are safest in the back seat

There are one-third fewer fatalities to children who ride in the back seat – whether the vehicle has an air bag or not. The best way to protect children from other crash-related injuries, as well as from the risks that air bags may pose, is to properly restrain

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Pedestrian gate open



Pedestrians use the newly opened Gate 5 at Yongsan Garrison Main Post. The gate is on the east side of the vehicle overpass.

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

■ Ichon Pottery Tour – 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Thursday.

■ Fishing Rod and Reel Store –

9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Friday.

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

Royal Asiatic Society Tours

■ Maisan and Muju Kuchon-dong Valley Tour – Saturday - Sunday.

■ 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.

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.

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

1555.

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

■ The Korean American Association is sponsoring a special free concert for classical music lovers who are UNC/CFC/USFK members and families at the Concert Hall in the Seoul Arts Center 7:30 p.m. May 11. For more information call 723-6367.

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children ages 12 and under in the back seat.

Even without an air bag in the car, children are safer in the back seat. In fact, you can reduce the risk of serious injury or death to children up to 35 percent simply placing them in the back seat.

From 1996 – 2001, 1,700 children's lives were saved just because they were seated in the back seat in a crash.

Impaired Drivers Pose Deadly Risk to Children

Research from the Centers for

Disease Control shows that most children under age 14 who are killed in alcohol-related crashes are passengers riding with an impaired driver, rather than passengers in vehicles hit by impaired drivers. And the more alcohol consumed by a driver, the less likely child passengers will be restrained.

The alcohol involvement fatal crash rate for young drivers is about twice that of drivers over 21.

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Claims service offers tips for PCS moves

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U.S. Armed Forces Claims Service, Korea

As spring approaches, many servicemembers and their families begin to think about summer rotations and moving to a new duty station. A big part of such a move is arranging for shipment of household goods. A small amount of advance planning can make this part of the move go much smoother.

Before the move, gather receipts and other documents that show the value of household goods. These documents may be needed if goods are lost or damaged in shipment. For extremely valuable items, such as antique furniture, consider obtaining an appraisal prior to shipment for a record of the item's value. Plan on shipping all of these documents separately from household goods, either by mailing them or hand carrying them. That way there will be proof of the ownership and value of property in the unlikely event that the entire shipment is lost.

When arranging for shipment of household goods at the transportation office, discuss insurance options. While insurance through the transportation office is generally not available overseas, private insurance companies can provide insurance coverage. Most renters insurance will cover goods lost during shipment, although most will not cover goods damaged during shipment. Insurance coverage may be especially important for extremely valuable items, such as expensive televisions. Military claims offices have established maximum amounts that they can pay for certain items. For example, the maximum amount that can be paid for a television is \$1,500. This means that if you have a \$10,000 television that is lost or damaged in shipment, the most you can receive from a military claims office is

\$1,500. To ensure full coverage for your television, contact an insurance company.

Several days before the movers arrive, take photographs of valuable items. Turn televisions on before taking the photographs, to demonstrate that they were working properly. Take DVDs and compact disks out of their cases, to demonstrate the extent of the collection. If possible, make a videotape of all of property using a video camera. This will provide you with evidence of what was owned before the move. Ship the photos or videotape separately from your household goods.

Owners should plan on hand carrying jewelry, coin collections and other small, valuable items. The government claims system cannot compensate for coins lost in shipment. It is also unlikely that you will be compensated for jewelry lost in shipment, because it is extremely difficult to prove precisely what was shipped.

On the day before the move, prepare quarters for the arrival of the packers. Remove photos from the wall and unplug televisions and other electrical appliances. If the packers are to pack a stereo in its original box, it should be placed next to the box. It is best to let the movers pack the boxes, as this may prevent damage during shipment; damage to "owner packed" items is often blamed on the owner's packing, rather than rough handling.

Lock items to be hand carried in a separate room or other location that the packers do not have access to. Once the packers arrive it may be difficult to prevent them from packing everything they have access to.

On the day of the move, supervise the packers to ensure that property is properly packed. If anything is broken during packing or loading, ensure that this is indicated on the inventory. Once everything is loaded into crates, ensure that they are properly sealed and that

an inventory of household goods is received. Check over the inventory carefully before the movers depart. The inventory will contain codes indicating the condition of furniture. These codes are described at the top or bottom of the inventory. For example, "sc 2" may mean that the bottom of an item is scratched. If the codes are inaccurate, note this on the inventory before signing it.

Once household goods arrive at the new duty station, be sure to inspect them carefully for loss or damage. One of the most important documents received is the "pink form," the DD Form 1840. Use this form to annotate lost and damaged items that are noticed on the day of delivery. Use the back of this form, the DD Form 1980R, to annotate lost and damaged items that are discovered after the movers have left. Servicemembers have 70 days to turn this form in to the nearest claims office. If the deadline is missed, items most likely will not be covered if they are lost or damaged.

Shipping household goods can be traumatic, especially when treasured items are lost or damaged. However, a little advance preparation can help make a move easier and ensure fair compensation if property is lost or damaged. Contact the nearest claims office for more information. In Korea, contact Army claims offices at the following numbers:

- Camp Casey: 730-1904 or 1910
- Camp Red Cloud: 732-6017 or 722-6099
- Yongsan: 738-8111
- Camp Humphreys: 753-8747
- Camp Henry: 768-6631

Additional information can be obtained through the U.S. Armed Forces Claims Service, Korea, Internet site, located at <http://8tharmy.korea.army.mil/claimssvc/>.



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Casey 730-7354	Welcome to Mooseport	Welcome to Mooseport	The Ladykillers	The Ladykillers	Catch that Kid	Miracle	Miracle
Essayons 732-9008	No Show	Calendar Girls	No Show	You Got Served	Taking Lives	No Show	Win A Date with Tad Hamilton
Garry Owen 734-2509	No Show	Taking Lives	Calendar Girls	The Passion of the Christ	The Passion of the Christ	No Show	You Got Served
Greaves 734-8388	Taking Lives	You Got Served	Taking Lives	No Show	No Show	The Passion of the Christ	The Passion of the Christ
Henry 768-7724	Win A Date with Tad Hamilton	Scooby Doo 2	Taking Lives	You Got Served	No Show	No Show	No Show
Humphreys 753-7716	The Ladykillers	The Ladykillers	The Ladykillers	Win A Date with Tad Hamilton	Win A Date with Tad Hamilton	Welcome to Mooseport	Welcome to Mooseport
Hialeah 763-370	Taking Lives	Miracle	The Passion of the Christ	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
Hovey 730-5412	Win A Date with Tad Hamilton	The Ladykillers	Win A Date with Tad Hamilton	Catch that Kid	The Ladykillers	50 First Dates	50 First Dates
Howze 734-5689	Taking Lives	The Passion of the Christ	The Passion of the Christ	No Show	No Show	No Show	The Ladykillers

Welcome to Mooseport



A former U.S. president retires to a small New England coastal town to write his memoirs. But his neighbors plead with him to fill the vacant mayoral seat. A local plumber runs against him, setting off a surprisingly fierce and competitive campaign.

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Win a Date with Tad Hamilton



Rosie heads to Hollywood when she wins a dream date with Tinseltown's hottest eligible bachelor, Tad Hamilton. When Tad meets Rosie and gets a taste of what he's been missing in the "real world," he decides he wants seconds and moves to West Virginia, making Rosie's dream come true.

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Kunsan 782-4987	Spartan	Spartan	Miracle	No Show	Miracle	Welcome to Mooseport	Welcome to Mooseport
Long 721-3407	Twisted	No Show	The Perfect Score	Calendar Girls	No Show	No Show	No Show
Osan 784-4930	Home on the Range	Miracle	Miracle	Win A Date with Tad Hamilton	Win A Date with Tad Hamilton	Welcome to Mooseport	Welcome to Mooseport
Page 721-5499	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
Red Cloud 732-6620	The Ladykillers	Welcome to Mooseport	Welcome to Mooseport	Miracle	Catch That Kid	No Show	Scooby Doo 2
Stanley 732-5565	Miracle	Miracle	Welcome to Mooseport	Welcome to Mooseport	No Show	Scooby Doo 2	Catch That Kid
Yongsan I 738-7389	Home on the Range	Home on the Range	Home on the Range	Miracle	Catch That Kid	Catch That Kid	Catch That Kid
Yongsan II 738-7389	You Got Served	Miracle	Miracle	Welcome to Mooseport	Welcome to Mooseport	Along Came Polly	Along Came Polly
Yongsan III 738-7389	Win A Date with Tad Hamilton	Miracle	Miracle	Big Fish	Big Fish	My Baby's Daddy	My Baby's Daddy

Crucifixion of Jesus Christ remains a mystery to many believers

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Vince Burns

34th Support Group chaplain

It doesn't make sense. He was the son of a carpenter, who at about 30 years old, became a street preacher. He taught in the synagogues of local towns and preached on hillsides and lakeshores. He gathered people by the sheer power of his personality.

He touched them with his word and embraced them with his eyes and wherever he went people wanted to be with him. His mission seemed to be simply to tell the people how much their God loved them and to invite them to respond to that love. And because he did this, because he went so far as to claim to be the Messiah and Redeemer, he was nailed to a cross. It doesn't make sense.

This past Good Friday the Christian world stopped

to remember that crucifixion. In it believers see again the power of the cross, disciples hear again the call to follow, and those without faith wonder what it is all about. And for all of us, the believer and the unbeliever, the crucifixion of Jesus Christ remains a mystery.

No theology has really been able to adequately explain why Jesus, the Son of God, was nailed to a cross as a common criminal. For those who don't need a theological or philosophical explanation, the crucifixion of Christ has a very beautiful as well as powerful meaning. God loves us enough to come and suffer with us. Maybe that sounds too simple. But that really is the meaning behind the crucifixion.

And because it is that simple, then it can be grasped by anyone. Our God loves us enough not only to take on human flesh but even to allow that flesh to be nailed to a tree and left there to die. For some that fact is so

simple that it becomes unbelievable.

From the cross Jesus looks at the person who suffers and with his piercing and love-filled eyes says, "I understand." Who is there who has not suffered? And who is there who has not asked, "Why do I suffer? Why doesn't God take away my pain, my fear, my brokenness?" Who is there who has not looked at a suffering, broken body and said, "It doesn't make sense?"

God doesn't ask that we try to make sense out of it all. He only asks that we believe in the message that it was meant to convey. It's all about love, God's love for you. It's all about forgiveness, God forgiving us and we forgiving one another. And it's all about hope, the hope that comes from the empty tomb on Easter Sunday.

If you miss the message of Good Friday, you will certainly miss the message of Easter.

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

Catholic

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

Mass	Saturday	5 p.m.	Memorial Chapel
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Jewish

	Friday	6 p.m.	Memorial Chapel
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The finely detailed craftsmanship that went into creating the park's miniatures is evident in the 1/25 scale model of China's Great Wall.

Theme park offers unusual perspective

Story, photos by Galen Putnam

Area IV Public Affairs Office

JEJU ISLAND — The size and scale of the many recreated architectural masterpieces from around the globe at the Soingook Theme Park on Jeju-do can be a bit discombobulating. At one moment guests might be towering Godzilla-like over a 1/25 scale model of the Sydney Opera House that stands just a couple of feet high and minutes later be dwarfed by a 36-foot tall seated Buddha.

The park features an eye-catching assortment of miniature models replicating famous structures such as the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Taj Mahal, the Parthenon and many others. One can literally traverse the globe in an afternoon.

The park is just a 10-minute drive from the Cheju-do Recreation Center (phone 763-3330 or 723-7137) located on the southwest corner of the island near Daejeong.

For up-to-date information regarding hours of operation, entrance fees, directions, or other for other questions call the park at (064) 794-5400, or check out its detailed and informative Web site at <http://www.soingook.com> (just click on the tab on the upper-right corner of the screen for the English language version).

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The downsized version of familiar Seoul train station.



A visitor shows how things aren't always what they seem at Soingook Theme Park.



Park workers loom over a model as they take a break.



Registration opens for Cancer Awareness Relay Event

Story by Laurel Baek

Area IV Morale, Welfare and Recreation Marketing

research. The 168th ASMB can't receive or solicit monetary donations but it can provide information on several nonmilitary organizations to teams and individuals who wish to raise funds.

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

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

Registered teams with authorized access to U.S. military installations can use the transient barracks, bring tents to set up in the designated area or use the Kelly Fitness Center for lodging. For personnel who do not have access, a designated area will be available within the Walker Airfield. All will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information or to register a team, contact Maj. Larry Patterson at larry.patterson@kor.amedd.army.mil, Christy at phillip.christy@kor.amedd.army.mil or Capt. Bryan Thomas at bryan.thomas@kor.amedd.army.mil. For those wishing to speak in Hangul, contact Kim Kok-Chi at 053-470-4392.

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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.

Camp Red Cloud Fitness Center offers classes

■ The Camp Red Cloud Fitness Center offers indoor cycling classes 7:30- 8:30 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday. For more information call 732-6309.

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

Arts and Crafts Contest

Entries are being accepted for the 2004 Korea Region Morale, Welfare and Recreation Arts and Crafts Contest.

Competition categories are ceramics, wood, fibers and textiles, glass, meals and jewelery, drawings, prints, water-base painting, oil base painting, and two- and three-dimensional mixed media.

All Korea Region MWR Arts and Crafts Centers are accepting entries.

The deadline for entry is April 30 at the Yongsan Arts and Crafts Center.

Earth Day Kick Off Events

Earth Day celebrations kick off Saturday with running events at Installation Management Agency-Korea Region installations. Earth Day is Thursday.

Fun runs and walks planned for Saturday are:

■ Camp Page: 10-kilometer fun run from the gym. Registration starts 8 a.m.; Run starts 9 a.m.

■ Yongsan: 10-kilometer fun run starts 9:30 a.m. at Collier Field House.

■ Camp Humphreys: 10-kilometer fun run. Registration is 8 a.m. Run starts 9 a.m.

■ Camp Carroll: Five-kilometer run and two-mile walk from the Camp Carroll Fitness Center. Registration is 8 a.m. Run starts 9 a.m.

Log onto <http://ima.korea.army.mil/> for a complete listing of Earth Day events across the Korea Region.

Today's Comedy for Today's Troops

MWR is bringing the second Comedy ROK's session to Korea. This 90-minute comedy show will feature Will E. Robo, Rene Garcia and LavLuv. Schedule is:

8 p.m.	Today	Stalker Club, Camp Essayons
8 p.m.	Saturday	Brown's Grill, Camp Howze
8 p.m.	Sunday	Saber Club, Camp Garry Owen
8 p.m.	Tuesday	Warrior Club, Camp Casey
8 p.m.	Wednesday	Borderline Club, Camp Hovey
TBD	Thursday	Area III TBD
TBD	April 24	Area IV TBD
TBD	April 25	Area IV TBD
8 p.m.	April 28	Main Post Club, Yongsan

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

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

From 5:30 - 3 p.m. May 21-22, the 168th Area Support Medical Battalion and Area IV Morale, Welfare and Recreation will team up for the third year running to conduct a peninsula-wide Cancer Awareness Relay Event at the Camp Walker Airfield. Teams consisting of five-12 persons are invited to run, walk or wheelchair around the track for 21 consecutive hours, leaving one member of the team on the track at all times.

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

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

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

CARE is modeled on the "Relay For Life" events conducted throughout the United States as a means of creating awareness and raising funds to support cancer

My body belongs to me



Jessica Alm, Area IV Army Community Services victim advocate, explains the difference between good touch and bad touch to a group of children during a session of "My Body Belongs to Me." The program, held April 7 at the Camp Carroll Apple Blossom Cottage, is one of many Area IV activities planned in celebration of the Month of the Military Child.

Camp Humphries Medical Clinic gets facelift

System changes are more than mere appearance

Story, photos by Steve Davis

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS — The medical staff at Camp Humphries celebrated the reopening of Camp Humphreys Medical Clinic during a ribbon cutting ceremony April 12 here. The clinic has undergone several upgrades to improve the facility.

The “facelift,” however, is more than skin deep. Changes are being made throughout the clinic to serve the Camp Humphreys community more efficiently.

“We are in the process of changing from a troop medical clinic to a community health clinic in which access and services are maximized,” said Maj. David W. Wolken, officer in charge of the clinic.

Wolken said \$400,000 is being invested to upgrade the building and medical equipment. About \$130,000 is earmarked for building renovation and \$120,000 for new exam tables and diagnostic equipment. Another \$150,000 has been allocated for a new X-ray machine, said Wolken. The Camp Humphreys United Club, a service organization comprised of military spouses, plans to donate \$1,500 for pediatric-related equipment.

At night and on weekends before the ribbon-cutting ceremony, contractors painted interior walls light blue, replaced drab institutional flooring, installed lighter ceiling tile and installed an electronic customer service system to make visits to the check-in desk, pharmacy and other services more orderly.

The clinic is one of the first in Korea to get an electronic device known as a “queuing” machine that dispenses slips of paper with imprinted numbers to patients. The machine has buttons for appointments, medical records or inprocessing requests, pharmacy, immunizations and urgent care services.

Soldiers simply have to push the correct button and wait until their number is displayed on the electronic marquee on the waiting room wall. The marquee also informs them how many people are ahead of them.

Sgt. Andre Dizadare, the treatment noncommissioned officer in charge, was standing by the machine April 7 on its first day in operation to make sure Soldiers understood the new system.

“So far, so good,” said Dizadare. “People seem to be catching on pretty well.”

Sgt. Dana Brown, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade, was one of the first to use the machine.

“It seems a lot more professional. It gives me a better feeling,” said Brown. She held up her number dispensed and waited for the electronic marquee to “announce” her number for the pharmacy.

Wolken said other changes are in the works to improve services. Among them are:

■ **Better use of time and space:** Practitioners will soon have two offices and an assigned medical assistant to speed the flow of patients. Wolken said the “one in the office

with one on-deck” concept saves each practitioner about three to seven minutes per visit.

■ **Triage and appointments:**

The clinic wants to work with unit commanders and first sergeants to treat patients who need immediate attention and make appointments for those who don’t.

“We need to identify Soldiers who need treatment right away and schedule appointments for the others so they don’t have to sit in a waiting room for hours,” said Wolken. “The outdated ‘cattle call’ variety of sick call that mixes patients requiring immediate care with those who may be able to wait for an appointment is not fair either to those patients or to commanders who need Soldiers at work.”

■ **Extended hours:** Sick call may soon be moved to 5:30 a.m. with appointment hours being extended to accommodate more patients each day.

■ **Family practice and pediatrics:** “We now have one full time family practitioner and one full time pediatric practitioner,” said Wolken. “The community had voiced a need for such specialists.

This is the 168th Medical Battalion and 18th Medical Command’s response to a growing population.”

Wolken said there are now three providers — himself as a family

practitioner, family nurse practitioner Capt. Omer Ozguc and pediatrician Dr. Christine Waasdorp—extensively trained and certified in pediatrics. Enlisted medical technicians who normally deal with Soldiers are also training to assist with pediatric patients.

■ **OB/GYN prenatal care:** Wolken said the clinic hopes to institute a prenatal program in June that will save patients a drive to Yongsan for routine prenatal care. Pre-natal service will be for low-risk, uncomplicated prenatal patients. High-risk cases and all births will continue to be handled at Yongsan.

■ **Customer service:** Maj. Mark Evans, head nurse and patient representative at the clinic, said a lot of emphasis is being placed on customer service.

“We have had customer services classes, particularly with patient administration division people who have direct contact with patients at the front desk and on the phone,” said Evans. “We also have customer comment cards and drop boxes available to promote customer communication.”

Wolken is eager to hear recommendations from Soldiers, civilians and family members.

“Part of our mission statement is being responsive to the community,” he said. “We are growing and changing the way our entire system is run. The more input we have, the better we can change.”



Sgt. Dana Brown was of the first to use the new queuing machine.



Patients wait for their numbers to come up on the electronic marquee April 7 on its first day of operation.

Health Clinic at a glance

Mission Statement

“To provide quality, compassionate, comprehensive and responsive healthcare to the Camp Humphreys community.”

Vision Statement

“To be the pride of the peninsula in healthcare.”

Clinic Staff

■ Seven providers, including one family practitioner, one pediatrician, one general medical officer, one family nurse-practitioner and three physician assistants. The seven providers are augmented by five flight surgeons from other units.

■ One registered nurse

■ Thirty-one enlisted medical specialists

■ Five Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers.

■ Civilian staff that includes a pharmacist, a laboratory technician, a medical coder, a Tricare patient assistant, an audiologist, a nursing assistant and a Patient Administration Division assistant.

■ Four Korean civilian drivers.

Served Monthly

■ Outpatient visits: 2,356

■ Prescriptions filled: 3,575

■ Lab specimens tested: 2,758

■ Radiology studies: 135

■ Vaccines given: 459

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Build a Stronger You

Freedom Chapel and the Active Relationships Center will present a comprehensive series of workshops and seminars for couples May 12-15. Topics include military reunions, healthy life choices, military couple's skills training and more. The goal of the workshop, featuring Dallas marriage therapist Kelly Simpson, is to promote strong, binding marriage relationships. Soldiers should see their unit chapels to register. Supervisors or chain of command must approve attendance.

Spouse Orientation

A spouse orientation about the Republic of Korea will be offered by Army Community Service 9 a.m.-4 p.m. April 26-27. The two-day workshop, designed for spouses who are new to Korea, covers community resources and Korean customs, culture and language.

Kid's Time

Join Kid's Time 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Thursday at the Camp Humphreys Youth Services Center. Kid's Time includes story reading, crafts, music and a surprise guest appearance. Activities are geared toward children in grades kindergarten-three, but all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. To register, call 753-6252.

Infant Care Class

An infant care class will be offered for parents 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Army Community Service conference room in building 311. To register, call Family Advocacy at 753-6252.

Days of Remembrance

A "Days of Remembrance" Holocaust observance will be held 3 p.m. Wednesday 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, especially Jews, by the Nazis during World War II. The public is invited.

Harley Motorcycle Rally

Camp Humphreys Exchange New Car Sales will host a Harley motorcycle rally and barbecue 10 a.m. until closing April 24 at the post exchange parking lot. Prizes will be awarded for the best bikes. T-shirts, key chains and koozies will be given away. Barbecue proceeds will be donated to a local orphanage. For more information, call Kevin Nazario at 753-7713.

Retiree Appreciation Day

A Retiree Appreciation Luncheon will be held 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 are offered. Military retirees who plan to attend are encouraged to call Bill Spearman at 753-8401 or A.C. Scott 753-7337.

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.



Eggstravaganza visitors grab some of the 10,000 eggs spread on Soldiers Field for the annual Easter event at Camp Humphreys.

Kids 'eggstatic' about Eggstravaganza

Story, photos by Steve Davis

Area III Public Affairs Office

Sixteen-month-old Delaney Johnston wasn't quite sure what to do at the 10,000-egg Eggstravaganza held Saturday at Camp Humphreys, so mom Amy and dad Eric showed her how to bag the colorful plastic spheres and other treats spread around Soldiers Field.

"She had a ball," said Amy. "This is Delaney's first egg hunt and she was a little hesitant. She really got going after we showed her what to do."

The family was among more than 400 children, 200 adults and 50 volunteers at the annual Eggstravaganza organized by Area III Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

"This is one of our biggest events of the year and everyone mobilizes for it," said Area III MWR Marketing Chief Mike Mooney.

Soldiers from the Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers organization, volunteers and MWR employees teamed up with the fire department, military police and others to make the event memorable.

The military police sponsored Project Identi-Kid during the festivities and the fire department brought along Sparky the Fire Dog. Retired Sgt. Maj. Chris Vaia's balloon animals were also a big hit.

The Easter Bunny and other colorful characters were on hand to pose for photos and play with the children.

The egg hunt was followed by a junior olympics with sack races, a relay, an egg race, a diaper crawl and other events organized by Youth Services and Army Community Service.

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Korean visitors select prizes at the Eggstravaganza. Among the stuffed eggs were golden eggs that could be exchanged for post exchange gift certificates or, for Korean guests, stuffed animals or other prizes.



The Easter Bunny and Sparky arrive on a golf cart driven by Mike Mooney, Area III Morale, Welfare and Recreation marketing chief.



Amanda Trujillo holds Elvis, a Shih Tzu belonging to Dave Watson. Watson's wife made doggie clothes for Elvis and Doogie, their other dog, from Eggstravaganza T-shirts.



Sgt. Chris Stallings and Sgt. Lee Han-jin plant trees donated by Camp Humphreys Soldiers and Army Community Service volunteers.



PHOTOS BY STEVE DAVIS

(Above) Karaoke singing fills the home.
(Left) Sgt. Lee Han-jin and Pfc. Amanda Trujillo share a happy moment with Ko Nan-hee, 83.

Young Soldiers rock old folks home

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS — Young Soldiers from the Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers teamed up with Army Community Service volunteers April 4 for a visit to the Insuwon home for the elderly near Pyongtaek.

While some planted trees and flowers, others visited with the home's residents.

"This is the first time we've had so many young Americans here," said Shin Chong-cha, 65, who founded the home 15 years ago. "Most of the women here have no family. They get very lonely."

They weren't lonely during the American visit, however.

"I think we livened the place up a little. We all had fun," said Sgt. Chris Stallings, Area III BOSS coordinator.

The group plans to visit the home again.



American Soldiers and volunteers dance with Insuwon residents.

Teen leaders meet at youth forum

By Galen Putnam

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP MACNAB – Some of the peninsula's most motivated middle and high school student leaders went off-peninsula for a week of camaraderie, learning and community service events at the Installation Management Agency – Korea Region Youth Leadership Forum held April 4-9 at Jeju Islands, Camp MacNab.

Highlights of this year's forum included a service-learning project that entailed cleaning up Hwasun Beach (see related story on Page 26), installation presentations in which participants unveiled Web sites they had designed, a teambuilding challenge, "Character Counts!" training, tours and a recognition dinner and dance to cap off the week.

"I liked the beach clean-up," said Matthew Petrassi, a seventh-grader from Seoul American School and the forum's youngest participant. "It's not an opportunity that comes up very often at Yongsan."

The annual forum is open to selected middle and teen youth who are also registered Youth Services participants. Students must also participate in The Boy's and Girl's Clubs of America Keystone or Torch Clubs or either the technology or community service components of 4-H Club. There are additional academic, community service and program participation requirements as well.



PHOTO BY HEIDI HAUGEN

Youth Leadership Forum participants negotiate the "spider web" station during the Jeju Challenge teambuilding event. Teams were required to determine the most efficient and timely method to pass through the web without touching it.

"These youth are the voice for their installations," said Ted Stevens, Installation Management Agency-Korea Region Office Youth Services program manager. "They are here to help sharpen and develop their leadership skills and abilities."

One of the most popular training sessions designed to help develop those leadership skills was "Character Counts!" The character development sessions taught participants the importance of key character elements such as trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, caring, fairness and citizenship.

"The Character Counts training was good," said Brian D. Kim, a ninth-grader from Seoul American School. "It helps you with your interpersonal life and it helps you socially. It just makes you a better person."

Participants expressed satisfaction with what they learned and experienced at the forum.

"It was an interesting experience," said Jennifer Anderson, 10th-grader from Seoul American School. "It was fun getting to know people from

different installations. It was also good to learn what they have accomplished and to be able to share our accomplishments with them."

Others agreed.

"Everything went really well. We are grateful to the staff who did a wonderful job," said Mairim Martinez, a senior from Taegu American School who was one of three invited junior leaders. "I hope everyone will take what they learned here and apply it when they get back to their installations."

A total of 25 youth and two junior leaders participated in the forum. Junior leaders are high school juniors and seniors who are specially invited to attend. They serve as role models to forum participants and assist the adult leaders throughout the week.

Adult leaders came away with a positive impression.

"I was impressed with how much the kids participated," said Rachel Martinovich, Youth Services sports program assistant at Camp Hialeah in Busan. "Once they got to know each other they became one group, not just individuals from different installations."

"I was very impressed, not just with the leadership aspect but how well the kids presented what they know," said Marco Naylor, Child and Youth Services program assistant, also from Camp Hialeah. "They used a lot of technology that I didn't have as a kid. This whole experience will help them when they get back to their schools."

Identifying and nurturing future leaders is what the program is all about according to Dr. Heidi Haugen, youth development and technology specialist with the Army Youth Development Project. The AYDP is a partnership between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Army.

"It is important for Army youth to see themselves as leaders," she said. "KORO puts a big investment into this (program) and it shows they put a lot of faith and trust into our kids – and for good reason. Korea youth are very sophisticated and advanced in their communication and organizational capacities. Sometimes they need a direction in which to point those skills, and it is programs like these that help them do that."

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Youth Leadership Forum participants work together at the "trolley" station during the Jeju Challenge teambuilding event.

NEWS & NOTES

Red Cross Assistance

Emergency communications for Red Cross assistance in Area IV will be handled by the Kunsan Air Base Red Cross Station April 25-29. The phone number is 782-4601. The Area IV Red Cross in Daegu will be available for assistance again April 30. For more information, call Daegu Red Cross at 768-7993.

Army Earth Day Run

The Camp Carroll Fitness Center is hosting the Army Earth Day five-kilometer run and two-mile walk Saturday. Registration begins 8 a.m. and the race begins 9 a.m. There are prizes to the top three finishers in each category. No watches are allowed. Runners must guess their times. For more information, call Chuck Harper at 765-7478.

Food Safety and Security Awareness Campaign

The Camp Carroll Commissary will participate in the Second Food Safety and Security Awareness Campaign during April. A tabletop display will be set up in front of the commissary. The U.S. Army medical food inspector will be answering food safety, security and sanitation questions 11 a.m. Saturday and April 24. For more information, call Eun Sim at 765-8978 or eun.sim@deca.mil.

Holocaust Commemoration

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

Developmental Screening

Developmental screening for children up to 36 months is scheduled 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday at Army Community Service, Camp Hialeah. To sign up and pre-register, call 763-7416 or 763-3571.

Area IV CSP Meeting

The Area IV Central Supply Point would like to invite all commanders, sergeants major, first sergeants and unit supply personnel to its initial Customer Support Meeting 10 a.m.-noon May 6 at the Camp Carroll Community Activities Center. For more information, call Edward Baker at 765-8517.

Mother's Day Gospel Play

"Mama Mama Me Ma," a professional gospel stage play honoring mothers on Mother's Day will be presented 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. May 8 at the Kelly Fitness Center on Camp Walker. Doors will open one hour early for all Soldiers and 45 minutes early for all non-Soldiers for seating that is first come, first seated. The play is sponsored by Camp Walker's Multicultural Gospel Service, MWR, and the Area IV BOSS Program. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Patricia Walker at 764-4412.

Cancer Awareness Relay Teams Needed

Celebrate cancer survivors and their loved ones, and raise awareness of cancer participating in the Korea-wide, all-night community event May 21-22. Team members can walk, jog or run laps as long as one member remains on the track at all times. To sign up, call Capt. Phillip Christy at 764-4217. Registration deadline is May 15.

Teens help renew Jeju-do beach

Story, photos by Galen Putnam
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HWASUN BEACH — Nearly 40 Installation Management Agency-Korea Region Youth Leadership Forum participants and leaders hit the beach on Jeju Island April 7 to learn about sea life, the environment and to help clean up litter and other debris.

Upon arriving at the beach, participants received an in-depth briefing from Ben Malinski, a resident of Jeju-do who teaches marine biology and diving at Cheju National University. Malinski, a retired Marine, described the local sea life and scooped a number of specimens from tidal pools for participants to see up close. He also explained how trash and debris affect the creatures

that live along the beach.

"It is good that they have hands-on experience because they can see what the garbage does and how much there is," Malinski said. "Just look at the pile of trash they have already."

Malinski had a positive impact on the event according to one adult leader.

"His presence was very positive for the youth, especially with his vast expertise," said Dr. Heidi Haugen, youth development and technology specialist with the Army Youth Development Project. The AYDP is a partnership between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Army.

The sea slugs Malinski found were a highlight.

"They felt slimy in a weird sort of way,"

said Mairim Martinez, a senior at Taegu American School who was serving as an invited junior leader to assist the adult leaders. "This was a really good opportunity to see and do some things you never get to do. I never thought I would get to hold a sea slug."

After checking out the local sea creatures and learning how students' efforts would benefit marine life, participants put on work gloves, divided into groups and began sprucing up the beach. Teams collected different types of refuse such as glass, metal, plastic and plain old junk. In just a little more than an hour, the group had filled the back of a Bongo truck.

"I didn't know what kinds of stuff people threw into the ocean," said Michael Howard, an eighth-grader from Seoul American School. "I found a golf ball, Styrofoam, clothes, shoes ... all kinds of stuff."

After the cleanup effort and group reflection activities, participants were treated to a beach bonfire and picnic.

"We did skits with our groups to represent something we learned about the beach and picking up trash," said ninth-grader John Ybarra from Seoul American School. "I like volunteering and to help out but this was unique because it is so different from what I normally do."

Adult leaders were pleased with how the entire event turned out.

"We got very positive feedback from the kids. The only disappointment was that we didn't have smores," said Ted Stevens, IMA-Korea Region Youth Services program manager. "Everything went well. The whole event was a good experience. I hope it becomes an example and model of how service-learning projects can contribute not only to the community but to the environment as well."

Picking up trash was just part of the overall service-learning project that combined creating, planning, reflection, action and celebration steps, according to Haugen. The intent is to deeply engage youth, give them a sense of ownership of the process and the product, and develop their life skills.

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Jennifer Proctor, an eighth-grader from Taegu American School, helps haul in a large rope that had washed up on the beach.



Ben Malinski, a resident of Jeju-do who teaches marine biology and diving at Cheju National University (center), discusses local sea life and the effect pollution has on the marine ecosystem.



Tassia Araujo-Roper, a senior at Pusan American School, collects trash that had accumulated along the high tide mark on Hwasun Beach.

Camp Walker's Hilltop Club getting a new look, feel

Story, photo by Pfc. Oh Dong-keun

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP WALKER — One of the favored on-post establishments in the Daegu area is going through a major renovation to make it even better place for Area IV Soldiers, civilians and family members to have a good time.

Installation Management Agency-Korean Region Morale, Welfare and Recreation is managing and supervising renovation of the Hilltop Club that won the Department of the Army Best Club (Small Unit) Award in 1997.

The renovation, which began March 1, is intended to provide more space so the club can host large-scale entertainment for more customers.

"One of the main purposes was to bring the club to where we can put on more events," said Gary Larose, chief of Community Operations Division, Directorate of Community Activities. "Upon completion of the renovation, we will be able to open it up for more entertainment, comedy shows, maybe even some bands. Because of the way the building was arranged, it wasn't conducive to good entertainment before."

The renovation will bring some significant improvements to the club according to Larose.

"There are going to be quite a few changes," he said. "The (disc jockey) booth and the stage that was in the middle of the dance floor before is now up against the wall. The bar that was in the middle of the floor is now up against an alternate wall. There will be new carpeting, a full-size dance floor instead of the small dance floor we had before. Just about the entire inside was gutted."



Contractors add a new restroom to the Hilltop Club as part of the club's renovation.

The IMA-Korea Region invested \$571,000 to renovate the club that was last renovated in 1995. The construction is expected to be finished around the end of May, depending on when new equipment arrives from the United States.

"We estimated the renovation will take about three months," said Ma Cho-rim, the Hilltop Club manager. "Hopefully the construction is finished earlier than

expected so we will be able to reopen sooner."

Despite the ongoing construction, the club is open for limited service in what previously served as the club's smoking section.

"Right now, we only have a small portion open in the patio area with a small bar," said Larose. "The kitchen is also open, and also the game room. I think there is seating for maybe 24 to 30 people."

"Currently, we are operating under a slightly reduced hours," said Ma. "The number of customers we serve during the construction is down to about one-third of our normal operation, but the customers who do come in despite the construction are our loyal customers. This club is favored much more by younger Soldiers who appreciate its lively atmosphere."

Both Larose and Ma agreed the customers who visited the club recently are excited and looking forward to seeing the improvements.

"The customers that I have talked to are anxious to see what the new club is going to look like," Larose said. "They are looking forward to it. Some of them peeked through the door and saw the progress, and they are eager to see the finished product."

"(Unfortunately) our service isn't the best these days due to the renovation," Ma said. "Thankfully most of the customers who came in during the renovation didn't complain for the inconvenience, but are understanding of the situation and anticipating the changes the construction will bring."

The Hilltop Club will be back to its normal operating hours upon completion of the renovation project early June.

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Infantry regiment tests readiness in equipment draw

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CAMP CARROLL – The 19th Theater Support Command and 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment out of Fort Stewart, Ga., played crucial roles during a U.S. Army Preposition Site-4 equipment draw at the Materiel Support Center-Korea here as a part of this year's Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration Exercise held March 21-28.

Maj. Rod Coffey, executive officer, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, said the battalion deployed to Korea and drew the equipment in preparation for training at Camp Casey to support and strengthen the alliance with the Republic of Korea Army.

"We are showing how flexible Army forces are in getting deployed into a theater – not only in drawing equipment prepositioned here, but also in conducting both transfers and movement. This shows our capability to take a force, fly it over, fall in on prepositioned equipment and deploy into combat situations," he said.

M2A2 Bradleys, armored personnel carriers, maintenance and supply trucks, organic equipment and mortar carriers were sent to Camp Casey by both rail and ship.

Most of this equipment was stored in the warehouses at Camp Carroll for more than a year before the exercise and required preventive maintenance checks and services as well as function checks on brakes before the training.

Spc. David Tafolla, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, said, "PMCS is what takes the longest. Half of our time here is going to be drawing vehicles and turning them in. Bypassing all this, we can train a lot more, but you must know if there's any mechanical fault in the vehicle. It has its purpose."

Both Materiel Support Center-Korea and Combat Equipment Base-Northeast Asia, also located at Camp Carroll, work together to maintain and keep the accountability of equipment, said Ronald White, APS-4 planner, Materiel Support Center-Korea.

"This is an opportunity to exercise this equipment. It gives us a sanity check on how well we are doing as far as maintaining and keeping the vehicles operational. That's a key point," White said. "You have standards you've got to meet. So far we are getting good solid comments from Soldiers, and that's a definite advantage for warfighter

capability."

Tafolla said the equipment is very well maintained and in good shape. "Working with up-to-date equipment helps training a lot. I am very excited to be in Korea for training," he said.

The 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment consists of two Bradley mechanized infantry companies, one engineer company and one headquarters company.

"This battalion in particular has had a lot of experience, because we have drawn equipment over in Kuwait that was not our own," said Tafolla, who added that many of his Soldiers have also served in Kosovo, Iraq and now Korea.

"We brought no vehicles for this exercise. They've got very good procedures in the draw yard," he said, "The equipment draw will get us prepared for combat quicker than having to ship all our equipment over."

Sgt. 1st Class Mark Barnes, platoon sergeant for the 3rd Platoon, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, said Soldiers need to learn and understand the entire deployment process and they

benefit from this exercise because they get to see the whole process and better understand what they do.

"This is an educational experience on the deployment process for most Soldiers, and they are looking forward to it. I tell my Soldiers to stay flexible. We have trained in desert and flat-wood areas. We don't normally train in this type of terrain, so it's going to be a good experience," Barnes said.

This was the first time in Korea for most Soldiers.

"I volunteered to be here, because there is no sand," said Spc. Glen Mendoza, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment. "People have been very friendly."

Mendoza said the support Materiel Support Center-Korea provided was outstanding. "I have not seen such a high level of maintenance like over here," he said. "MSC-K workers are very professional and hardworking people."

"It is always a good exercise having to go through a long deployment process," Coffey said. Deployability skills involve manipulating different types of any given transportation such as planes, trains, automobiles and ships. We really get a lot of experience in intermodal transportation, and we appreciate the support and dedication that MSC-K has shown us."

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